

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 25, 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
Jane Stroud, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Administration:

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services
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
Shauna Sanheim, Legislative Officer

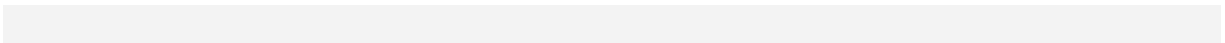
1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

THAT Council close items 2.1 and 2.2 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:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

2.1. Advice from Officials and Privileged Information - Land 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
Brad McMurdo	Director, Planning and Development
Chris Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
Don Lidstone, Q.C.	External Legal Counsel, Lidstone & Company

Entrance

Councillor J. Stroud joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Exit

Administration exited the meeting at 2:10 p.m. with the exception of Don Lidstone, Q.C., external legal counsel.

2.2. Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy and Privileged Information - Labour Matter

(in camera pursuant to sections 17(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Name	Reason for Attending
Don Lidstone, Q.C.	External Legal Counsel, Lidstone & Company

Recess

A recess occurred from 2:43 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be authorized to execute a contract addendum for a term ending on March 31, 2022, as negotiated specific to Closed Session Item 2.2, Labour Matter (in camera pursuant to sections 17(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*).

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 1]
MOVER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Inglis

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:50 p.m. and 4:09 p.m., at which time the meeting reconvened in Council Chamber.

3. Adoption of AgendaNotice of Motion:

Mayor D. Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion at the next Council Meeting – July 8, 2019:

THAT Council identify the East Clearwater Highway as the primary transportation priority in the RMWB; and

THAT a letter be drafted to the local MLAs, MPs, the Premier, the Prime Minister, the Provincial Minister of Transportation and the relevant Federal Ministers setting out that it is our region's primary transportation priority and the benefits of the Highway include but are not limited to the following:

- Dangerous Goods route that is not only hundreds of meters from our Aging in Place and Hospital Facilities;

- In case of an evacuation for any reason, fire or otherwise, it gives our emergency response teams three choices to move away from harm; and
- It sets a natural fire break should the fire come from a different direction next time.

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**4.1. Council Meeting - June 11, 2019**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 11, 2019 be approved as presented.

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

5. Presentations**5.1. Family Christian Centre Presentation**Conflict of Interest

Councillor J. Peddle declared a conflict of interest and exited the Chamber at 4:14 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 4:16 p.m. and 4:20 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath stated for the record that he is a Catholic School Board Trustee and based on discussion with legal counsel can participate in the following discussion and potential voting on this matter.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor P. Meagher declared a pecuniary interest due to an employment relationship with the Fort McMurray Public School Board and exited the Chamber at 4:21 p.m.

Rev. Edwin Rideout, Chuck Vincent and Kyle Gogolinski, Family Christian Centre, presented their request to purchase Block 84, Lot 104MR for a nominal fee.

Recess

A recess occurred between 5:06 p.m. and 5:19 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud requested that Administration provide the number of organizations that have previously received land for nominal fees or less than market value from the Municipality.

MOTION:

THAT a public hearing for this matter be scheduled to occur on July 9, 2019; and

THAT Administration be directed to bring forward the necessary documents at that time for consideration of this request.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Meagher
ABSENT:	Peddle

5.3. Dr. Trent Keough - Keyano College International Theatre and Art Gallery Development and Operations

Pecuniary Interest and Returns

Councillor K. Balsom declared a pecuniary interest based on advice from independent legal counsel and exited the Chamber at 5:26 p.m., at which time Councillors J. Peddle and P. Meagher returned to the meeting.

Dr. Trent Keough, President and Chief Executive Officer, Frederick Russell, Vice President, Academic, and Dale Mountain, Vice President, Corporate and Chief Financial Officer, Keyano College, presented an overview of the proposed Keyano College International Theatre and Art Gallery development and operations.

Exit and Return

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 5:47 p.m. and returned at 5:50 p.m.

Business Arising

Elsie Hutton, Director, Corporate and Community Services, provided an overview of the Keyano Arts Centre Proposal report.

Liana Wheeldon, Executive Director, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, spoke in support of the Keyano Arts Centre Proposal.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Hanna Fridhed, representing small theatre groups and artists in Fort McMurray, spoke in support of the Keyano Theatre and of the Keyano Arts Centre Proposal.

Exit and Returns

Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 6:14 p.m. and returned at 6:15 p.m.

Sheldon Dahl, teacher, Composite High School, spoke in support of the Keyano Theatre and Keyano Arts Centre Proposal.

Councillor J. Stroud requested that Administration investigate how much provincial funding, as well as the amount of municipal funding that is provided in the Region, as well as across the province for arts and art facilities.

MOTION:

THAT the Arts Infrastructure Wood Buffalo, Keyano College Proposal be referred to Administration for detailed business case review and consideration as part of the 2020 Budget and Financial Plan.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

Return

Councillor K. Balsom returned to the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

5.4. Community Investment Program Update

Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, presented an overview of the Community Investment Program Update.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Bylaw No. 19/013 - Repeal of Obsolete Bylaws

Audrey Rogers, Senior Manager, Corporate Governance, introduced Bylaw No. 19/013 - Repealing of Inoperative, Obsolete, Expired, Spent and Ineffective Bylaws.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/013, being a bylaw to repeal obsolete, redundant and outdated bylaws, be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/013 be read a third and final time.

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

6.2. Bylaw No. 19/015 - Fireworks Bylaw

Jody Butz, Fire Chief, Nick Brenner, Acting Assistant Deputy Chief, and Hunter Langpap, Acting Fire Marshall, Regional Emergency Services, introduced Bylaw No. 19/015 - Fireworks Bylaw.

MOTION:

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

Recess

A recess occurred between 7:06 p.m. and 7:19 p.m.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/015 be read a third and final time.

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

7. New Business**7.1. Bylaw No. 19/019 - Well Drilling Equipment Tax Bylaw**

Philip Schofield, Regional Assessor, and Keivan Navidikasmaei, Manager, Assessment, introduced Bylaw No. 19/019 - Well Drilling Equipment Tax Bylaw.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/019, being the Well Drilling Equipment Tax Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

The following motion was presented for consideration by Councillor P. Meagher and seconded by Councillor S. Lalonde:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/019 be read a second time.

Councillor J. Stroud requested that Administration determine the number of years that this tax was collected by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Councillor K. McGrath requested that Administration provide statistical data of the quantity of well drilling equipment travelling within the municipality, the locations to which they travel, and what roads are being used.

MOTION:

THAT second reading of Bylaw No. 19/019 be deferred to July 9, 2019.

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

7.3. Strategic Plan Progress Report, Quarter 1 & 2: January 1-June 19, 2019

Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources, provided a summary of the Strategic Plan Progress Report, Quarter 1 & 2: June 1- June 19, 2019. Members of the Senior Leadership Team answered questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT the Strategic Plan Progress Report for Quarter 1 & 2, 2019 be accepted as information.

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

7.4. Letter of Support - Education Crisis, Fort Chipewyan

Councillors C. Voyageur and B. Inglis introduced the matter noting concerns regarding the education crisis in Fort Chipewyan.

Councillor C. Voyageur put forward the following recommendation for consideration, "THAT the Mayor sign a letter of support to the Federal Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and the Provincial Minister of Education requesting an urgent meeting be held with community leaders regarding the education crisis that exists in Fort Chipewyan."

Jeffrey O'Donnell, Chief Executive Officer, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee, and Ernie Desjarlais, President of Conklin Community Association, Vice President of Conklin Métis Local #193 and Director on Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee, expressed education concerns in Conklin.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 7:54 p.m. and returned at 8:04 p.m.

Jay Telegdi, on behalf of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, spoke in support of discussion regarding education crisis in Fort Chipewyan.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and returned at 8:11 p.m.

Councillors B. Inglis and C. Voyageur agreed to the following friendly amendments to the recommendation before Council:

- Adding the words “and Conklin” at the end of the recommendation;
- Adding the words “Member of Parliament - Fort McMurray-Cold Lake” before the words “Minister of Education”; and
- Adding the words “Provincial Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Member of Legislative Assembly of Alberta - Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche and Member of Legislative Assembly of Alberta - Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:” after the words “Provincial Minister of Education”.

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor sign a letter of support to the Federal Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, Member of Parliament - Fort McMurray-Cold Lake, Provincial Minister of Education, Provincial Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Member of Legislative Assembly of Alberta - Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, and Member of Legislative Assembly of Alberta - Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo requesting an urgent meeting be held with community leaders regarding the education crisis that exists in Fort Chipewyan and Conklin.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer