

Minutes of a Special 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 Wednesday, November 27, 2019, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

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

Absent:

Krista Balsom, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Administration:

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services
Chris Davis, Senior Municipal Legal Counsel
Wayne Franklin, Director, Public Works
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and 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 9:06 a.m.

3. 2020 Budget Proceedings

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the proposed budget being submitted for Council's consideration.

3.1. 2020 Proposed Budget, 2021 – 2022 Financial Plan

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Ray Cayen, Manager, Financial Planning, spoke to the Proposed Budget and Financial Plan, including the plan for debt reduction.

4. 2020 Community Investment Program Capital Grants Presentations

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, spoke to the numerous funding requests for grants received for 2020 and the process followed in bringing forward recommendations to Council for consideration.

2. Public Delegations

Bob MacKay, Competitive Team Dance Association, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Games Legacy Grant Program.

Chithra Udayashankar, on behalf of Sai Shankar, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Games Legacy Grant Program.

Kayla Lushman, Wood Buffalo Woman and Baby Care Association, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Michelle Farrow, Boys and Girls Club, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Sonia Burke-Smith, Nistawoyou Friendship Centre, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Exit and Return

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

Amber Fort, Pastew Place Detox Centre, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Dave Boutilier, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, spoke in support of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant application, and the Keyano College Community Investment Program Capital and Sustaining Grant applications.

Peter Allen, owner of GymNation, spoke in opposition to the YMCA of Northern Alberta Community Investment Sustaining Grant application.

Stephanie Miniely, Youth with a Mission Society, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Norma Jean Atkinson, Fort McMurray Society of the Friends of Music, thanked Council for the opportunity to participate in the Community Impact Grant (Community Events) Program.

Bill Loutitt, Fort McMurray Métis, spoke in support of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo application under the Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant.

Tony Mankowski, representing the United Way Board of Directors and the Wood Buffalo Community Association, spoke in support of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo application under the Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant.

Rhima Kadri, Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant allocation.

Robert Cree, Elder, spoke in support of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo application under the Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 10:54 a.m.

Jenny Price, resident, spoke in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Capital and Sustaining Grant applications.

Justin Shaw, local artist, Chris Matt, Keyano College Board of Governors, and Mitchell Steeves, member, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, spoke in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Capital and Sustaining Grant applications.

Exits

Councillor B. Inglis exited the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Councillor P. Meagher exited the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Dr. Trent Keough, Keyano College, Kiran Malik-Khan, Arts Council Wood Buffalo and Cathie Langmead, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, spoke in support of the Arts Council Wood Buffalo Community Investment Sustaining grant application

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Fred McDonald, local artist, spoke in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Capital and Sustaining Grant applications.

Tyrone Brass, Keyano Board of Governors, requested that Council reconsider the Keyano College Community Investment Capital and Sustaining Grant applications.

Return

Councillor B. Inglis returned to the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Shweta Suthar, Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo member, spoke in support of the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo application under the Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant.

Exit and Return

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 11:23 a.m. and returned at 11:27 a.m.

Jason Schultz, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, spoke in support of the Uncle Fred's Youth Elders Lodge application under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Lalonde declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the upcoming delegate and exited the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Stroud exited the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and returned at 11:43 a.m.

Crystal Lewis-Hilton, Habitat for Humanity Wood Buffalo Society, requested that Council reconsider their application under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Return

Councillor S. Lalonde returned to the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Luana Bussieres, St. Aidan's Society, commended Administration for all the work done on the granting process noting the improvements made this year to streamline the grant applications process.

Kevin Weidlich, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, spoke in support of the Fort McMurray Airport Authority Community Investment Capital Grant application.

Holden Dunnett, Northlife Fellowship Baptist Church of Fort McMurray, thanked Council for the funding recommended under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Program.

Recess

A recess occurred from 12:00 p.m. to 12:53 p.m.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair, and Deputy Mayor J. Peddle assumed the Chair at 12:54 p.m.

4. 2020 Community Investment Program Capital Grants Presentations**MOTION:**

THAT presentations from the following organizations be waived and that the administrative recommendations for grant funding for the following organizations be approved:

Agenda Item 4.1 - Camp Yogi - Capital Grant - \$283,300.00

Agenda Item 5.2 - Family Christian Centre - Sustaining Grant - \$320,000

Agenda Item 5.3 - Fort Chipewyan Historical Society - Sustaining Grant - \$133,480

Agenda Item 5.5 - Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Association - Sustaining Grant - \$100,000

Agenda Item 5.6 - Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association - Sustaining Grant - \$530,000

Agenda Item 5.7 - Fort McMurray SPCA - Sustaining Grant - \$704,788

Agenda Item 5.8 - FuseSocial - Sustaining Grant - \$294,527

Agenda Item 5.12 - McMurray Sno-Drifters - Sustaining Grant - \$99,500

Agenda Item 5.14 - Northern Alberta Athletic Association - Sustaining Grant - \$1,242,000

Agenda Item 5.16 - Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board - Sustaining Grant - \$4,232,480

Agenda Item 5.18 - Vista Ridge Recreational Association - Sustaining Grant - \$423,424

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 12:59 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor J. Peddle declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the upcoming item and exited the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT presentations from the following organization be waived and that the administrative recommendations for grant funding for the following organization be approved:

Agenda Item 4.6 - Waypoints Community Services Association - Capital Grant - \$150,000

Agenda Item 5.19 - Waypoints Community Services Association - Sustaining Grant - \$485,000

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

Return

Councillor J. Peddle returned to the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor M. Allen declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the upcoming item and exited the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT presentation from the following organization be waived and that the administrative recommendation for grant funding for the following organization be approved:

Agenda Item 5.17- Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo - Sustaining Grant - \$20,359,474

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

Return

Councillor M. Allen returned to the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

4.2. Fort McMurray Airport Authority

RJ Steenstra, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Denean Robinson, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President Corporate Services, Fort McMurray Airport Authority, presented their request for funding under the Community Investment Capital Program.

MOTION:

THAT \$15,000,000 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Airport Authority under the 2020 Community Investment Capital Program for the project YMM Runway Rehabilitation.

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

4.3. Fort McMurray Heritage Society

Roseann Davidson, Executive Director, and Steve Huffman, Treasurer, Fort McMurray Heritage Society, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$334,800 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Heritage Society under the 2020 Community Investment Capital Program for the project Heritage Village Parking Lot Paving.

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

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor J. Peddle declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the upcoming item and exited the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

4.4. Keyano College

Dr. Trent Keough, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fred Russell, Vice-President Academic, and Dale Mountain, Vice-President Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, presented their request for grant funding.

Motion Recess

A motion recess occurred from 1:59 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Agenda Items 4.4 Keyano College Community Investment Capital Grant application and 5:10 Keyano College Community Investments Sustaining Grant application be deferred until 9:00 a.m. on November 29, 2019, to allow the applicants to provide additional information regarding the capital plan and public consultation process.

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

Return

Councillor J. Peddle returned to the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

4.5. Rotary Club of Fort McMurray, Alberta

Bryce Kumka, Board Chair, and Brent Mackay, General Manager, Rotary Club of Fort McMurray, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 2:33 p.m. and returned at 2:34 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Rotary Club of Fort McMurray grant application be referred to Administration for further review and consideration of funding this request from reserves and that Administration come back to Council by April 1, 2020.

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Murphy
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

4.7. YMCA of Northern Alberta

Nick Parkinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Jody Kyle, Chief Operating Officer, YMCA of Northern Alberta, presented their request for grant funding.

The following motion was moved by Councillor J. Stroud and seconded by Councillor P. Meagher:

“THAT \$380,000 be allocated to the YMCA of Northern Alberta under the 2020 Community Investment Capital Program for the project Westwood YMCA Aquatic Centre Renovation.”

MOTION:

THAT the recommendation be amended by adding the words “for the HVAC and mechanical repairs only”.

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

MOTION:

THAT \$380,000 be allocated to the YMCA of Northern Alberta under the 2020 Community Investment Capital Program for the project Westwood YMCA Aquatic Centre Renovation, for the HVAC and mechanical repairs only.

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

A further caveat was placed that after the new year, transition talks continue and that it be requested that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo have more representation on the YMCA of Northern Alberta Board.

Recess

A recess occurred from 3:28 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

5. 2020 Community Investment Program Sustaining Grants Presentations**5.1. Arts Council Wood Buffalo**

Dave Boutilier, Board Chair, and Liana Wheeldon, Executive Director, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, presented their grant request.

MOTION:

THAT \$653,000 be allocated to the Arts Council Wood Buffalo under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Murphy
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

5.4. Fort McMurray Heritage Society

Roseann Davidson, Executive Director, and Steve Huffman, Treasurer, Fort McMurray Heritage Society, presented their grant request.

MOTION:

THAT \$380,000 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Heritage Society under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

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

Exit and Return

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 4:29 p.m. and returned at 4:33 p.m.

5.9. Justin Slade Youth Foundation

Mandy MacDonald, Executive Director, and Cassandra Slade, Board Chairperson, Justin Slade Youth Foundation, presented their grant application.

MOTION:

THAT \$310,000 be allocated to the Justin Slade Youth Foundation, under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

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

5.11. Local HERO Foundation

Paul Spring, President, and Andrea Montgomery Spring, Executive Director, Local HERO Foundation, presented the grant request for the Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair, and Deputy Mayor J. Peddle assumed the Chair at 4:58 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$2,200,000 be allocated to the Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation, with \$1,200,000 coming from reserves and \$1,000,000 coming from the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 5:03 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 5:04 p.m. to 5:16 p.m.

Change in schedule

Mayor D. Scott advised that Council will hear the remaining Community Investment Program presentations this evening, and the Community Impacts Grants (Items 6.1 to 6.4) will be considered by Council when the meeting reconvenes on November 28, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. Mayor D. Scott further advised that no delegations will be heard tomorrow morning regarding the Community Impact Grants.

5.13. Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo

Dango Gogo, President, and Therese Greenwood, Executive Director, Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, presented their grant request.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Stroud and seconded by Councillor M. Allen:

“THAT the allocation to the Multi-Cultural Association of Wood Buffalo under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program, be increased from \$401,500 to \$539,910, and funding of \$71,704 be allocated to the Outreach Program and \$66,706 be allocated to the Interpretation and Translation Social Project.”

Councillor Stroud withdrew the motion and the following motion was put forward.

MOTION:

THAT the allocation to the Multi-Cultural Association of Wood Buffalo under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program be increased to \$616,621.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 6]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Stroud
AGAINST:	Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

MOTION:

THAT the allocation to the Multi-Cultural Association of Wood Buffalo under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program be increased from \$401,500 to \$539,910, and that within the \$539,910, \$71,704 be allocated to the Outreach Program and \$66,706 be allocated to the Interpretation and Translation Social Project.

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

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor P. Meagher declared a pecuniary interest with the upcoming agenda item and exited the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

5.15. Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club

Chris Reitz, President, and Jason Vanderzwaag, Vice President, Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club, presented their grant request.

MOTION:

THAT \$221,700 be allocated to the Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

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

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

5.20. Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation

Kevin Weidlich, Chief Executive Officer, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation presented their grant request.

MOTION:

THAT \$4,022,000 be allocated to the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

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

5.21. YMCA of Northern Alberta

Nick Parkinson, Chief Executive Officer and Jody Kyle, Chief Operating Officer, YMCA of Northern Alberta, presented their grant request.

MOTION:

THAT \$731,492 be allocated to the YMCA of Northern Alberta under the 2020 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 6:24 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., November 28, 2019.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer