

Approved Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, AB, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor
M. Byron, Councillor
S. Clarkson, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
G. Janvier, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
R. Rebus, Councillor (via teleconferencing)
J. Vyboh, Councillor

Administration: K. Kloss, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
D. Elliott, Chief Operating Officer
A. Hawkins, Recorder/Legislative Officer
B. Broomfield-Andrews, Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

10-129 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – April 13, 2010

10-130 Moved by Councillor Allen that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 13, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

Mr. Jon Tupper, on behalf of Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce and Fort McMurray Construction Association.

Mr. Jon Tupper came forward to speak in support of the 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw which is before Council this evening.

10-131 Moved by Councillor Allen that the presentation received from Mr. Jon Tupper, supporting the 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled.

Reports

2. Rural Service Delivery Review

Marcel Ulliac, Director, Strategic Initiatives, and Anne Peters, Dillon Consulting, were in attendance to present the results of the Rural Service Delivery Review

The following recommendations were put forward:

THAT guiding principles and level of service standards contained in the Rural Service Delivery Review Report, dated March 2010, be accepted as a guide for municipal service delivery in the Hamlets of Conklin, Janvier South, Anzac, Gregoire Lake Estates, Saprae Creek, Fort MacKay and Fort Chipewyan; and

THAT the entire report be accepted as a guide for implementation.

10-132 Moved by Councillor Rebus that the recommendation be amended by adding the words after Fort Chipewyan “and all developing communities with a minimum population of 250, and”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on the recommendation as amended:

10-133 Moved by Councillor Meagher that guiding principles and level of service standards contained in the Rural Service Delivery Review Report dated March 2010 be accepted as a guide for municipal service delivery in the Hamlets of Conklin, Janvier South, Anzac, Gregoire Lake Estates, Saprae Creek, Fort MacKay, Fort Chipewyan and all developing communities with a minimum

population of 250; and that the entire report be accepted as a guide for implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXITS

Councillor Rebus disconnected from the meeting and Councillor Janvier exited the Chamber at 7:17 p.m.

Bylaws

3. Bylaw No. 10/005– 2010 General Election: Nomination Bylaw

Darlene Soucy, Elections Officer was present to address Council.

10-134 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/005, being the Nomination Bylaw, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Clarkson,
Flett, Germain, Meagher, Vyboh

Opposed: Byron

4. Bylaw No. 10/009 – Amendment to Highway 63 North Water Supply Line Local Improvement Bylaw

10-135 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/009, being an amendment to the Highway 63 North Water Supply Line Local Improvement Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-136 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 10/009 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-137 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/009 be considered for third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-138 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 10/009 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXIT

Councillor Germain exited the Chamber at 7:30 p.m.

5. Bylaw No. 10/010 – 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw

The following Administrative Recommendation was put forward: THAT Bylaw No. 10/010, being the 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time.

RETURN

Councillors Janvier and Germain returned to the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

10-139 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that this matter be referred back to Administration to provide more detailed information to Council.

DEFEATED

For: Blair, Byron, Germain, Janvier, Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Clarkson, Flett, Meagher

10-140 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/010, being the Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Clarkson, Flett, Germain, Janvier, Meagher

Opposed: Byron, Vyboh

10-141 Moved by Councillor Meagher THAT the 2010 Operating Budget be amended by increasing revenue from property taxation and increasing the contribution to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve by \$20,359,539.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Clarkson, Flett, Germain, Meagher

Opposed: Blair, Byron, Janvier, Vyboh

New and Unfinished Business

Notice of Motion re: Request for Report regarding employee statistics

Councillor Byron served the following Notice of Motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“THAT Administration be directed to prepare a report advising the total number of municipal employees whose employment has been terminated (this includes employees who resigned, who were let go and whose portfolios have been altered) since January 2008, and the total number of dollars this has cost the organization, including legal fees.”

Notice of Motion re: Request for Report regarding reorganizations

Councillor Byron served the following Notice of Motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

THAT Administration be directed to prepare a report advising the total number of reorganizations this municipality has undergone since January 2008 and included in the report be disclosed the total number of positions that have been created, how those positions have been advertised to the public and the total cost to the municipality in salary increases including benefits.

Updates**Mayor's Update**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Youth Network Program launch
- 2010 Metis Reverse Trade Show
- Get up and go Wood Buffalo event

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- Proclamation of Victim Services
- Announcement of additional RCMP officers under the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)

Exit

Mayor Blake excused herself from the meeting at 7:40 p.m. at which time Councillor Germain assumed the Chair.

Councillor Blair reported on the following:

- Water and wastewater licenses approved for Fort Chipewyan

Return and resuming of Chair

Mayor Blake returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 7:44 p.m.

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Community Clean Up Campaign
- Communities in Bloom
- Interpretive Centre staffing
- Possibility of having council members' names on the screen during broadcasting of meetings

Councillor Janvier reported on the following:

- Establishment of the Janvier Forum Group

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Get up and Go Wood Buffalo

Councillor Germain reported on the following:

- Relayed citizens' commendation for work done by municipal employees in relation to the Birchwood Trail, community clean up campaign and street sweeping/snow removal.

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation annual retreat
- Leadership Wood Buffalo

Mayor Blake then resumed her update on the following:

- Get Up and Go Wood Buffalo event
- Various cultural events
- National Victims Awareness
- Announcement of additional RCMP officers under the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)
- Community Clean Up Campaign
- First Aboriginal Women in Business Event
- Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
- Administrative Professional Day
- Education Week

Administrative Update

- Interim CAO Kloss recognized municipal staff members nominated for Volunteer Recognition within the Region

Adjournment

10-142 Moved by Councillor Blair that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer