

**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 Monday, January 28, 2019, commencing at 3:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor  
Bruce Inglis, Councillor  
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Verna Murphy, Councillor  
Jeff Peddle, Councillor  
Jane Stroud, Councillor  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor (via teleconference)

**Absent:**

Phil Meagher, Councillor

**Administration:**

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works  
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering  
Elsie Hutton, Director, Corporate and Community Services  
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services  
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 3:02 p.m. with Deputy Mayor McGrath assuming the Chair.

**Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Battalion Chief Kelly Kelly, long time municipal employee.

## Statements

Councillor S. Lalonde declared that although she has close family members working with industry, she does not have pre-conceived opinions on this matter and is entering this debate with a fair and open mind.

Councillor V. Murphy also declared that although she has family members working in industry, she is also entering the debate with a fair and open mind.

Councillor B. Inglis declared that although his son is a fly in fly out worker, based on legal counsel, he has no pecuniary interest on the matter being discussed therefore, will hear and engage in debate with a fair and open mind.

Councillor K. Balsom also declared that based on the advice of legal counsel, she is able to participate in deliberations today.

## **2. Councillors' Motions**

### **2.1. Camp Accommodations - Moratorium**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to take necessary steps to impose a moratorium on any new camp accommodations and any renewals for existing camp accommodations within 120 kilometers of the Fort McMurray Urban Service Area.

Members of Administration were called upon to answer questions raised by individual Council Members.

#### Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 3:34 p.m. and returned at 3:36 p.m.

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 3:49 p.m. and returned at 3:51 p.m.

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 3:57 p.m. and returned at 4:04 p.m.

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 4:32 p.m. and returned at 4:34 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud exited the meeting at 4:34 p.m. and returned at 4:38 p.m.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the meeting move in camera to receive legal advice pursuant to section 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

Council met in camera between 5:00 p.m. and 5:31 p.m.

Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services and Lindsay Parcels, Lidstone & Company Law Corporation, provided information related to sections 619 and 620 of the *Municipal Government Act*, confirming that since 2012, no permits were issued through Alberta Energy Regulators to which sections 619 and 620 apply.

Councillor J. Stroud put forward the following amendment for consideration: THAT “120 kilometers” be changed to “100 kilometers” and the words “public road driving distance” be inserted after “100 kilometers” and the words “with the limited exception of scheduled maintenance periods (also known as shut downs) be added after the words “Urban Service Area”.

A friendly amendment to insert “capital projects and exploratory projects” as exceptions was agreed to.

**MOTION:**

THAT “120 kilometers” be changed to “100 kilometers” and the words “public road driving distance” be inserted after “100 kilometers” and the words “with the exception of limited scheduled maintenance periods (also known as shut downs) capital projects and exploratory projects” be added after the words “Urban Service Area”. to have the motion read as follows:

“THAT Administration be directed to take the necessary steps to impose a moratorium on any new camp accommodations and any renewals for existing camp accommodations within 100 kilometers public road driving distance of the Fort McMurray Urban Service Area, with the limited exception of scheduled maintenance periods (also known as shut downs), capital projects and exploratory projects.”

**RESULT:**        **DEFEATED [5 TO 5]**  
**MOVER:**        Jane Stroud, Councillor  
**SECONDER:**   Bruce Inglis, Councillor  
**FOR:**            Scott, Balsom, Inglis, Peddle, Stroud  
**AGAINST:**      Allen, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Voyageur  
**ABSENT:**        Meagher

Recess:

A recess occurred from 7:35 p.m. to 7:54 p.m.

Voting then occurred on the original motion:

**RESULT:**        **DEFEATED [3 TO 7]**  
**MOVER:**        Don Scott, Mayor  
**SECONDER:**    Jeff Peddle, Councillor  
**FOR:**            Scott, Inglis, Peddle  
**AGAINST:**      Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur  
**ABSENT:**        Meagher

Resuming of Chair

Deputy Mayor K. McGrath vacated the Chair and Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 7:59 p.m.

Councillor V. Murphy presented the following supplemental motion for consideration:

THAT Administration be directed to:

- (a) take the necessary steps to not renew or approve new camp accommodation permits within 75 km of the urban service area unless needed for turnaround, exploration, maintenance periods and capital projects;
  - (b) revisit the memorandums of understanding that have been signed in the last 10 years to see if they are still relevant;
  - (c) undertake a community engagement initiative related to rotational workforce;
  - (d) look at the individual project accommodation camps when they come up for approval and or renewal applications and work directly with industry partners to reduce the number of people utilizing camp accommodations as much as possible with the aim of reaching the MDP target of 10% by the year of 2030;
  - (e) Work with industry to bring flights through the Fort McMurray International Airport
- AND THAT Administration report back to Council quarterly on progress to date.

It was agreed that section (a) of the motion would be severed and voted on separately.

A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted to change the words “report back to Council quarterly on progress to date” to “report back to Council by June 30, 2019”.

Councillor V. Murphy presented the following recommendation for consideration: THAT Administration be directed to take the necessary steps to not renew or approve new camp accommodation permits within 75 km of the urban service area unless needed for turnaround, exploration, maintenance periods and capital projects.

#### Recess

A recess occurred from 8:17 p.m. to 8:24 p.m.

Councillor V. Murphy withdrew the recommendation put forward prior to the recess and submitted a revised version as follows:

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to take the necessary steps to bring forward a bylaw to impose a moratorium within 75 km of the urban service area allowing for extraordinary circumstances that include turnaround, exploration, maintenance periods and capital projects. This shall not apply to any project accommodations not accessible by road.

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

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to:

- (a) revisit the memorandums of understanding that have been signed in the last 10 years to see if they are still relevant;
- (b) undertake a community engagement initiative related to rotational workforce;
- (c) look at the individual project accommodation camps when they come up for approval and or renewal applications and work directly with industry partners to reduce the number of people utilizing camp accommodations as much as possible with the aim of reaching the MDP target of 10% by the year of 2030;
- (d) Work with industry to bring flights through the Fort McMurray International Airport;

AND THAT Administration report back to Council by June 30, 2019.

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer