

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via Electronic Communications, a combination of video conferencing and teleconference in the Council Chamber at the Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, commencing at 9:00 AM.

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 and Business Initiatives
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer
Rachel Orser, Director, Supply Chain Management
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering
Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

2. 2021 Budget Proceedings

2.1. 2021 Proposed Budget, 2022 - 2023 Financial Plan

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the proposed budget.

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, and Ray Cayen, Manager, Financial Planning, provided a presentation on the proposed 2021 Budget and 2022 - 2023 Financial Plan.

Public Delegations for 2021 Budget, 2022-2023 Financial Plan

There were no delegates or submissions for the proposed 2021 Budget, 2022-2023 Financial Plan.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and returned at 10:07 a.m.

Pecuniary Interest and Exit

Councillor K. Balsom declared a pecuniary interest due to a contractual obligation in Item No. 3.1, 2021 Community Impact Grants - Community Programs and Projects, Community Events and New Events Streams and exited the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

3. 2021 Community Impact Grants - Community Programs and Projects, Community Events and New Events Streams

3.1. 2021 Proposed Community Impact Grants Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, spoke to the numerous funding requests that were received for 2021, and the process followed in bringing forward recommendations to Council for consideration.

Nazia Hiscock, Vice Principal, Shannon Dube, Numeracy Coordinator, Dr. K. A. Clark School, thanked Council for the funding recommended under the Community Impact Grant Program for their community garden and requested that Council reconsider their application for grant funding for an outdoor mural under the Program.

Nicole Gardner, Administrator; Willow Lake Community Association, requested that Council reconsider their grant funding application for the Anzac Christmas Carnival under the Community Impact Grant Program.

Carol Christian, Executive Director, and Val O'Leary, former Executive Director, Critical Incident Stress Management for Communities, requested that Council reconsider their application for grant funding for a suicide prevention course under the Community Impact Grant Program.

Cruze Flett, Parker Flett and Allison Flett, Fort Mac Hockey Brothers Foundation, thanked Council for the funding recommended under the Community Impact Grant Program.

Nicole Gardner, Administrator; and Darryl Woytkiw, Member, Camp Yogi Society, requested that Council reconsider their application for grant funding for the Food Festival under the Community Impact Grant Program.

Recess

A recess occurred from 11:16 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$2,435,475 of the Community Impact Grant – Community Programs and Projects, Community Events, and New Events Streams be allocated as outlined in Attachment 1, dated December 1, 2020.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 11:37 a.m., at which time Deputy Mayor V. Murphy assumed the Chair.

MOTION:

THAT the funding for the Fort McMurray School Division under the 2021 Community Investment Impact Grants (Community Programs and Projects, Community Events and New Events) be increased to a total of \$30,145.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 1]
MOVER:	Don Scott, Mayor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Lalonde
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

Resuming the Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 11:44 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT funding be increased for the Willow Lake Community Association under the 2021 Community Investment Impact Grants (Community Programs and Projects, Community Events and New Events), in the amount of \$17,396 for the Anzac Christmas Carnival.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

Councillor J. Stroud put forward the following motion for consideration: “That funding be increased for Camp Yogi Society under the 2021 Community Investment Impact Grants (Community Programs and Projects, Community Events and New Events) in the amount of \$7,038 for the Food Festival, including administration fees”.

Councillor S. Lalonde proposed a friendly amendment to remove the words “including administration fees”, noting that the administration fees are included in the \$7,038, which was accepted by Councillor J. Stroud.

Voting then occurred on the motion.

MOTION:

THAT funding be increased for Camp Yogi Society under the 2021 Community Investment Impact Grants (Community Programs and Projects, Community Events and New Events) in the amount of \$7,038 for the Food Festival.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

Return

Councillor K. Balsom returned to the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

4. Games Legacy Grants

4.1. 2021 Proposed Games Legacy Grant Allocations

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, spoke to the funding requests for the Games Legacy Grants that were received for 2021 and the process followed in bringing forward recommendations to Council for consideration.

MOTION:

THAT \$25,073 in Games Legacy Grants be allocated as outlined in Attachment 1, dated December 1, 2020.

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

Recess

A recess occurred from 12:00 p.m. to 1:03 p.m.

5. 2021 Community Investment Program Sustaining Grants

2021 Proposed Sustaining Grant Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, spoke to the funding requests for the Community Investment Program Sustaining Grants that were received for 2021 and the process followed in bringing forward recommendations to Council for consideration.

MOTION:

THAT presentations from the following organizations be waived and that the Administrative Recommendations for grant funding for the following organizations be approved:

Agenda Item #	Organization	2021 Sustaining Grant
5.2	Family Christian Centre/Legacy Counselling Centre	\$320,000
5.3	Fort Chipewyan Historical Society	\$148,960
5.5	Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Assoc.	\$130,000
5.6	Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Association	\$611,000
5.7	Fort McMurray SPCA	\$704,000
5.9	Justin Slade Youth Foundation	\$310,000
5.14	Northern Alberta Athletic Association	\$1,334,500
5.15	Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club	\$200,000
5.18	Vista Ridge Recreational Association	\$358,415
5.21	YMCA of Northern Alberta - Eagle Ridge	\$458,655

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

Pecuniary Interest and Exit

Councillor K. Balsom declared a pecuniary interest due to a contractual obligation in the next three motions and exited the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT presentations from the following organizations be waived and that the Administrative Recommendations for grant funding for the following organizations be approved:

Agenda Item #	Organization	2021 Sustaining Grant
5.1	Arts Council Wood Buffalo	\$653,000
5.16	RMWB Library Board	\$3,782,480

RESULT: CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER: Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER: Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST: Balsom

Pecuniary Interest and Exit

Councillor M. Allen declared a pecuniary interest in the next motion and exited the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT presentations from the following organizations be waived and that the Administrative Recommendations for grant funding for the following organizations be approved:

Agenda Item #	Organization	2021 Sustaining Grant
5.17	RRC - Conklin	\$1,316,565
5.17	RRC - Macdonald Island Park	\$17,522,746
5.17	RRC - Anzac	\$1,088,344
5.17	RRC - Fort Chipewyan	\$341,782

RESULT: CARRIED [9 TO 0]
MOVER: Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER: Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST: Allen, Balsom

Return

Councillor M. Allen returned to the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest and Exit

Councillor J. Peddle declared a pecuniary interest in the next motion and exited the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT a presentation from Waypoints Community Services Association be waived and that the Administrative Recommendation for grant funding of \$485,000.00 be approved.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Balsom, Peddle

Returns

Councillors K. Balsom and J. Peddle returned to the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Kim Hurley, resident and business owner, spoke in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant application.

Exit and Return

Councillor V. Murphy exited the meeting at 1:35 p.m. and returned at 1:37 p.m.

Hanna Fridhed, resident, spoke in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant application.

Mitchell Webber, resident, spoke in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant application.

The following written submissions were read into the record and it was noted that following conclusion of the meeting the submissions would be added to the Agenda package and made available online.

Arts Council Wood Buffalo and Friends of the Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts wrote in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant application.

Brittany Sutherland, resident, wrote in support of the Keyano College Community Investment Program Sustaining Grant application.

Pecuniary Interest and Exit

Councillor K. Balsom declared a pecuniary interest due to a contractual obligation in Items 5.4, Fort McMurray Heritage Society, 5.8, FuseSocial Wood Buffalo, and 5.10, Keyano College, and exited the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

5.4. Fort McMurray Heritage Society

Byron Fediuk, Treasurer, Roseann Davidson, Executive Director, and Tammy Plowman, Program Manager, Fort McMurray Heritage Society, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$380,000 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Heritage Society under the 2021 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

5.8. FuseSocial Wood Buffalo Society

John Evans, Board Chair, and Chantal Beaver, Executive Director, FuseSocial Wood Buffalo Society, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$304,361 be allocated to the FuseSocial Wood Buffalo Society, under the 2021 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

5.10. Keyano College

Dale Mountain, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, and Frederick Russell, Vice President, Academic, Keyano College, presented their request for grant funding and requested that Council reconsider their application under the 2021 Sustaining Grant Program.

Exits and Returns

Councillor P. Meagher exited the meeting at 2:50 and returned at 2:51 p.m.

Councillor P. Meagher exited the meeting at 3:29 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$518,616 be allocated to the Keyano College, under the 2021 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 4]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom

Recess and Return

A recess occurred from 3:32 p.m. to 3:48 p.m., at which time Councillor K. Balsom rejoined the meeting.

MOTION:

THAT section 10 of the Procedure Bylaw be waived for the duration of the Budget Proceedings.

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

5.11. Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization (HERO) Foundation

Paul Spring, President, and Andrea Montgomery Spring, Executive Director, Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization (HERO) Foundation, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit

Councillor P. Meagher exited the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$1,000,000 be allocated to the Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation under the 2021 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program; and

THAT the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of Council, to send a letter to Indigenous and Northern Affairs in support of funding for the Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AWAY:	Meagher

5.12. McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association

Terry Head, President, Scott Neale, Vice President 1, Wilma Boyd, Vice President 2, McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit

Councillor C. Voyageur exited the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

THAT \$99,500 be allocated to the McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association under the 2021 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
SECONDER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AWAY:	Meagher, Voyageur

Pecuniary Interest and Exit

Councillor K. Balsom declared a pecuniary interest due to a contractual obligation for Items 5.13, Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo and 5.20, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism, and exited the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

5.13. Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo

Dango Gogo, President, and Robert Cree, Vice President, Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, presented their request for grant funding.

Mayor D. Scott noted for the record that based on independent legal advice, he is eligible to vote on this motion.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 4:45 p.m. and returned at 4:46 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$539,910 be allocated to the Multi-Cultural Association of Wood Buffalo under the 2021 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
SECONDER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Balsom
AWAY:	Meagher, Voyageur

5.20. Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism

Kevin Weidlich, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism, presented their request for grant funding.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and returned at 5:01 p.m.

Councillor V. Murphy exited the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and returned at 5:11 p.m.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$4,200,000 be allocated to Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism under the 2021 Community Investment Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Balsom
AWAY:	McGrath, Meagher, Voyageur

Return

Councillor K. Balsom returned to the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

6. **2021 Community Investment Program Community Capital Grants**

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, spoke to the funding requests for the Community Investment Program Community Capital Grants that were received for 2021, and the process followed in bringing forward recommendations to Council for consideration.

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

6.1. **Camp Yogi Society**

Nicole Gardner, Executive Director, and Darryl Woytkiw, President and Board Chair, Camp Yogi Society, presented their request for grant funding and requested that Council reconsider their application under the 2021 Community Capital Grant Program.

MOTION:

THAT \$292,000.00 be allocated to the Camp Yogi, under the 2021 Community Capital Grant Program for phase 2 of the rebuild, which is to include completion of landscaping, rebuild of five cabins and the gazebo for outdoor events and concerts.

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

6.2. **Fort McMurray Golf Club**

Dave Callum, General Manager, and Irv Brewer, Member, Fort McMurray Golf Club, presented their request for grant funding and requested that Council reconsider their application under the 2021 Community Capital Grant Program.

Councillor V. Murphy put forward the following motion for consideration: “That \$825,000.00 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Golf Club under the 2021 Community Investment Capital Program for reimbursement of Phase 1 of the Septic System and to fund Phase 2 of the Septic System”.

Councillor K. Balsom proposed a friendly amendment to change the amount of funding to \$873,000, which was not accepted by Councillor V. Murphy.

Councillor M. Allen proposed a friendly amendment to add “and that a further presentation be provided to Council following the outcome of the Fort McMurray Golf

Club's Disaster Recovery Program funding application", which was accepted by Councillor V. Murphy.

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to add "under such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by Administration", which was accepted by Councillor V. Murphy.

Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 6:46 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor V. Murphy assumed the Chair.

MOTION:

THAT the motion be amended to strike "\$825,000.00" and replace it with "\$873,000.00".

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Don Scott, Mayor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Inglis, Lalonde
AWAY:	McGrath, Voyageur

Resuming the Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 6:50 p.m.

Voting then occurred on the motion as amended.

MOTION:

THAT \$873,000.00 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Golf Club under the 2021 Community Investment Capital Program for reimbursement of Phase 1 of the Septic System and to fund Phase 2 of the Septic System, under such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by Administration; and

THAT a further presentation be provided to Council following the outcome of the Fort McMurray Golf Club's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) funding application.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 1]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde
AWAY:	McGrath, Voyageur

6.3. Fort McMurray Oil Sands Curling Club

Darren Naconechny, President, Fort McMurray Oil Sands Curling Club, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$64,980 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Oil Sands Curling Club under the 2021 Community Investment Capital Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AWAY:	McGrath, Voyageur

Adjournment

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:01 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on December 2, 2020.