

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, June 11, 2019, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Krista Balsom, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Absent:

Keith McGrath, Councillor

Administration:

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Ray Cayen, Acting Director, Finance
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services
Toni Elliott, Acting Director, Community and Corporate Services
Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott Called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Council close items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 to the public pursuant to sections 17(1), 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2. In-Camera Session (12:00 p.m. in 7th Floor Boardroom)

2.1. **Advice from Officials - Labour Matter**

(In camera pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Recesses

A recess occurred between 12:20 p.m. and 12:35 p.m.

A recess occurred between 1:10 p.m. and 1:20 p.m.

Entrance

Upon reconvening the meeting at 1:20 p.m., J. Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, joined the meeting.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be authorized to execute a contract addendum as negotiated specific to Closed Session Item 2.1, Labour Matter (in camera pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*).

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

MOTION:

THAT Council close items 2.2 and 2.3 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: Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER: Krista Balsom, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
ABSENT: McGrath, Meagher

Recess

A recess occurred between 1:23 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

2.2 Advice from Officials/Legal Matter

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

Name	Reason for Attending
Annette Antoniak	Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Chris Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
Philip Schofield	Regional Assessor
Greg Plester	External Legal Counsel, Brownlee LLP
Keivan Navidikasmaei	Manager, Assessment

2.3 Advice from Officials – Chief Administrative Officer Update

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

Exits

J. Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, and L. McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, exited the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Name	Reason for Attending
Annette Antoniak	Chief Administrative Officer

Entrances

J. Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, and L. McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations entered the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Councillor P. Meagher joined the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 2:40 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:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
ABSENT:	McGrath

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

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be amended by adding Item #7.8 - Request to Senate of Canada to Reject Bills C-48 and C-69;

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

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

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

4. Consent Agenda

MOTION:

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

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

4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting - May 14, 2019

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 14, 2019 be approved as presented.

4.2. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - June 4, 2019

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 4, 2019 be approved as presented.

4.3. Bylaw No. 19/015 - Fireworks Bylaw

THAT Bylaw No. 19/015, being the Fireworks Bylaw, be read a first time.

5. Presentations

5.1. Bill Loutitt and Corey Hobbs, McMurray Métis re: 2019 FNMI Festival Funding Request

Councillor J. Stroud declared that although she will be volunteering for the FNMI Festival, she has no pecuniary interest in the matter and will be open minded with regards to participating in discussion and any potential voting on the matter.

Bill Loutitt and Corey Hobbs, McMurray Métis, presented on the 2019 FNMI Festival funding request.

Councillor K. Balsom confirmed with the presenters that none of the funds would be used for advertising or marketing and declared she is free to participate in discussions and potential voting on this matter.

MOTION:

THAT \$10,000 be allocated to the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fort McMurray Local Council 1935 in support of their upcoming FNMI (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) Festival.

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

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Weather Catcher

MOTION:

Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works, and Keith Smith, Senior Manager, Transportation and Facilities, presented an overview of the status and proposed removal of the weather catcher.

Exit and Return

Councillor C. Voyageur exited the meeting at 4:19 p.m. and returned at 4:23 p.m.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor P. Meagher assumed the Chair at 4:25 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Administration proceed with the removal and disposal of the Weather Catcher located at Jubilee Plaza.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 4:31 p.m.

7. New Business

7.1. Bylaw No. 19/016 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment Restricting Project Accommodations

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/016, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment specific to regulating project accommodations, be read a first time; and

THAT the required public hearing for Bylaw No. 19/016 be scheduled to occur on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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

7.2. Bylaw No. 19/018 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Definition and General Regulations Related to Project Accommodations

MOTION:

THAT first reading of Bylaw No. 19/002, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw specific to project accommodations, be rescinded.

THAT Bylaw No. 19/018, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw specific to the definition and general regulations related to project accommodations, be read a first time; and

THAT the required public hearing for Bylaw No. 19/018 be scheduled to occur on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

RESULT:	CARRIED AS FIRST READING [7 TO 3]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Inglis, Lalonde, Murphy
ABSENT:	McGrath

7.3. Parks Master Plan

Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works, Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads and Rural Operations, and Erik Lees, Lees and Associates, presented an overview of the Parks Master Plan, a guiding document to support parks operations in the region over the next ten years.

Exits and Returns

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and returned at 4:38 p.m.

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 4:59 p.m. and returned at 5:02 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Parks Master Plan, dated May 2019, be approved as a guiding document to support Parks Operations and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo over the next ten years and beyond; and

THAT Administration work with staff and key stakeholders to transition from development to implementation of the Parks Master Plan.

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

7.4. Urban Forest Strategy

Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works, Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads and Rural Operations, and Erik Lees, Lees and Associates, presented an overview of the Urban Forest Strategy, a guiding document to support parks operations in the region for the next 20 years.

Exits and Returns

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 5:19 p.m. and returned at 5:22 p.m.

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 5:23 p.m. and returned at 5:26 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Urban Forest Strategy, dated April 2019, be adopted as a guiding document to support Parks Operations and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo over the next 20 years; and

THAT Administration work with staff and key stakeholders to transition from development to implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy.

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

7.5. Suncor Tax Appeals and request for Intervenor Status with the Municipal Government Board

Philip Schofield, Regional Assessor, and Keivan Navidikasmaei, Manager, Assessment, provided a summary of the request for intervenor status with the Municipal Government Board for the Suncor Energy Inc. and Fort Hills Energy Corp assessment appeal hearings.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Stroud exited the meeting at 5:41 p.m. and returned at 5:44 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Administration file a written request to intervene in the two complaints filed with the Municipal Government Board in relation to Suncor Energy Inc. (Firebag) and Fort Hills Energy Corp. (Fort Hills) appeal hearings.

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

7.6. Committee Appointments - Community Standards Appeal Committee & Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee

MOTION:

THAT the Committee Appointments, as outlined in Attachment 1 - Committee Appointments, be approved effective immediately.

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

7.7. Bylaw No. 19/017 Amendment to Animal Control Bylaw No. 02/031 and Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001

Deanne Bergey, Senior Manager, RCMP Support and Bylaw Services, and Caitlin Hanley, Municipal Legal Counsel, provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw and Community Standards Appeal Committee (CSAC) Bylaw to allow appeals related to the declarations of vicious animals be heard by the CSAC.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 5:48 p.m. and returned at 5:49 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/017, being a bylaw to amend Animal Control Bylaw No. 02/031 and Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/017 be read a second time

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/017 be considered for third reading.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/017 be read a third and final time.

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

7.8. Request to Senate of Canada to Reject Bills C-48 and C-69Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor P. Meagher assumed the Chair at 5:52 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT recognizing the importance of the energy sector to our region and many regions across our country, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council asks the Government of Canada to develop legislation that will support the energy sector;

THAT proposed legislation, in the form of Bill C-48 and Bill C-69 without the Senate amendments, will be detrimental to the viability and sustainability of the region of Wood Buffalo and the energy sector;

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council encourage honourable members of the Senate of Canada to defeat Bill C-48, also known as the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act, and to defeat Bill C-69 if it returns to the Senate without the amendments originally passed by the Senate; and

THAT the Mayor and Councillors of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo continue their advocacy for this region in raising concerns about Bills C-48 and C-69 with elected officials.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 5:56 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer