

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via electronic communications, a combination of video conference and teleconference in the Council Chamber at the Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 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
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services
Scott Davis, Director, Emergency Management
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning & Business Initiatives
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Janine Kruse, Acting Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer
Rachel Orser, Director, Supply Chain Management
Nasir Qureshi, Acting Director, Engineering
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

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

MOTION:

THAT Council close agenda items 2.1 and 2.2 to the public pursuant to sections 24, 25 and 27 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 Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body and Privileged Information - Labour Relations and Land Matter

(in camera pursuant to sections 25(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Labour Relations

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
Tim Mitchell	Legal Counsel, McLennan Ross LLP
Sonia Soutter	Legislative Advice/Clerk

Land Matter

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
Mazhar Hajhossein	Acting Director, Engineering Services
Sonia Soutter	Legislative Advice/Clerk

2.2. Advice from Officials - Council Dialogue

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

Due to time constraints item 2.2. did not proceed.

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:46 p.m. and 4:00 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:	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.)**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, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 be approved.

4.1. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - December 1, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on December 1, 2020 be approved as presented.

4.2. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - December 2, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 2, 2020 be approved as presented.

4.3. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - December 3, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 3, 2020 be approved as presented.

4.4. Minutes of Council Meeting - December 8, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 8, 2020 be approved as presented.

4.5. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - December 15, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 15, 2020 be approved as presented.

4.6. Council Committee Appointment

THAT the following appointment be made effective immediately:

Combative Sports Commission

- Christine Unruh, Member at Large, to December 31, 2022.

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

5. Recognition

5.1. Karen Rosvold, Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta re: I See You Sawubona Award

Karen Rosvold, President, Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA), congratulated the Municipality on receiving the FCSSAA Award of Excellence, for the project "I See You: Sawubona Exhibit". Mayor D. Scott and Council members recognized the community partners involved in this project and thanked those who participated.

6. New Business

6.1. Reaching Home - Second COVID-19 Funding 2020-2021

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community and Protective Services, provided information on the Reaching Home grant stream established by the Federal Government for programs that address the COVID-19 pandemic for individuals experiencing homelessness and the Tawâw Project Proposal.

MOTION:

THAT \$1,135,067.00 from the 2020-2021 Community Plan on Homelessness Program be allocated to Wood Buffalo Wellness Society for the Tawâw Project, a partnership with Wood Buffalo Housing, McMurray Métis and the Wood Buffalo Wellness Society.

The following delegates spoke in support of the Tawâw Project Proposal:

- Jo-Anne Packham and Christine Burton, Wood Buffalo Wellness Society
- Bryan Fayant, on behalf of Fort McMurray Métis
- Henry Hunter and Jennifer Best, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation
- Joy Flett, Homelessness Initiative Strategic Committee
- Susan Watson, Northern Alberta YMCA
- Kate Penney, The Salvation Army.

Exit and Return

Councillor M. Allen disconnected from the meeting at 5:09 p.m. and reconnected at 5:10 p.m.

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

6.2. Bylaw No. 21/002 - Election Bylaw No. 20/021 Amendment

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer and Darlene Soucy, Returning Officer, spoke to the proposed amendment to the Election Bylaw which would enable candidates to provide their nomination deposits by cash, certified cheque, money order, or by in-person payments using a debit card or credit for the 2021 Municipal General Election.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/002, being an amendment to the Election Bylaw No. 20/021, be read a first time.

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. 21/002 be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/002 be considered for third reading.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/002 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, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur

7. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer