

**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, February 8, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** J. Bancarz, Chair  
N. Aubrey  
M. Farrington  
S. Germain, Councillor  
M. Giles  
K. Jenkins  
K. McGrath, Councillor  
A. Vinni, Councillor

**Absent:** K. Fleury

**Administration:** D. Woodworth, Recovery Team Lead  
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer  
J. Brown, Senior Legislative Officer

**Call To Order**

Chair J. Bancarz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by M. Giles that the agenda be amended to renumber 2017 Tax Relief as item number 5 and renumber Proposed Temporary Urban Accommodation as item number 4.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Exit**

Councillor K. McGrath disconnected from the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Moved by M. Giles that the agenda be amended to add Amendment to Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw No. 16/013 as item number 5 (b).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by M. Giles that the agenda be adopted as amended.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Minutes of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting - January 25, 2017**

Moved by K. Jenkins that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting held on January 25, 2017 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Presentations**

- 2. Tanya MacAulay and Laurie Gaudet, Supply Chain Management re: Request for Proposals Process and Social Procurement.**  
(6:09 p.m. – 6:28 p.m.)

**Tanya MacAulay and Laurie Gaudet, Supply Chain Management**, provided an overview of the Request for Proposals Process and Social Procurement noting the many benefits of Social Procurement.

- 3. Andrea Haley, Economic Development re: Small Business Workforce Support Program**  
(6:28 p.m. – 6:39 p.m.)

**Andrea Haley and Amanda Haitas, Economic Development**, provided an update on the Small Business Workforce Support Program noting that in total there were 675 small businesses eligible for this Program.

## **New and Unfinished Business**

### Exit

Councillor S. Germain declared a potential pecuniary interest due to a business relationship and left the Chamber at 6:40 p.m.

- 4. Proposed Temporary Urban Accommodation – Sapræ Creek Industrial**  
(6:40 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.)

**Erin O'Neill, Recovery Task Force**, provided an overview noting that a permit was received regarding a proposed Temporary Urban Accommodation in the L. Robert Industrial Park. It was noted that the Recovery Task Force does not support approval of this permit.

**Jim Rogers, resident**, spoke to the proposed Temporary Urban Accommodation noting his support of the refusal of the permit.

**Erin McKay, General Manager, Best Western Plus Sawridge Suites, JK Tirumala, Chair, Fort McMurray Hotel and Lodging Association, Jean-Marc Guillamot, Area Director, Fort McMurray Hotel Group**, spoke in support of the refusal of the proposed Temporary Urban Accommodation.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee recommend refusal of development permit application 2016-DP-00253.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Return

Councillor S. Germain returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

**5. 2017 Tax Relief**  
(7:11 p.m. – 8:03 p.m.)

**Marc Fortais, Chief of Staff, Recovery Task Force, and Philip Schofield, Director, Assessment and Taxation**, provided an overview of the 2017 Tax Relief report, noting that this request is similar to the request made to Council for 2016 Tax Relief.

**Jim Rogers, resident**, spoke in support of the proposed 2017 Tax Relief.

The following motion was presented by Councillor A. Vinni: "THAT the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee recommend to Council the following:

1. That Council use its authority under s. 347 of the *Municipal Government Act* to cancel the municipal portion of property taxes payable for 2017 on residential properties in accordance with the following:

For every residential property that continues to be uninhabitable because it was destroyed or irreparably damaged by the wildfire: cancellation of the amount representing the pro-rated daily amount of the whole municipal portion of tax, including land and building, multiplied by the number of days in 2017 until the first to occur of:

- (a) Completion of reconstruction of the residence on the property as determined through the issuance of a final occupancy permit,
  - (b) Sale of the property to a new owner, or
  - (c) The end of the calendar year 2017;
2. That Council ask the Mayor to make a request to the Government of Alberta, on Council's behalf, to waive that portion of the provincial education requisition for 2017 that would ordinarily be payable by property owners for whom the municipal portion of property tax is cancelled pursuant to Council's exercise of its authority under s. 347 of the *Municipal Government Act*;
  3. That Council direct Administration to make application to the Government of Alberta for funding support in an amount equal to the property taxes cancelled pursuant to Council's exercise of its authority under s. 347 of the *Municipal Government Act*;
  4. That Council enact a bylaw to over-ride the provisions of the Tax Penalty Bylaw in order to effect cancellations or refunds of penalties applied on January 1, 2017 to residential property taxes in arrears, to the extent that such penalties arise from the portion of the tax arrears that relates to the 2016 provincial education requisition, such over-riding bylaw to be effective if and when and to the extent that the Government of Alberta pays a refund to the RMWB of all or a portion of the amount paid by the RMWB to the Government of Alberta on account of the 2016 provincial education requisition."

Moved by M. Giles that the 2017 Tax Relief matter be deferred to come before the Committee no later than April 12, 2017.

CARRIED

For: J. Bancarz, N. Aubrey, M. Farrington,  
S. Germain, M. Giles, K. Jenkins

Opposed: A. Vinni

### Recess

A recess occurred from 8:03 p.m. to 8:07 p.m.

### **5. (b) Amendment to Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw No. 16/013**

(8:07 p.m. – 8:36 p.m.)

**M. Giles, Committee Member**, introduced the item noting that the recovery of the community will not be completed until well after the current term of appointment which is October 31, 2017. It was also noted that as current Chair of the Mitigation and Economy Sub-Committees, there remains a number of priorities and goals to be accomplished that will not be concluded by the October 31, 2017 date.

**Jim Rogers, resident**, supported the proposed motion noting that this Committee would provide continuity through the changes coming from the Municipal General Election.

Moved by M. Giles that the following be recommended to Council for approval:

THAT Bylaw No. 16/013, being a bylaw to establish the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee, be amended to replace Section 8 with the following:

“Initial appointments of members of the Committee shall be for a term ending on May 3, 2018 and subsequent appointments will be for terms established by Council annually, if they choose.”

DEFEATED

For: M. Giles

Opposed: J. Bancarz, N. Aubrey, M.  
Farrington, S. Germain, K. Jenkins, A.  
Vinni

### **6. Sub-Committee Reports**

(8:36 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.)

**Kim Jenkins, Chair of the Rebuild Sub-Committee**, provided an update on the rebuild progress to date.

**Allan Vinni, Chair of the Environment Sub-Committee**, provided an update on the progress of the sub-committee to date.

**Marty Giles, Chair of the Mitigation and Economy Sub-Committees**, provided an update on the sub-committees and their initiatives to date.

**Chair Jeanette Bancarz**, provided an update on the people pillar and the initiatives of the sub-committee to date.

**7. Wildfire Recovery Team Update**  
(8:45 p.m. – 8:48 p.m.)

**Dana Woodworth, Recovery Team Leader**, provided an update on the tasks of Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force to date.

**Adjournment**

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Chair

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Chief Legislative Officer