



Special Council Meeting

Syncrude Athletic Park (SAP) Clubhouse
101 Cartier Road, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2L3

Friday, March 27, 2020
7:00 PM

Agenda

Public Participation for March 27, 2020 Special Council Meeting

*Due to the current State of Public Health Emergency, extra measures have been put in place for the March 27, 2020 Special Council meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Council will be conducting their meeting in accordance with sections 194 and 199 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

- The electronic meeting will be facilitated at the Syncrude Athletic Park (SAP) Clubhouse located at 101 Cartier Road, Fort McMurray.
- We are encouraging residents to listen to the live audio stream at www.rmwb.ca/Council
- Public wishing to participate in the meeting are encouraged to do so by teleconference.
- Anyone wishing to speak to an item by teleconference on the March 27, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda must pre-register by 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2020.
- To pre-register to speak via teleconference, please email Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-1648 with your name, the phone number that you will be dialing in from and an email address that you can be reached at prior to and during the meeting.
- You must provide the name of the agenda item that you wish to speak to.
- All registrants will be emailed the details on how to participate prior to the start of the meeting.
- For anyone choosing to attend in person, social distancing measures outlined by the Chief Medical Officer of Health will be put in place.
- If you are experiencing symptoms, have recently travelled outside Canada or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 you should not attend this meeting and participate via teleconference following the steps above.

1. Call to Order**2. Presentation**

2.1. Information Briefing – Scott Davis, Director of Emergency Management (Verbal)

3. Councillors' Motions**3.1. COVID-19 Pandemic Response**

THAT Council advise and direct the Director of Emergency Management (DEM) and the Interim Chief Administrative Officer (Interim CAO):

1. That we immediately develop a shelter in place guideline limiting residents to staying in their homes unless accessing essential services; That we direct residents to shelter in place until further notice; That administration communicate what shelter in place entails as determined by the Interim CAO and DEM;
2. That only essential services should remain open in the region as determined by the Interim CAO and DEM with the exception of any service that can be provided through electronic means;
3. That administration work with industry to ensure only essential employees are residing in camps and that all camps are strictly adhering to Alberta Health Services (AHS) guidelines;
4. That we task administration with continuing obtaining critical supplies including protective equipment including N95 masks for the anticipated duration of the emergency;
5. That we ask AHS to immediately publicly disclose the number of COVID positive cases in Wood Buffalo and how many are individuals who resided in work camps;
6. That we direct all essential businesses that remain open that they must comply with AHS guidelines;
7. That we aggressively communicate the Vulnerable Person Registry in the region and ensure it is updated to ensure those requiring assistance receive it;
8. That we use all possible enforcement powers available to protect the community when appropriate and impose such sanctions as are within our jurisdiction for non-compliance;
9. That we set up regular calls with our rural and indigenous communities to determine what is needed on a go forward basis to address the pandemic;

10. That we encourage the residents of Wood Buffalo to stay connected through technology and identify individuals who are alone, in distress or may need assistance;
11. That administration come forward with a recommendation specific to deferring residential property taxes;
12. That we encourage the provincial government to look at measures that will assist both commercial renters and residential renters;
13. That residential utility bills for residents be deferred until the emergency ends;
14. That we request the federal and provincial governments to set up an aggressive and robust program to support businesses;
15. That we communicate that anyone visiting the urban service area, or a rural community must self isolate for 14 days, whether they arrive by road or air;
16. That we reduce transit services and waive fees for transit until further notice with such exceptions as the Interim CAO and DEM determine necessary;
17. That the Interim CAO and the DEM address those matters raised by the leadership of the indigenous and rural communities to address the pandemic in an expeditious manner.

3.2. Tax Incentives for Businesses in the Rural Service Area

THAT Administration be directed to explore tax incentives to support new and existing businesses in the Rural Service Area and report back to Council by May 30, 2020.

4. **In-Camera Session**

- 4.1 Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy / Advice from Officials -
Personnel/Labour Matter
(in camera pursuant to section 17(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Adjournment


Subject: Covid-19 Pandemic Response
APPROVALS:

Jamie Doyle

Director

Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

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Summary/Background:

At the March 24, 2020 Council Meeting, Mayor Scott brought forward the following motion for consideration and requested that notice be waived to permit Council to debate and vote on the motion at that Meeting. The request to waive notice was defeated by Council; therefore, the motion is submitted for consideration at the March 27, 2020 Special Council meeting:

THAT Council advise and direct the Director of Emergency Management (DEM) and the Interim Chief Administrative Officer (Interim CAO):

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further notice with such exceptions as the Interim CAO and DEM determine necessary;

17. That the Interim Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Emergency Management address those matters raised by the leadership of the indigenous and rural communities to address the pandemic in an expeditious manner.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Pursuant to Procedure Bylaw No. 18/020, the motion is now before Council for consideration.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government



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OF WOOD BUFFALO

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: March 27, 2020

Subject: Tax Incentives for Businesses in the Rural Service Area

APPROVALS:

Jamie Doyle

Director

Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

THAT Administration be directed to explore tax incentives to support new and existing businesses in the Rural Service Area and report back to Council by May 30, 2020.

Summary/Background:

At the March 24, 2020 Council Meeting, Councillor J. Stroud served notice of her intent to submit the following motion for consideration at the next Council meeting, whether it be a Special meeting called pursuant to section 194 of the *Municipal Government Act* or the next regularly scheduled Council meeting, being April 14, 2020:

THAT Administration be directed to explore tax incentives to support new and existing businesses in the Rural Service Area and report back to Council by May 30, 2020.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Pursuant to Procedure Bylaw No. 18/020, the motion is now before Council for consideration.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government