

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Monday, November 09, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Absent: J. Chadi, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
J. Wall, Legislative Coordinator

Reconvene

The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 9:03 a.m.

Delegations

Reegan McCullough, Executive Director; Oil Sands Community Alliance, came forward to request the following from Council:

- a 5% decrease in the mill rate for 2016;
- that the budget be based on revenue neutral property assessment rather than a revenue neutral plus growth basis; and
- an opportunity to discuss mass assessment appeals with Council.

Shirley Tremblay, Margaret Quintal and Verna Quintal, residents, spoke in support of the Conklin Multiplex project.

Gene Oullette, resident, spoke in regard to the Waterways Horse Pasture construction project, and expressed his concerns regarding the communication of budget documents to the public.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Council Chamber at 9:52 a.m. and returned at 9:54 a.m.

Michael Durocher, resident, expressed concerns regarding the budget and communication of detailed budget information to the public.

Exit and Return

Councillor T. Ault exited the Council Chamber at 10:07 a.m. and returned at 10:09 a.m.

Ian Dirom, resident, expressed concern regarding the proposed budget and the availability of detailed information to the public.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Council chamber at 10:11 a.m. and returned at 10:12 a.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 10:20 a.m. to 10:34 a.m.

Reconvening of Special Meeting

Mayor Blake advised that Council was no longer meeting as Committee of the Whole and declared that the Special Meeting of Council to be reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Capital Project #190 – Doug Barnes Cabin Expansion – Construction in the amount of \$2,600,000 be moved from unfunded to funded and that all Provincial and Federal funding grant opportunities be pursued.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Opposed: S. Germain

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Capital Project # 232 - Legislative Management System Replacement, in the amount of \$264,000 be moved from unfunded to funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Capital Project # 229 - IAS Infrastructure Upgrades, in the amount of \$1,810,000 be moved from unfunded to funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the cash flow for Capital Project # 27 - Flood Mitigation – Construction, in the amount of \$197,700,000, be amended to:

2015 and prior	\$ 3,642,419
2016	\$ 18,000,000
2017	\$ 25,800,000
2018	\$ 50,257,581
2019	\$100,000,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the cash flow for Capital Project # 28 - Flood Mitigation – Pre-design/Design, in the amount of 9,800,000 be amended to:

2015 and prior	\$ 1,136,485
2016	\$ 1,651,000
2017	\$ 4,900,000
2018	\$ 2,112,515

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Capital Project #82 - Fort McMurray WTP Upgrades – Design, in the amount of \$150,000 be moved from unfunded to funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Capital Project #126 Urban Infrastructure Rehabilitation 2016 – 2018 – Design, be moved from unfunded to funded as follows:

2016	\$1,500,000
2017	\$1,500,000
2018	\$1,500,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Capital Project #22 - MRF Automated Metal Sorting Equipment, in the amount of \$100,000 be moved from funded to unfunded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that funding in the amount of \$300,000 be allocated to costs associated with the Whistle Blower Policy implementation and offset by a decrease in the transfer to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit

Councillors L. Bussieres and S. Germain excused themselves due to a potential pecuniary interest with regards to the Rotary Club and Rotary Links and exited the Chamber at 10:59 a.m.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the 2016 Operating Budget be reduced by placeholder funding of \$3,927,000 for the Community Investment Program to be offset by an increase in the transfer to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

DEFEATED

For: T. Ault

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Return

Councillors L. Bussieres and S. Germain re-entered the Council Chamber at 11:06 a.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that Project #149 - Gregoire Lake Estates Trail & Skateboard Park - Design, in the amount of \$60,000 be moved from unfunded to funded; and
- that Capital Project # 168 – Gregoire Lake Estates Trail and Skate Park, in the amount of \$864,000 be moved from unfunded to funded, for the year 2017.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Opposed: S. Germain

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Capital Project #447 – Transit Terminal Northside, in the amount of \$7,500,000 be removed from the 2016 Proposed Capital Budget, carry forwards subsequent to payment of any outstanding commitments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the budget for Project #140 – Community Entrance Feature Signs, in the amount of \$744,000 be reduced to \$372,000.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, C. Tatum

Opposed: J. Stroud

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Project #140 – Community Entrance Feature Signs, in the amount of \$372,000 be moved from unfunded to funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Project #197 – MacDonald Island Park Parking, in the amount of \$4,550,000 be moved from unfunded to funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that previously approved Capital Project #465 - Land Acquisition 2013 – 2014 be reduced by \$20,000,000 to \$37,679,873.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Capital Projects #196 and #202 – Draper Community Gathering Place Pre-design and Design, be consolidated, for a total project budget of \$700,000, and moved from unfunded to funded in 2016.

DEFEATED

For: J. Stroud

Opposed: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, C. Tatum

Councillor J. Stroud put forward the following recommendation: “That Capital Projects #199 and #204 – Sapræe Creek Community Hall Pre-design and Design, be consolidated, for a total project budget of \$500,000, and moved from unfunded to funded in 2016.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that this motion be deferred until Administration comes back with a feasibility study of utilizing existing facilities in place.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, J. Stroud

Opposed: C. Tatum

The following motion was presented by Councillor L. Bussieres: “that Capital Project #70 – Transit Facility Construction Green Trip Project, in the amount of \$53,887,500, be moved from funded to unfunded for 2016.”

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the motion be tabled.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that Capital Project #134 - Fort Chipewyan New Cemetery Design Build, in the amount of \$2,592,000 be moved from unfunded to funded for 2017.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the Council Chamber at 11:47 a.m. and returned at 11:48 a.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that Capital Project #154 - Rural Community Placemaking Design Fort McKay, in the amount of \$110,000 be moved from unfunded to funded for 2016.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that Capital Project # 144 - Fort Chipewyan Baseball Bleacher Replacements, in the amount of \$72,000 be moved from unfunded to funded for 2016.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that Capital Project # 59 - Parsons Creek Fire Hall 6 – Construction, in the amount of \$17,487,000, be moved from funded to unfunded for 2016.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Council Chamber at 12:03 p.m. and returned at 12:05 p.m.

DEFEATED

For: K. McGrath , J. Stroud
Opposed: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres,
J. Cardinal, S. Germain, C.
Tatum

Recess and Departure

A recess occurred at 12:08 p.m. at which time Councillors T. Ault and L. Bussieres left the meeting.

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m. at which time Councillor P. Meagher joined the meeting.

Entrance

Councillor S. Germain entered the Council Chamber at 1:08 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Capital Project # 63 - Pumper Truck for Fire Station #6, in the amount of \$814,000, be moved from funded to unfunded for 2016.
DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Council Chamber at 1:11 p.m. and returned at 1:12 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration review the municipal operating procedures and budget and recommend cost reduction to reduce the 2016 Operating Budget by up to 9%.

DEFEATED

For: S. Germain, K. McGrath, C. Tatum

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, P. Meagher, J. Stroud

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration complete a scope review of the Conklin Multiplex project and develop a recommendation to Council.

DEFEATED

For: S. Germain, K. McGrath

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the budget for Project # 72 – Fort Chipewyan Animal Control Centre be reduced to reflect a \$350 per square foot build estimate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit

Councillor J. Cardinal left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the budget for Project # 71 – Fort McMurray Animal Control Centre be reduced to reflect a \$300 per square foot build estimate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the budget for Project # 29 – Jubilee Centre Renovations/Construction 2014-2016 be reduced by 15%.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the motion from Councillor L. Bussieres, “Capital Project #70 – Transit Facility Construction Green Trip Project be taken from the table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that Capital Project #70 – Transit Facility Construction Green Trip Project, in the amount of \$41,900,000, be moved from funded to unfunded for 2016.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, S. Germain, K. McGrath,

P. Meagher, J. Stroud

Opposed: C. Tatum

Recess

A motion recess occurred from 2:29 p.m. to 2:34 p.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Council Chamber at 2:29 p.m. and re-entered at 2:34 p.m.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the 2016 Council Budget line items in individual Councillors' budgets remain at the same level as in 2015.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, K. McGrath, P. Meagher,
J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Opposed: S. Germain

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that all approved amendments be incorporated into 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets, and 2017-2021 Financial Plans, and that the revised budget documents be brought forward for Council's consideration on December 8, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.