

**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 22, 2019, commencing at 6:00 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 (via teleconference)

**Administration:**

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Deanne Bergey, Acting Director, Community Services  
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering  
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous & Rural Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT section 7 of the Procedure Bylaw be waived to allow Councillor C. Voyageur to participate via teleconference in the closed session of the October 22, 2019 Council Meeting.

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

**2. In-Camera Session**

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

**2.1 Advice from Officials – Updates and Information Briefing**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Annette Antoniak	Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Doyle	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Sonia Soutter	Senior Legislative Officer/Clerk
Kevin Weidlich	CEO, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation

**Entrance**

Councillor P. Meagher joined the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

**Vacating of Chair, Exits and Assuming of Chair**

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and exited the meeting at 2:20 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor J. Stroud assumed the Chair. Councillor McGrath also exited the meeting at this time.

## 2.2 Integrity Commissioner Report for Action

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Annette Antoniak	Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Don Lidstone, Q.C.	External Legal Counsel
Corie Flett	External Legal Counsel

### Entrance

Mayor D. Scott and Corie Flett, External Counsel representing Mayor D. Scott, joined the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

### Exit

Mayor D. Scott and Corie Flett, External Counsel representing Mayor D. Scott, exited the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

### Recess and Exit

A recess occurred between 4:02 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at which time Councillor C. Voyageur disconnected and exited the meeting.

### Recess

A recess occurred from 4:40 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber and Mayor Scott resumed the Chair.

### **MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

### **MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

#### 4. Consent Agenda

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the recommendations contained in Items 4.1 and 4.2 be approved.

##### **4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting - October 8, 2019**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Minutes of the October 8, 2019 Council Meeting be approved as presented.

##### **4.2. Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw**

##### **MOTION:**

1. THAT Bylaw No. 19/025, being the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, be read a first time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 19/026, being a bylaw to amend the Community Standards Appeal Committee Bylaw No. 19/001, be read a first time.

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

#### 5. Recognition

##### **5.1. Proclamation - International Day of Tolerance**

Mayor D. Scott recognized November 15, 2019 as International Day of Tolerance and acknowledged individuals in the gallery associated with this initiative.

Recess

A recess occurred from 6:06 p.m. to 6:08 p.m. to take photographs with the proclamation recipients.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 6:08 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor J. Stroud assumed the Chair.

Exits

Due to a conflict of interest with the next item of business, Mayor D. Scott and Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**6. Unfinished Business****6.1. Summary of Integrity Commissioner Report for Action**

Chief Administrative Officer A. Antoniak read the Summary of Integrity Commissioner Report for Action.

Councillor M. Allen submitted the following for consideration:

“WHEREAS Council has reviewed the report from the Integrity Commissioner on the alleged Code of Conduct violation;

AND WHEREAS Council has considered the submissions as provided by Mayor D. Scott and his legal counsel;

AND WHEREAS Council has considered the content of Council’s Code of Conduct;

NOW THEREFORE Council:

1. requests a public apology by the Mayor for his conduct on the afternoon of June 25, 2019 to be delivered during a regularly scheduled Council meeting and addressed to Council generally, Councillor McGrath in particular, as well as to RMWB employees.
2. issues a public reprimand through this motion passed at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council regarding the Mayor’s conduct in relation to Councillor McGrath on the afternoon of June 25, 2019.

THAT each of the numbered items be voted on separately.”

**MOTION:**

THAT Council requests a public apology by the Mayor for his conduct on the afternoon of June 25, 2019 to be delivered during a regularly scheduled Council meeting and addressed to Council generally Councillor McGrath in particular as well as to RMWB employees.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [8 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Allen, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST:</b>	Scott, McGrath
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Voyageur

**MOTION:**

THAT Council issues a public reprimand through this motion passed at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council regarding the Mayor's conduct in relation to Councillor McGrath on the afternoon of June 25, 2019.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [3 TO 5]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Allen, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Allen, Lalonde, Murphy
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Balsom, Inglis, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud
<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST:</b>	Scott, McGrath
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Voyageur

Exit

Councillor P. Meagher advised Council that due to health reasons, Councillor K. McGrath would not be returning to the meeting.

Return, Resuming of Chair and Public Apology

Mayor D. Scott returned to the meeting at 6:14 p.m., resumed the Chair and in accordance with the motion passed by Council under Item 6.1, delivered a public apology.

**6.2. Public Hearing - Bylaws 19/023 and 19/024**

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing open at 6:18 p.m.

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services and David Reynolds, Manager, Accounting Services, introduced the Fees Amending Bylaw and the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

Mayor D. Scott noted there were no written submissions received.

Mr. Bob Greaves, Director, Business Development, CIVEO Corporation spoke in support of the proposed bylaws. He also spoke to the outstanding issues identified in their submission.

Karim Zariffa, Chief Executive Officer, Oil Sands Community Alliance, spoke in support of the proposed bylaws and commended Administration for the work done in terms of cost analysis and updating of fees.

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:53 p.m.

### **6.3. User Fees, Rates and Charges - Bylaw Nos. 19/023 and 19/024**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/024, being the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw, be read a second time.

#### Recess

A break occurred from 6:56 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.

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

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/024 be read a third and final time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/023, being the Fees Amending Bylaw, be read a second time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/023 be read a third and final time.

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

**7. New Business****7.1. Strategic Plan Progress Report, Quarter 3 2019**

Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources, spoke to the Strategic Plan Progress Report and members of Administration responded to questions of Council.

Following questions of Council, Administration was asked to ensure future Strategic Plan Progress reports include updates on the initiatives transitioned to the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Strategic Plan Progress Report for Quarter 3, 2019 be accepted as information.

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

**7.2. 2019 Q3 Fiscal Budget Amendments Update**

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the Fiscal Budget Amendments Update for the third quarter of 2019.

**MOTION:**

THAT the 2019 Q3 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments update, as summarized on Attachment #1 (2019 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments, dated September 30, 2019), be accepted as information.

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

**7.3. Committee Appointment - Arctic Winter Games Host Society**

Sonia Soutter, Senior Legislative Officer, presented the report on the appointment to the Arctic Winter Games Host Society.

**MOTION:**

THAT William Brook be appointed as Director of Sport Facilities for the 2022 Arctic Winter Games Host Society, effective immediately.

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

## 8. Councillors' Motions

### 8.1. Prohibitive Condominium Corporation Insurance Premiums

Councillor K. Balsom submitted the following for consideration:

“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.”

David Thompson, Winchester Green Condo Board, spoke in support of the recommendation.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

Joanne Day, Wood Meadow Estates North, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Robert Guy, Cedarwood Condominium Corporation, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Councillor K. Balsom agreed to friendly amendments to the proposed recommendation; the first being to replace “requesting that a fulsome investigation occur to find a resolution” with “requesting a resolution to the urgent crisis”. The second friendly amendment added the following to the distribution list: local Members of the Legislative Assembly, local Member of Parliament, Federal and Provincial Cabinets, Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

**MOTION:**

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, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, local Member of Parliament, Federal and Provincial Cabinets, Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), requesting a resolution to the urgent crisis related to insurance premiums for Condominium Corporations.

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

**8.2. Conversion Therapy**Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 8:32 p.m. at which time Deputy Mayor J. Stroud assumed the Chair.

**MOTION:**

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.

Mayor D. Scott provided background information on the proposed recommendation regarding conversion therapy.

Dr. Kristopher Wells, McEwan University Associate Professor, spoke in support of the recommendation and provided information from a report, Conversion Therapy in Canada: The Roles and Responsibilities of Municipalities”.

Mitchell Bowers, resident, shared his personal experience in support of the recommendation.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and returned at 9:09 p.m.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 9:10 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer