

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, March 12, 2019, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

Don Scott, Mayor
Krista Balsom, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Absent:

Mike Allen, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Notice of Motion

Counsellor K. McGrath served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting:

THAT Administration investigate and report back to Council on the costs, as well as any other relevant information including resources required and implementation time, to develop to purchase a transit app that will enhance customer experience and increase transit utilization in the Region.

Notice of Motion

Mayor Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the April 9, 2019 Council Meeting:

THAT Administration explore and bring forward a code of conduct bylaw amendment to include the provision for a lobbyist registry.

MOTION:

THAT the agenda be amended by adding item 5.5, Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action;

THAT Council waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition; and

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

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

3. Consent Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the recommendations contained in items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 be approved.

3.1. Special In-Camera Council Meeting - February 26, 2019

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the Special In-Camera Council Meeting held on February 26, 2019 be approved as presented.

3.2. Council Meeting - February 26, 2019**MOTION:**

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 26, 2019 be approved as presented.

3.3. Bylaw No. 19/005 - Integrity Commissioner Bylaw**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw 19/005, being the Integrity Commissioner Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

4. Recognition**4.1. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

Mayor D. Scott recognized March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and acknowledged members of the Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality (RACIDE) and Wood Buffalo Equity Coalition.

Recess

A brief recess occurred at 4:06 p.m. until 4:08 p.m.

5. New Business**5.1. Moccasin Flats - Request for Federal Inquiry**

Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services provided an overview of the request for Federal Inquiry for Moccasin Flats.

John Malcolm, representing the Original Fort McMurray First Nation and the Clearwater River Band #175, spoke in support of the request for a Federal Inquiry into the matter of Moccasin Flats.

Jean Lhommcourt, resident, spoke in support of the request for a Federal Inquiry.

Beatrice Deranger, resident, spoke in support of the request for a Federal Inquiry.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Jay Telegdi, representing Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, spoke in support for the request of a Federal Inquiry.

Return

Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo call upon the Federal Government for a Federal Inquiry into the matter of Moccasin Flats and that the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of Council, to send a letter to the Federal Government to support this request.

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

Exit

Councillors K. Balsom, J. Peddle and C. Voyageur exited the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

5.2. 2019 to 2020 Internal Audit Plan

Linda Olliver, Director of Financial Services and Andrea Serroul, Internal Auditor presented the 2019 to 2020 Internal Audit Plan.

Return

Councillors K. Balsom and J. Peddle returned to the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Councillor C. Voyageur returned to the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2019 to 2020 Internal Audit Plan be approved.

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

5.3. Strategic Plan Progress Report, Year-End 2018

Kari Westhaver, Director of Human Resources presented the Strategic Plan Progress Report, Year-End 2018. Members of the Senior Leadership Team answered questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT the Strategic Plan Progress Report for 2018 year-end be accepted as information.

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

5.4. AUMA Request - Resource Communities of Canada Coalition

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 5:13 p.m. and returned at 5:14 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo support the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition.

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

5.5. Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo join the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action and that Administration be authorized to expend such funding as required to join such coalition from Council's existing budget funds. Nothing in this motion prevents Council from lobbying on Bill C-69 or any individual Council member from taking a position they consider necessary or beneficial to the residents of Wood Buffalo on Bill C-69.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer