

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, October 8, 2019, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

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

Absent:

Keith McGrath, Councillor

Administration:

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Acting Director, Community Services
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services
Amanda Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order (at 12:00 noon in 7th Floor Boardroom)

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session**MOTION:**

THAT section 7 of the Procedure Bylaw be waived to allow Councillors to participate via teleconference in the closed session of the October 8, 2019 Council Meeting.

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

MOTION:

THAT Council close 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:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
ABSENT:	McGrath, Murphy

Vacating, Assuming of Chair and Exit

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor J. Stroud assumed the Chair at 12:08 p.m., at which time Mayor D. Scott exited the meeting.

Entrance

Councillor V. Murphy joined the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

2.1 Privileged Information

(in camera pursuant to section 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
Don Lidstone, Q.C.	External Legal Counsel, Lidstone & Company

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

MOTION:

THAT Council hold a closed session on October 22, 2019 under section 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and

THAT Don Lidstone, Q.C., be directed to send notice of this meeting to Mayor D. Scott and his legal counsel accordingly.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 1]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Inglis
ABSENT:	Scott, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT Council close item 2.2 to the public pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

Recess, Return and Resuming the Chair

A recess occurred between 1:10 p.m. and 1:25 p.m., at which time Mayor D. Scott returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

2.2 Advice from Officials

(in camera pursuant to section 24(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
Sonia Soutter	Legislative Advice

Recess

A recess occurred between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber. Councillors S. Lalonde and C. Voyageur did not reconnect to the meeting after the recess.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

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

Notices of Motion:

Councillor K. Balsom served notice of her intent to bring forward the following motion at the Council Meeting on October 22, 2019:

THAT Council for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo lobby the Provincial Government with respect to the cost prohibitive insurance premiums for Condominium Corporations following claims after disasters and damages; and

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to Government officials including, but not limited to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, Premier of Alberta, Minister of Service Canada and Minister of Finance requesting that a fulsome investigation occur to find a resolution to the issue(s) related to insurance premiums for Condominium Corporations.

Mayor D. Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion at the Council Meeting on October 22, 2019:

THAT Administration prepare a bylaw to prohibit the licensing, practice and promotion of conversion therapy in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, looking at all mechanisms for enforcement, including a \$10,000 fine, and return to Council before the end of the year.

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be amended by adding the following:

- Item #6.8 - Free Transit for Federal Election Day;
- Item #6.9 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2019 Federal Election Platform.

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1. Council Meeting - September 16, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 16, 2019 be approved as presented.

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

5. Recognition

5.1. Poverty and Homelessness Awareness Week

Mayor D. Scott recognized October 15 to 22, 2019 as Poverty and Homelessness Awareness Week and acknowledged individuals in the gallery association with this initiative.

Recess

A recess occurred from 4:08 p.m. to 4:09 p.m. to take photographs with the proclamation recipients.

6. New Business

6.1. 2019 External Audit Service Plan - Deloitte LLP

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Andrew Geary, Partner, Deloitte LLP, provided an overview of the 2019 External Audit Service Plan.

MOTION:

THAT the 2019 External Audit Service Plan as provided by the external Auditors, Deloitte LLP, be approved.

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

6.2. Fort McKay Community Centre

Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering, provided an update on the status of the Fort McKay Community Centre project, including an overview of community engagements that have occurred since March 2019.

Ron Quintal, resident, spoke in support of the Fort McKay Community Centre project proceeding as originally proposed, noting that the Fort McKay First Nation also supports the construction of the facility.

Eddison Lee-Johnson, Executive Director, Fort McKay Métis Community Association, spoke in support of the construction of the Fort McKay Community Centre.

MOTION:

THAT the Fort McKay Community Centre report be deferred;

THAT Administration complete a cost analysis of the project with the Fort McKay Métis;

THAT the Fort McKay Métis provide Administration with the Fort McKay Métis' Master Plan; and

THAT Administration calculate the long-term operational and maintenance costs, confirm user groups, and ensure the scope of the project is appropriate.

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

Administration committed to reporting back to Council with a status update of the project in three months.

6.3. Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220 - Amendment

Deanne Bergey, Acting Director, Community Services, provided an overview of the proposed Community Investment Program Policy amendment, which would set parameters for reviewing and approving community capital grant requests under the program. Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, came forward to answer questions of Council.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor J. Stroud assumed the Chair at 5:32 p.m.

Return and Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott returned to the meeting at 5:36 p.m. and resumed the Chair at 5:38 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT in section 4.2.3 of the Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220, the words “or projects that have commenced” be deleted.

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

MOTION:

THAT Section 4.2.2 be deleted from the Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 5]
MOVER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Inglis, Stroud
AGAINST:	Allen, Balsom, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle
ABSENT:	Lalonde, McGrath, Voyageur

MOTION:

THAT the amended Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220, dated October 8, 2019, be approved.

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

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor K. Balsom declared a pecuniary interest in the Rogers Hometown Hockey item due to a potential business relationship, and exited the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

6.4. Rogers Hometown Hockey

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, presented an overview of the Rogers Hometown Hockey event and the requirement for funding for the operational elements of the event.

MOTION:

THAT funding in the amount of \$131,700.00 be allocated from the 2019 Division operating budget for the Rogers Hometown Hockey event;

THAT in the event the funding cannot be accommodated in the 2019 Division operating budget, funding be allocated from the 2019 corporate operating surplus, if it exists; and

THAT in the event the funding cannot be accommodated in the 2019 corporate operating surplus, funding be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom
ABSENT:	Lalonde, McGrath, Voyageur

Return

Councillor K. Balsom returned to the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 6:08 p.m. and returned at 6:10 p.m.

6.5. Municipal Census 2020

Christopher Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning, and Kodjo Efu, Supervisor, Socio-Economic, provided an overview of the proposed 2020 Municipal Census and the requirement for Ministerial approval to include the shadow population in the census.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo conduct a Municipal Census in 2020 and;

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of Council to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be authorized to include the shadow population in the 2020 Municipal Census.

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

6.6. Provincial Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Keivan Navidikasmaei, Manager, Assessment, presented a summary of the provincial initiative to provide shallow gas tax relief, noting that this program does not affect municipal revenues.

MOTION:

THAT pursuant to section 347 of the *Municipal Government Act*, for all properties identified in the appendix – Summary of Tax Relief by Company, Council authorizes the refund of the 2019 property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, which includes municipal property taxes, requisitions detailed in section 326(1)(a) and 359(1)(2), where the tax rate is based on the assessment.

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

6.7. 2019 Capital Budget Amendment

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the proposed capital budget amendment.

Exit and Return

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 6:19 p.m. and returned at 6:21 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2019 Capital Budget Amendment as summarized on Attachment 1 - 2019 Capital Budget Amendment – Revised Project dated October 8, 2019, be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 2019 Capital Budget Amendment – Revised Project – Cash Flow Summary dated October 8, 2019, be approved.

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

6.8 Free Transit on Federal Election Day

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to the proposal to offer free transit to residents on Federal Election Day, October 21, 2019.

Chantelle Tatum, resident, spoke in support of offering free transit to residents on Federal Election Day.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo provide free transit to residents on Federal Election Day, October 21, 2019.

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

6.9 FCM 2019 Election Platform

Councillor K. Balsom provided an overview of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2019 Election Platform resolution.

Exit and Return

Councillor B. Inglis exited the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and returned at 6:33 p.m.

MOTION:

WHEREAS municipalities are the governments working closest with people's daily hopes and challenges; and

WHEREAS municipalities are tackling growing responsibilities and challenges by making the most of limited funding tools and relationships with other orders of government; and

WHEREAS Election 2019 is a critical opportunity to build better lives for Canadians by better empowering their local leaders; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo endorses the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' election platform, which calls on all national parties to commit to modernizing how we work together to get even more done for Canadians:

- **Renewing the roads, bridges, water systems and other core infrastructure that supports Canadians' quality of life** by permanently doubling the Gas Tax Fund transfer and boosting its annual growth to 3.5 percent to keep pace with construction costs.
- **Building tomorrow's public transit** by launching a permanent, direct federal funding mechanism for 21st century public transit-unlocking local expertise to cut commutes, lower emissions and provide affordable access to everything our communities have to offer.

- **Tackling housing affordability** by continuing to boost access to social and affordable housing for low-income Canadians, while engaging directly with municipalities to tackle the wider disconnect between rents, home prices and income levels.
- **Protecting Canadians from climate change** by investing in local adaptation projects to protect families and businesses from extreme weather events, while continuing to scale up support for local projects that can significantly help reduce Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Championing rural and northern communities** by modernizing programs and funding tools to recognize the realities and expertise of smaller communities, committing to close the Internet access gap and promoting local economic development; and

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of Council to send a letter including a copy of this resolution to all local federal election candidates and all federal party leaders.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 1]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Meagher
ABSENT:	Lalonde, McGrath, Voyageur

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer