

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, November 08, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor

Administration: K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Deputy Mayor S. Germain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor C. Voyageur that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Regular Council Meeting - November 1, 2016

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 1, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

2. Rural Committee Recommendation – Bylaw No. 16/023 - Janvier Area Structure Plan

(6:04 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that Bylaw No. 16/023, being the Janvier Area Structure Plan, be read a first time; and
- that the required public hearing for Bylaw No. 16/023 be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

3. Community Identification Committee Recommendation – Lietz Street

(6:06 p.m. – 6:09 p.m.)

Councillor K. McGrath presented the following for consideration: “That the road connecting Coventry Drive and Callen Drive in Parsons Creek be named as “Lietz Street”; that the subdivision (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 102 5452 & Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 132 5261) be named as “Prairie Creek Business Park”; and that Ball Diamond No. 5 located at Syncrude Athletic Park (Portion of Lot 2, Plan 982 4820) be named as “Tim Young Diamond”.

Point of Order

Councillor P. Meagher called a point of order indicating that these recommendations are on the Agenda as three separate items; therefore, the recommendations should be considered separately. Deputy Mayor S. Germain upheld the Point of Order.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the road connecting Coventry Drive and Callen Drive in Parsons Creek be named as “Lietz Street”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Community Identification Committee Recommendation – Prairie Creek Business Park

(6:10 p.m. – 6:11 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the subdivision (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 102 5452 & Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 132 5261) be named as “Prairie Creek Business Park”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Community Identification Committee Recommendation –Tim Young Diamond

(6:12 p.m. – 6:13 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Ball Diamond No. 5 located at Syncrude Athletic Park (Portion of Lot 2, Plan 982 4820) be named as “Tim Young Diamond”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

(6:14 p.m. – 6:52 p.m.)

Elena Gould, Acting Director, First Nation and Metis Nation Relations spoke to the proposed recommendation.

Councillor P. Meagher presented the following for consideration: “That Administration review the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action Report and identify where the Municipality has the jurisdiction and ability to implement Calls to Action, and report back to Council no later than February 28, 2017 with recommendations based on engagement with the Indigenous peoples within the region.”

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Paul McLeod, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Mohammed Dogar, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Gail Gallupe, spoke on behalf of various Métis associations within the Municipality who strongly support the recommendation for moving forward with the Calls to Action and rebuilding relationships.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the motion be amended by striking out the word “Indigenous” and replacing it with “First Nations, Métis, Inuit, Non-Status and other Indigenous peoples.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Administration review the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action Report and identify where the Municipality has the jurisdiction and ability to implement Calls to Action, and report back to Council no later than February 28, 2017 with recommendations based on engagement with the First Nations, Métis, Inuit, Non-Status and other Indigenous peoples within the region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation - Secondary and Emergency Access Roads

(6:52 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Dawny George, Director, Engineering; Mazhar Hajhossein, Manager, Transportation and Infrastructure Planning; and Dana Woodworth, Recovery Task Force Team Leader, provided an overview of the proposed Secondary and Emergency Access Roads.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation while expressing disappointment that it does not include the Waterways area.

Mohammed Dogar, resident, suggested that although roads are important, consideration should also be given to other amenities.

Paul McLeod, resident spoke to the timing of road construction.

Councillor K. McGrath presented the following for consideration: “That the 2016 Capital Budget be amended, as set out in Attachment 3 of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Report (Attachment 1), for the purpose of advancing the preliminary design of emergency egress and construction access roads for the communities of Abasand, Beacon Hill and Wood Buffalo; and that the Municipality apply to the Government of Alberta for Disaster Recovery Program funding for this project.”

Councillor K. McGrath then proposed a friendly amendment to his original motion by adding: “that the 2016 capital budget be further amended by allocating an additional \$2.45M from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve to advance the design and construction for Abasand Heights and Beacon Hill neighbourhoods.” As this addition was supplemental to the recommendation, it was accepted as a friendly amendment by Council as per the Procedure Bylaw. Voting then occurred on the motion, which now reads as follows:

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that the 2016 Capital Budget be amended, as set out in Attachment 3 of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Report (Attachment 1), for the purpose of advancing the preliminary design of emergency egress and construction access roads for the communities of Abasand, Beacon Hill and Wood Buffalo;
- that the 2016 capital budget be further amended by allocating an additional \$2.45M from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve to advance the design and construction for Abasand Heights and Beacon Hill neighbourhoods; and
- that the Municipality apply to the Government of Alberta for Disaster Recovery Program funding for this project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Deputy Mayor S. Germain declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer