

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 Friday, November 29, 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
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. Reconvene

Mayor D. Scott reconvened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

2. Public Delegations

There were no Public Delegations.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor J. Peddle declared a pecuniary interest with the next agenda item and exited the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

3. Unfinished Business

3.1. Keyano College - 2020 CIP Capital Grant Application

Dr. Trent Keough, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fred Russell, Vice President Academic, and Dale Mountain, Vice-President Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, Keyano College, spoke to their capital plan and public consultation process based on Council's request of November 27, 2019.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for the purpose of receiving Advice from Officials.

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

Name	Reason for Attending
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
Linda Ollivier	Director, Financial Services
Deanne Bergey	Director, Community Services

Exit

Administration exited the in camera discussion at 10:11 a.m.

Council met in camera from 9:56 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

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

“THAT up to \$16,850,000 be committed from Capital Infrastructure Reserve to fund the Keyano College Theatre and Arts Centre and that Administration work with Keyano College to develop a joint use agreement. All funding is contingent on securing an appropriate agreement, a legal review, and a commitment to investigate additional funding sources.”

Recess

A recess occurred from 10:57 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

Councillor M. Allen accepted a friendly amendment to his motion related to consultation with all stakeholders in the region and a further friendly amendment requiring quarterly public updates at Council meetings.

MOTION:

THAT up to \$16,850,000 be committed from Capital Infrastructure Reserve to fund the Keyano College Theatre and Arts Centre and that Administration work with Keyano College to develop a joint use agreement. All funding is contingent on securing an appropriate agreement, a legal review, and a commitment to investigate additional funding sources;

THAT Keyano College do rigorous consultation with all stakeholders in the region as part of the consultation process; and

THAT quarterly updates be provided during public Council meetings.

RESULT:	CARRIED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Peddle
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

Councillor M. Allen clarified for the record, that the proposed joint agreement would come back to Council for review and approval. It was further clarified that the update would include participation by Keyano College.

3.2. Keyano College - 2020 CIP Sustaining Grant Application

Dr. Trent Keough, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fred Russell, Vice President Academic, and Dale Mountain, Vice-President Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, Keyano College, were present to answer questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT \$587,760 be committed as a sustaining grant for the Keyano Theatre Operations for 2020.

RESULT:	CARRIED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Meagher, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Murphy
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Peddle
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

Return

Councillor J. Peddle returned to the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 12:07 p.m. to 12:44 p.m.

4. 2020 Capital Budget Presentations

4.1. Public Works

Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for Public Works.

Antoine Rempp, Acting Senior Manager, Environmental Services, Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads, and Rural Operations and Keith Smith, Senior Manager, Transportation and Facilities, were in attendance to address questions of Council.

The following items were identified throughout the budget discussion for follow up by Administration:

- Arrange Council tour of the new snow disposal site facility when complete and, of the urban infrastructure facilities;
- Review of current fuel storage capacity in Fort Chipewyan in relation to the ability to service the proposed 6 bay garage facility;
- Re-engage with Fort McKay residents to determine their preferences for Placemaking initiative
- Research and determine what equipment is required for the operation of the Fort Chipewyan cemetery · Review the work completed in 2015 on the potential Janvier community structure and report back to Council on what was researched and reviewed by the end of Q1, 2020
- Review placemaking signage in the region and come back with recommendations by the end of Q1, 2020, as to any additional placemaking that should be put in place.

MOTION:

THAT \$25,000 be added to the 2020 Capital Budget for the purchase of a side-by-side and trailer for the purpose of bylaw patrolling within all trail systems.

Councillor J. Peddle did not accept a proposed friendly amendment that a fleet of ebikes be purchased instead of a side-by-side and trailer.

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

The following motion was moved by Councillor S. Lalonde and seconded by Councillor V. Murphy:

“THAT \$10,000 of funding to be allocated for signage at Saprae Creek Estates honouring our Olympic athletes Graeme Killick and Brooke Voigt be added to the 2020 Capital Budget; and

THAT Administration be directed to create a policy for signage.”

Recess

A recess occurred from 2:05 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Councillor S. Lalonde withdrew the motion and the following motion was brought forward.

MOTION:

THAT Administration be directed to do benchmarking and research on similar recognition policies for community athletes and Olympians and bring forward a policy recommendation prior to summer recess.

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

The following motion was moved by Councillor J. Stroud and seconded by Councillor B. Inglis:

“THAT Administration be directed to review the prior work completed in 2015 on the potential Janvier community structure and report back to Council on what was researched and reviewed by the end of Q1, 2020.”

Councillor J. Stroud withdrew the motion as this matter was identified as a follow up item for Administration.

The following motion was moved by Mayor D. Scott:

“THAT Administration examine the placemaking signage in the region and come forward by the end of Q1 with recommendations as to any additional placemaking that should be put in place.”

Mayor D. Scott withdrew the motion as this matter was identified as a follow up item for Administration.

4.2. Engineering

Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering, presented the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for Engineering.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 2:24 p.m. and returned at 2:25 p.m.

Point of Order

Councillor P. Meagher called a Point of Order on Councillor S. Lalonde for raising questions regarding a matter not related to the 2020 Capital Budget. Mayor D. Scott upheld the Point of Order.

Exits and Returns

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and returned at 3:07 p.m.

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 3:07 p.m. and returned at 3:09 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 3:12 p.m. to 3:19 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Fort Chipewyan be added to the list of Communities included in the Rural Egress Road Design Capital Project, to provide a safe alternative route for the dangerous goods coming into the community, and as an alternate egress route should the permanent route become blocked.

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

The following items were identified throughout the budget discussion for follow up by Administration:

- Provide clarification regarding the capital budget item landfill closure of \$6.4M and methodology;
- Provide Council with the full cost impact of the 2013 flood event;
- Provide Council with the work plan for infrastructure rehabilitation for streets in the rebuild areas;
- Provide Council with the amount of funding received from both the Federal and Provincial Governments which includes MSI funding as it relates to the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing;
- Communicate updates to the rebuild areas as to when infrastructure rehabilitation will be completed in the individual areas.

Change in schedule

Council agreed to move up the presentation for the Financial Services 2020 Proposed Capital Budget.

4.7. Financial Services

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and AnnMarie Hintz, Senior Manager, Information and Technology, presented the 2020 proposed Capital Budget for Financial Services.

MOTION:

THAT Fort McKay, Fort Chipewyan and Draper be added to the Rural Broadband Southern Hamlets Capital Project.

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

The following item was identified throughout the budget discussion for follow up by Administration:

- Pursue all Provincial and Federal funding for rural broadband initiative.

4.3. Downtown Revitalization

Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented the 2020 proposed Capital Budget for Downtown Revitalization.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair, and Deputy Mayor J. Peddle assumed the Chair at 3:52 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the following issues shall be referred to the appropriate Council appointed committee by Administration with a request for recommendations to come back to Council before summer recess:

- need for power to the riverfront Festival space;
- improving fishing opportunities;
- the number of boat launches required by the Region;
- whether an art piece should be installed near the riverfront celebrating the history of float planes usage in the Region;
- the need for historical signage by the waterfront celebrating the Region's history;
- whether the Region should have a sign that says Fort McMurray or Wood Buffalo for picture opportunities; and
- any other recommendations that the appropriate committee could bring forward to improve either the waterfront or downtown.

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 3:56 p.m.

The following item was identified throughout the budget discussion for follow up by Administration:

- Refer to the Waterfront Committee the task to investigate the possibility for gazebos on the Snye; power being provided to the Snye Festival area; and determining how many boat launches are required.

4.4. Regional Emergency Services

Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief and Scott Davis, Director, Emergency Management, presented the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for Regional Emergency Services.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 4:06 p.m. and returned at 4:07 p.m.

4.5. Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations

Lynda McLean, Director, presented the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations.

Point of Order

Councillor V. Murphy called a Point of Order as questions were raised related to the Operational Budget which has already been completed rather than the Capital Budget currently being discussed. Mayor D. Scott upheld the Point of Order.

The following items were identified throughout the budget discussion for follow up by Administration:

- Benchmarking comparison of staff complements from other Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations Departments;
- Investigate creation of a permanent new welcome sign to the Region, including mention of entering Métis and Treaty 8 Territory and bring back a recommendation to Council

4.6. Human Resources

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, presented the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for Human Resources.

5. Budget Approval

5.1. 2020 Budget, 2021 – 2022 Financial Plan

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services presented the 2020 Budget, and 2021-2022 Financial Plan.

MOTION:

THAT the 2020 Operating Budget, in the amount of \$718,371,428 be approved, representing \$431,190,345 for Municipal operations, \$96,000,000 for committed undrawn debt payment and \$191,181,083 as a funding transfer for reserves and capital purposes, and

THAT the 2021 – 2022 Financial Plan in the amount of \$698,371,428 and \$678,371,428 respectively, with funding transfers for capital purposes of \$303,120,157 and \$275,940,576 respectively, be used as the basis for the development of the respective subsequent budgets, and

THAT the 2020 Capital Budget in the amount of \$153,413,540, \$664,875 Public Art fund transfer totaling \$154,078,415 be approved as set out in Attachment 1, 2020 Capital Budget, dated November 29, 2019.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer