



## **Sustainable Development Committee**

Council Chamber  
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Tuesday, December 01, 2015  
4:00 p.m.

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### **Agenda**

**The Sustainable Development Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. has been cancelled.**

#### **Call to Order**

1. Adoption of Agenda

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

2. Minutes from Sustainable Development Committee Meeting - October 28, 2015

#### **Delegations**

3. Rachel Leahy re: ACES - Wood Buffalo (Animal Compassion Education Society)

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

4. Trans Canada Trail

#### **Adjournment**

**Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of the Sustainable Development Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, commencing at 9:30 a.m.**

**Present:** C. Tatum, Chair  
J. Cardinal, Councillor  
P. Meagher, Councillor

**Administration:** K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Couture, Executive Director, Community and Protective Services  
B. Moore, Executive Director, Planning and Regional Development  
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer  
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

**Call to Order**

A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., noting that she would be chairing the meeting until such time as a Chair is appointed.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New and Unfinished Business**

**2. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**  
(9:32 a.m. – 9:33 a.m.)

The Senior Legislative Officer called for nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor P. Meagher nominated Councillor C. Tatum as Chair and Councillor J. Cardinal as Vice Chair. Councillor J. Cardinal declined the nomination and nominated Councillor P. Meagher as Vice Chair. Both candidates accepted their respective nominations. As there were no other nominees, Councillor C. Tatum was declared Chair and Councillor P. Meagher was declared Vice Chair by acclamation.

**Assuming of the Chair**

Councillor C. Tatum assumed the Chair at 9:33 a.m.

**3. Laydown Yards and Soil Management**  
(9:33 a.m. – 9:46 a.m.)

**Erin O'Neill, Manager, Land Administration, and Ray Cruickshank, Manager, Engineering,** provided a brief overview on the recommendations on laydown yards and soil management, including the available alternatives.

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the following be recommended to Council for approval:

- That the Municipality continue the use of municipally-owned land, including reserve lands, for laydown yards and displaced residential parking, subject to the use not exceeding two construction seasons; and
- That public engagement be undertaken prior to the start of the capital project in order to inform residents about potential impacts and mitigate negative effects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Proposed Meeting Schedule**  
(9:47 a.m. – 9:51 a.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meetings of the Sustainable Development Committee occur on the first Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. beginning December 1, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment**

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair C. Tatum declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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Chair

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Chief Legislative Officer



## Council Meeting Presentation Request

Completed requests to make a public presentation must be received by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday immediately prior to the scheduled meeting. **Presentations are a maximum of 5 minutes in duration.**

<i>Presentation Information</i>	
<b>Preferred Date of Presentation</b>	As soon as possible
<b>Name of Presenter(s)</b>	Rachel Leahy
<b>Organization Represented</b>	ACES – wood buffalo (Animal compassion education society )
<b>Topic</b>	Animal use for the purpose of entertainment
<b>Please List Specific Points/Concerns</b>	The “animal protection act” and the “wildlife act” does not protect animals in entertainment We have hundreds of signatures from Citizens of Wood Buffalo who are in agreement that animals in entertainment need more protection from a municipal level
<b>Action Being Requested of Council</b>	To create a bylaw that prohibits performances where any animal is required to perform tricks, fight or participate in performances for the amusement or entertainment of an audience.
<p><b>Are you providing any supporting documentation (ie: Powerpoint)?</b>      <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, the documentation <u>must</u> accompany this request, as handouts will not be distributed at the meeting. To ensure that your documents meet minimum standards, please see presentation guidelines on the next page.</p> <p>Supporting documents may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:Legislative.Assistants@woodbuffalo.ab.ca">Legislative.Assistants@woodbuffalo.ab.ca</a>.</p>	

*As per Procedure Bylaw No. 14/025, a request to make a presentation may be referred or denied.*

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

December 1, 2015

**Subject: Trans Canada Trail**

**APPROVALS:**

Robert Billard, Director  
Kevin Scoble, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**Administrative Recommendations:**

THAT Administration work with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation to link the Trans Canada Trail to the trail system in the Regional Municipality;

THAT the estimated cost of \$500,000 to be incurred in 2018, to complete the linkage to the Trans Canada Trail, be included by Administration in the 5 year capital plan for consideration by Council; and

THAT the Mayor be added to the list of other Mayors throughout Alberta and Canada who are declared “Champions” of the Trans Canada Trail.

**Summary:**

The Trans Canada Trail is a multi-use recreational trail, made up of hundreds of local trails through Canada. The Athabasca River Valley is currently designated as the Trans Canada Trail link in Fort McMurray. The Trail offers Canadians and international visitors a unique way to explore major cities and small towns, experience our ever-changing landscapes, and discover Canada’s rich history, diverse cultures, communities and people.

**Background:**

In August 2015, the Trans Canada Trail Foundation invited Mayor Blake to champion and recognize the Trans Canada Trail in Fort McMurray. The Trans Canada Trail seeks to be one of the world’s pre-eminent long-distance trails. Continuous links throughout the country have formed one of the world’s longest and grandest trails.

The Athabasca River Valley has been designated as the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo’s connection to the Trans Canada Trail system.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

The Trans Canada Trail Foundation will match funding up to \$500,000 available in 2018. Capital funding of \$500,000 for 2018 will be required to develop trail linkage, perform trail improvements, and add amenities (signage, mapping, benches, scenic lookouts, and a gazebo or arbor). Public consultation will be required to identify the location of the trail and the preferred

amenities. There is opportunity to coordinate this project with other ongoing municipal trail projects.

**Rationale for Recommendations:**

The Trans Canada Trail offers a multitude of trail experiences from wilderness pathways, country roads, logging roads, rail beds, forested trails, rivers, historic canoe routes to paved urban walkways, downtown streets, and secondary highways. The Trail is designed to accommodate walking/hiking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and canoeing.

**Strategic Plan Linkages:**

Pillar 7 – Building for a Healthy and Active Lifestyle

**Attachments:**

1. Trans Canada Trail Letter

Trans Canada Trail  
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August 18, 2015

Her Worship Melissa Blake  
Mayor of Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo  
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Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Alberta T9H  
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Via email: [deanne.bergey@woodbuffalo.ab.ca](mailto:deanne.bergey@woodbuffalo.ab.ca)

Dear Mayor Blake,

As President & CEO, I am writing to update you on, and invite you to represent, an iconic Canadian initiative—the Trans Canada Trail (TCT).

The Trans Canada Trail is now 80% connected and has great potential to impact many facets of Canadian life: to create a sustainable gift for future generations; to promote health by inspiring active living and transportation; to deepen awareness of our history, culture and natural heritage; and to spur economic development through tourism and job creation. The myriad benefits of the Trail can advance and enhance the mandate of governments and ministries across the country.

Some of the most beautiful sections of the Trans Canada Trail are located in Alberta, drawing Canadians and visitors from around the world to experience your beautiful province. From the Kananaskis Country Trail to the Edmonton River Valley Trail and the Trail section through Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, the Trans Canada Trail's presence in Alberta is significant. Alberta TrailNet, our provincial partner, is diligently working to connect the Trail across the province, creating opportunities for Albertans and visitors to explore and appreciate the majestic beauty of our home province. When fully connected, the TCT in Alberta will stretch over 3,000 kilometres and will connect Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to communities across the province.

We are on a bold mission to connect the Trail from coast to coast to coast in time for Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017. The Trail will be the perfect *natural* stage to celebrate this impressive Canadian milestone, and as we build towards connecting the Trail and Canadians across the country, we would like to invite you to join us as a TCT *Champion*.

We are delighted to let you know that Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell, along with Alberta mayors, Don Iveson (Edmonton), Gale Katchur (Fort Saskatchewan), Greg Krischke (City of Leduc) and Naheed Nenshi (Calgary), among many others, have joined a growing list of prominent Canadians who have declared themselves to be supportive of this national project. A list of all TCT *Champions* is included with this letter.

As a *Champion*, you will be invited to attend and participate in key Trail-related events, and to speak to the importance of the Trail as opportunities arise, and your schedule permits. If you accept, we would appreciate a photo, which will be featured on our website along with other TCT *Champions*. We may also contact you for a quote on why you value the Trail and what it means for your community and our great country, for possible use in future publications.

We are sure that you understand the inherent value of the Trail and hope you will accept our invitation to be a TCT *Champion*. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Christina Giffen at 1-800-465-3636 ext. 4346 or [cqiffen@tctrail.ca](mailto:cqiffen@tctrail.ca).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

President & CEO

Honourable, M.

Their Excellencies the Right Honourable  
Johnston C.C., C.M., C.D., Governor  
General of Canada and  
M.L. Sharon Johnston, C.C.

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# Sustainable Development Committee Report Trans Canada Trail

December 1, 2015

Presented by: Rob Billard, Director – Public Works

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Proposed trail linkages for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo north side of the Athabasca River.



# Trans Canada Trail

Proposed trail linkages for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo south side of the Athabasca River.





# Trans Canada Trail

Proposed trail linkages for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo through the Snow Drifter's Trail on the old rail bed south.

