



## **Sustainable Development Committee**

Council Chamber  
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Tuesday, March 07, 2017  
4:00 p.m.

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### **Agenda**

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

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

1. Minutes of Sustainable Development Committee Meeting - February 7, 2017

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

2. Jay Telegdi, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN), re: Economic Development Project

#### **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 Tuesday, February 7, 2017 commencing at 4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** J. Cardinal, Councillor  
K. McGrath, Councillor (alternate)  
C. Tatum, Councillor

**Absent:** P. Meagher, Councillor

**Administration:** A. Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer  
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

**Call To Order**

Vice Chair C. Tatum called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**1. Minutes of Sustainable Development Committee Meeting – December 6, 2016**

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Minutes of the Sustainable Development Committee meeting held on December 6, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New and Unfinished Business**

**2. Licence of Occupation Agreement – Borealis Canoe Club**  
(4:02 p.m. – 4:11 p.m.)

**Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development**, provided an overview of the proposed Licence of Occupation Agreement with the Borealis Canoe Club.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the following be recommended to Council for approval:

“That the Municipality enter into a Licence of Occupation Agreement with the Borealis Canoe Club for the use of a portion of land legally described as Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 616AO; Lot OT, Block 1, Plan 616AO; and Road Right-of-Way adjacent to Morimoto Drive, at fair market value, in accordance with the terms and conditions dated January 6, 2017 (Attachment 1).”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment**

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Vice Chair C. Tatum declared the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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Chair

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Chief Legislative Officer



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## Sustainable Development Committee 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.

Presentation Information	
Preferred Date of Presentation	Mar 7, 2017
Name of Presenter(s)	Jay Telegdi
Organization Represented	ACFN
Topic	ACFN economic development project
Please List Specific Points/Concerns	ACFN is seeking funding from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for an economic development project
Action Being Requested of Council	Recommend to council that Mayor and council write a letter of support
Are you providing any supporting documentation (ie: Powerpoint)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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.	
Supporting documents may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca">Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca</a> .	

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



Mar 1, 2017

Dear RMWB Sustainable Development Committee members,

The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) is seeking a recommendation from this body to have RMWB council request that the Mayor provide a letter of support to assist ACFN in securing economic development funding through Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

### **Background**

Every year, funding is made available to First Nations from INAC to support local job creation and economic development initiatives for indigenous people through the Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORE). This program is designed to address the financial needs of Aboriginal communities when they are in pursuit of, and wish to participate in, an economic opportunity.

ACFN is now seeking funding to support a project to construct a hydroponic food growing facility and grocery store in Fort Chipewyan. This project is important to ACFN and the broader RMWB community for the following reasons;

- Food prices in Fort Chipewyan are often out of reach for the average citizen.
- Access to fresh and healthy fruits and vegetables are essential to maintaining a healthy population.
- The design, construction, and operation of these facilities will help create stable jobs that are not tied of global oil prices.
- As the business will be owned by ACFN, the profits will be reinvested in the community.
- This economic development will create training and employment opportunities for youth and for the long term.
- This project will help reduce the expense, traffic and environmental impacts of transporting foods over long distances.

ACFN would like to affirm that they are eligible and meet all criteria for acceptance. Moreover, the project's business plan will be submitted to INAC for thorough evaluation. Because of the importance of this specific project to the local health and economy of Fort Chipewyan, ACFN is only seeking a letter of support from RMWB Mayor and Council to strengthen its application.

Sincerely,

Jay Telegdi on behalf of ACFN



**For your convenience this package includes the following:**

- A suggested draft motion from the RMWB sustainable development committee recommending that RWMB council request that the Mayor issue a letter of support to INAC on behalf of ACFN.
- A suggested draft motion from the RMWB council requesting that the Mayor issue a letter of support to INAC on behalf of ACFN.
- A draft letter from the RMWB Mayor supporting the ACFN's CORE grant application to INAC.

**Suggested Motion of the RMWB Sustainable Development Committee:**

"That the Sustainable Development Committee recommend to council to request the Mayor to issue a letter in support for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's Community Opportunity Readiness Program funding application to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada."

**Suggested Motion of the RMWB Council:**

"That council request the Mayor to issue a letter in support for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's Community Opportunity Readiness Program funding application to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada."

Mar 1, 2017

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada  
10 Rue Wellington,  
Gatineau, QC K1A 0H4

**RE: ATHABASCA CHIPEWYAN FIRST NATION CORE PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION**

Dear CORE Program Administrator,

This letter is to offer support for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's (ACFN) application to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for their Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORE).

As you are well aware, the residents of Fort Chipewyan often face some of the highest food costs in the country. This application will help provide fresh and nutritious food options that will help contribute to a healthier population. As you are also well aware Alberta, and in particular the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, were particularly hard hit by the drop in global oil prices. This project will create stable jobs, diversify the economy and provide opportunities for an isolated community. Additionally, this project is consistent with the RMWB's zero waste initiative program with a goal of reducing greenhouse gases, eliminating waste and securing healthy and affordable food for the region.

The RMWB realizes that the success of the region's' indigenous population is vital to a prosperous and equitable community. The RMWB remains committed to working collaboratively with indigenous communities to help develop and grow the economy to ensure prosperity and opportunity for all. Therefore, I would like to encourage INAC to strongly consider the ACFN's application for CORE funding.

Sincerely,

Mayor Melissa Blake