

**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, April 24, 2018, commencing at 6:00 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:** Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Acting Chief Legislative Officer  
Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer  
Robert Billard, Director, Public Works and Transit Services  
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering  
Brad McMurdo, Acting Director, Planning and Development  
David Leflar, Director, Legal Services  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

**Call to Order - In 7th Floor Boardroom**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Motion to Move in Camera**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Council Meeting move in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

**2.1. Advice from Officials**

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

Entrance:

Councillor M. Allen entered the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

**2.2. Legal Matter**

(In Camera pursuant to section 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Recess:

A recess occurred between 5:50 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in the Council Chamber.

**Motion to Reconvene in Public****MOTION:**

THAT the Council Meeting reconvene in public.

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

**Adoption of Agenda - In Council Chamber at 6:00 p.m.****3.1. Motion to Approve Agenda****MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor J. Peddle served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motions for consideration at the May 22, 2018 Council Meeting:

1. That the official position and policy of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) for all purposes on the topic of fly in and fly out employment (rotational workforce) be that the RMWB is seeking:
  - a) a reduction in the fly in fly out workforce
  - b) an increased use of local employees and local contractors who have employees living in the RMWB;
  - c) that the RMWB airport be utilized when the distance to work sites cannot be reached within a reasonable commute time necessitating flights.

2. That the official position and policy of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) for all purposes on the topic of fly in and fly out employment (rotational workforce) is that the RMWB considers it an unacceptable practice if employees are compelled to relocate from the RMWB to take jobs located within the RMWB when they do not wish to relocate and further that jobs within the RMWB should also be advertised within the RMWB.
3. That the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) shall engage an independent party for the purposes of engaging in a public consultation on the issue of fly in and fly out (rotational workforce) employment and report the results back at a public meeting.
4. That the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) engage an independent negotiator who resides in the RMWB to negotiate with Industry on fly in fly out employment related issues and report back at a public meeting within 6 months.
5. That the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) through the office of the Mayor direct a letter to the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting:
  - a) that the previous agreement with Industry passed by the previous Mayor and Council for a 10 year transition plan for a 5 to 1 ratio should not be implemented into regulation and no longer represents the position of the RMWB and that our region should be grandfathered or exempt to the legislative change previously known as Bill 8 and 21 which now form part of the Municipal Government Act;
  - b) all of the areas of provincial responsibility that are currently performed by the RMWB and requesting the Provincial Government to confirm a timeline within which they will assume responsibility for all provincial services in the RMWB currently being performed by the Municipality;
6. That the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) through the office of the Mayor shall direct a letter to the Premier of Alberta requesting:
  - a) that a provincial task force investigate all issues related to fly in and fly out employment (rotational workforce) and the continued sustainability of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo with the purpose of making recommendations;
  - b) a greater investment by the Provincial Government in highways and infrastructure that would reduce commute times and improve safety for employees living in the RMWB who travel to work sites.
  - c) That the Municipality be given taxation tools to impose a levy or tax on work camps and/or rotational workers and that the Provincial Government eliminate the ability for Industry to write off or obtain provincial tax advantages by constructing or operating work camps;
7. That a review of all Memorandums of Understanding signed between the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Industry that address employee living

arrangements or the issue of fly in fly out employment (rotational workforce) shall be undertaken by administration and brought forward to a public meeting with recommendations for further action within 90 days.

Voting then occurred on the adoption of agenda motion.

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

### **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

#### **4.1. Special Council Meeting - April 7, 2018**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 7, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

#### **4.2. Council Meeting - April 10, 2018**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 10, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

### 4.3. Special Council Meeting - April 13, 2018

#### MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 13, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

#### Recognition

##### 5.1. Proclamation - Poetry Day - April 25

Mayor D. Scott recognized April 25, 2018 as Poetry Day.

##### 5.2. Proclamation - National Day of Mourning - April 28

Mayor D. Scott recognized April 28, 2018 as National Day of Mourning, and acknowledged Heidi Gould and Kyle Murphy, Wood Buffalo and District Labour Council, who were in attendance.

##### 5.3. Proclamation - MS Awareness Month - May

Mayor D. Scott recognized May 2018 as MS Awareness Month, and acknowledged Milena Jovesta, YMM Chapter of the MS Society, who was in attendance.

#### Recess:

A short recess occurred from 6:21 p.m. to 6:24 p.m.

#### Presentation and Delegation

##### 6.1. Stephanie McFarland, Citizen Poets re: Mayor's Poetry City Challenge

Stephanie McFarland, Citizen Poet, presented her poem, 'Autumn Aurora'.

#### New Business

**7.1. Bylaw No. 18/008 - 2018 Property Tax Rate Bylaw****MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 18/008, being the 2018 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED AS FIRST READING</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Allen, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Krista Balsom, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur

**7.2. Strategic Plan Progress Report, First Quarter, 2018**

Terry Hartley, Director, Human Resources, provided an overview of the Strategic Plan progress to March 31, 2018.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Strategic Plan Progress Report for the first quarter of 2018 be accepted as information.

Exit and Return:

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 6:33 and returned at 6:35 p.m.

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

**7.3. 2018 Q1 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments Update**

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the Capital Budget fiscal amendments for the first quarter of 2018.

**MOTION:**

THAT the 2018 Q1 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments update, as summarized on Attachment 1 (2018 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments, dated March 31, 2018), be accepted as information.

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

**7.4. Proposal to Host One of Two Available Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board Meetings in 2020**

Monica Lance, Manager, Community Strategies Branch, provided an overview of the proposal to host a 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board Meeting.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo submit a proposal to host one of two available Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board Meetings in Fort McMurray in 2020.

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

**Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer