

Unapproved 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, December 07, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: J. Bancarz, Chair
K. Fleury
S. Germain, Councillor
M. Giles
K. Jenkins
K. McGrath, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: M. Farrington

Administration: D. Woodworth, Recovery Team Lead
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Chair J. Bancarz called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and sent regrets on behalf of M. Farrington.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by M. Giles that the agenda be amended by deleting Item #4, Kim Rizzi re: Holiday Committee and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting - November 23, 2016

Moved by K. Fleury that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting held on November 23, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. Kevin Grogan, General Manager, Vista Ridge re: The Recovery of Vista Ridge
(6:09 p.m. – 6:27 p.m.)

Kevin Grogan, General Manager, Vista Ridge, summarized and presented a video of the fire damage and recovery of the amenities at Vista Ridge. Mr. Grogan was also commended for his dedication and diligence in ensuring that residents of the Municipality will continue to have access to the first-class recreational amenities that they have always enjoyed at Vista Ridge.

3. EcoYOLO re: Go Green
(6:28 p.m. – 6:36 p.m.)

Marlien Bruwer, Krish Shah, Chintan Desai, and Rafiu Mostafa, students at École McTavish Junior High Public School, provided an overview of their Go Green initiative.

4. Kim Rizzi re: Holiday Committee

This item was removed from the agenda.

5. Kelly Hansen, Recovery Task Force, and Amanda Haitas, Manager, Development Integration and Research, Economic Development re: RMWB Small Business Workforce Support Program Update

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6. Kelly Hansen, Recovery Task Force, and Amanda Haitas, Manager, Development Integration and Research, Economic Development re: Builder's Expo Update
(6:37 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.)

Kelly Hansen, Recovery Task Force, and Amanda Haitas, Manager, Development Integration and Research, Economic Development, provided an update on the Small Business Workforce Support Program and the recent Builder's Expo.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:45 p.m. and returned at 6:47 p.m.

7. Sarah Murrant, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement re: Here for You
(6:51 p.m. – 6:58 p.m.)

Sarah Murrant, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, presented an update on the Here for You initiative.

8. Tanya MacAulay, Manager, Supply Chain Management re: SCM/RFP RMWB Process

As there was no one in attendance to speak to this item, the Chair indicated that it would be re-scheduled for another date in the New Year.

New and Unfinished Business

9. Sub-Committee Reports
(7:00 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.)

K. Jenkins, Chair of the Rebuild Sub-Committee, provided an update on the initiatives of the sub-committee including the on-going development of the rebuild plan.

M. Giles, Chair of the Economy and Mitigate Sub-Committees, provided an update on the initiatives of the sub-committees; including medium-term growth and the Clearwater highway discussions.

10. **Wildfire Recovery Team Update** (7:05 p.m. – 7:43 p.m.)

Dana Woodworth, Recovery Team Leader, spoke to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo rebuild plan, the Canadian Red Cross support, the filling of vacancies within the Task Force, and the complexity of the Waterways rebuild and flood mitigation strategy required under the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP).

Point of Order

Councillor A. Vinni called a point of order indicating that the agenda should have been amended to include the flood mitigation strategy. Chair J. Bancarz ruled that the item would be considered as business arising from the Wildfire Recovery Team Update.

Moved by A. Vinni that the following be recommended to Council for approval:

That Administration be directed to develop a long-term flood mitigation strategy for recommendation to Council that accomplishes the following:

- (a) Ensures that residents within flood hazard areas will be fully eligible for Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) funding for future flood events;
- (b) Allows the encumbrances (development agreement and restrictive covenant) currently being required as conditions of approval to re-develop fire damaged properties in the flood hazard areas to be discharged from all affected land titles as soon as the flood mitigation strategy is fully implemented; and
- (c) That there will be no Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo buyout of any or all properties within the flood hazard areas as a flood mitigation strategy.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation, but expressed dissatisfaction with the last-minute addition to the agenda, indicating that better efforts should be made to ensure residents are informed of such matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:21 p.m.

A request was made for Administration to postpone the December 8, 2016 Here for You session until after the December 13, 2016 Council meeting to allow for consideration of the proposed flood mitigation strategy. Sarah Murrant, Manager, Stakeholder Relations, agreed to postpone the upcoming session to December 14, 2016 or later, and ensure the public was aware of the change.

Moved by A. Vinni that the Chair request that the Mayor, through Administration, put the flood mitigation strategy on the December 8, 2016 Agenda Review for Council's purview to have it on the December 13, 2016 Council meeting agenda.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee 2017 Meeting Schedule
(7:44 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)

Moved by A. Vinni that beginning in January 2017, Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meetings be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, commencing at 6:00 p.m. excluding statutory holidays and scheduled recess periods.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer