

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via Electronic Communication in the Council Chamber at the Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Bruce Inglis, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Keith McGrath, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Phil Meagher, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Verna Murphy, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Jeff Peddle, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Jane Stroud, Councillor (via teleconference)  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor (via teleconference)

**Administration:**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services (via teleconference)  
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief (via teleconference)  
Chris Davis, Senior Municipal Legal Counsel  
Scott Davis, Director, Emergency Management (via teleconference)  
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations (via teleconference)  
Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development (via teleconference)  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Rachel Orser, Director, Supply Chain Management (via teleconference)  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services (via teleconference)  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works (via teleconference)  
Dennis Warr, Acting Director, Engineering (via teleconference)  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

## 2. In-Camera Session

### MOTION:

THAT Council close items 2.1 and 2.2 to the public pursuant to sections 21(1), 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

### 2.1. **Advice from Officials/Privileged Information - Information Briefing**

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

#### Information Briefing # 1

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Brad McMurdo	Director, Planning and Development

#### Information Briefing # 2 and 3

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Brad McMurdo	Director, Planning and Development
Chris Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
Michael Ircandia	Manager, Land Administration

#### Information Briefing # 4

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
C. Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
B. McMurdo	Director, Planning and Development

**2.2 Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations - Meeting with MLA’s Laila Goodridge and Tany Yao**

(in camera pursuant to section 21(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Laila Goodridge	MLA, Fort McMurray – Lac La Biche
Tany Yao	MLA, Fort McMurray – Wood Buffalo

**2.1. Advice from Officials/Privileged Information - Information Briefing Continued**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk

Exits

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, exited the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:57 p.m. and 4:06 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber.

**MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Notices of Motion

Councillor K. McGrath served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council’s consideration at the next Council meeting, whether it be a Special meeting called pursuant to section 194 of the *Municipal Government Act* or the next regularly scheduled Council meeting:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism and the Minister of Service Alberta requesting that adherence to the various trade agreements for scopes of work for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) be waived for a period of 18 months to allow local contractors first right of refusal on work scoped by the RMWB, provided that local contractors have the capacity and capabilities to perform the work required. The intent of this letter is to advocate on behalf of the residents and businesses in the RMWB to support the local economy throughout the ongoing pandemic and downturn in the oil industry in our Region.

Councillor J. Peddle served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the next Council meeting, whether it be a Special meeting called pursuant to section 194 of the *Municipal Government Act* or the next regularly scheduled Council meeting:

THAT all capital projects for the lower townsite, with the exception of shovel ready projects and flood mitigation, be placed on hold until such time as the flood mitigation project is complete; and  
THAT the work associated with the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee and the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee be placed on hold until the flood mitigation project is complete.

Mayor D. Scott, served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the next Council meeting, whether it be a Special meeting called pursuant to section 194 of the *Municipal Government Act* or the next regularly scheduled Council meeting:

THAT Administration bring forward for Council's consideration an accelerated Flood Mitigation Plan within 30 days; and

THAT Administration bring forward for Council's consideration as soon as possible a potential engineering solution including all costs to implement, to prevent a repetition of the issue that caused the current Boil Water Advisory, taking into consideration the maximum prediction floods within our Region.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor C. Voyageur disconnected from the meeting at 4:13 p.m. and reconnected at 4:15 p.m.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

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

#### 4. Consent Agenda

##### MOTION:

THAT the recommendations contained in items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be approved

##### 4.1. Minutes - Council Meeting - April 14, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 14, 2020 be approved as presented.

##### 4.2. Minutes - Special In-Camera Council Meeting - April 20, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Special In-Council Meeting held on April 20, 2020 be approved as presented.

##### 4.3. Minutes - Special Council Meeting - May 6, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 6, 2020 be approved as presented.

##### 4.4. Bylaw No. 20/017 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Temporary RV Parking

THAT Bylaw No. 20/017, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 99/059 to temporarily relax RV parking, be read a first time;

THAT the public hearing be scheduled to occur on May 27, 2020; and

THAT the regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 be rescheduled to occur at the same time on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

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

## **5. Presentations**

### **5.1. Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, re: COVID-19 and Flood Public Briefing (Verbal)**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Municipality's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020 Flood, noting that the COVID-19 State of Local Emergency (SOLE) lapsed on May 8, 2020; however, the Flood SOLE is still in effect, which includes COVID-19 caveats that the Alberta Health Services guidelines continue to be followed. It was noted that flood recovery is continuing and that residents in dry zones are encouraged to return home.

### **5.2. Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, re: Boil Water Advisory Briefing (Verbal)**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Boil Water Advisory and noted that restoring water to the Northern Lights Health Centre is a priority, which should be completed soon. It was indicated that additional information would be communicated this week about plans to reduce the phases for cleaning and disinfecting the water system from 120 days to 60 days, and that residents should follow all advice provided during this time.

### **5.3. Kevin Weidlich, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, re Business Recovery Task Force Update (Verbal)**

Kevin Weidlich, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (WBEDC), provided an update on the Business Recovery Task Force (Task Force), which was established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and now the scope being expanded to include post emergency support for the flood. It was noted that the Task Force has developed the following recommendations for business recovery, which would be presented to Council in June with more detail and potential funding requests:

- That the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) forgive 8 months of the 2020 property tax payments for the time period May 2020 to December 2020 for rural non-residential properties, with the exception of Designated Industrial Properties; rural small business properties; urban non-residential, with the exception of Designated Industrial Properties; and urban other-residential properties;
- That the RMWB implement, without delay or cancellation, any 2020 capital projects that can be done safely and to bring forward any future capital projects that could be deemed shovel-ready to start in 2020;
- That the WBEDC and community partners, create a centralized portal ('single window') for businesses to access all the supports and programs in place for both COVID-19 and the flood, and pursue grant funding for the portal; and

- That the WBEDC and the Task Force develop a ‘return to work safely,’ marketing campaign to address the fear of returning to work and the shared responsibility of returning to work safely as the economy re-opens and pursue grant funding for the campaign.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 4:58 p.m. and returned at 5:03 p.m.

### **6. Unfinished Business**

#### **6.1. Bylaw No. 20/010 - Fort Chipewyan Social Distancing Enforcement Bylaw**

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the Fort Chipewyan Social Distancing Enforcement Bylaw No. 20/010, noting that Council passed first reading of the Bylaw on April 14, 2020 and put second reading on the floor, which permitted delegates to speak to the bylaw and for Council debate to occur. Following public input and Council debate, Mayor D. Scott proposed an amendment to the Bylaw to include curfew details. The proposed amendment and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bylaw 20/010 were deferred to the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow for public input and to allow for Council to have discussion and dialogue with the leadership of Fort Chipewyan; this closed/in camera meeting was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The April 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting was cancelled due to the flood and this matter is now back before Council.

Mayor D. Scott noted that the Mikisew Cree First Nation, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and the Fort Chipewyan Métis have enacted their own regulations for a local curfew in Fort Chipewyan; therefore, adopting Bylaw No. 20/010 Fort Chipewyan Social Distancing Enforcement Bylaw is redundant, and indicated that he would be withdrawing his amending motion.

Ron Pelletier, Fort McMurray resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaw, noting that there are already measures in place to enforce Alberta Health Services orders.

#### Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 5:41 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor M. Allen assumed the Chair.

With consent of Council, Mayor D. Scott withdrew his motion to amend Bylaw No. 20/010 Fort Chipewyan Social Distancing Enforcement Bylaw, which had been deferred from the April 14, 2020 Council meeting.

#### Resuming the Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 5:42 p.m.

### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/010, being the Fort Chipewyan Social Distancing Enforcement Bylaw, be read a second time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [0 TO 11]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur

## 6.2. Bylaw No. 20/012 - 2020 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, presented an overview of the proposed 2020 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

### Exit and Return

Mayor D. Scott exited the meeting at 5:46 p.m. and returned at 5:48 p.m.

Karim Zariffa, Oil Sands Community Alliance, spoke in support of the proposed 2020 property tax rates, and noted that the reduction in taxes for Designated Industrial Properties could help preserve jobs and procurement spends during these difficult economic times.

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following motion for consideration, which was seconded by Councillor V. Murphy:

“THAT Bylaw No. 20/012, being the 2020 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a second time.”

Councillor J. Stroud then put forward a motion to amend the 2020 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/012 be amended to set the 2020 Rural Residential Tax Rate at 0.0010476 and to set the 2020 Urban Residential Tax Rate at 0.0019926.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [5 TO 6]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Inglis, McGrath, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle

Voting then occurred on the original motion.



**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/012, being the 2020 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a second time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Phil Meagher, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Inglis, Voyageur

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/012 be read a third and final time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Inglis, Voyageur

### **6.3. Bylaw No. 20/009 Rural Area Water and Wastewater Service Connection Bylaw**

Dennis Warr, Acting Director, Engineering, Kashif Khan, Program Manager, Engineering, Roy Herrington, Supervisor, Planning and Development and Kurt Stillwell, Municipal Solicitor, Legal Services provided an overview of the proposed Rural Area Water and Wastewater Service Connection Bylaw.

Devin Zelman, Saprae Creek Estates resident, noted his support for the proposed bylaw in a written submission, which was read aloud for the record.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and returned at 7:16 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/009, being the Rural Area Water and Wastewater Service Connection Bylaw, be read a second time.

<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, Voyageur

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/009 be read a third and final time.

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

**7. New Business****7.1. Bylaw No. 20/013 - Tax Penalty Relief**

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the proposed Tax Penalty Relief Bylaw, which proposes to waive all penalties on tax accounts until October 1, 2020 in response to the effect that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the local economy.

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/013, being the Tax Penalty Relief Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/013 be read a second time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/013 be considered for third reading.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/013 be read a third and final time.

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

## **7.2. Bylaw No. 20/015 - Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw Amendment - Reduction of Water Fees**

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the proposed Fee, Rates and Charges Bylaw amendment, which would temporarily suspend the fixed meter size charge for water utilities for the duration of the Alberta Health Services Boil Water Advisory.

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/015, being a bylaw to amend the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/015 be read a second time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/015 be considered for third reading.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/015 be read a third and final time.

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

### 7.3. Bylaw No. 20/016 - License Bylaw Amendment During State of Local Emergency

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the proposed License Bylaw Amendment which amends the timeline for non-resident business licences when a State of Local Emergency has been declared.

#### Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 8:28 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor M. Allen assumed the Chair.

Mayor D. Scott put forward the following motion for consideration:

“That the Non-resident Business Licence fee be increased to \$800.00.”

With consent of Council, Mayor D. Scott withdrew his motion, noting that the licence fees are legislated under the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 19/024 and not the License Bylaw No. 01/031.

#### Resuming the Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 8:30 p.m.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/016, being an amendment to the License Bylaw No. 01/031, be read a first time.

<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, Voyageur

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/016 be read a second time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [8 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Lalonde, Murphy, Voyageur

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/016 be considered for third reading.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/016 be read a third and final time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [8 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Allen, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Krista Balsom, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Lalonde, Murphy, Voyageur

**7.4. Advocacy Support - Alberta's Oil Industry**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the proposed letter to the federal and provincial governments in support of Alberta's Oil Sands Industry's advocating for additional financial assistance during these challenging economic times.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Natural Resources Canada, the Premier of Alberta and the Provincial Minister of Energy in support of the Alberta's Oil Sands Industry's request for additional financial assistance.

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

### 7.5. Request for Advocacy - Bill 201 - Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, provide an overview of the request for advocacy from the City of Lethbridge to endorse Bill 201 - *Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act*.

#### MOTION:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Premier of Alberta and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation in support of Bill 201 – *Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act*.

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

## 8. Councillors' Motions

### 8.1. Tax Deferral - Designated Industrial Properties

Councillor K. McGrath provided an overview of his motion to defer property tax payments to September 30, 2020 for Designated Industrial Properties.

Mayor D. Scott noted for the record that Karim Zariffa, Oils Sands Community Alliance, had withdrawn his request to speak to the proposed tax deferral for Designated Industrial Properties.

Councillor K. McGrath put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT 2020 property tax payments for Designated Industrial Properties be deferred from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020.”

Councillor M. Allen proposed a friendly amendment to change the word “payments” to “deadline”, which was accepted by Councillor K. McGrath and Council.

Voting then occurred on the motion as amended:

#### MOTION:

THAT 2020 property tax deadline for Designated Industrial Properties be deferred from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

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

### **8.2. Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Relocation Pilot Project**

Councillor K. McGrath spoke to his motion, noting that the relocation pilot project to attract transient workers to move to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo would be a great investment.

Ron Pelletier, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed relocation pilot project, noting that people have the right to choose where they live and work.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (WBEDC) and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) Administration be directed to bring forward within 30 days a Relocation Pilot Project for Council's consideration that encourages transient workers in the RMWB to consider moving to the RMWB; and

THAT the Relocation Pilot Project include incentives, such as financial assistance matching of their employers, for up to \$5,000.00 for a minimum three (3) year term.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [6 TO 5]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Keith McGrath, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur

### **8.3. Letter to Provincial and Federal Governments Requesting Funding for Mental Health Programs and Agencies**

Councillor K. Balsom, provided an overview of her motion to request a letter of support be sent to the provincial and federal governments for funding for mental health programs and agencies in our region, noting that recent funding announcements were much needed but additional financial support would be welcome.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Mayor Scott be authorized to send a letter to the provincial and federal governments asking for funding for mental health programs and agencies in our region for both urban and rural residents.



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

#### **8.4. Social Sustainability Plan Committee - Establishment of a Multi-Sector Social Recovery Task Force**

Councillor K. Balsom noted that following serving her Notice of Motion regarding the establishment of a Multi-Sector Social Recovery Task Force at the April 14, 2020 Council meeting, she worked with Administration and it was concluded that the task force being proposed fell within the purview of the Social Sustainability Plan Committee; therefore, she is proposing the following motion for consideration:

“THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Administration work with the Social Sustainability Plan Committee to advise on the short and long-term well-being of all residents in our region to identify priorities, help to guide decision making, resource allocation, alignment and collaborative community action as it relates to both the COVID-19 response and recovery and the 2020 flood event.”

Chantal Beaver and Anna Seinen, Social Sustainability Plan Committee (Committee) members, spoke in support of the revised motion, noting that the Committee would refocus its work temporarily to align with the proposed motion.

Councillor P. Meagher rose a question on process noting that the proposed motion was significantly different from the Notice of Motion that was served on April 14, 2020. Discussions then occurred on a potential deferment to allow public notice and comment.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Social Sustainability Plan Committee - Establishment of a Multi-Sector Social Recovery Task Force item be deferred to the May 27, 2020 Council Meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFERRED [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Balsom, Murphy

**9. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates**

Due to the late hour, Councillor Reporting/Information Updates will occur at the next regular Council meeting.

**Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer