

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, Alberta, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
D. Kirschner, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
D. Scott, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
R. Thomas, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: D. Blair, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Acting Chief Legislative Officer
L. Kotyk, Legislative Assistant/Voting Machine Operator
M. Laing, Legislative Assistant/Recorder

Call to Order

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

Opening Prayer

Mayor Blake invited those so inclined to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

11-123 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – April 26, 2011

11-124 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 26, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations**2. Ann Dort-McLean, President, Wood Buffalo Environmental Association (WBEA) re: Air Quality and Air Quality Monitoring in the Wood Buffalo Region**

Ann Dort-McLean, Jane Percy and Melissa Pennell from the Wood Buffalo Environmental Association were in attendance and presented information regarding their organization and its air quality monitoring systems.

11-125 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the presentation from the Wood Buffalo Environmental Association be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Graham Boje, Executive Director, Oil Sands Developers Group, spoke in support of the 2011 Property Tax Rate Bylaw. He made specific reference to the industry and Municipality engagement and that they are open to dialogue at any time.

11-126 Moved by Councillor Germain that the presentation made by Graham Boje, Executive Director, Oil Sands Developers Group, be received as information and that Council continue to work and dialogue with the Oil Sand Developers Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Rogers, resident, addressed Council regarding the 2011 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, noting that it may be an opportune time to levy additional taxes from industry for the provision of their future infrastructure and servicing needs.

11-127 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the presentation made by Jim Rogers, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sean Graham, resident, spoke in opposition to the 2011 Tax Rate Bylaw, and presented a document identifying an alternate methodology to deal with what he believes to be under spending in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

11-128 Moved by Councillor Allen that the presentation made by Sean Graham, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Veronique Rensonnet, resident, spoke in opposition to the 2011 Tax Rate Bylaw. She expressed her concerns regarding debt and would like to see the Municipality debt free in years to come. She spoke to amortization over a shorter period of time would be more appropriate and would allow to set aside money for the future.

11-129 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the presentation made by Veronique Rensonnet, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Vyboh, resident, spoke in opposition to the 2011 Tax Rate Bylaw. He expressed his concerns regarding debt management within the Municipality.

11-130 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the presentation made by John Vyboh, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

3. Bylaw No. 11/012 – 2011 Property Tax Rate Bylaw (2nd and 3rd readings)

11-131 Moved by Councillor Thomas that Bylaw No. 11/012, being the 2011 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-132 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 11/012 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-133 Moved by Councillor Allen that in the event the anticipated property taxation revenues are not realized, the 2011 Operating Budget shall be adjusted by reducing the contribution to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve by the same amount as the shortfall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Bylaw No. 11/010 – Road Closure and Authorization to Sell (1st reading)

11-134 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 11/010, being a bylaw to close a road allowance, be read a first time; and THAT subject to the final road closure, Administration be authorized to proceed with the sale of closed road allowance to the adjacent land owners in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 2 (Summary Land Sale – Terms and Conditions, dated April 7, 2011).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Bylaw No. 11/011 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment Lot 6, Block 8, Plan 3969 ET (7313 Hughes Avenue) (1st reading)

11-135 Moved by Councillor Thomas that Bylaw No. 11/011, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for Lot 6, Block 8, Plan 3969 ET (7313 Hughes Avenue), be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Bylaw No. 11/014 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Longboat Landing (1st reading)

11-136 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 11/014, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment specific to the Longboat Landing District (LBL-R4), be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

7. Expropriation – Utility Right of Way and Temporary Workspace within NW 1/4 Section 2, Township 89, Range 9, W4th (Saline Creek Water and Sewer Lines)

11-137 Moved by Councillor Thomas that an expropriation be initiated to secure a Utility Right of Way (URW) and Temporary Workspace within NW1/4 Section 2, Township 89, Range 9, W4th, from Highridge Developments Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Land Transfer – The West Half of Block X Plan 616 AO (Riverview Heights Developments Inc. – Abasand)

11-138 Moved by Councillor Meagher that ownership of the property legally described as the west half of Block X, Plan 616AO, as described by Land Identification Numeric Code (LINC) 0029 561 173, be transferred to the Municipality; and THAT the accumulated property taxes in the amount of \$3,045.89 be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Appointments to Council Committees

11-139 Moved by Councillor Kirschner that the following appointments be approved, as of May 10, 2011:

- **Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board**
 - Brenda MacLean to December 31, 2011
 - Joseph Dickson to December 31, 2012
 - **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board**
 - Christian Yonga to December 31, 2013.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

Reports on Boards and Committees

Council representatives reported on the following Boards and Committees:

- MacDonald Island Park Corporation (Councillor Germain)

Adjournment

11-140 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer