

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: J. Bancarz, Chair
M. Farrington, Vice-Chair
K. Fleury
S. Germain, Councillor
M. Giles
M. Hodson
K. Jenkins
K. McGrath, Councillor

Absent: A. Vinni, Councillor

Administration: J. Brown, Supervisor, Legislative Services
A. Gulamhusein, Legal Counsel
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Chair J. Bancarz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Agenda be amended by adding the following as Item #2 – Firebreak Properties; that the Committee waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting - September 7, 2016

Moved by K. Fleury that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting held on September 7, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conflict of Interest:

K. Jenkins indicated that he has a conflict of interest pertaining to the next agenda item and exited the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

2. Firebreak Properties

(6:05 p.m. – 6:11 p.m.)

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

- That the Chief Administrative Officer and the Interim Recovery Team Leader work together to develop a program designed to ensure that property owners who suffered loss or damage to their property during the wildfire of May 2016 as a direct result of actions taken on their property:
 - (a) by employees, agents or contractors acting on behalf of either the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo or the Province of Alberta; and
 - (b) in an effort to suppress the wildfire or to delay or prevent movements of the wildfire will be fairly compensated for their losses; and
- That Administration report back to Council with details of the program so developed, for Council's review and approval, not later than October 4, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return:

K. Jenkins returned to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Presentations**2. Guy Choquet, Canadian Red Cross re: Alberta Fire Recovery Services**

(6:11 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.)

Guy Choquet, Director, Operations, Canadian Red Cross, presented information on the services provided by the Canadian Red Cross to date, the various programs available and the long-term plans, including community partnerships.

New and Unfinished Business**3. Wood Buffalo Recovery Campaign Plan**

(6:46 p.m. – 7:02 p.m.)

Moved by M. Farrington that the RMWB 2016 Wildfire Recovery Campaign Plan be accepted as information.

Jim Julien, Recovery Coordination Team, provided an overview of the elements of the recovery campaign plan, noting that it is an overarching guide to provide a common understanding and coherence to the complex task of recovery.

Exit and Return:

Councillor S. Germain exited the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.

Voting then occurred on M. Farrington's motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Sub-Committee Reports

(7:02 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.)

Sarah Murrant, Public Affairs, provided an update and overview of the community engagements held to date, as well as the upcoming engagements scheduled throughout the Municipality.

Establishment of Sub-Committees – Chair J. Bancarz spoke to aligning the sub-committees with the key action areas in the recovery campaign plan – people, environment, economy, rebuild, mitigate – which would enable stakeholders to better understand the sub-committee mandates. Committee members were asked to indicate their preference of sub-committees and to elect a Chair for each.

People Sub-Committee

M. Farrington, M. Hodson and Councillor K. McGrath requested to be members of the People Sub-Committee. M. Hodson nominated M. Farrington as Chair, who accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominees, M. Farrington was declared Chair by acclamation.

Environment Sub-Committee

M. Farrington and M. Hodson requested to be members of the Environment Sub-Committee. Councillor A. Vinni, while not in attendance, had previously indicated his preference to be a member of the Environment Sub-Committee, and that he would let his name stand for the position of Chair. As there were no other nominees, Councillor A. Vinni was declared Chair by acclamation.

Economy Sub-Committee

M. Giles and M. Hodson requested to be members of the Economy Sub-Committee. Councillor A. Vinni, while not in attendance, had previously indicated his preference to be a member of the Economy Sub-Committee. K. Jenkins nominated M. Giles as Chair, who accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominees, M. Giles was declared Chair by acclamation.

Rebuild Sub-Committee

K. Fleury, K. Jenkins and Councillor K. McGrath requested to be members of the Rebuild Sub-Committee. K. Fleury nominated K. Jenkins as Chair, who accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominees, K. Jenkins was declared Chair by acclamation.

Mitigate Sub-Committee

K. Fleury, M. Giles and K. Jenkins requested to be members of the Mitigate Sub-Committee. K. Fleury nominated M. Giles as Chair, who accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominees, M. Giles was declared Chair by acclamation.

5. Wildfire Recovery Team Update
(7:20 p.m. – 7:24 p.m.)

Dana Woodworth, Interim Recovery Team Leader, provided an update on the various tasks undertaken by the Recovery Task Force to date, including preparation of a proposed budget to the end of the fiscal year.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer