



Council Meeting

Jubilee Centre Council Chamber
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Tuesday, August 02, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call To Order

Adoption of Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting - July 26, 2016

Presentations

2. Kevin Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer re: Flood Mitigation

Reports

3. Development of a Council Commendation Program
 - presentation: Councillor S. Germain
 - delegations
4. Municipal Landfill - Extension to Waiver of Tipping Fees
 - delegations
5. Small and Medium Business Recovery Support Funding
 - delegations

6. Selection Committee Recommendations – Mid-Term Committee Appointments

Adjournment

Unapproved 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, Alberta, on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor (via teleconferencing)
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Absent: L. Bussieres, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director
C. Hanly, Municipal Legal Counsel
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

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

Adoption of Agenda for Open Meeting

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that Councillor K. McGrath has withdrawn the Notice of Motion served at the July 12th Council meeting regarding cancellation of municipal taxes for properties affected by wildfire. The matter will now be forwarded to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee for review and a possible recommendation for Council's consideration.

1. Minutes from Council Meeting – July 19, 2016

Moved by Councillor Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 19, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

2. 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society Post-Wildfire Assessment (6:09 p.m. – 7:16 p.m.)

Councillor P. Meagher presented the following for consideration: “THAT the 2018 Wood Buffalo Winter Games Host Society, with support from the community and key stakeholders continue to move forward with plans to host the Alberta Winter Games in February 2018.”

Sally Warford, Acting Director of Community Services, Lonnie Pilgrim, Acting Manager of Community Strategies and Norma Shaw, Supervisor, Community Strategies provided an overview of the report before Council.

Mohamed Salem, and Amanda Mercer, Co-Chairs, 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society, spoke in support of the recommendation before Council.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath was inadvertently disconnected and was deemed to have exited the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Jean Marc Guillamot, representing Fort McMurray Tourism, Hotel Group in Fort McMurray and a board member of the 2018 Winter Games Committee, spoke in support of the recommendation and the positive impact the Games will have on the community.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in opposition to the recommendation before Council.

Paul McLeod, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation providing that this will not be an impediment to the rebuild of the community.

Moved by Councillor Meagher that the 2018 Wood Buffalo Winter Games Host Society, with support from the community and key stakeholders continue to move forward with plans to host the Alberta Winter Games in February 2018.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: T. Ault

Recess and Reconvene

A break occurred at 7:16 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m., at which time, Councillor P. Meagher was not in attendance.

3. 2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects (7:31 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director of Finance and Dawny George, Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Division, provided a brief overview of the report before Council.

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain:

- THAT the 2016 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects, dated July 26, 2016) be approved; and
- THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects – Project Cash Flow Summary, dated July 26, 2016) be approved.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal, P.
Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A.
Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: S. Germain

4. 2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment Update

(7:40 p.m. – 7:44 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director of Finance and Dawny George, Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Division, provided an overview of the 2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment updates.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the 2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment update, as summarized on Attachment 1 (2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment, dated March 31, 2016), be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer

FLOOD MITIGATION

August 2, 2016

Presented by: Kevin Scoble



Introduction

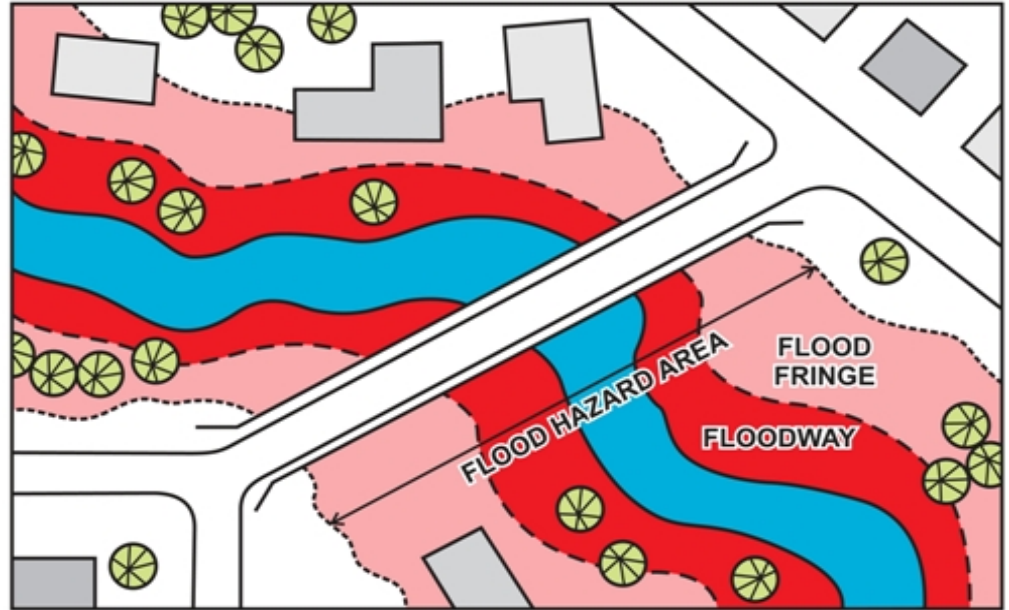
- Terminology
- History of Ice Jam Flooding in Fort McMurray
- Provincial Policy
- Municipal Policy
- Flood Mitigation – Earthworks
- Alternative Flood Mitigation Methods
- Current Status

Terminology

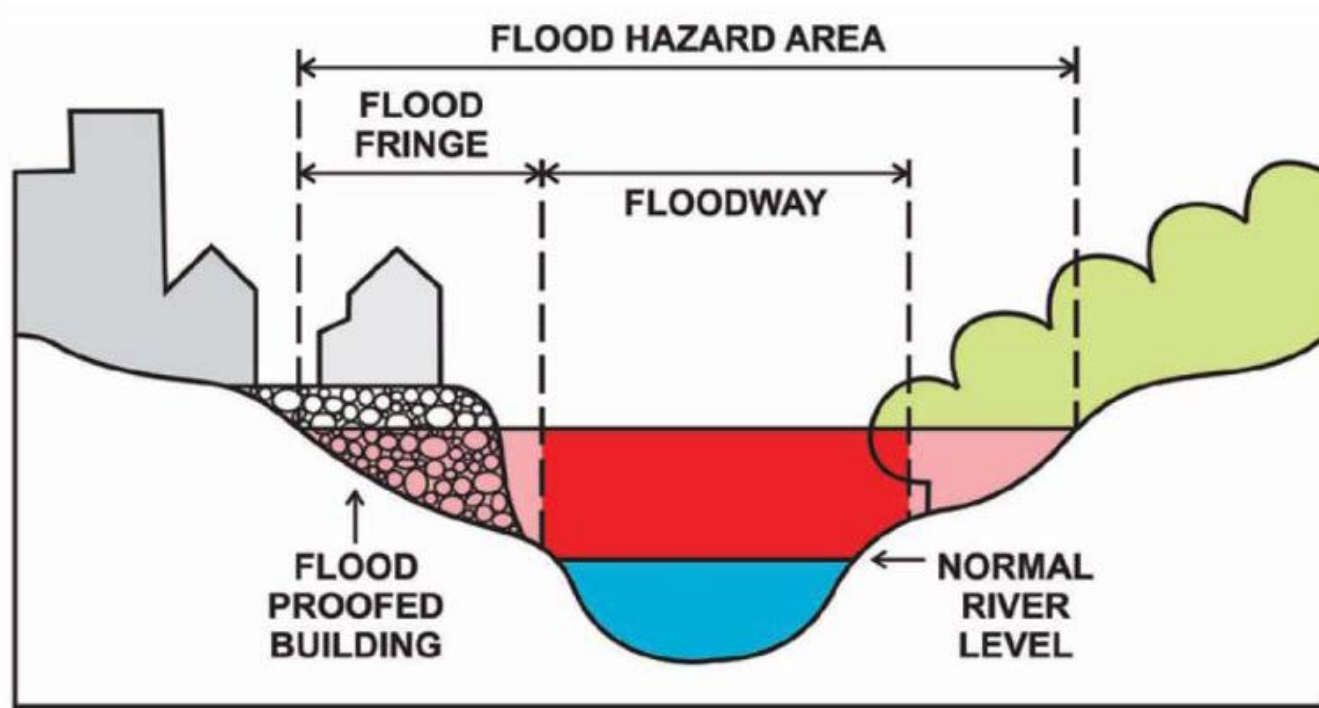
Provincial Flood Hazard Terminology

Flood fringe: land that would likely experience shallow water depths (<1m) with velocities slower than 1m/s

Floodway: land that would typically experience flooding depths >1m or velocities faster than 1m/s



Flood Proofing in Flood Fringe



History

History of Ice Jam Flooding

- The current 1:100 year event is 250.0m
- The 1:40 year event is 248.5m
- Most extreme flood: 1875 at 252.0m
- Most recent flood: 1997 at 247.5m
- Above 250.0m: 1936 at 250.1m

Rank	Year	Level (m)
1	1875	252.0
2	1936	250.1
3	1928	248.6
4	1885	248.0
5	1977	247.9
6	1997	247.5
7	1963	247.5
8	1925	247.4
9	1979	246.5
10	1962	246.2

1875 Event (excerpt)

Extract from copy of letter from Henry J. Moberly, clerk in charge of Fort McMurray, to Chief Trader Roderick MacFarlane, officer in charge of Athabasca District at Fort Chipewyan, dated Fort McMurray, 25 April 1875.

'I have now the painful duty to perform of letting you know that we have had a very sudden Inundation here, a few days ago, accompanied by serious loss to the Hudson's Bay Company.

On the 20 Instant about 2 hours after daylight, the river suddenly gave signs of breaking up and in half an hour from that time the water had risen about 60 feet, and the whole place was flooded - the water and ice passing with fearful rapidity and carrying off everything before them. We had just time to escape to the hill, in our immediate vicinity, with the families, bedding and a little Provisions and Ammunition, and to throw up stairs the Furs and most of the valuable property, when the water was already rushing through the Fort. From the time the river first gave signs of starting hardly half an hour elapsed before there was 5 feet of water in the highest building in the Fort, and the Interpreter's house was carried bodily away and dashed to pieces in the Woods; the Workshop and Men's houses have been almost destroyed.

1977 Flood – 247.9 m



June 2013 Event – Overland Flooding



Provincial Policy

Alberta Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act – Bill 27

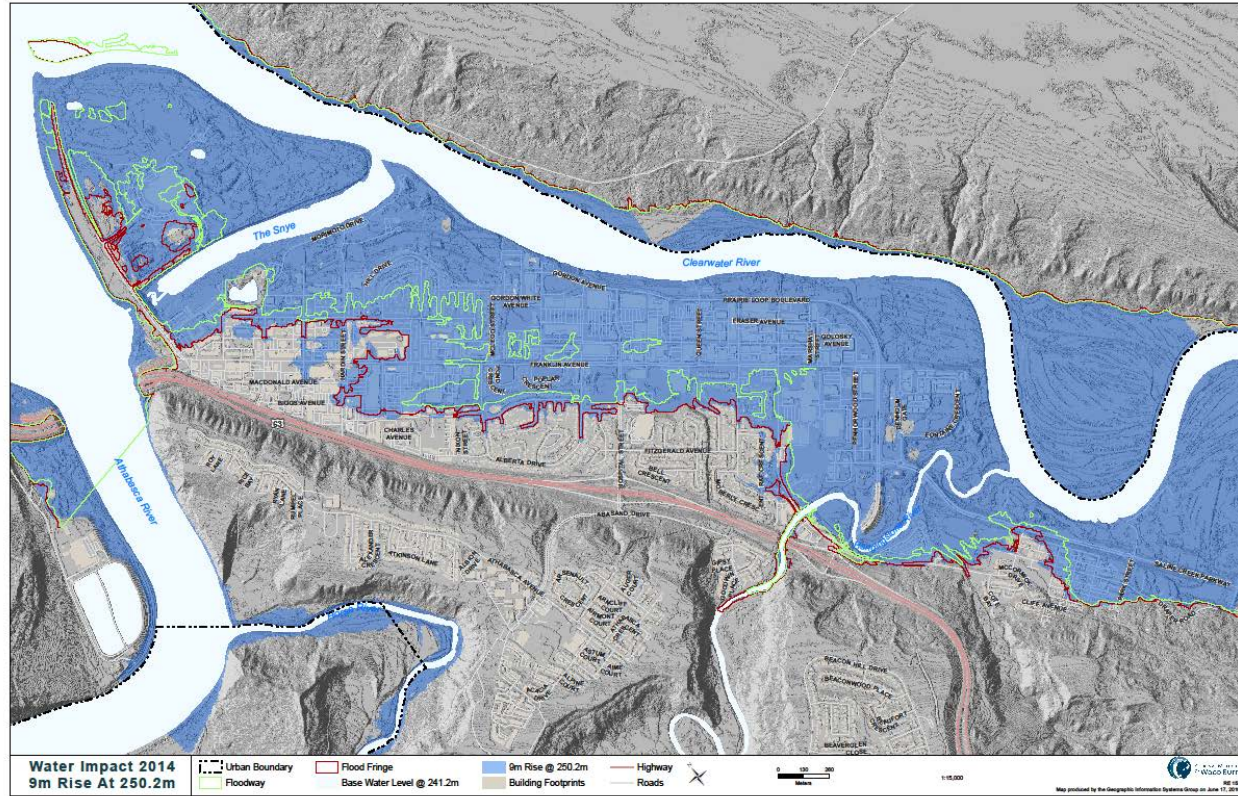
- Came into force in December 2013, pre-Horse River Wildfire
- Allows for regulation powers to control, regulate or prohibit any use or development in a floodway
- Regulations have not been enacted

Current Municipal Policy

Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Nov 26/13)

- In response to anticipated legislation, the Municipality amended the Land Use Bylaw
- Habitable areas allowed above 1:100 ice jam flood level
- Non-habitable areas are allowed below the 1:100 ice jam flood level

Fort McMurray Flood Hazard Mapping



Flood Mitigation - Earthworks

Flood Mitigation Planning

- In 2007 Municipal Council approved Flood Mitigation to an elevation of 248.5 m (1 in 40 year ice jam)
- Currently Prairie Loop Boulevard and Saline Creek Drive are built to the 1 in 40 year elevation to provide flood mitigation
- Updated Flood Mitigation Strategy began fall 2013 (1 in 100 year ice jam) in response to Provincial Legislation

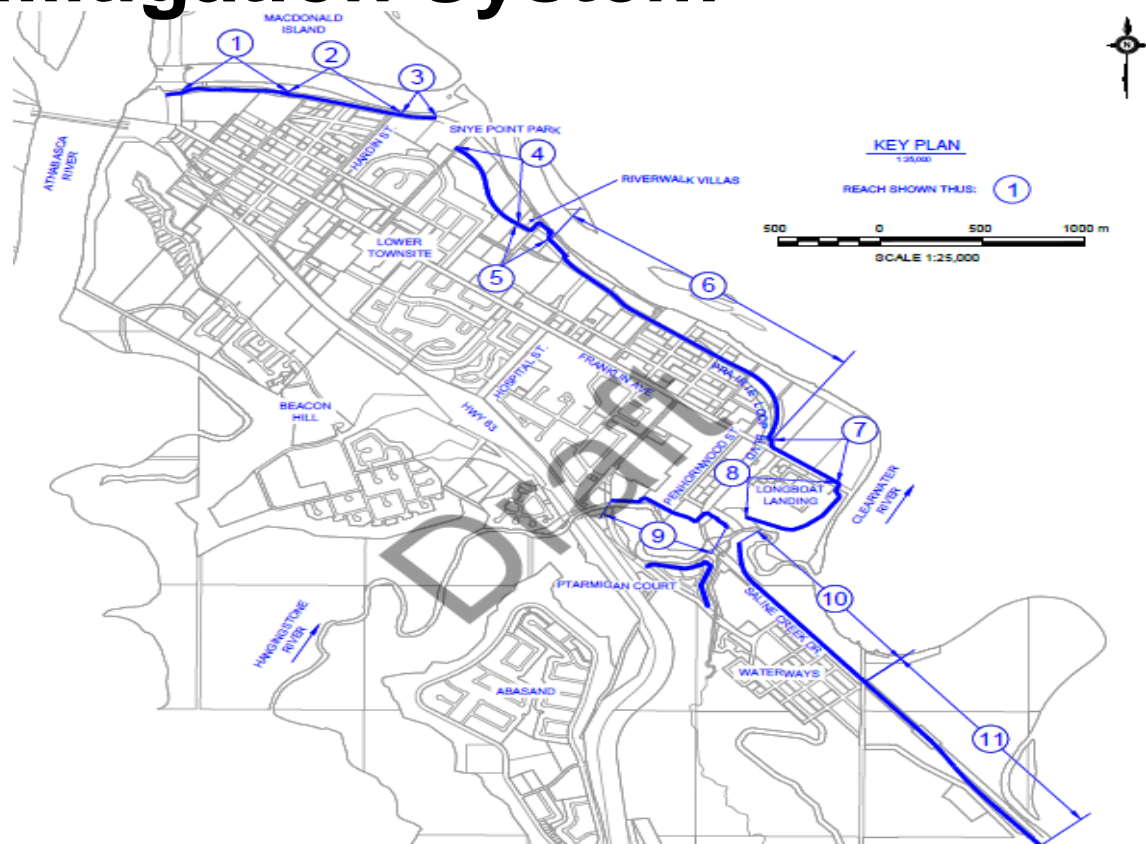
Flood Mitigation Planning

- Traditional earthworks mitigation of a combination of elevated roadways, trails, floodwalls and floodgates, and built up development to provide a perimeter dike was considered

Flood Protection Measures by Reach

Reach	Description of Flood Mitigation
1	Elevated trail
2	Floodwall/Urban terrace (option is elevated trail / elevated Prairie Loop Blvd.)
3	Floodwall / Urban terrace / elevated Prairie Loop Blvd. (option is elevated Prairie Loop Blvd.)
4	Snye Park elevated fill area / elevated Prairie Loop Blvd.
5	Floodwall / floodgates / elevated berm
6	Elevated Prairie Loop Blvd.
7	Elevated Trail
8	Non-accessible berm
9	Non-accessible berm / elevated park trail
10	Elevated trail
11	Non-accessible berm
Other Reach	Retaining / Flood Wall etc. to be determined

Flood Mitigation System



Flood Mitigation Plan

Reaches 7-11



Reaches 10/11 – Elevated Trail / Non-accessible Berm



Flood Mitigation Costs - Analysis

- Total project cost of \$207M is maximum cost estimate, of traditional flood mitigation methods, for the purpose of applying for grant funding through Alberta Community Resilience Program
- Total project cost is the **INCREMENTAL** cost to increase flood protection from 248.5 m (underway pre-2013) to 250.0 m (required after 2013 for Government of Alberta)

Alberta Community Resilience Program

- Cost-sharing Per Project Dollar Value
 - 90% of first \$3 million
 - 70% of costs > \$3 million
- 3-year \$325 million Provincial grant program
 - Year 1 - \$110 million
 - Year 2 - \$110 million
 - Year 3 - \$105 million

Recent Council Resolution History

April 14, 2015 Council Meeting

- Request one year deferral from GOA in implementing flood mitigation while alternative solutions are investigated
- Place design and construction of flood mitigation and Prairie Loop Boulevard on hold pending deferral request resolution with GOA

November 3, 2015 Council Meeting

- Complete Flood Mitigation and Prairie Loop Boulevard to 248.5m, while GOA updates its Flood Hazard Analysis.
- When Flood Hazard Analysis is updated, Administration is to update Flood Mitigation plan with recommendation to proceed or not to the elevation required by the GOA.
- Administration to send letter summarizing impact of Flood Hazard Analysis on Municipality's Flood Mitigation Plan, access to grant flooding and access to disaster assistance in the event of a flood.

Alternative Flood Mitigation Methods

Flood Mitigation – China

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYgvnvP6p04>

Flood Mitigation – Red River, Manitoba

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6xUxGKrqmA>

Demountable Wall Flood Protection



Demountable Wall Flood Protection

- <http://www.ibs-technics.com/en/videos/>

Glass Wall Flood Protection



Current Status

- Municipal Land Use Bylaw requiring flood proofing is in effect for re-builds if property is located in Flood Hazard Area
- Provincial Regulation exempting Fort McMurray from Development Ban in Floodways is not enacted
- Flood Mitigation pre-design/design for 1 in 100 year elevation (250 m) is currently deferred by Council: pre-design on alternative mitigation (demountable flood walls) cannot advance
- Flood Mitigation to 1 in 40 year elevation (248.5 m) continues to advance as per Council's direction



Subject: Development of a Council Commendation Program

APPROVALS:

Bob Couture, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Administrative Recommendations:

1. THAT Administration be directed to:
 - (a) proceed with an inaugural event to recognize the numerous individuals involved in the first 100 hours of the 2016 wildfire event, and allocate any needed funds from the existing Council budget;
 - (b) investigate opportunities for the creation of a commemorative landmark to recognize the significance of the 2016 wildfire events, and the heroic efforts of those involved in fighting it; and
 - (c) develop a Council Policy for a long-term commendation program for Council's consideration.
2. THAT all costs associated with the proposed Commendation Program incurred in 2016 be funded from:
 - (a) the 2016 Regional Council Operating Budget;
 - (b) the 2016 corporate-wide Operating Budget; or
 - (c) the Emerging Issues Reserve,in that order.

Summary and Background:

On May 3, 2016, many areas of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo were devastated by wildfire. More than 2000 homes were lost to the fire, and thousands of residents were forced to make a rapid evacuation from the community. During the first 100 hours of the wildfire event, heroic efforts were made to save lives and homes and to stop the fire. Numerous individuals, including first responders, emergency services personnel, municipal employees, industry partners and contractors, and citizens/volunteers, participated in this effort and should be recognized accordingly.

At the present time, the Municipality does not have a policy to govern such recognition; therefore, it is suggested that Council consider creating a Commendation Program to award and recognize individuals for deeds or acts of service or valor that is outstanding, exceptional and beyond the expected normal call of duty.

Despite the lack of approved policy, the extraordinary and heroic efforts of those involved in battling the wildfire, and particularly in the first 100 hours of the event, should be formally recognized at the earliest possible opportunity. It is proposed that such recognition would occur at a public event, with honorees being presented with a citation and lapel pin. It is also proposed

that a formalized policy be developed and implemented, with clearly established eligibility criteria, be developed to guide any such future events.

Budget/Financial Implications:

The cost of the inaugural event is expected to be approximately \$15,000-\$25,000, and can be accommodated within the approved 2016 Regional Council Operating Budget.

Rationale for Recommendations:

The 2016 wildfire events that devastated our Municipality also highlighted the incredible bravery, heroism, dedication and sheer tenacity of a number of individuals. These individuals have received media attention locally, provincially, nationally and globally, but have not been formally recognized for their extraordinary efforts. The proposed Council Commendation Program would serve to provide the level of formal recognition to these individuals, but would also establish a clear foundation to award and recognize anyone whose actions are outstanding, exceptional and beyond the expected normal call of duty.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Regional Council Commendation

Council Meeting – August 2, 2016

Presented by: Councillor Sheldon Germain



Purpose

The purpose of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Council Commendation Program is to enable Council Members to award and recognize individuals for deeds or acts of service or valour that is outstanding, exceptional and beyond the expected normal call of duty.

Eligibility

Inaugural Recipients

Personnel who served during the first 100 hours of the 2016 Wild Fire events, including:

- Regional Emergency Services firefighters and personnel
- Municipal Law Enforcement Peace Officers
- Municipal employees serving in the REOC and at other locations
- Alberta Sheriffs
- Wood Buffalo RCMP Police Officers
- Industry, business and contractor personnel
- Mutual Aid Partners
- Volunteers and citizens

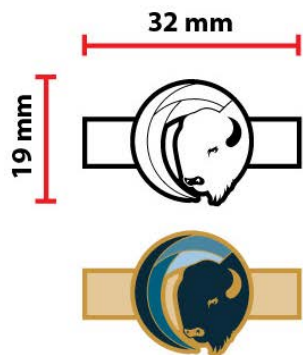
Eligibility

Future Recipients

Future eligibility criteria, including the number of recipients and frequency of awards would be set out in a Council Policy.

Breast Pocket Pin Style 1, 2, 3

#1



Sandblast



- Raised Metal
- Recessed Metal
- Pantone 303
- Pantone 7707
- Pantone 7697
- Pantone 543

#3



#2



Sandblast



- Raised Metal
- Recessed Metal
- Pantone 303
- Pantone 7707
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Alternate Sizes Size 1, 2, 3

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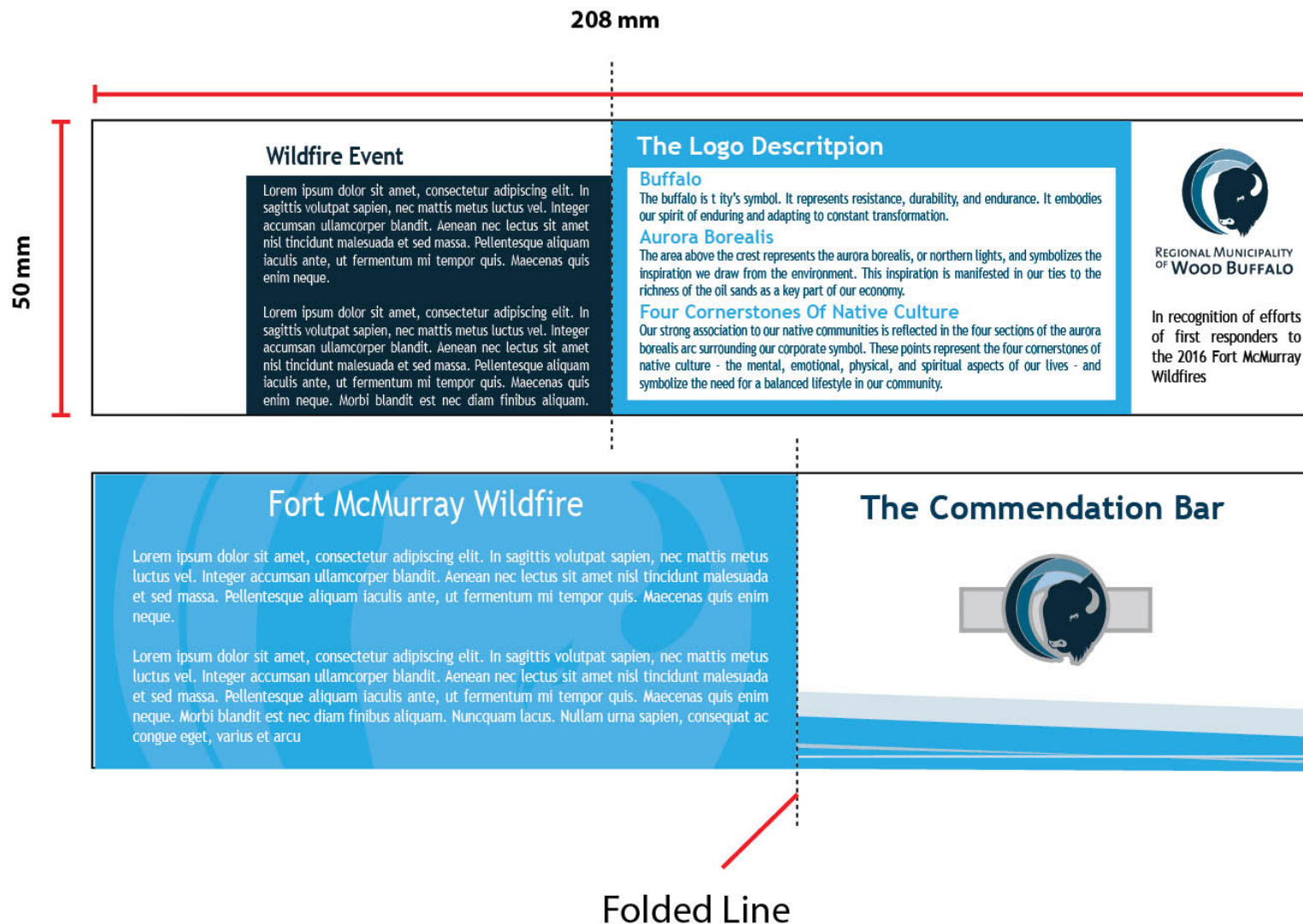
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Display Case



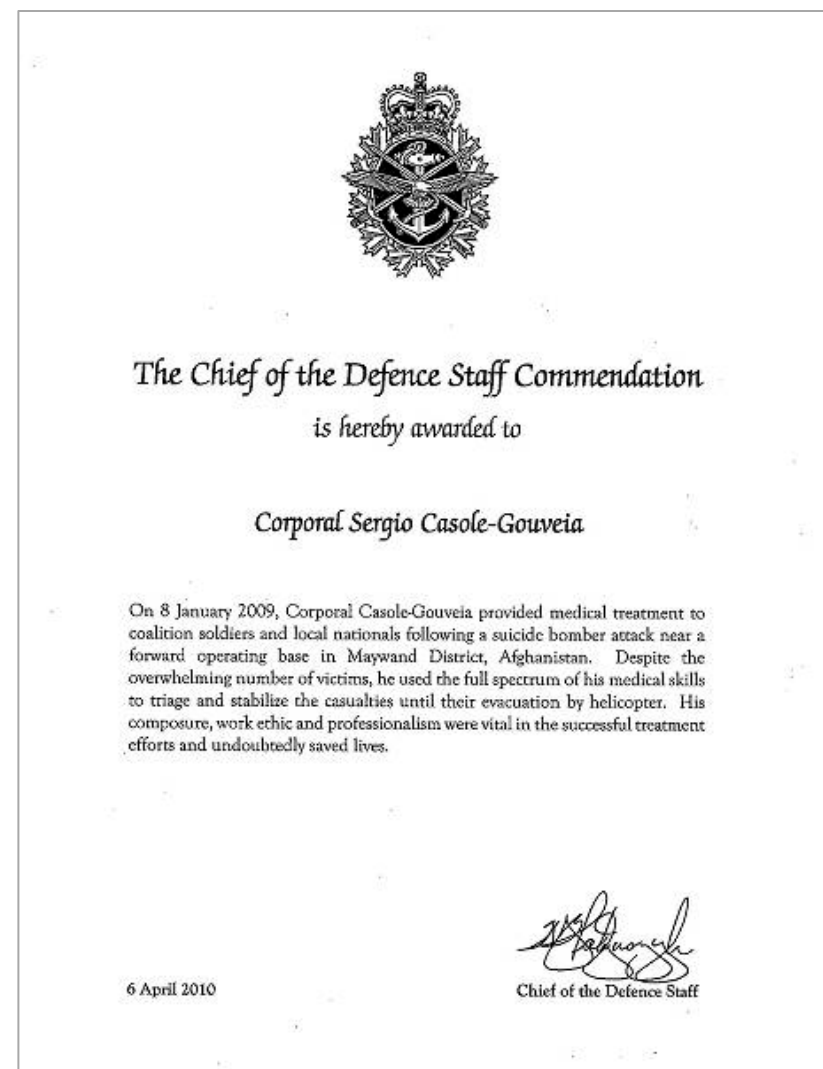
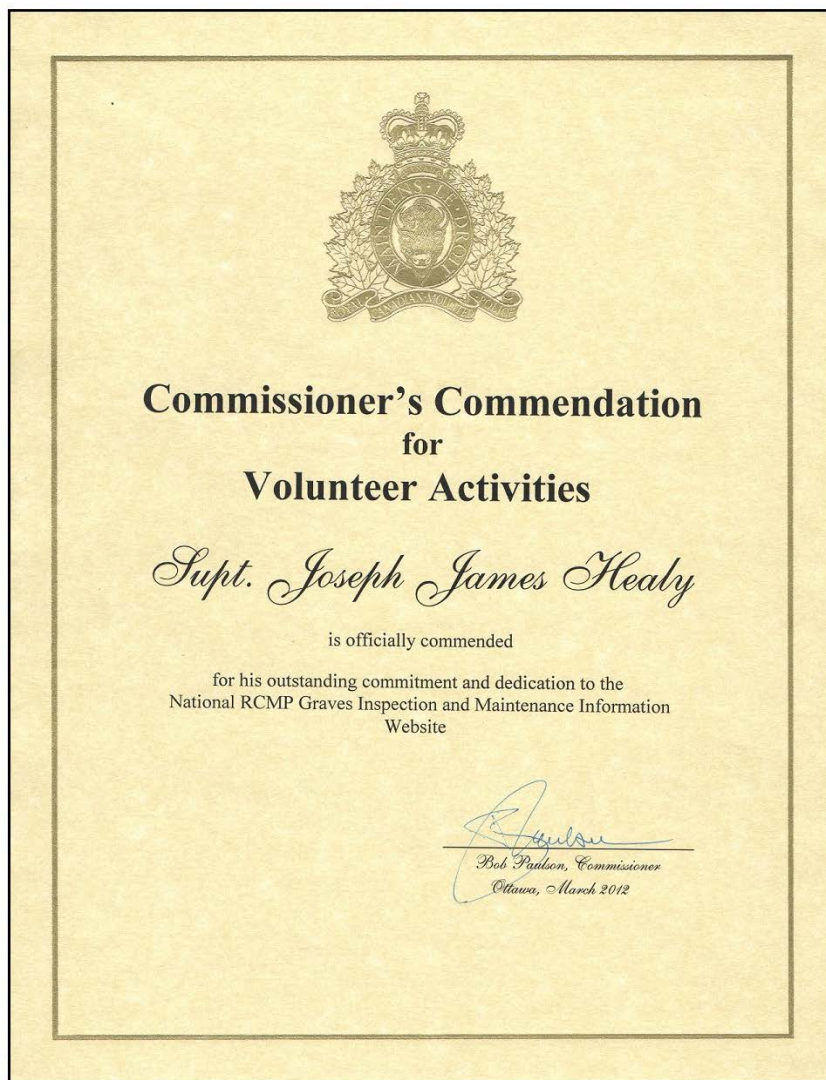
Citation Card for Display Case



Wall Certificate



Wall Certificate



Proposed Citation - Firefighter

*The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council Commendation is awarded to Firefighter John Smith, for conspicuous **valour** and meritorious service during the first 100 hours of the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires, while performing his duty under hazard in a position of significant responsibility. Firefighter Smith distinguished himself by performing his community and protective duties while under extreme conditions, and in so doing, contributed to the safety of hundreds of residents and their family companions. The wildfires that overwhelmed large areas of Fort McMurray and the Wood Buffalo region, tested the strength and character of our citizens and communities. Firefighter Smith's actions during the early hours of the State of Emergency reflect great credit on himself and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and exemplify the Municipality's commitment to safety, resilience and working together.*

Proposed Citation – REOC Leader

*The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council Commendation is awarded to Deputy Chief John Smith, for conspicuous **leadership** and meritorious service during the first 100 hours of the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires, while performing his duty under hazard in a position of significant responsibility. Deputy Smith distinguished himself by performing his community and protective duties while under extreme conditions, and in so doing, contributed to the safety of hundreds of residents and their family companions. The wildfires that overwhelmed large areas of Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo region, tested the strength and character of our citizens and communities. Deputy Smith's actions during the early hours of the State of Emergency reflect great credit on himself and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and exemplify the Municipality's commitment to safety, resilience and working together.*

Breast Pocket and Lapel Pin

(based on Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation, below)



Cost

- **\$745 for 100**
- **\$1500 for 250**
- **\$2500 for 500**
- Additional cost to be investigated for:
 - Wall Certificate and Protective Binder
 - Lapel Pin (if desired)

Next Steps and Considerations

- Confirm style and size of centerpiece
- Citation wording for display box insert and wall certificate – To be Determined in consultation with Communications Department
- Decision on Lapel Pin, in addition to the Breast Pocket Bar
- Procurement and Production
- Awards and Selection Committee
- Selection of Recipients
- Presentations Event – date and venue

Recommendations

Direct administration to:

1. immediately proceed with an inaugural event to recognize the numerous individuals involved in the first 100 hours of the 2016 wildfire event, and allocate any needed funds from the existing Council budget;
2. investigate opportunities for the creation of a commemorative landmark to recognize the significance of the 2016 wildfire events, and the heroic efforts of those involved in fighting it; and
3. develop a Council Policy for a long-term commendation program for Council's consideration.

Thank you





Subject: Municipal Landfill – Extension to Waiver of Tipping Fees

APPROVALS:

Guy Jette, Acting Director
Bob Couture, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the June 28, 2016 resolution regarding the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation – Landfill and Waste Management Matters be amended by deleting from section (b), the words “...July 31, 2016,” and replacing it with “October 31, 2016.”

Summary:

Administration recommends that residential landfill tipping fees be waived until October 31, 2016, to facilitate cleanup efforts and provide residents with properties in the restricted areas equal opportunity and resources to those residents that were able to return to their properties and commence cleanup upon initial re-entry beginning on June 1.

Residential waste is waste material brought to the landfill in residential vehicles, including small amounts of demolition and renovation materials, (e.g., items impacted by smoke, fire or flooding). Any company removing demolition or renovation materials under contract is deemed as commercial as they use commercial-sized vehicles.

Background:

During the Provincial State of Emergency, beginning on May 4, 2016, residential landfill tipping fees were waived until June 30, to accommodate the removal of household waste from residences damaged by the wildfire or during firefighting activities.

Subsequent to the decision to waive residential tipping fees, the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee brought forward a recommendation to Council on June 28, 2016, which resulted in the following resolution being passed:

- “(a) that Administration be directed to open the Municipal Landfill to incoming waste on a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week basis commencing July 5, 2016 until cleanup and removal of debris from structures destroyed or damaged by fire or by firefighting activities is substantially complete, and to take such measures and procure such equipment as may be required (including if necessary one or more temporary truck scales) to provide for rapid and safe turnaround of vehicles at the Landfill in anticipation of substantially increased volumes of traffic during the demolition and cleanup phase;

- (b) that Administration be directed to maintain in place until July 31, 2016 the waiver of tipping fees for loads of household waste hauled to the landfill;
- (c) that Administration be directed to take immediate steps to block vehicular access to areas of the Municipality that are notorious for their use as unlawful waste dumping sites
- (d) that Administration be directed to include all costs associated with (a) through (c) above in its request to the Government of Alberta for funding to compensate for extraordinary costs arising from the wildfire.”

The augmented service hours began on July 5, 2016, until cleanup activities are substantially complete.

Alternatives:

1. Reinstate residential landfill tipping fees effective August 3, 2016.
2. Waive residential landfill tipping fees until September 30, 2016, for loads of household waste hauled to the landfill from the restricted neighborhoods: Abasand, Beacon Hill, and Waterways.
3. Waive residential landfill tipping fees until October 31, 2016, for loads of household waste hauled to the landfill from the restricted neighborhoods: Abasand, Beacon Hill, and Waterways.

Budget/Financial Implications:

Based on a summary of materials received at the landfill from May 16 until July 27, 2016, the financial implications of waiving residential landfill tipping fees has been calculated at approximately \$640,066 in uncollected tipping fees.

Should Council choose to extend the waiver of tipping fees until October 31, the additional financial implication is estimated at \$227,000 based on historical data from this timeframe in 2015.

The total approximate value of uncollected tipping fees for the entire period running from May 16 until October 31, 2016, is estimated at \$867,000. The modification of operation hours of the landfill to a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week basis is also expected to impact the total amount of uncollected tipping fees.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Demolition is now underway in the restricted and non-restricted areas following the 2016 Wildfire. As there are a significant number of properties that can be occupied in the restricted areas, the recommendation to waive tipping fees until October, 31, 2016, will allow equal opportunity for all residents in the cleanup process, facilitate the removal of waste and debris, and reduce the financial pressures facing affected residents.

For the good of the community as a whole, Administration recommends that residential tipping fees be waived as this will provide further incentive to remove debris, and help to mitigate the immediate danger and unsightliness that arises from the ongoing presence of destroyed properties.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government

Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services

Pillar 6 – Building a Sustainable Region



Subject: Small and Medium Business Recovery Support Funding

APPROVALS:

Bob Couture, Executive Director
Marcel Ulliach, Chief Administrative Officer

Administrative Recommendations:

1. That Council approve the transfer of \$10M uncommitted funds from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve to the Emerging Issues Reserve.
2. That Council approve the allocation of \$15 Million from the Emerging Issues Reserve to *Small and Medium Business Recovery Support*.

Summary:

In response to the 3,900 plus businesses impacted by the 2016 Alberta Fire, *Small and Medium Business Recovery Support* is being developed to support Small to Medium Enterprises (SME) within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB). Businesses will benefit substantially from a \$15 million RMWB contribution to ensure appropriate supports are available to them during this recovery phase.

Background:

As a result of the 2016 Alberta Wildfires, 100% of all businesses within the region have been impacted at some level by the disaster (e.g., fire and smoke damage, loss of revenue, employment issues, cash flow issues, etc.) and require help to recover their operations.

Small and Medium Business Recovery Support was initiated post-fire and will benefit SME's within the RMWB, defined as 50 employees or less. Details are currently being structured to best suit the needs of the business community and to achieve the mandate of providing support to business recovery efforts and economic viability, a key pillar in community sustainability.

Through the Wood Buffalo Business Recovery Hotline (attachment 1), stakeholder meetings, and during Government of Alberta Ministry Roundtables in May and July; the overall challenges many businesses are currently facing include:

- Cash flow;
- Stable employee base;
- Reluctance to take on additional debt in the form of a loan, due to the risks of operating in a post-disaster environment; and
- Challenges of Alberta's economic slowdown prior to the disaster.

As identified in the *Business and Economic Recovery Plan* approved by Council May 25, 2016, providing 'emergency relief for business' is a priority. To date, the Canadian Red Cross has issued Phase 1 of their business funding program, giving qualifying businesses \$1,000.00. Although this has already benefited many businesses, additional and greater monetary supports are needed.

Alternative:

Do not approve the allocation of \$15 million from the Emerging Issues Reserve to *Small and Medium Business Recovery Support*.

Budget/Financial Implications:

A transfer of \$10M of uncommitted funds from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve to the Emerging Issues Reserve is required prior to the consideration of the \$15 million allocation from the Emerging Issues Reserve to the 2016 Operational Budget in order to retain the minimum balance of \$50M as per the Fiscal Management Policy FIN -160.

Rationale for Recommendation:

SME's within the region play a critical role in economic recovery by providing services and products to our residents and other businesses, and providing employment opportunities. This is especially crucial in a remote northern community, where access to products and services is a challenge. During this post-fire environment, providing business support to SMEs is essential in spurring recovery efforts and achieving economic viability for the region.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government
Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services
Pillar 3 – Building a Vibrant Economy Together
Pillar 6 – Building a Sustainable Region

Attachment:

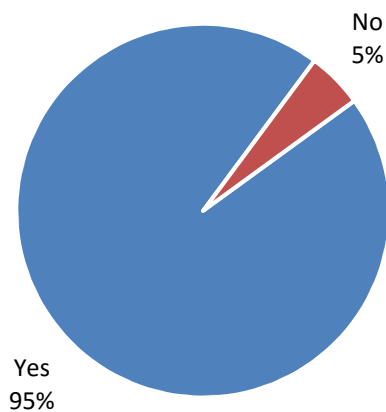
1. Wood Buffalo Business Recovery Hotline Survey Results, July 23, 2016

Wood Buffalo Business Recovery Hotline YTD Results 7/23/16

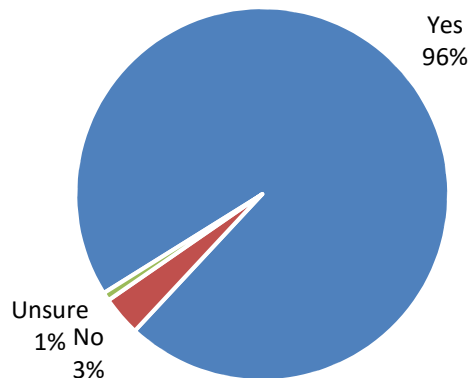


Total Number of Surveys = 3,094

Do you have a RMWB business license?



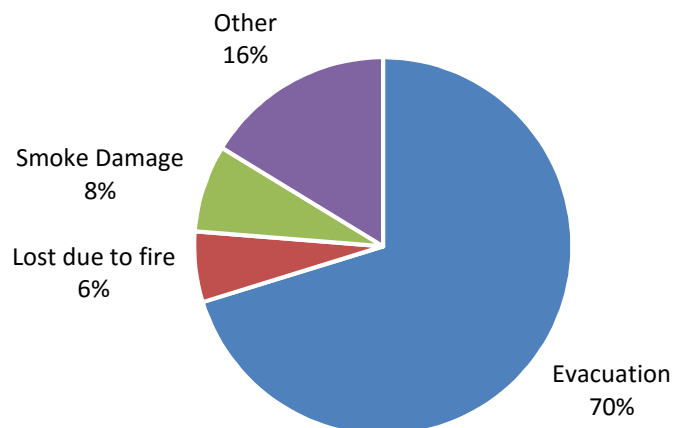
Was your business affected by the wildfires?



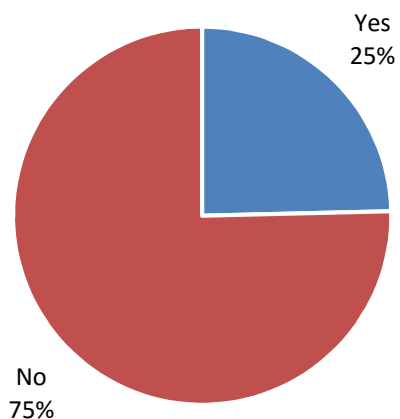
Wood Buffalo Business Recovery Hotline YTD Results 7/23/16



Please explain how your business was affected by the wildfires.



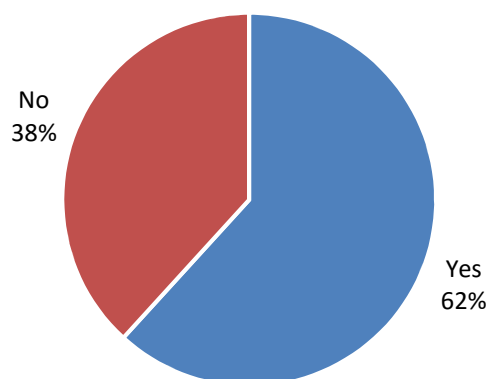
Have you laid off or terminated any employees post disaster?



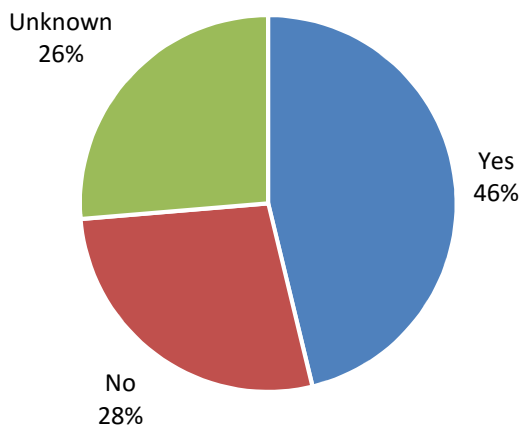
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Do you have business insurance?



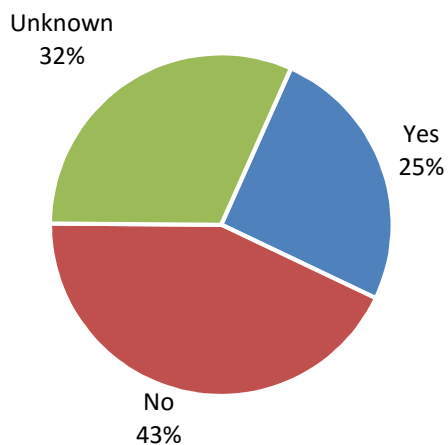
Does your business insurance cover fire, smoke damage losses?



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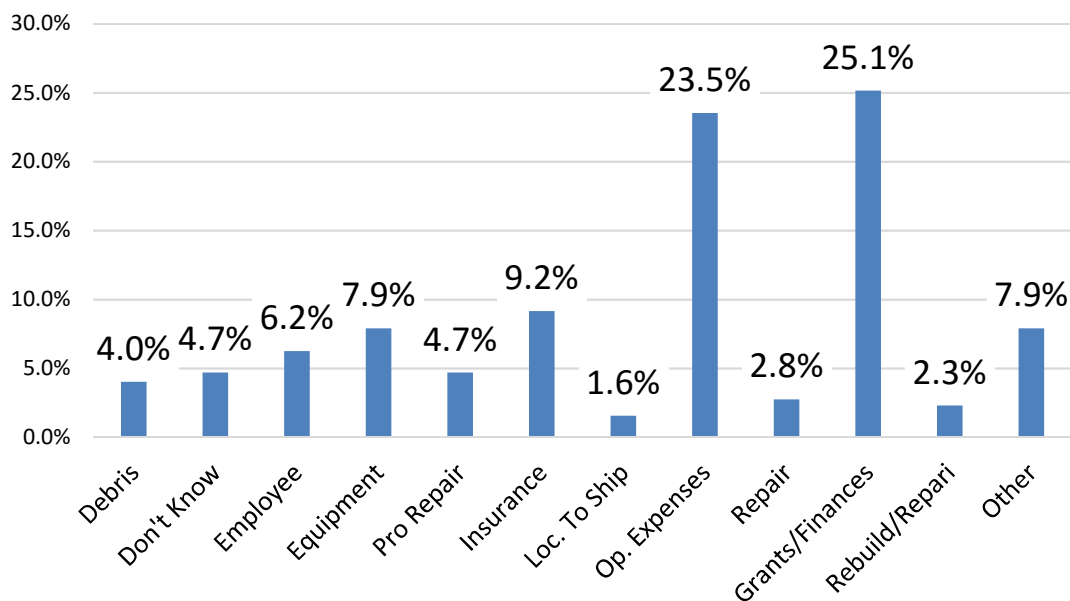
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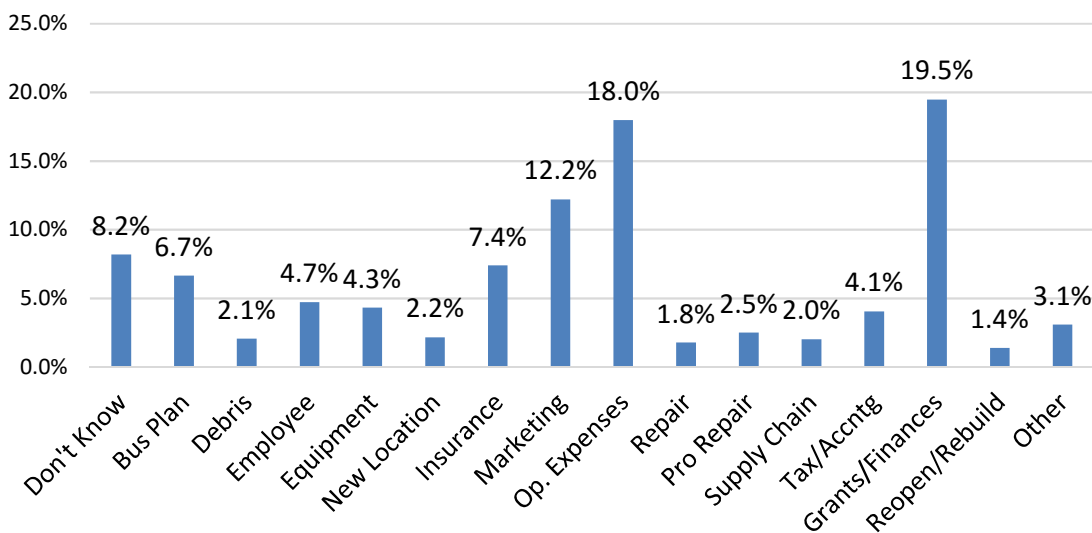
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What are your immediate needs?



What resources do you believe you will need within the next 1-2 weeks?





Subject: Selection Committee Recommendations – Mid-Term Committee Appointments

Selection Committee Recommendations:

THAT Doug Fingland be appointed to the Community Services Committee effective immediately to December 31, 2017; and

THAT Scott Garner be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Aging, representing Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation, effective immediately to December 31, 2016.

Summary:

The Selection Committee has made recommendations pertaining to vacancies existing currently on the Community Services Committee and the Advisory Committee on Aging. In keeping with established bylaws, the appointment of individuals must be approved by Council.

Background:

The Municipality has received formal notification of vacancies on the Community Services Committee and the Advisory Committee on Aging (more specifically, the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation's board member representative on the Advisory Committee on Aging).

When the Selection Committee held its meeting in November 2015, to review applications received as part of the annual boards and committees recruitment campaign, they identified individuals for a waitlist in the event that mid-term vacancies occurred. As such, the waitlisted individual identified at that time for the Community Services Committee was contacted to confirm their continued interest in serving as a volunteer on this Committee. With Mr. Fingland's continued interest, the Selection Committee is recommending his appointment to Council.

In addition, the Municipality has received a written recommendation from the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation pertaining to the appointment of one of their current board members to the Advisory Committee on Aging. The Selection Committee has reviewed this recommendation and is therefore supporting the appointment of Mr. Garner to the Advisory Committee on Aging.

Rationale for Recommendations:

The appointment of replacement members to the Community Services Committee and the Advisory Committee on Aging is necessary to ensure their continued viability.

Strategic Plan Linkage:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government

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