

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, October 13, 2009, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
M. Byron, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
G. Janvier, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
R. Rebus, Councillor (via teleconference)
J. Vyboh, Councillor

Absent: D. Blair, Councillor
S. Clarkson, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor

Administration: K. Kloss, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
D. Elliott, Deputy CAO
K. Greig, Deputy CAO
A. Rogers, Legislative Officer
B. Broomfield-Andrews, Recorder/Legislative Assistant
A. Wojtkiewicz, Acting Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

09-231 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – September 22, 2009

09-232 Moved by Councillor Allen that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Mr. Don Thompson, Oil Sands Developers Group (OSDG) re: Update on the Oil Sands Industry

Mr. Thompson was in attendance to provide an update on the positive engagement that the Oil Sands Industry has had so far, with the Regional Municipality, regarding the OSDG's request to be involved in the 2010 budget.

Arrival

Councillor Byron arrived at 6:05 p.m.

09-233 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the update from Mr. Don Thompson regarding the Oil Sands Industry be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

There were no Bylaws scheduled.

Reports

3. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Naming of Municipal Roadways and Facilities

The following motion was presented by Councillor Meagher: “THAT the following names be assigned to municipal roadways and facilities:

- loop road being constructed through the Lower Townsite – The Prairie Loop Drive;
- roads within the TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park – Boreal Avenue, Forest Road and TaigaNova Crescent;
- municipal park at Lot 18 MR, Block 2, Plan 802 1827 - Grayling Terrace Park;
- municipal park at Lot 1 MR, Block 2, Plan 022 5763 - Lakewood Spray Park;
- municipal park at Lot 15 MR, Block 12, Plan 042 3977 - Wood Buffalo Park;
- municipal park at Lot 299 MR, Block 1, Plan 022 0695 - Morgan Heights Park;
- municipal park at Lot 81 MR, Block 2, Plan 982 4993 - Carteret and Cree Road Playground; and
- new play structure at Sapræe Creek Lot 215 MR, Block 1, Plan 852 1969 - Winnie Sommer Child Play Centre.”

09-234 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the motion be amended by separating the first bullet “loop road being constructed through the Lower Townsite – The Prairie Loop Drive” from the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on the original motion as amended.

09-235 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the following names be assigned to municipal roadways and facilities:

- roads within the TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park – Boreal Avenue, Forest Road and TaigaNova Crescent;
- municipal park at Lot 18 MR, Block 2, Plan 802 1827 - Grayling Terrace Park;
- municipal park at Lot 1 MR, Block 2, Plan 022 5763 - Lakewood Spray Park;
- municipal park at Lot 15 MR, Block 12, Plan 042 3977 - Wood Buffalo Park;
- municipal park at Lot 299 MR, Block 1, Plan 022 0695 - Morgan Heights Park;
- municipal park at Lot 81 MR, Block 2, Plan 982 4993 - Carteret and Cree Road Playground; and
- new play structure at Saprae Creek Lot 215 MR, Block 1, Plan 852 1969 - Winnie Sommer Child Play Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following motion was presented by Councillor Vyboh: “THAT the matter of the loop road being constructed through the Lower Townsite be named The Prairie Loop Drive be referred back to the Community Identification Committee for further review and recommendation.”

Discussion occurred with regard to the historical significance of having “The Prairie” included in the proposed road name. Also discussed was the reasoning for keeping the word “The” as part of the proposed road naming. Several other road naming options were suggested.

09-236 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the matter of the loop road being constructed through the Lower Townsite be named The Prairie Loop Drive be referred back to the Community Identification Committee for further review and recommendation.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Byron, Rebus, Vyboh
Opposed: Flett, Janvier, Meagher

New and Unfinished Business

There was no new or unfinished business.

Updates

Mayor’s Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Acted as moderator at the Alberta Health Services Board
- Archie Simpson Arena Opening
- Secretariat for Homelessness Meeting
- Premier’s Announcement on North Parsons and Saline Creek
- Roots of Empathy Program
- Premier’s Dinner and Announcements with regard to funding for MacDonald Island and Heritage Park Society
- Council and Administration Teambuilding Sessions
- Run for the Cure Event
- Community Development Advisory Board Meeting
- Start-up Session of the Mayor’s Advisory Council on Youth (MACOY)
- Minister Snelgrove’s informal meeting with Council on October 6, 2009
- Lower Athabasca Regional Advisory Committee

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Clearwater Heritage River Society Meeting

Councillor Flett reported on the following:

- Archie Simpson Arena Opening

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Premier’s Dinner
- Airport Commission Meeting
- Radio Interviews – one with a local radio station, and the other with a Switzerland radio station
- Represented the Mayor at a supper meeting between the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce and the Edmonton Development Corporation
- Slo Pitch League Awards Ceremony

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Birchwood Trails
- Archie Simpson Arena Opening
- Communities in Bloom Update

Administrative Update

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Kloss extended his compliments to Council and municipal staff for their work and efforts in community beautification. Emails received by Administration from the general public in this regard have been very positive.

Adjournment

09-237 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer