

Approved Minutes of a 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 18, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Administration: K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A moment of silence was held to honour the memory of Councillor J. Chadi who passed away on November 15, 2015.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - November 3, 2015

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on November 3, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Elaine Martens and Theresa Wells, Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Committee re: 2015 Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Activities (6:09 p.m. – 6:18 p.m.)

Elaine Martens and Theresa Wells, Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Committee Members, provided an overview of the Committee's 2015 activities, accomplishments and future plans. Ms. Martens and Ms. Wells then presented Council with the 2015 Class of Champions, Large Category, 5 Blooms – Silver Award, with special recognition for Snye Point Park.

Bylaws

- 3. Bylaw No. 15/024 – Amendment to the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Bylaw**
(6:19 p.m. – 6:43 p.m.)

Bradley Evanson, Director of Planning and Development, provided an overview of the amendment to the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee (LPDAC) Bylaw, noting that the proposed amendments included a Council directive that the Committee report to the Land Planning and Transportation Committee and a request from the LPDAC to extend the reporting deadline.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/024, being an amendment to the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 15/024 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke to a matter unrelated to the bylaw.

Bryce Kumka, Chair, Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee (LPDAC), spoke in support of the amending bylaw. Discussion occurred relative to the proposed change in reporting structure as well as the impact on the amended timelines. In response, Mr. Kumka indicated that the LPDAC would be amenable to providing a verbal update to the Land Planning and Transportation Committee at its January 13, 2016 meeting, in advance of the formal submission of the LPDAC's final report and recommendations.

Motion Recess

A motion recess occurred from 6:38 p.m. - 6:41 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/024 be considered for third reading.

DEFEATED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, S. Germain, P. Meagher, A. Vinni

Opposed: K. McGrath

- 4. Land Use Amendment – Keyano Clearwater Campus (Lots 1-5, Block 2, Plan 5030TR; Lot 12, Block 2, Plan 5030TR; Lot 1, Plan 3790 NY; Lot 15MR, Block 2, Plan 922 0240; Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 772 2192) – Bylaw No. 15/026**
(6:44 p.m. – 6:46 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault:

- That Bylaw No. 15/026, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to Lots 1-5, Block 2, Plan 5030TR; Lot 12, Block 2, Plan 5030TR; Lot 1, Plan 3790 NY; Lot 15MR, Block 2, Plan 922 0240; and Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 772 2192 be read a first time; and

- That the required Public Hearing be scheduled for December 8, 2015.

Point of Order

Councillor A. Vinni raised a Point of Order on the previous item, Bylaw No. 15/024, Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Bylaw Amendment, questioning why an amendment to the proposed bylaw could not be entertained. Mayor M. Blake noted that voting had already occurred on second reading and unanimous consent had to be received in order to proceed to third reading; therefore, the opportunity for further debate will occur at the November 24, 2015 meeting when Bylaw 15/024 is presented for third reading. The Point of Order was subsequently overruled and the meeting proceeded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

5. Capital Projects Status Update – Third Quarter, 2015 (6:47 p.m. – 7:17 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Capital Projects Status Update, Third Quarter, 2015 be accepted as information.

Kola Oladimeji, Director of Finance, and Emdad Haque, Director of Engineering, provided an overview of the Capital Projects Status as of September 30, 2015.

Exit and Return

Mayor M. Blake exited the Chamber at 7:11 p.m. and returned at 7:14 p.m. during which time Deputy Mayor S. Germain assumed the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Third Quarter 2015 Financial Performance Update (7:18 p.m. – 7:29 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Third Quarter 2015 Financial Performance Update be accepted as information.

Kola Oladimeji, Director of Finance, and Pat Sibilleau, Manager of Financial Planning, introduced the Third Quarter 2015 Financial Performance Update.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke to a matter unrelated to the presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred between 7:30 p.m. and 7:43 p.m.

7. Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation - Laydown Yards and Soil Management
(7:44 p.m. – 8:04 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That the Municipality continue the use of municipally-owned land, including reserve lands, for laydown yards and displaced residential parking, subject to the use not exceeding two construction seasons; and
- That public engagement be undertaken prior to the start of the capital project in order to inform residents about potential impacts and mitigate negative effects.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation, noting that it is more advantageous to have equipment located reasonably close to the construction site.

Discussion ensued with respect to other efforts to inform residents on the laydown yards and the plan to mitigate negative effects. It was requested that signage be placed at all laydown yards to indicate it would be a temporary use, the length of time the laydown yard would be in use and how the site would be remediated after the proposed time is over.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Committee Representation
- Fort McMurray Airport Authority Appointer's Representative
- Water North Coalition
(8:05 p.m. – 8:07 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni:

- That the Chief Administrative Officer or his designate be appointed to represent the Municipality at the Fort McMurray Airport Authority 2016 Appointers Meeting, and that the appointment be reconsidered annually in conjunction with the Organization Meeting of Council;
- That the April 28, 2015 Resolution appointing a Council member as the Municipality's voting representative on the Water North Coalition be rescinded; and
- That the Chief Administrative Officer or his designate be appointed to serve as the voting representative on the Water North Coalition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Transit Collective Agreement Ratification
(8:08 p.m. – 8:13 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Council approve the tentative Transit Collective Agreement which was negotiated between the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo ("Employer") and the Canadian Union of Public Employees ("CUPE") Local 1505. This tentative Collective Agreement provides for a separate transit bargaining unit.

Terry Hartley, Director of Human Resources, and Charles Warriner, Manager, Labour and Employee Relations, provided an overview of the process and discussions involved in reaching the tentative collective agreement.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, S. Germain, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, A. Vinni

Opposed: T. Ault

10. Fort McMurray Historical Society Capital Grant Budget Amendment
(8:14 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That the 2012 Fort McMurray Historical Society capital grant agreement for \$3,000,000 for Marine Park be amended to allow allocation of cost savings of \$1,455,000 to additional capital works within Marine Park;
- That the 2013 Fort McMurray Historical Society capital grant agreement for \$5,000,000 for Marine Park be cancelled and the funds reassigned to capital works at Heritage Park for flood recovery efforts; and
- That the 2013 Fort McMurray Historical Society capital grant agreement for \$2,069,000 for Heritage Park be amended so that all funds approved in 2013 (\$7,069,000) can be reassigned to capital works related to flood recovery and restoration efforts.

Carole Bouchard, Director of Community Services and Toni Elliott, Community Investment Program Supervisor, provided an overview of the request for a change in scope, noting that the Fort McMurray Historical Society's focus is on restoring Heritage Park exhibits and buildings damaged during the June 2013 flood.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Citizen Recognition Program Recommendations
(8:21 p.m. – 8:27 p.m.)

Carole Bouchard, Director of Community Services, Norma Shaw, Supervisor of Community Strategies, and Ardis Bildfell, Community Strategies Coordinator, introduced the Citizen Recognition Program and commended the work of the Community Services Committee in determining the recipients, who would not be revealed until the January 2016 Toast of Champions award ceremony.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Community Services Committee recommendations for the 2015 Citizen Recognition Program be approved and be kept confidential until it is revealed at the Toast of Champions Ceremony on January 28, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Community Identification Committee Recommendations
(8:27 p.m. – 8:33 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni:

- That the road within Quarry Ridge Subdivision (Block 1, Plan 1424811) be named as “Quarry Ridge Drive”; and
- That the boat launch currently known as “Jean Family Boat Launch” be renamed as “Bernard Jean Boat Launch”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer