

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 26, 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
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Absent:

Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jane Stroud, 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 Initiative
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
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

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

2. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

THAT Council close agenda item 2.1 to the public pursuant to section 24(1) 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, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Lalonde, Murphy, Stroud

2.1. Advice from Officials - CAO Operational Briefing/Updates

(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
Keith Smith	Director, Public Works

Entrance

Councillor S. Lalonde joined the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:25 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, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Murphy, Stroud

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

Mayor D. Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion, and requested that his colleagues waive notice relative to the proposed motion so that debate and voting can occur on the motion at this meeting:

THAT Council send a letter to the Prime Minister, the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S., the Premier of Alberta, the Member of Parliament for Fort McMurray-Cold Lake and the Members of the Legislative Assembly representing the Region, expressing disappointment in the recent United States of America presidential cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline expansion project permit, and request that the Government of Canada:

- take immediate action by entering into discussions with the US Government in the context of developing a broader agreement on North American energy supply and climate change action;
- adopt a national pipeline strategy, energy transportation and climate change strategy, and a strategy to support the success of the oil sands and overall energy industry which is critical to the residents of our Region; and
- further prioritize the completion of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project and any other energy transportation projects that increase socioeconomic benefits and help reduce carbon emissions for all Canadians.

Councillor J. Peddle served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting, being February 9, 2021.

THAT the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee and Administration expand the scope of the Waterfront Park Project to celebrate our rich Indigenous history and cultures by creating connectivity through upgrades, placemaking and markers from the location of the new Métis Cultural Centre through MacDonal Island Park's TOTAL Aboriginal Interpretative Trails to the Fort McMurray Marine Park for the purposes of tourism development, active transportation, but most importantly, reconciliation and education. This process would include engagement with all regional Indigenous communities.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor S. Lalonde assumed the Chair at 4:16 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be amended to add Keystone XL Permit Cancellation and Energy Industry Advocacy, as Agenda item 7.5;

THAT Council waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition; and

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 4:17 p.m.

4. Consent Agenda**MOTION:**

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

4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting – January 12, 2021

THAT the Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 26, 3032 be approved as presented.

4.2. Bylaw No. 21/004 - Fort Chipewyan Area Structure Plan Amendment and Bylaw No. 21/005 - Land Use Bylaw Map Amendment - Redesignation of a Portion of Lot 6\CHIPEWY

1. THAT Bylaw No. 21/004, being a bylaw to amend the Fort Chipewyan Area Structure Plan, be read a first time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 21/005, being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to redistrict a portion of Lot 6\Plan CHIPEWY from UE – Urban Expansion District to DC – Direct Control District, be read a first time.
3. THAT the required Public Hearing for Bylaws No. 21/004 and No. 21/005 be scheduled to occur on February 23, 2021.

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

5. Presentation

5.1. **Draper Slope Stability Update**

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering, provided a presentation for information on slope stability in Draper and indicated that Draper would be added to the Municipality's Slope Monitoring Program.

Exit

Councillor B. Inglis exited the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and was unable to rejoin due to technical difficulties.

6. Unfinished Business

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

Mayor Scott declared the Public Hearing open at 5:12 p.m.

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Christopher Booth, Manager, Planning and Development provided an overview of the proposed amendments which would provide the Municipality with better control over the application process while also considering stakeholder interests.

Perry Berkenpas, Executive Director, and Shafak Sajid, Policy Analyst, Oil Sands Community Alliance (OSCA), spoke in support of the proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

Mayor D. Scott noted that there were no written submissions received and declared the Public Hearing closed at 5:49 p.m.

6.2. **Bylaw No. 20/032 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Definition and General 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 second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 20/032 be read a third and final time.

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

7. New Business**7.1. Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Contract Extension Request**

Deanne Bergy, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Terra Brenneis, non-voting Board Member Wood Buffalo Sport Connection (WBSC), provided an overview off the contract extension request from the Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Board

Bryce Horbachewski, Past Chair, WBSC, provided an overview of the WBSC's programming pillars, and spoke in support of the Administrative Recommendation before Council which would allow the WBSC to implement their programming.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo extend the term of grant agreement with the Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Society from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

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

Recess

A recess occurred between 6:05 p.m. and 6:21 p.m.

7.2. Bylaw No. 21/001 - Amendments to the Integrity Commissioner Bylaw No. 19/005

Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Integrity Commissioner Bylaw No. 19/005.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/001, being an amendment to the Integrity Commissioner Bylaw No. 19/005, be read a first time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/001 be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/001 be considered for third reading.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/001 be read a third and final time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Jim Peacock, Q.C., be reappointed as the Integrity Commissioner for a period of one year, commencing April 1, 2021

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

7.3. Tax Relief for Plan: 1021463 Block: 1 Lot: 21A

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, and Keivan Navidikasmaei, Manager, Assessment, provided an overview of the request for tax relief.

MOTION:

THAT the request for cancellation of the 2020 municipal portion of taxes levied in the amount of \$14,589.71 for the property legally described as Plan: 1021463 Block: 1 Lot: 21A be denied.

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

7.4. **Review of Face Covering Bylaw No. 20/024**

Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, provided an overview of the Face Covering Bylaw No. 20/004 report recommending that the Bylaw remain in effect.

MOTION:

THAT the Face Covering Bylaw, No. 20/024, be left in its current form as approved on October 14, 2020.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 1]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Lalonde
ABSENT:	Inglis, Murphy, Stroud

Vacating of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 7:18 p.m. and Deputy Mayor S. Lalonde assumed the Chair at 7:18 p.m.

7.5. **Keystone XL Permit Cancellation and 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:

THAT Council send a letter to the Prime Minister, the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S., the Premier of Alberta, the Member of Parliament for Fort McMurray-Cold Lake and the Members of the Legislative Assembly representing the Region, expressing disappointment in the recent United States of America presidential cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline expansion project permit and request that the Government of Canada:

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MOVER:	Don Scott, Mayor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Inglis, Murphy, Stroud

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 7:23 p.m.

8. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

Council Members provided updates on various initiatives in the region.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer