

Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of the Audit and Budget Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Present: S. Germain, Chair
M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor (via teleconference)
P. Meagher, Councillor

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor
J. Chadi, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Administration: B. Couture, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Acting Senior Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair S. Germain called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes of the Audit and Budget Committee meeting - March 3, 2015

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that the Minutes of the Audit and Budget Committee meeting held on March 3, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

3. Questions to the Municipal Auditor

The Committee did not direct any questions to the Municipal Auditor at this time.

**4. Dave Hodson - Advisory Committee on Aging re: Staff and Funding request
(4:08 p.m. – 4:22 p.m.)**

Dave Hodson, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Aging, provided a presentation on the Advisory Committee's staff and funding request, and their goal of pursuing the World Health Organization designation for a senior friendly community.

5. Advisory Committee on Aging Request For Operating Funding
(4:23 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.)

Carole Bouchard, Director of Community Services, provided a presentation on the current mandate of the Community Services department and the proposed Advisory Committee on Aging's staff and funding request.

Arrival:

Councillor P. Meagher entered the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the proposed secondment of staff to the Advisory Committee on Aging be referred back to Administration for further review to be brought back to the Audit and Budget Committee within 30 days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested further information on the proposed secondment of staff to the Advisory Committee, specifying the need for clarification on the difference between the secondment of staff and the allocation of staff internally. The Committee expressed an interest in gaining a better understanding of what staff support is needed by the Advisory Committee.

6. Review of 2015 Operating Budget
(4:56 p.m. – 5:08 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the Review of the 2015 Operating Budget.

Reegan McCullough, Executive Director of the Oil Sands Community Alliance, spoke on the current economic climate and the potential impacts this will have on municipal operations.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Audit and Budget Committee recommend that Council support the discretionary spending reductions of \$14,056,400 as identified by Administration within the 2015 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer