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OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

## **Public Engagement and Communications Committee**

Council Chamber  
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
4:00 p.m.

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### **Agenda**

#### **Call to Order**

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Minutes of December 8, 2014

#### **New and Unfinished Business**

3. Amalgamation 20th Anniversary

#### **Adjournment**

**Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of the Public Engagement and Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Monday, December 8, 2014, commencing at 4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
T. Ault, Councillor  
J. Cardinal, Councillor  
K. McGrath, Councillor

**Absent:** S. Germain, Councillor

**Administration:** M. Ulliac, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer  
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer  
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**Call to Order**

D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**1. Appointment of the Chair**

The Chief Legislative Officer, called for nominations for the position of Chair for the Public Engagement and Communications Committee.

Councillor K. McGrath nominated Councillor T. Ault as Chair and Councillor T. Ault accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed and Councillor T. Ault was elected Chair by acclamation.

Councillor T. Ault assumed the Chair at 4:02 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Establishment of Future Meeting Dates**

The Committee agreed to wait until the January governance workshop to set future meeting dates.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm

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Chair

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Chief Legislative Officer



**Subject: Amalgamation 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**APPROVALS:**

Bob Couture, Executive Director  
Marcel Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

That the request to defer the celebration of the amalgamation until the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020 be recommended to council for approval.

**Background:**

On April 1, 1995 the City of Fort McMurray amalgamated with Improvement District No. 143 to form the Municipality of Wood Buffalo, which was renamed on August 14, 1996 to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

Funds in the amount of \$250,000 were requested and approved in the Communication and Stakeholder Relations 2015 budget. In keeping with the municipality's commitment to examine discretionary spending. Cancellation of the celebration presents an opportunity for cost savings.

**Rationale for Recommendation(s):**

With a recessed economy, timing is poor for celebrating this community milestone. Also, a quarter-century celebration 2020 would be more typical. This event can be cancelled without any significant impact.