

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via Electronic Communications, a combination of video conferencing and teleconferencing, in the Council Chamber at the Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, November 24, 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

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services
Scott Davis, Director, Emergency Management
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning & Business Initiatives
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications & Engagement
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services
Rachel Orser, Director, Supply Chain Management
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session (commencing at 2:00 p.m.)

MOTION:

THAT Council close agenda items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 to the public pursuant to sections 17, 19 and 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2.1 Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy - Annual Board and Committees Applications Review

(In Camera pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Sonia Soutter	Legislative Advice/Clerk

2.2. Advice from Officials - Confidential Evaluations

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

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

2.3. Council Dialogue and Operational Briefings

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

Briefing No. 1

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Linda Ollivier	Director, Financial Services

Briefings Nos. 2 and 3

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Antoine Rempp	Director, Environmental Services
Dennis Warr	Director, Engineering

Briefing No. 4

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

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:57 p.m. and 4:08 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda (Public Session at 4:00 p.m.)**3.1. MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

4. Consent Agenda

MOTION:

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

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

4.1. **Minutes of Council Meeting - November 10, 2020**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 10, 2020 be approved as presented.

4.2. **Bylaw No. 20/029 - Utility Account Holders Amending Bylaw and Bylaw No. 20/030 - Fees, Rates and Charges 2020 Bylaw**

1. THAT Bylaw No. 20/029, being the Utility Account Holders Amending Bylaw, be read a first time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 20/030, being the Fees, Rates and Charges 2020 Bylaw, be read a first time.

5. Presentations

5.1. **Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer re: COVID-19 Public Briefing**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the current case count issued by the Alberta Chief Medical Officer, identifying 147 active cases in Fort McMurray and 26 cases outside of the urban service area.

It was noted that municipal offices remain closed to the public and it is anticipated that staff working remotely will continue doing so through the end of 2020.

Recess and Return

A recess occurred from 4:27 p.m. to 5:24 p.m. and Councillor C. Voyageur returned to the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

5.2. Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief, Regional Emergency Services re: EMS Dispatch

Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief, spoke to the Alberta Health Services intent to consolidate ambulance dispatch services, which will remove the integrated emergency dispatch service from Fort McMurray. A video was shown comparing response times to 911 calls under past and current service models. Regional Fire Chief Butz concluded by stressing the importance of maintaining an integrated service model for the Municipality.

Vacating of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated, and Deputy Mayor V. Murphy assumed the Chair at 5:57 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT a letter be sent to the Premier of Alberta, advocating for Emergency Medical Services Dispatch remaining within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, advising that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is prepared to fund this local service.

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

Resuming of Chair and Exit

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 6:02 p.m.

Councillor P. Meagher exited the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. **Bylaw No. 20/021 - Election Bylaw**

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, and Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services, introduced the Election Bylaw and responded to questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/021, being the Election Bylaw, be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/021 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, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Meagher

7. New Business**7.1. Bylaw No. 20/028 - Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw No. 17/021 Amendment**

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/028, being an amendment to the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw No. 17/021, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/028 be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/028 be considered for third reading.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/028 be read a third and final time.

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

7.2. Bylaw No. 20/007 - Repealing Bylaw 19/007 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (2022) Arctic Winter Games Bylaw

Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, introduced Bylaw No. 20/007 and responded to questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/007, being a bylaw to repeal Bylaw No. 19/007 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (2022) Arctic Winter Games Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/007, be read a second time.

Recess

A recess occurred from 6:27 p.m. to 6:37p.m.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/007, be considered for third reading.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/007, be read a third and final time.

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

7.3. Q3 2020 Financial Performance Report

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the 2020 Q3 Financial Performance Report.

MOTION:

THAT the Third Quarter 2020 Financial Performance Update be accepted as information.

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

7.4. Request for Letter of Support - Titanium Corporation - Application to the Industrial Energy Efficiency and Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Program

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the report, noting that Scott Nelson, Titanium Corporation was available to answer questions of Council. Scott Nelson, Titanium Corporation responded to questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of Council, to send a letter to the Honourable Jason Nixon, Alberta Minister of Environment and Parks, in support of Titanium Corporation's joint application to the Industrial Energy Efficiency and Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage program.

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

8. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer