

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, January 14, 2020, 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 (via teleconference)

Administration:

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services
Keith Smith, Acting Director, Public Works
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order (at 2:30 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor S. Lalonde called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

THAT Council close items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 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:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Scott

2.1 Advice from Officials and Privileged Information – Legal Matters

Legal Matter 1

(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
Jamie Doyle	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Kari Westhaver	Director, Human Resources
Don Lidstone	External Legal Counsel (via teleconference)

Entrance and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott entered the meeting at 2:45 p.m. at which time he assumed the Chair.

Legal Matter 2

(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
Jamie Doyle	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Deanne Bergey	Director, Community Services
Toni Elliott	Senior Manager, Community Services
Chris Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
Kurt Stillwell	Municipal Solicitor, Legal Services
Matthew Hough	Director, Engineering
Linda Ollivier	Director, Financial Services

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

Recess and Exit

A recess occurred between 3:55 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., at which time Councillor C. Voyageur exited the meeting, and at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Syncrude Athletic Park Council Chamber.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda (at 4:00 p.m.)**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be amended by adding the following:

- item #6.2 - Federal Cabinet Meeting
- item #6.3 - Governor Generals Medal for Volunteerism
- item #6.4 - Air Travel for Municipal Business;

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

4. **Consent Agenda**

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

4.1. **Council Meeting - December 10, 2019**

THAT the Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Council Meeting be approved as presented.

4.2. **Bylaw No. 20/001 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment Small Holdings District - Draper and Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan Amendment**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/001, being a Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment to insert Religious Assembly as a Discretionary Use - Planning Commission specific to Small Holdings District to Lot 6, Plan 992 0950 (128 Garden Lane), and an Area Structure Plan Amendment for the Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan to amend Policy 5.2.6 Small Holdings to include Religious Assembly be read a first time; and

THAT the required public hearing be held on February 11, 2020.

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

5. **Unfinished Business**

5.1. **Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 19/028 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Add Cluster Housing as a Discretionary Use to the HR - Hamlet Residential District**

Mayor D. Scott declared the public hearing open at 4:04 p.m.

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the proposed Land Use Bylaw text amendment to add Cluster Housing as a discretionary use to the Hamlet Residential District.

Mayor D. Scott declared the public hearing closed at 4:17 p.m.

5.2. Bylaw No. 19/028 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Add Cluster Housing as a Discretionary Use to the HR - Hamlet Residential District

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/028, being a text amendment to add Cluster Housing as a Discretionary Use to the HR- Hamlet Residential District of the Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059, be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/028 be read a third and final time.

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

5.3. Bylaw No. 19/029 - Conversion Therapy Bylaw

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, and Kurt Stilwell, Municipal Legal Counsel, provided a summary of the proposed Conversion Therapy Bylaw and recommended amendments to the Bylaw.

Pastor Brian Coldwell, Edmonton Clergy Member, suggested that the proposed Conversion Therapy Bylaw be amended to define abuse and to clearly allow for the fundamental right of religious counseling.

Jose Ramos, Calgary resident, spoke to amending the proposed bylaw to extend the right to provide written consent for conversion therapy to emancipated and mature minors.

Pastor Dennis Glenon, Fort McMurray Clergy Member, spoke to the fundamental right for people to receive religious counseling.

Point of Order

Councillor V. Murphy called a Point of Order, noting that the comments made by the delegate were not specific to the proposed bylaw. Mayor D. Scott upheld the Point of Order and reminded the delegate to confine comments to the proposed bylaw.

The following motion was moved by Councillor K. Balsom and seconded by Councillor V. Murphy

“THAT Bylaw No. 19/029, being a Conversion Therapy Bylaw, be read a second time.”

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 5:13 p.m. and returned at 5:15 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 5:19 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/029 be amended by:

- deleting section 2.1;
- deleting section 2.3 and replacing it with:

“Conversion Therapy” means offering or providing counselling or behaviour modification techniques, administration or prescription of medication, or any other purported treatment, service, or other thing for the purpose of changing, repressing, or discouraging an individual’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, or gender preference, or for the purpose of eliminating or reducing sexual attraction or sexual behaviour between individuals of the same sex, but does not include:

 - (a) services that provide acceptance, support, or understanding of an individual or that facilitate an individual’s coping, social support, or identity exploration or development; or
 - (b) gender-affirming surgery or any support or other service related to gender-affirming surgery;
- In section 3.1, deleting “a Person who is a minor” and replacing it with “any Person”;

- Deleting section 3.2;
- Deleting section 3.3;
- Deleting Section 2.12; and
- In paragraph 5 of the Preamble, deleting “minors and” following the words “...when performed on”.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 2]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Meagher
ABSENT:	Voyageur

Voting then occurred on second reading of Bylaw No. 19/028, as amended.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/029, being a Conversion Therapy Bylaw, be read a second time, as amended.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 2]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Meagher
ABSENT:	Voyageur

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 19/029 be read a third and final time.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 2]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Meagher
ABSENT:	Voyageur

6. New Business

6.1. Council Committee Appointments

MOTION:

THAT the following appointments be made effective immediately:

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

- Rene Wells and Alethea Austin to December 31, 2021.

Combative Sports Commission

- Craig Hillier, Combative Sports knowledge, to December 31, 2021; and
- Andy Campbell, Law Enforcement knowledge, to December 31, 2020.

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

Vacating of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 5:51 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor S. Lalonde assumed the Chair.

6.2. Federal Cabinet Meeting

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be authorized to send a letter and invitation to the Prime Minister of Canada to hold a federal cabinet meeting in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

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

6.3. Governor General Award for Volunteerism

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be authorized to send a recommendation letter to support Bill Rockwell, community volunteer, in receiving the Governor General's Medal for Volunteerism.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 5:59 p.m.

6.4. Air Travel for Municipal Business

MOTION:

THAT Administration be directed to bring forward an amendment to the Elected Officials Compensation, Travel, and Expenses Policy LEG-050, to include that for all municipal business, any air travel outside of the Region be conducted through the Fort McMurray International Airport; and

THAT Administration implement the foregoing throughout the organization's employee related travel directives and procedures.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 1]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Inglis
ABSENT:	Voyageur

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer