

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, January 12, 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 (via teleconference)
S. Germain, Councillor
G. Janvier, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
R. Rebus, Councillor (via teleconference)
J. Vyboh, Councillor

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

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

10-001 Moved by Councillor Meagher the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – December 8, 2009

10-002 Moved by Councillor Allen that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on, December 8, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Ms. Patricia Paulichen re: Recognition of Draper as a Rural Community

Ms. Patricia Paulichen, a resident of the Draper area, expressed concern regarding the high cost of obtaining clean drinking water for Draper residents, specifically as it relates to delivery costs. As a representative for the Draper community, Ms. Paulichen requested that the Municipality alleviate the financial burden on Draper residents by implementing a water hauling subsidy.

It was stated that the Draper community is one of the first original communities of Fort McMurray and it preceded Waterways area. Reference was made to other communities and their set delivery rate. Draper resident letters were distributed to Council as references.

Mr. Shane Hogan, Acting Environmental Services Director, stated that other rural communities do have water delivery services that are subsidized by the Municipality. As water rates are the same for all the surrounding rural communities, the only difference is the cost of delivery which is applied by private contractors.

10-003 Moved by Councillor Allen that the presentation made by Ms. Patricia Paulichen regarding water delivery costs be received as information and referred back to Administration to respond to Council questions regarding water delivery charges.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Byron
Clarkson, Germain, Janvier,
Meagher, Vyboh
Opposed: Rebus

Mr. Hogan advised that a response to this matter would be forthcoming within 90 days.

Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled.

Public Hearing

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

Bylaws

3. Bylaw No. 10/001 – Utility Rates Bylaw

10-004 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/001, being the Utility Rates Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arrival

Councillor Flett joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:30 p.m.

Reports

4. Population and Employment Projection Model

Mr. Dennis Peck, General Manager, Planning and Development, Mr. Gary Gordon, Supervisor, External Relations, Long Range & Policy, and Mr. Darryl Howery, Principal, Applications Management Consulting Ltd., presented information on the Population and Employment Projection Model relating to purpose, development of and proposed use.

10-005 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that the Population and Employment Projection Model (Attachment 1, dated January 12, 2010) be accepted as information by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred from 7:52 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

5. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Naming of Alleyway in Waterways

10-006 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the alleyway between Cliff Avenue and Hughes Avenue in the Waterways district be named as Lower Cliff Alley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Regional Cemeteries Planning for the Future

10-007 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the Guiding Principles of the Regional Cemeteries Plan for the Future (Attachment 1), January 12, 2010, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Carol Theberge, General Manager, Community Services came forward to provide an overview of the Regional Cemeteries Plan.

Concern was raised relative to the rural service area and Administration assured future plans and development in those communities as well as community consultation will be addressed.

7. Appointments to Council Committees

10-008 Moved by Councillor Allen that the following appointments be approved, effective immediately:

Assessment Review Board

- Dan Deck, Elmer McRae and Samuel Odemuyiwa to December 31, 2011.

Communities In Bloom Committee

- Jennifer Elliott, Drew Hebblethwaite, Jacqueline Bell and Kerry Skinner to December 31, 2011.

Community Identification Committee

- Gerald (Jerry) Bussieres to be appointed as the Historical Society representative to December 31, 2011; and
- Christian R.J. MacNeill and Carol Cleminson to December 31, 2011.

Community Services Advisory Committee

- Grace Frey and Norena Hart to December 31, 2011.

Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board

- Paul Jones, Allan Vinni, Christopher Burrows and Kaleigh Young to December 31, 2011.

Library Board

- Jim Proudfoot to December 31, 2011; and
- Jennifer Hemstock, Jon Tupper and Shadab Sharif to December 31, 2012.

MacDonald Island Park Corporation

- Nick Sanders and Mike Walsh to December 31, 2011.

Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality

- Sarah Sevinj Imran, Linda Ghobad and Melanie Doucett (Loveless) to December 31, 2012.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

- Femi Baiyewum to December 31, 2010; and
- Malcolm Edirisinghe and Jim Palmer to December 31, 2012.

Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation

- Arianna Johnson and Maureen McDonald to December 31, 2012.

10-009 Moved by Councillor Byron that Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation appointments be severed from the list.

DEFEATED

For: Blair, Byron, Germain, Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Clarkson,
Flett, Janvier, Rebus, Meagher

Voting then occurred on Councillor Allen's original motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

8. Notice of Motion re: Development of Council Sub-Committees

Councillor Germain provided background information for his Notice of Motion. Council members responded by bringing forward comments and concerns about the development of Council Sub-Committees. Many factors were questioned pertaining to timelines, staffing, goals, scheduling, structure, budget and processes that will need to be considered before any solid decisions could be made.

It was agreed that Council would vote on the recommendations separately.

10-010 Moved by Councillor Germain that Administration be directed to support Council to create a new structure of governance that allows the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to develop a clear and organized set of result-based governance policies, processes, and committee structures.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Byron, Flett,
Clarkson, Germain, Janvier, Rebus,
Vyboh

Opposed: Meagher

10-011 Moved by Councillor Germain that as an interim measure, two sub-committees be formed to steer the governance process to make recommendations for Council's approval.

DEFEATED

For: Blair, Byron, Germain, Janvier,
Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Clarkson,
Flett, Meagher, Rebus

It was agreed that Council needs to further discuss what this new structure of governance would look like.

Notice of Motion re: Development of a Public Joint Municipal and Business Sustainability Summit

Councillor Vyboh served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“THAT Administration be directed to set up a Public Joint Municipal and Business Sustainability Summit meeting between Council, the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, and the Oil Sands Development Group. The goal of this summit meeting would be to have a front-ended meaningful dialogue and map out long term needs of the region over the next five years.”

Notice of Motion re: Commercial Land Development (Release of Airport Lands South of Highway 69)

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“THAT Administration develop a report to explore alternatives to prepare for release of commercial land (Airport land south of Highway 69).”

“THAT Council request a partnership from the Alberta Government for land release of Airport lands south of Highway 69.”

Notice of Motion re: Public Meetings of Council

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 support Council and ensure that all meetings of Council, including, but not limited to, meetings currently held on the first and third Tuesday of the month, be held in public.”

Notice of Motion re: Suspension of Serving Notice of Motion

Councillor Rebus served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“THAT Council Members refrain from serving Notice of Motions effective immediately, until the October 18, 2010 General Municipal Election.”

“THAT Administration be directed to bring forward on February 9, 2010, an amendment to the Procedure Bylaw which will suspend serving of Notice of Motions between January 1st and Election Day, in the year of a general municipal election.”

Updates

Mayor’s Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Senior’s Christmas Luncheon
- Roots of Empathy program
- WinterLights Competition
- Conklin Civic Awards
- Elders Dinner
- Lower Athabasca Regional Advisory Committee
- The Fort McMurray Gujarati Cultural Society's third annual talent show

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board – Presentation of board member gifts
- 22nd Annual Miracle Marathon
- The Fort McMurray Gujarati Cultural Society's third annual talent show

Councillor Blair reported on the following:

- Archie Simpson Arena Opening / Santa Skate
- Santa’s Anonymous fundraising efforts for rural areas
- Emergency Management Course for Elected Officials
- 5th Annual Children’s Skate Party

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- WinterLights Competition
- Snow Flake Soiree
- MLA’s Annual 3 on 3 Hockey Tournament

Exit

Councillor Flett disconnected via teleconference at 10:03 p.m.

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Fort McMurray Regional Airport Commission
- The Fort McMurray Gujarati Cultural Society's third annual talent show

Councillor Janvier reported on the following:

- Conklin Community Engagement

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- AUMA Building Communities Meeting
- Leadership Wood Buffalo

Adjournment

10-012 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 10:11p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer