

**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 Wednesday, November 04, 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

**Call To Order**

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and explained that Council would immediately move into Committee of the Whole to allow for the relaxing of procedure while conducting its annual budget workshop. The Mayor also noted that no motions could be passed while Council is convened as Committee of the Whole.

**1. 2016 Proposed Budget, 2017-2021 Financial Plan**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the meeting be recessed so that Council may move into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2016 Community Investment Program Applicant Presentations**

**Wood Buffalo Regional Library** - Monica Domingues, Chair, and Melissa Flett, Acting Director, provided a presentation on the Wood Buffalo Regional Library and the funding requested for 2016.

**Fort McMurray SPCA** - Tara Clarke, Executive Director, and Gilles Huizinga, Treasurer, provided a presentation on the Fort McMurray SPCA and the funding requested for 2016.

Arrival

Councillor C. Tatum joined the workshop at 9:23 a.m.

**Local H.E.R.O. Foundation** - Paul Spring, President, and Andrea Montgomery-Spring, Director of Stakeholder and Community Relations, provided a presentation on the Local H.E.R.O Foundation and the funding requested for 2016.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor L. Bussieres declared a potential pecuniary interest due to a business interest related to the Rotary Club Request and exited the Council Chamber at 9:42 a.m.

Exit

Councillor S. Germain exited the Council Chamber at 9:42 a.m.

**Rotary Club of Fort McMurray** - Jeanette Bancarz, President, and Ryan Taitinger, Director, Golf Committee, provided a presentation on the Rotary Club of Fort Murray and Rotary Links and the funding requested for 2016.

Return

Councillor S. Germain re-entered the Council Chamber at 9:50 a.m.

Arrival

Councillor J. Stroud joined the meeting to 9:52 a.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Council Chamber at 9:55 a.m. and returned at 10:00 a.m. He indicated that he had left the meeting due to a potential pecuniary interest with the Rotary Club request as he is a trustee for the Baseball Board. Pecuniary interest was declared after the presentation.

Return

Councillor L. Bussieres re-entered the Council Chamber at 10:00 a.m.

**Vista Ridge Recreational Association** - Kevin Grogan, General Manager, provided a presentation on the Vista Ridge Recreational Association and the funding requested for 2016.

**Regional Recreation Corporation** - Mark Power, Chair, Annette Antoniak, Chief Executive Officer, and Rachel Orser, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the Regional Recreation Corporation and the funding requested for 2016.

**YMCA of Northern Alberta** - Nick Parkinson, President & Chief Executive Officer, and Jim Weller, Regional Vice-President, provided a presentation on the YMCA of Northern Alberta and the funding requested for 2016.

Exit

Councillors L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain and K. McGrath exited the Council Chamber at 10:32 a.m.

Return

Councillor L. Bussieres re-entered the Council Chamber at 10:32 a.m.

Councillors S. Germain and K. McGrath re-entered the Council Chamber at 10:39 a.m.

Councillor J. Cardinal re-entered the Council Chamber at 10:41 a.m.

Exit

Councillors T. Ault and C. Tatum exited the Council Chamber at 10:44 a.m.

**Camp Yogi Society** - Real Chartrand, President, Maria Contreras, Secretary, and Jean-Marc Guillamot, Director, provided a presentation on the Camp Yogi Society and the funding requested for 2016.

Return

Councillors T. Ault and C. Tatum re-entered the Council Chamber at 10:46 a.m.

Exit

Councillor L. Bussieres left the Council Chamber at 10:53 a.m.

**Fort McMurray Historical Society** - Carmen Ramstead, President, Roseann Davidson, Executive Director and Tammy Plowman, Programs Developer, provided a presentation on the Fort McMurray Historical Society and the funding requested for 2016.

**Fort McMurray Tourism** - Frank Creasey Chief Executive Officer and Jean-Marc Guillamot, Chair, provided a presentation on Fort McMurray Tourism and the funding requested for 2016.

Exit

Councillor S. Germain exited the Council Chamber at 11:32 a.m.

**Northern Alberta Athletic Association** - David Fitzgerald, President, Terry Connors, Director of Operations, and Andrew Taylor, Treasurer, provided a presentation on the Northern Alberta Athletic Association and the funding requested for 2016.

Return

Councillor S. Germain re-entered the Council Chamber at 11:33 a.m.

Councillor L. Bussieres re-entered the Council Chamber at 11:43 a.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 11:47 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Operating Budget Presentations**

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the proposed 2016 Operating Budget, noting that a detailed presentation had been provided to Council on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at which time it was highlighted that the 2016 Operating Budget does not contemplate any additional staff positions.

Entrance

Councillor L. Bussieres re-entered the Council Chamber at 12:46 p.m.

**Delegations**

**Jim Rogers, resident**, spoke to the roads in Waterways specifically Draper Road and Bulyea Avenue. He also discussed a parcel of land that he felt would be suitable for Habitat for Humanity.

Entrance

Councillors J. Cardinal and J. Stroud entered the Council Chamber at 12:47 p.m.

Councillor C. Tatum entered the Council Chamber at 12:51 p.m.

**Community and Protective Services Division**

Bob Couture, Executive Director, gave an overview of the organizational structure of the Community and Protective Services Division, and the proposed 2016 Operating Budget.

Entrance

Councillor S. Germain entered the Council Chamber at 12:55 p.m.

**Community Services Department** (1:00-1:25 p.m.) - Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services, and Toni Elliott, Community Investment Program Supervisor, accompanied by Zulfiqar Bhatti, Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the proposed Operating Budget for the Community Services Department

Discussions ensued with respect to the Big Spirit Grant Program and it was requested that Administration provide Council with the process of determining the recipients of the awards, who the recipients were, the amount of the awards and the projects or initiatives that were funded prior to 2014.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath left the Council Chamber at 1:08 p.m. and returned at 1:20 p.m.

**First Nation & Metis Nation Relations** (1:25-1:40 p.m.) - Dennis Fraser, Director, and Elena Gould, Manager; Aboriginal Relations, accompanied by Zulfiqar Bhatti, Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the proposed 2016 Operating Budget for the department.

**Municipal Law Enforcement and RCMP Support** (1:40-2:13 p.m.) - Dale Benfield, Director, and Superintendent Rob McCloy, RCMP, accompanied by Stephanie Pelley, Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the proposed 2016 Operating Budget for the department.

Exit and Return

Councillor C. Tatum exited the Council Chamber at 1:42 p.m. and returned at 1:55 p.m.  
Councillor L. Bussieres exited the Council Chamber at 2:04 p.m. and returned at 2:05 p.m.

**Regional Emergency Services** (2:13-2:33 p.m.) - Darby Allen, Regional Fire Chief, accompanied by Kasia Odrzygozdz, Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the proposed 2016 Operating Budget for Regional Emergency Services.

Recess

A recess occurred between 2:33 p.m. and 2:52 p.m.

**Infrastructure and Engineering Division**

Kevin Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, gave an overview of the proposed 2016 Operating Budget for the Infrastructure and Engineering Division.

**Engineering** (3:00-3:18 p.m.) - Emdad Haque, Director, accompanied by Donna Perera, Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the proposed 2016 Operating Budget for the Engineering Department.

Discussion ensued regarding details of the Master Service Agreement for the land exchange between the Municipality and the Province and it was requested that a session be arranged with Council to have a separate discussion on the matter.

**Transit Services** (3:18-3:50 p.m.) - Robert Kirby, Director, accompanied by Kashif Ghafoor, Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the proposed 2016 Operating Budget for Transit Services.

Exit and Return

Councillor C. Tatum exited the Council Chamber at 3:20 p.m. and returned at 3:22 p.m.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath left the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

**Public Works** (3:50-4:22 p.m.) - Robert Billard, Director, accompanied by Rehan Khan, Financial Analyst provided an overview of the Department's proposed 2016 Operating Budget.

Recess

The Mayor then declared the meeting recessed at 4:22 p.m., noting that it would reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber.