

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse, 101 Cartier Road in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Krista Balsom, Councillor
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor

Absent:

Bruce Inglis, 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
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, Director, Public Works
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

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

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

2.1 Advice from Officials/Privileged Information – Legal Matters

(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Legal Matter No. 1

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
Don Lidstone (via teleconference)	External Legal Counsel
Kari Westhaver	Director, Human Resources

Entrance

Councillor M. Allen entered the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Legal Matter No. 2

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
Chris Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
Linda Ollivier	Director, Financial Services
Greg Plester (via teleconference)	External Legal Counsel

2.2 Advice from Officials – Information Briefing

(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
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

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:55 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in the public Council Chamber.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

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

Notices of Motion:

Councillor K. McGrath served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion at the Council Meeting on February 25, 2020:

THAT Administration be directed to investigate and benchmark the current parking enforcement standards of other municipalities in Alberta and bring forward a report to Council identifying the appropriate value of parking penalties, including an early payment discount option for parking infractions issued in contravention of the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079.

Mayor D. Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion at the Council Meeting on February 25, 2020:

THAT the RMWB make a formal submission to the Fair Deal Committee to:

- encourage the Provincial Government to attend 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference being held in Toronto ON, to engage with, educate and influence municipal leaders across Alberta;
- consider opportunities to adjust taxation incentives and deductions for industry and business to reduce the benefit of employing labour from other provinces;
- encourage the National Research Council to establish a National Centre for Cleaner Fossil Fuels in Fort McMurray with the goal of commercializing technologies that monetize the value of the oil sands while building environmental technology companies; and
- encourage federal and provincial procurement policies to include a 5% Indigenous spending goal to support the continued evolution of Indigenous enterprises.

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

4. Consent Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the recommendations contained in items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 be approved

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

4.1. Council Meeting - January 28, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Council Meeting be approved as presented.

4.2. Bylaw No. 20/005 - Enforcement Officer Bylaw

THAT Bylaw No. 20/005, being the Enforcement Officer Bylaw be read a first time.

4.3. Council Appointed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - January 2020

THAT the Minutes from Council Appointed Advisory Committee meetings, held in January 2020, as outlined in Attachments 1-6, be accepted as information.

5. Presentations and Business Arising

Linda Mywaart, Chair, Advisory Committee on Aging, and Henry Hunter, Vice Chair, Advisory Committee on Aging and Chief Executive Officer of Wood Buffalo Housing, provided an overview on the need for the Provincial Rent Supplement Program and recommended that Council lobby the Provincial Government to expediate the review process and communicate information to affected municipalities.

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, spoke in support of the Committee's recommendation.

Declaration

Councillor P. Meagher declared that although he has an employment relationship with Linda Mywaart, there is no pecuniary interest in this matter and is therefore able to take part in debate and consideration of this matter.

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Seniors and Housing, Josephine Pon, requesting that the review process for the Rent Supplement Program be expedited and that the various municipalities impacted be provided information as soon as possible; and

THAT Administration request a meeting with the Minister of Seniors and Housing, Josephine Pon, during the upcoming Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention.

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

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. **Public Hearing Re: Bylaw 20/001 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment Small Holdings District - Draper and Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan**

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing open at 4:26 p.m.

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development and Christopher Booth, Manager, Planning and Development provided an overview of the application for a text amendment to the Small Holdings District of the Land Use Bylaw and an amendment to the Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan.

Matias Espinoza and April Ryall, Corcoda Inc., spoke on behalf of their client, Tabernacle of Praise Church, and provided an overview of the application for text amendments to the Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 and the Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan.

Andrew Thorne, Draper resident, spoke in support of the proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan.

Reverend Marlon Alexander and Cheryl Alexander, Tabernacle of Praise Church, spoke in support of the proposed development and provided a presentation of the church's history as well as current and future initiatives.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the proposed bylaw.

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

Mayor D. Scott declared the public hearing closed at 4:56 p.m.

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

MOTION:

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 second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/001 be read a third and final time.

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

6.3. Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw No. 19/025 Review Update

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, and Sabrina Caterini, Manager, Bylaw Services, Community Services, provided a presentation on the review of section 42 of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw No. 19/025 and recommended that no amendments be made to this section based on the research conducted and feedback received from the public.

7. New Business

7.1. Strategic Plan Progress Report, Quarter 4: October 1 - December 31, 2019

Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources, provided an overview of the Quarter Four Strategic Plan Progress Report.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 5:06 p.m. and returned at 5:07 p.m.

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 5:07 p.m. and returned at 5:08 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Strategic Plan Progress Report for Quarter 4, 2019 be accepted as information.

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

7.2. Rural Homelessness Estimate Report

Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, and Matthew Harrison, Senior Manager, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided an overview of the report before Council and introduced Consultants Shadi Merhej and Scott Travis, with the Alberta Rural Development Network, who spoke to the data collected to estimate rural homelessness in the rural communities.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 5:31 p.m. and returned at 5:33 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Homelessness Estimation Report be accepted as information;

THAT Administration work with community partners to support solutions that will address inadequate housing in Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's rural communities; and

THAT the Mayor write a letter to the appropriate ministries in the Provincial and Federal governments inviting the responsible Minister to visit and tour Wood Buffalo to see first-hand housing conditions and discuss how the Provincial and Federal governments can address Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo housing challenges.

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

Recess

The meeting recessed from 5:43 p.m. to 5:52 p.m.

7.3. Support Request from Sturgeon County

Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided an overview of Sturgeon County's request for support and collaboration of an Alberta-focused reception to take place at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in June 2020.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo participate in the 2020 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference Advocacy Event;

THAT up to \$10,000 be approved from Council's 2020 Public Relations Budget to fund the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's contribution to the 2020 FCM Conference Advocacy Event; and

THAT Administration work with Sturgeon County on this initiative.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 2]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	McGrath, Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis, Voyageur

7.4. Advocacy Initiative - Teck Frontier Oil Sands Mine Project

Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided an overview of the matter requesting that the Council consider supporting this advocacy initiative to lobby the Federal Government for approval of the Teck Frontier Oil Sands Mine Project.

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to all members of the Federal Government Cabinet requesting that the Teck Frontier Mine project be approved and outline the benefits of the project to our region; and

THAT Mayor Don Scott, Councillor Krista Balsom, Councillor Keith McGrath, Councillor Jeff Peddle and Councillor Verna Murphy be approved, on behalf of Council, to travel to Ottawa to petition the Federal Government for final approval of the Teck Frontier Mine Project and that all costs associated with the travel, including accommodations, meals and per diems, be accommodated in Council's 2020 Business Travel Budget.

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

7.5. Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Exemption with Lac La Biche County

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Christopher Booth, Manager, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the report and presented the exemption for Council's consideration.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Lac La Biche County, apply for exemption from completing an Intermunicipal Development Plan as required under Section 631(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* for the lands lying along the common boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Lac La Biche County.

THAT Administration continue discussions with Lac La Biche County on the creation of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement Bylaw.

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

7.6. Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Improvement District No. 349

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Christopher Booth, Manager, Planning and Development, provided an overview on the recommendation before Council.

MOTION:

THAT the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and ID No. 349, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved; and

THAT Administration be directed to notify the Minister of Municipal Affairs before April 1, 2020, that the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with ID No. 349 has been completed in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, Section 708.33 (4).

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

7.7. Bylaw No. 20/003 - Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Mackenzie County

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Christopher Booth, Manager, Planning and Development, provided an overview of Bylaw No. 20/003 and the recommendation before Council for consideration.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/003, being a bylaw to create an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement with Mackenzie County, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/003 be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/003 be considered for third reading.

RESULT: CARRIED [8 TO 0]
MOVER: Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER: Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT: Inglis, Voyageur

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/003 be read a third and final time.

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

Reconvening of Closed Session - Item 2.2

MOTION:

THAT Council move in camera to reconvene the closed session to continue discussions on item 2.2 Information Briefings, pursuant to sections 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2.2 Advice from Officials – Information Briefing

(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
Jamie Doyle	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer