

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Call to Order

Present: Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Krista Balsom, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor

Absent: Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Administration: Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Audrey Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer
Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services
Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development
Mazhar Hajhossein, Acting Director, Engineering
David Leflar, Director, Legal Services
Sarah Harper, Legislative Officer

Adoption of Agenda

2.1. Motion to Approve Agenda

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Voyageur

Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Council - Meeting - Nov 14, 2017 6:00 PM

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 14, 2017 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Voyageur

Recognition

4.1. Proclamations

Mayor D. Scott provided a brief overview of the proclamations for World Aids Day on December 1, 2017 and the International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2017.

Presentations and Delegations

5.1. Dan Fouts, Kim Jenkins and Brad Ferguson re: Economic Development Corporation

Dan Fouts and Kim Jenkins of the ad hoc Wood Buffalo Economic Development Task Force, accompanied by Brad Ferguson, President of Edmonton Economic Development, presented on the proposed Economic Development Corporation.

5.2. Formation of an Economic Development Corporation

MOTION:

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to take all steps necessary to incorporate the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation; and

THAT upon Council's appointment of the first Board of Directors for the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, Administration is directed to transfer the \$8,000,000 budget allocation for the Small Business Workforce Support Program, and the unexpended 2017 Recovery Operating Budget allocation of \$40,000 to the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, subject to any terms and conditions which may be imposed at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development, spoke to the report before Council on the proposed Economic Development Corporation.

Delegations:

Jonathan Lambert, Chair, Fort McMurray Tourism, spoke in support of the proposed Economic Development Corporation.

JK Tiramula, Fort McMurray Hotels and Lodgings Association, spoke in general support of the proposed Economic Development Corporation.

Jean-Marc Guillamot, Director, Fort McMurray Tourism, spoke in support of the concept of the proposed Economic Development Corporation.

RJ Steenstra, President and CEO, Fort McMurray Airport Authority, spoke in support of the proposed Economic Development Corporation, stating that it can only help the Airport and will support the region as a whole.

Wes Holodniuk, Wood Buffalo Urban Development Institute, spoke in support of the proposed Economic Development Corporation.

Arriana Johnson, Executive Director of Wood Buffalo Food Bank Association, spoke in support of the Economic Development Corporation.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and reentered at 7:17 p.m.

Marty Giles, local business owner, spoke in support of the proposed Economic Development Corporation but questioned the necessity of an \$8 million budget allocation.

Bryce Kumka, President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council for bringing this initiative forward and spoke in general support of the proposed Economic Development Corporation

The following amending motion was put on the floor:

MOTION:

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the words 'up to' before 'the \$8,000,000 budget allocation', adding the words 'an approved budget of Council' after 'subject to', and removing 'any terms and conditions which may be imposed at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer.'

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Voyageur

Recess:

The meeting recessed at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION:

A further amendment was then put on the floor as follows:

THAT the main motion be further amended by reinserting the words 'and subject to any terms and conditions which may be imposed at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer' after 'subject to an approved budget by Council.'

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Voyageur

Voting then took place on the original motion as amended which now reads:

MOTION:

That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to take all steps necessary to incorporate the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation; and

That upon Council’s appointment of the first Board of Directors for the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, Administration is directed to transfer up to the \$8,000,000 budget allocation for the Small Business Workforce Support Program, and the unexpended 2017 Recovery Operating Budget allocation of \$40,000 to the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, subject to an approved budget by Council and subject to any terms and conditions which may be imposed at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Voyageur

5.3. RJ Steenstra, President and CEO, Fort McMurray Airport Authority re: 2016 Economic Impact Study

RJ Steenstra, President and CEO, Fort McMurray Airport Authority, provided a presentation on the Fort McMurray Airport Authority's 2016 Economic Impact Study.

New Business

6.1. Bylaw No. 17/023 Safety Codes Permitting Bylaw

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 17/023, being the Safety Codes Permitting Bylaw, be read a first time.

Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development, gave a brief introduction of the proposed Safety Codes Bylaw 17/023.

Point of Order

Councillor P. Meagher called a Point of Order, noting that debate or questioning does not occur at first reading of a bylaw. The Point of Order was upheld by the Chair.

RESULT:	CARRIED AS FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Voyageur

6.2. Citizen Recognition Program Recommendations

MOTION:

THAT the Community Services Committee (CSC) recommendations for the 2017 Citizen Recognition Program be approved and kept confidential until they are announced at the Mayor and Council's Toast of Champions Ceremony on January 25, 2018.

Carole Bouchard, Director, Community and Protective Services, provided a brief presentation on the Citizen Recognition Program and the recommendations for recipients.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Voyageur

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer