

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held through a combination of in person and virtual attendance, in the Council Chamber at Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Bruce Inglis, Councillor (via Microsoft Teams)  
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor (via Microsoft Teams)  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Phil Meagher, Councillor (via Microsoft Teams)  
Jeff Peddle, Councillor (via Microsoft Teams)  
Jane Stroud, Councillor  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor (via Microsoft Teams)

**Absent:**

Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor  
Verna Murphy, Councillor

**Administration:**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. In-Camera Session (at 1:30 p.m.)****MOTION:**

THAT Council close items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 to the public pursuant to sections 19(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

**2.1 Advice from Officials Information Briefing – Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation**

(in camera pursuant to section 24(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
Gregg Saretsky	Chair, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (WBEDC)
Kevin Weidlich	Chief Executive Officer, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (WBEDC)
Andrea Haley	Director, Brand & Corporate Services, WBEDC

**2.2 Advice from Officials – Land Matter**

(in camera pursuant to section 24(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
Matthew Harrison	Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations

**2.3 Confidential Evaluations/Advice from Officials and Information Briefing**

(In camera pursuant to sections 19(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

**Briefing No. 1**

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

**Briefing No. 2**

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

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:20 p.m. and 4:05 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber. At this time Councillor K. McGrath rejoined the meeting.

**MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

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

**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

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

#### 4. Consent Agenda

##### MOTION:

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

##### 4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting – October 13, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 13, 2020 be accepted as presented.

##### 4.2. Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Minutes

THAT the Minutes from Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee meetings, as outlined in Attachments 1-10, be accepted as information.

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

#### 5. Presentations

##### 5.1. Johnny Dulku, Chair, Communities in Bloom Committee re: Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Ceremony

Johnny Dulku, Chair, Communities in Bloom Committee, provided a presentation on the Communities in Bloom National Symposium and Awards Ceremony indicating that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo was selected to host the 2020 Symposium; however, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Symposium and Awards Ceremony was held virtually and hosted by the National Communities in Bloom Committee. It was requested that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo host the 2023 Symposium.

Keith Smith, Director, and Terra Brenneis, Program Manager, Public Works, spoke to the Communities in Bloom Committee's request to host the 2023 Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Ceremony and indicated support of the Committee's request.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo move the Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Ceremony hosting year and event budget to 2023.

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

**6. Unfinished Business****6.1. Relocation Pilot Project**

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the report and recommended that the Municipality continue to attract and retain residents by working towards Council's Strategic Plan.

Kevin Weidlich, Chair, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (WBEDC) indicated support of Administration's recommendation to not pursue the Relocation Pilot Project and recommended that the Municipality and the WBEDC attract residents based on the merits of the region which would be more sustainable and supportive of long term growth.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Relocation Pilot Project report be received as information, and that this report satisfy the outstanding May 12, 2020 resolution of Council on this matter.

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

**6.2. Bylaw No. 20/026 - Amendment to the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079**

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, and Sabrina Caterini, Manager, Bylaw Services, spoke to the proposed amendments to the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079.

Councillor C. Voyageur put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Bylaw No. 20/026, being an amendment to the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079, be read a second time.”

Councillor J. Stroud put forward the following amendment for consideration:

“THAT Bylaw No. 20/026 be amended by striking “twenty-five percent (25%)” and inserting “forty percent (40%)” in section 2.”

Councillor K. McGrath proposed a friendly amendment to strike “twenty-five percent (25%)’ and insert “twenty-five dollars (\$25)” in section 2.

Recess

A recess occurred from 4:53 p.m. to 5:04 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath withdrew his friendly amendment.

Council then voted on the amending motion as presented by Councillor J. Stroud.

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/026 be amended by striking ‘twenty-five percent (25%)’ and inserting ‘forty percent (40%)’ in section 2.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Keith McGrath, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Lalonde
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, Balsom, Murphy

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/026, as amended, being an amendment to the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079, be read a second time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/026 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, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, Balsom, Murphy

A supplementary motion was then put forward by Councillor J. Stroud.

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to complete a full review of the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079, and bring forward a rewrite, taking into consideration violation ticket amounts in other Alberta municipalities, by April 2021.

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

**6.3. Athlete Recognition Update**

Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, spoke to the report noting that there are a variety of ways to recognize athletes, including nomination through the Community Identification Committee.

Action:

Administration committed to continuing to investigate options to recognize local athletes and Olympians.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Athlete Recognition Update be accepted as information and that this report satisfy the outstanding November 29, 2019 resolution of Council on this matter.

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

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. **Bylaw No. 20/027 - Fort McMurray Airport Authority Municipal Property Tax Exemption Bylaw**

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, introduced the proposed Fort McMurray Airport Authority Municipal Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 20/027.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/027, being the Fort McMurray Airport Authority Municipal Property Tax Exemption Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/027 be read a second time.

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



**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/027 be considered for third reading.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/027 be read a third and final time.

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

**7.2. Q3 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments Update**

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the capital budget amendments for the third quarter ending September 30, 2020.

Councillor P. Meagher declared for the record, that he is a member of a club that uses the Doug Barnes Cabin; however, noted that he has no pecuniary interest in the matter before Council.

**MOTION:**

THAT the 2020 Q3 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments update, as summarized on Attachment #1 (2020 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments, dated September 30, 2020), be accepted as information.

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

### **7.3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Standing Committees and Forums - Application by Councillor J. Stroud**

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, presented an overview of the request for support for Councillor J. Stroud's application to sit on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Standing Committees and Forums.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo endorse Councillor Jane Stroud in her application to sit on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Standing Committees and Forums;

THAT Council assume all costs associated with Councillor Jane Stroud attending such Standing Committee and Forums as she may be appointed to; and

THAT any cost expensed be reported in Council quarterly expense report.

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

### **8. Councillors' Motions**

Mayor D. Scott noted that agenda items 8.1 and 8.2, *Backyard Hens Pilot Project and Advocacy and Lobbying Effort – Online and Telephone Voting*, respectively, have been moved to the November 10, 2020 Council Meeting.

#### Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Acting Mayor K. McGrath assumed the Chair at 5:55 p.m.

### 8.3. Energy Industry Advocacy

Mayor D. Scott introduced the item and requested that Council support advocacy of the energy industry to the Government of Canada.

#### **MOTION:**

WHEREAS the energy industry is the primary economic driver for the Wood Buffalo Region, Alberta, and most of Canada; and

WHEREAS the industry employs thousands of residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, local First Nation and Metis communities, and workers from across the country in a variety of sectors; and

WHEREAS the industry procures significant goods and services causing significant investments across Canada; and

WHEREAS the energy sector remains key to Canada's prosperity for decades to come.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo advocate to the Government of Canada to formally recognize the importance of this significantly challenged industry by:

- Supporting the Wood Buffalo region and it's companies by refraining from increasing regulatory burdens amidst an already challenging environment; and
- Supporting carbon emissions reducing technology.

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

#### Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 6:00 p.m.

### 9. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

Council Members provided updates on various initiatives and events in the region.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer