

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, December 8, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mike Allen, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, 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
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications & 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 Donnelly-Westhaver, Director, Human Resources
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:03 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 19(1), 24(1) and 25(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2.1 Advice from Officials - Regional Recreation Corporation Operations

(in camera pursuant to section 24(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
Graig Walsh	Chief Executive Officer, Regional Recreation Corporation

Entrances

Councillor K. McGrath joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Councillor P. Meagher joined the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

2.2. Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body - Labour Relations

(in camera pursuant to section 25(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
Kari Donnelly-Westhaver	Director, Human Resources

2.3. Advice from Officials - Confidential Evaluations - Council Dialogue

(In Camera pursuant to sections 19(1) and 24(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

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:57 p.m. and 5:00 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:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
SECONDER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Allen, Inglis

3. Adoption of Agenda (Public Session at 5:00 p.m.)**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

4. Consent Agenda

Item 4.3 - Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Minutes was removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting - November 24, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 24, 2020 be approved as presented.

4.2. Board and Committee Appointments – 2021

THAT the appointments as outlined in Attachment 1 be approved effective January 1, 2021.

Advisory Committee on Aging

- Joan Furber, Golden Years Society, and
- Linda Mywaart, Senior at Large Rural be granted a one-year extension to December 31, 2021
- Carol Theberge, Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council to December 31, 2022.

Assessment Review Board

- John Ross Carruthers,
- Joshua Gogo,
- Nayef Mahgoub, and
- Sean Schaffer to December 31, 2022

Communities in Bloom Committee

- Johnny Dulku,
- Victoria Ganace,
- Qasim Malik,
- Nicole McMillan, and
- Ayesha Tariq to December 31, 2022

Community Identification Committee

- Carrie Loy, and
- Chantelle Tatum to December 31, 2022

Community Standards Appeal Committee

- Michelle Landsiedel, and
- Alex McKenzie to December 31, 2022

Public Art Committee

- Paul Cooke, and
- Todd Hillier to December 31, 2022

Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality

- Jason Beck,
- Luay Eljamal, and
- Chantelle Tatum to December 31, 2022

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Combative Sports Commission

- Roger Ashfield, and
- Sandy Bowman to December 31, 2022

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board

- Jennifer Kennett, and
- Roy Amalu to December 31, 2022
- Jim Proudfoot be appointed for a third term expiring December 31, 2022

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

- Andrew Crompton,
- Alex McKenzie, and
- Taliesin Tupper to December 31, 2022

Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee

- Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, and
- Curtis Williams to December 31, 2022

Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation

- Ashley Ryan, and
- Connie Stevens to December 31, 2021
- Andrew Carter,
- Allan E. Kallal, and
- Adekunle Dada to December 31, 2023

Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee

- Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry,
- Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Representative, and

- Jean-Marc Guillaumot, Business Community to December 31, 2022

Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee

- Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative,
- Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry,
- Alan Gammon , Land Development, and
- David Stirling, Public at Large December 31, 2022

4.3. Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Minutes

The October 14, 2020 Public Art Committee minutes were discussed at length, specifically in relation to the motion passed by the Committee to hire an Indigenous Art Curator for the Indigenous Reconciliation Artwork for the Council Chamber and its linkage to the resolution passed by Council on June 4, 2019.

It was agreed that Administration would move forward with the direction of Council's motion of June 4, 2019.

5. Presentations

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

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on COVID-19, noting there are currently 225 active cases in Fort McMurray and 8 active cases in the rural service area. He then spoke to the Government of Alberta's additional restrictions in response to COVID-19 to become effective December 13, 2020.

It was also noted that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo continues to work with Alberta Health Services and community partners in an effort to prevent the spread and keep everyone safe.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Anti-Racism Resolution Update and Bylaw No. 20/031 - Amendment to the Committees Bylaw No. 17/024

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Caitlin Downie, Supervisor, Culture and Social Development, presented an update to Council on the work conducted by Administration and the Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality regarding anti-racism, as a result of Council's resolution of June 23, 2020.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/031 being a bylaw to amend the Committees Bylaw, Bylaw No. 17/024, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/031 be read a second time.

Jason Beck, Chair, of the Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality, spoke in support of the recommendations before Council.

Recess

A recess occurred from 7:05 p.m. to 7:21 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT item 6.1 be deferred to the end of Q1, 2021 and that Administration be directed to conduct further engagement within the community on this matter as well as conclude the internal RMWB survey, analyze the results, and bring forward an updated report and bylaw for Council's consideration.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [4 TO 5]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Scott, Balsom, McGrath, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Allen, Inglis

Voting occurred on the motion for second reading of Bylaw No. 20/031.

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

Councillor K. Balsom put forward the following for consideration:

1. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Education in support of curriculum changes that include anti-racism content, history of colonialism, enslavement, and genocide in Canada, and which integrates Indigenous history and culture. and
2. THAT \$200,000 be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to support the Equity and Inclusion Office development of a GBA+ Workshop and Anti-Racism Training for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

It was requested that the recommendations be severed, therefore voting occurred on each recommendation separately.

Councillor K. Balsom moved and Councillor C. Voyageur seconded the following recommendation: “THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Education in support of curriculum changes that include anti-racism content, history of colonialism, enslavement, and genocide in Canada, and integrates Indigenous history and culture.”

Councillor P. Meagher proposed a friendly amendment to include the words “of Alberta” after the word “Education”, which was accepted by Councillor K. Balsom.

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Education of Alberta, in support of curriculum changes that include anti-racism content, history of colonialism, enslavement, and genocide in Canada, and which integrates Indigenous history and culture.

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

MOTION:

THAT \$200,000 be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to support the Equity and Inclusion Office development of a GBA+ Workshop and Anti-Racism Training for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [4 TO 5]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Claris Voyageur
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Balsom, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Allen, Inglis

Councillor J. Peddle put forward the following motion for consideration.

"THAT Council reconsider second reading of proposed Bylaw No. 20/031."

Point of Order

Councillor P. Meagher called a point of order on Councillor J. Peddle for bringing forward a reconsideration motion. The Chief Legislative Officer confirmed that in accordance with section 103 of the Procedure Bylaw, Councillor J. Peddle is on the prevailing side. Following this clarification, the Point of Order was withdrawn.

MOTION:

THAT Council reconsider second reading of proposed Bylaw No. 20/031.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [4 TO 5]
MOVER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Balsom, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Allen, Inglis

6.2. Update on the Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, presented an update on the results of the Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program Policy established by Council in June 2020.

MOTION:

THAT Administration be directed to bring forward an updated Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program Policy (FIN-320) for Council consideration by March 2021.

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

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

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, and Maureen Deverdenne, Manager, Accounting Services, provided background information on the proposed 2020 Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/029, being the Utility Account Holders Amending Bylaw, be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

That Bylaw No. 20/029 be read a third and final time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/030, being the Fees, Rates and Charges 2020 Bylaw, be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/030 be read a third and final time.

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

6.4. Request for Deferment/Cancellation of Taxes and Penalties

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, and Maureen Deverdenne, Manager, Accounting Services, presented the request for deferment/cancellation of taxes and penalties.

MOTION:

THAT collection of the 2018 taxes owing and associated penalties for late payment on the tax accounts identified in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$507,989.06, be deferred for a period of 12 months from December 31, 2020; and

THAT collection of the 2019 taxes owing and associated penalties for late payment on the tax accounts identified in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$494,914.34, be deferred for a period of 24 months from December 31, 2020; and

THAT taxes or tax arrears and associated penalties in the amount of \$2,556,273.78 be cancelled without further resolution of Council, at the end of the 24-month deferment period, if municipal taxes for those properties for 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022 are paid in full according to attached Attachment 2.

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

7. New Business

7.1. **Bylaw No. 20/032 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Definition and General Regulations Related to Project Accommodations**

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, introduced Bylaw No. 20/032, a proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment to the definitions and regulations related to project accommodations.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/032, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw specific to the definition and general regulations related to project accommodations, be read a first time; and

THAT the required public hearing for Bylaw No. 20/032 be scheduled to occur on January 26, 2021.

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

7.2. **Community Identification Committee Recommendation - Renaming Fort MacKay Road**

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, presented the Community Identification Committee recommendation regarding naming of the Fort MacKay Road.

Ron Quintal, Fort McKay Métis Nation President, and Eddison Lee Johnson, Fort McKay Métis Nation Chief Executive Officer, spoke in support of the recommendation.

MOTION:

THAT Fort MacKay Road, as shown on Attachment 1, be renamed as Fort McKay Road.

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

It was requested that confirmation be received once all the signage has been updated.

7.3. Community Identification Committee Recommendation - Names of ball diamonds at MacDonald Island Park to be reassigned to ball diamonds at the Syncrude Athletic Park

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, presented the Community Identification Committee recommendation regarding reassignment of ball diamonds names.

Luana Bussieres, Past President, Remax Fort McMurray Slo-Pitch League, spoke in support of the recommendation and suggested that a plaque be placed to recognize the Tim Young Diamond field and further suggested that a commemorative monument be installed at the Syncrude Athletic Park to provide historical information on the development of the park.

MOTION:

THAT the names, 'Hlushak Field', 'Mutton Field', 'MacPherson Field', and 'Lambert Field' assigned to the ball diamonds at MacDonald Island Park, be reassigned to the ball diamonds at the Syncrude Athletic Park, as shown in Attachment 2;

THAT a plaque for Tim Young be installed in the same fashion as the other plaques; and

THAT a commemorative monument be installed at Syncrude Athletic Park with information on the history of the park.

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

8. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer

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 teleconferencing, in the Council Chamber at the Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, commencing at 10:01 PM.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mike Allen, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
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Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
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Kari Donnelly-Westhaver, Director, Human Resources
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 10:01 p.m.

2. Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo - Revisions to Corporate Bylaw and Appointment of Directors

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer and Graig Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, presented the proposed revisions to the Regional Recreation Corporation corporate bylaws and the proposed appointments of Directors.

MOTION:

THAT the corporate bylaws of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo be revised and replaced with the text as outlined in Attachment 1.

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

MOTION:

THAT the appointments to the Regional Recreation Corporation, as outlined in Attachment 3, be approved as of January 1, 2021.

REGIONAL RECREATION CORPORATION DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

- Colleen Kearney to December 31, 2021
- Chantal Beaver,
- Brendan Toner,
- Lonnie Pilgrim, and
- Chelsi Ryan to December 31, 2022,
- Jennifer Vardy to December 31, 2023

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer