

**Minutes of a Special 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 Wednesday, March 7, 2018, commencing at 4:30 p.m.**

**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  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

**Administration:** Elsie Hutton, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Acting Chief Legislative Officer  
Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development  
Marc Fortais, Acting Director, Public Works and Transit  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order - In 7th Floor Boardroom at 4:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

**2. In Camera Session**

Council met in camera between 4:30 p.m. and 4:50 p.m.

**Motion to Move In-Camera**

**MOTION:**

THAT the meeting move in camera pursuant to Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jane Stroud, Councillor   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Krista Balsom, Councillor   |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy,<br>Peddle, Stroud |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Lalonde, Voyageur   |

**2.1. Advice from Officials**

(In Camera pursuant to Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.)

Entrances

Councillor S. Lalonde entered the meeting at 4:45 p.m.  
Councillor C. Voyageur entered the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Motion to Reconvene in Public - In Council Chamber at 5:00 p.m.****MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

**3. Recognition**

Mayor Scott recognized International Francophone Day on March 20 as part of Francophonie month, and noted that the Saline Creek Bridge will be lit blue on that day to support this initiative.

**3.1. Proclamation - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - March 21, 2018**

Mayor Scott read out the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day proclamation, noting that the Saline Creek Bridge will be lit in red on March 21 to support this initiative.

**3.2. Proclamation - Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness - March 26, 2018**

Owen Wilkie, a student from St. Gabriel's school, was welcomed as Honourary Mayor for the proclamation of Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Day on March 26, 2018. The Saline Creek Bridge and Shell Place will be lit in purple on that day to support this initiative.

Recess

A brief recess occurred from 5:14 p.m. to 5:17 p.m.

#### 4. **New Business**

##### 4.1. **2018 Funding Allocation - Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Community Development Funding**

Toni Elliott, Manager, Community Investment Program, and Linda Thompson-Brown, Manager, Neighbourhood and Community Development, provided an overview of the 2018 Family and Community Support Services Community Development Funding allocation.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT \$300,000 in 2018 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding for Community Development be allocated as follows:

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| ACFA Regionale de Wood Buffalo .....                           | \$ 45,000 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Wood Buffalo .....     | \$ 41,000 |
| Centre d'accueil et d'établissement du Nord de l'Alberta ..... | \$ 16,270 |
| Fort McMurray Boys and Girls Club .....                        | \$ 41,200 |
| HIV North Society .....  | \$ 5,340  |
| St. Aidan's Society .....                                      | \$ 21,990 |
| Support Through Housing Team Society .....                     | \$ 43,700 |
| The Hub Family Resource Centre .....                           | \$ 32,000 |
| Wood Buffalo Educare Society .....                             | \$ 41,500 |
| Willow Lake Tiny Tots .....                                    | \$ 12,000 |

Luana Bussieres, Executive Director, St. Aidan's Society, raised concerns regarding the criteria and application process for the 2018 funding allocations.

Val O'Leary, Founder, Critical Incident Stress Management for Communities, spoke to concerns about the criteria used to determine eligibility and the late notification of grant ineligibility.

Chantal Beaver, Executive Director, The Hub Family Resource Centre, spoke to concerns regarding the overall process and eligibility requirements for the 2018 funding allocations.

#### **Recess**

A brief recess occurred between 6:09 p.m. and 6:29 p.m.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration review and present the \$1.9 million provincial funding to Council for our review.

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

It was noted that the intent of the above motion was that Administration undertake a review of the Family and Community Support Services Community Development funding that is specifically related to the services provided by the Municipality and report back to Council on the findings of the review.

**4.2. 2018 - 2019 Funding Allocation - Community Plan on Homelessness**

Toni Elliott, Manager, Community Investment Program, and Kimberly Snow, Supervisor, Neighbourhood and Community Development, provided an overview of the 2018-2019 Community Plan on Homelessness federal and provincial grant funding allocation.

**MOTION:**

THAT \$4,224,331 in 2018/2019 federal and provincial grant funding for the Community Plan on Homelessness (CPH) be allocated as follows:

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| Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray (Eviction Prevention Program) .....  | \$159,512 |
| Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray (Housing First).....                 | \$841,754 |
| Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray (Permanent Supportive Housing) ..... | \$909,918 |
| Choices Association of Fort McMurray (ID Program) .....                                 | \$82,532  |
| The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada (Housing First).....              | \$619,639 |
| Wood Buffalo Food Bank (Basic Shelf & Financial Literacy) .....                         | \$111,604 |
| Wood Buffalo Wellness Society (Centralized Intake) .....                                | \$315,195 |

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| Wood Buffalo Wellness Society (Outreach) .....        | \$88,030  |
| Wood Buffalo Wellness Society (Rapid Re-Housing)..... | \$510,623 |
| YMCA of Northern Alberta (Housing First) .....        | \$585,524 |

Ron Quintal and Melanie Heroux, Fort McKay Métis Community, spoke to concerns regarding the process and policies for the federal grant funding under the Community Plan on Homelessness as it relates to the rural communities.

Exit and Return

Councillor. J. Peddle exited the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:28 p.m.

Recess

A brief recess occurred between 7:38 p.m. and 7:47 p.m.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Phil Meagher, Councillor  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jeff Peddle, Councillor   |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration prepare a plan to administer a point-in-time homelessness count for all rural communities in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo within 12 months. Further, that the Municipality work with stakeholders and other levels of government to begin work on a rural homelessness strategy. Further, that we lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to fund these initiatives where possible.

Ron Quintal, Fort McKay Métis Community, thanked Council for their foresight, noting that he looks forward to working together on this initiative.

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

**4.3. Cancellation of March 13, 2018 Council Meeting**

**MOTION:**

THAT the March 13, 2018 regular Council Meeting be cancelled.

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer