

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 Tuesday, August 16, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: T. Ault, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
D. Bendfeld, Executive Director
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
A. Gulamhusein, Acting Chief Legal Counsel
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 6:03 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Agenda be amended by adding Item #4 Update on Landfill History, and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting - August 9, 2016

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 9, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Ron Quintal representing RMWB Rural Stakeholders re: Concerns Relating to Amalgamation Agreement

(6:12 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.)

Ron Quintal, representing RMWB Rural Stakeholders, provided a presentation on rural residents' concerns relating to the amalgamation and the provision of services to rural areas. A request was made that the Municipality work with rural communities in pursuing a review of the amalgamation agreement, business tax rates, the distribution of spending and the standard of living in the rural areas.

Exit and Return:

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:40 p.m. and returned at 6:50 p.m.

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum:

- That a joint meeting of the Rural Committee and Sustainable Development Committee be scheduled for the purpose of inviting the Rural Stakeholders group to present their concerns regarding the 1995 amalgamation agreement, distribution of spending, standard of living and business tax rates; and
- That the joint meeting be held on Thursday, August 18th at 4:30 p.m., or at another time and date determined in consultation with the Rural Stakeholders group, in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess:

A brief recess occurred between 7:05 p.m. and 7:25 p.m. Councillors S. Germain, K. McGrath and A. Vinni returned to the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Reports

3. 2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled Projects

(7:25 p.m. – 9:43 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director of Financial Services, and Dawny George, Director of Engineering, provided an overview of the proposed Capital Budget Amendments for Deferred and Cancelled Capital Projects.

Councillor J. Stroud put the following motion forward for consideration: "THAT the 2016 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled Projects) dated August 16, 2016 be approved; and THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled Projects – Projects Cash Flow Summary) dated August 16, 2016 be approved."

Mayor M. Blake requested that Council Members identify any potential amending motions to the Deferred and Cancelled Capital Projects be put forward at this time so that any public delegate wishing to speak to a particular item had all pertinent information.

Councillor J. Stroud advised that she will be submitting the following amending motion for consideration: “THAT Attachments 1 and 2 be amended by deleting all reference to line item #9, Conklin Multiplex Construction project.”

Councillor S. Germain then advised that he will be submitting the following amending motion for consideration: “THAT Attachments 1 and 2 be amended by deleting the line item #13, Flood Mitigation - Predesign / Design.”

Darryl Woytkiw, resident of Anzac, spoke in favour of the Conklin Multiplex project resuming, and stressed the importance of ongoing maintenance of these facilities after they are opened.

Nicole Gardener, resident of Anzac, spoke in support of the Conklin Multiplex project continuing, noting how important these facilities are to the rural communities.

Jim Rogers, resident, expressed his dissatisfaction with the public consultation process undertaken by the Municipality on various capital projects.

Corinne Shykula, resident and representative of Waypoints Community Services, spoke in support of resuming the Conklin Multiplex capital project.

Dwayne Roth, resident, spoke in support of resuming the Conklin Multiplex project immediately and noted his concerns with the cost of delaying the project.

Chief Steve Courtoreille, Mikisew Cree First Nation, spoke to the importance of rural recreational facilities especially to the youth, and expressed concern over the lack of consultation with the rural stakeholders in providing services to rural areas.

Exit and Return:

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 8:11 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

Fred (Jumbo) Fraser, President, Fort Chipewyan Métis Local 125, spoke in favour of resuming the Conklin Multiplex capital project.

Peggy Beaudry, resident of Conklin, read a letter on behalf of Margaret Quintal, resident of Conklin and member of the Conklin Community Association, which outlined the critical need for services and facilities such as the Conklin Multiplex.

Maureen L’hirondelle, resident of Conklin, read a letter on behalf of Stacey Atkinson, Director, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee, urging Council to resume the Conklin Multiplex project, citing the costly effects of deferring or cancelling the project.

Shirley Tremblay, President, Conklin Métis Local 193, spoke in favour of resuming the Conklin Multiplex capital project and a rural - urban partnership to achieve mutual goals.

Tanis McCallum, business owner, Conklin, spoke in support of the Conklin Multiplex project resuming, citing the economic hardships cancelling the project would create.

Tyson Aaby, youth resident of Conklin, spoke to the importance of the Conklin Multiplex project in providing recreational opportunities for youth in Conklin.

Chelsea Vanee, President, Anzac Recreational and Social Society, spoke to the importance of recreational facilities to the vibrancy of community life, citing her support for the Conklin Multiplex project.

Jay Telegdi, resident of Fort McMurray, spoke in support of the Conklin Multiplex capital project resuming, noting the need for more facilities and services in rural communities.

Dogar Mohammad, resident of Fort McMurray, spoke in favour of providing the Conklin Multiplex, indicating that more consultation with the community should have been undertaken.

Arianna Johnson, Executive Director, Wood Buffalo Food Bank, urged Council to place a high priority on providing services, such as the Conklin Multiplex, for rural areas.

Gail Gallupe, President, Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935, spoke in support of the Conklin Multiplex project resuming, noting the difficulties of living in rural communities with limited services.

Exit and Return:

Councillor J. Cardinal exited the Chamber at 9:03 p.m. and returned at 9:05 p.m.

Ian Dirom, resident of Fort McMurray, suggested deferral of the Fraser and Manning Avenue Predesign / Design rather than cancellation of the project, and noted his support of the Flood Mitigation review.

Jeffrey O'Donnell, Executive Director, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee, spoke to the upcoming joint meeting of the Rural Committee and Sustainable Development Committee with the rural stakeholders.

Exits and Returns:

Councillor J. Stroud exited the Chamber at 9:07 p.m. and returned at 9:08 p.m.

Councillor C. Tatum exited the Chamber at 9:08 p.m. and returned at 9:09 p.m.

Paul McLeod, resident of Fort McMurray, spoke in favour of proceeding with the Conklin Multiplex project, citing the cost of delaying the project further.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Attachments 1 and 2 be amended by deleting all reference to line item #9, being the Conklin Multiplex Construction project.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: L. Bussieres, S. Germain,
A. Vinni

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Attachments 1 and 2 be amended by deleting all references to line item #13, being the Flood Mitigation - Predesign / Design project.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, S. Germain,
K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud,
C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: L. Bussieres

Voting then occurred on the main motion, as amended.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- THAT the 2016 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled Projects, dated August 16, 2016), as amended, be approved; and
- THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled Projects – Projects Cash Flow Summary, dated August 16, 2016), as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, S. Germain,
K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud,
C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Opposed: L. Bussieres, A. Vinni

4. Update on Landfill History

(9:43 p.m. – 9:53 p.m.)

Kevin Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and Darcy Dragonetti, Acting Director, Environmental Services, provided a brief update on the history and future of the landfill and associated disposal rates applied under Utility Rates Bylaw No. 10/001.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer