

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 26, 2019, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
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:

Jane Stroud, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Christopher Booth, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session (at 2:30 p.m. in Boardroom 7)

MOTION:

THAT Council close agenda items 2.1 and 2.2 to the public pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2.1 Advice from Officials

Information Update 1

(in camera pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Susan Trylinski	Director, Legal Services

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor M. Allen declared a pecuniary interest in the upcoming matter and exited the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Information Update 2

(in camera pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Susan Trylinski	Director, Legal Services
Kari Westhaver	Director, Human Resources

Return

Councillor M. Allen returned to the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

2.2 Advice from Officials/Privileged Information

(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Susan Trylinski	Director, Legal Services

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:25 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

Moment of Silence

Mayor D. Scott acknowledged the tragic attack that occurred in New Zealand and a moment of silence was held.

3. Adoption of Agenda (at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chamber)**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be amended by inserting “Downtown Revitalization Update” as new item 6.4; and renumbered accordingly;

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: Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER: Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy,
Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT: Stroud

4. Consent Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the recommendations contained in items 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 be approved.

4.1. Special In-Camera Council Meeting – February 27, 2019

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the Special In-Camera Council Meeting held on February 27, 2019 be approved as presented.

4.2. Special In-Camera Council Meeting – March 12, 2019

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the Special In-Camera Council Meeting held on March 12, 2019 be approved as presented.

4.3. Council Meeting – March 12, 2019

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 12, 2019 be approved as presented.

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

5. Recognition

5.1. International Transgender Day of Visibility

Mayor D. Scott recognized March 3, 2019 as International Transgender Day of Visibility and acknowledged members of Pride YMM in the audience.

5.2. Green Shirt Day - Organ Donation Awareness

Mayor D. Scott recognized April 7, 2019 as Green Shirt Day and acknowledged local transplant recipients and other special guests in the audience.

Recess

A brief recess occurred from 4:07 p.m. until 4:10 p.m.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 18/006 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Cannabis Retail Store Separation Distance

Mayor D. Scott declared the public hearing open at 4:11 p.m.

Christopher Booth, Acting Director, Planning and Development and Such Chandhiok Supervisor, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendments with respect to separation distances for Cannabis Retail Stores within the Urban Service Area.

There were no written or verbal submissions submitted.

Mayor D. Scott declared the public hearing closed at 4:45 p.m.

6.2. Bylaw No. 19/006 - Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 99/059: General Regulations and Definitions Related to Separation Distance for Cannabis Retail Stores

Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 5:01 p.m. and returned at 5:02 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/006, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw specific to Cannabis separation distances, be read a second time.

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

6.3. Bylaw No. 19/005 - Integrity Commissioner Bylaw

Jade, Brown, Chief Legislative Officer and Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services, provided an overview of the proposed Integrity Commissioner Bylaw. S. Trylinski provided an introduction to the proposed Integrity Commissioner Appointee.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 5:06 p.m. and returned at 5:07 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/005, being the Integrity Commissioner Bylaw, be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/005 be read a third and final time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Whistleblower Policy LEG-150, dated March 26, 2019, be approved.

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

MOTION:

THAT Jim Peacock, Q.C., be appointed as Integrity Commissioner effective immediately to April 1, 2021.

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

6.4. Downtown Revitalization Update

Jamie Doyle, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, provided a verbal update on the Downtown Revitalization initiative.

6.5. Shell Place Feasibility Study

Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering, provided an overview and timeline of the requirements to undertake a Feasibility Study on Shell Place.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 5:20 p.m. and returned at 5:23 p.m.

Councillor B. Inglis exited the meeting at 5:23 p.m. and returned at 5:24 p.m.

The following motion was moved by Councillor S. Lalonde and seconded by Councillor V. Murphy:

“THAT Administration undertake a feasibility study to change the Shell Place stadium field and bleachers to an all-weather indoor structure.”

Councillor K. Balsom then put forward an amendment to the motion as follows:

MOTION:

THAT the following words be added after the word “structure”, “and as part of the feasibility study, also explore other options for an alternative multi-purposed facility within the downtown core as part of the downtown revitalization strategic initiative.”

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 2]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
AGAINST:	McGrath, Meagher
ABSENT:	Stroud

The main motion was again presented as amended:

MOTION:

THAT Administration undertake a feasibility study to change the Shell Place stadium field and bleachers to an all-weather indoor structure and as part of the feasibility study, also explore other options for an alternative multi-purposed facility within the downtown core as part of the Downtown Revitalization Strategic Initiative.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 2]
MOVER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
AGAINST:	McGrath, Meagher
ABSENT:	Stroud

Recess

A recess occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 6:13 p.m.

7. New Business

7.1. 2019 Capital Budget Amendments - New and Revised Projects

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the Capital Budget Amendments before Council for consideration.

MOTION:

THAT the 2019 Capital Budget Amendment as summarized on Attachment 1 (2019 Capital Budget Amendment – New and Revised Project, dated March 26, 2019) be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2019 Capital Budget Amendment – New & Revised Project - Cash Flow Summary, dated March 26, 2019) be approved.

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

7.2. Municipal Debt Payment Plan

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services and Ray Cayen, Manager Financial Planning and Reporting, provided a presentation on the Municipality's current debts and an overview of the proposed Municipal Debt Payment Plan.

MOTION:

THAT Administration pay in full the Committed Drawn Debt held by Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA) using uncommitted reserve funds by the end of the first quarter 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter; and

THAT funds allocated within the 2019 Budget and 2020 – 2021 Financial Plan continue to be used to fund previously approved debenture-funded capital projects to eliminate the committed undrawn debt by Q2 2021.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 1]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Allen
ABSENT:	Stroud

7.3. Bylaw No. 19/008 - Bylaw Amendment - Community Standards Appeal Committee

Sonia Soutter, Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/008, being a bylaw to amend the Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/008 be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/008 be considered for third reading.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/008 be read a third and final time.

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

7.4. Bylaw No. 19/007 – Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (2022) Arctic Winter Games Bylaw

Lynda McLean, Director Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided an overview of the proposed Bylaw.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/007, being a bylaw to establish the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (2022) Arctic Winter Games Host Society, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/007 be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/007 be considered for third reading.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/007 be read a third and final time.

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

7.5. Request for Leave of Absence

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, introduced the matter and provided an overview of the report.

MOTION:

THAT an unpaid leave of absence, inclusive of salary and benefits, be authorized for Councillor Jane Stroud, for the period March 19 to April 16, 2019.

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

8. Councillors' Motions

8.1. Transit App

MOTION:

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 or purchase a transit app that will enhance customer experience and increase transit utilization in the Region.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer