

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via a combination of video conference and in-person, in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Sandy Bowman, Mayor
Ken Ball, Councillor
Funky Banjoko, Councillor
Lance Bussieres, Councillor
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
Allan Grandison, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Jane Stroud, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Loretta Waquan, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief (via MS Teams)
Kari Donnelly, Director, Human Resources (via MS Teams)
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations (via MS Teams)
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management (via MS Teams)
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement (via MS Teams)
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development (via MS Teams)
Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services (via MS Teams)
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works (via MS Teams)
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services (via MS Teams)
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering (via MS Teams)
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor S. Bowman at 9:03 a.m. on February 1, 2022.

2. 2022 Budget Proceedings

2.1. 2022 Proposed Budget and 2023 - 2024 Financial Plan

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the proposed budget. He congratulated Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, on her upcoming retirement and thanked Linda for her years of the service to the Municipality.

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the proposed 2022 Budget and 2023 - 2024 Financial Plan.

3. 2022 Proposed Municipal Facility Operating Grant Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, spoke to the proposed Municipal Facility Operating Grants, which subsidizes registered not-for-profits who operating and maintain municipally owned facilities.

It was noted for the record that there were no delegates for this item.

3.1. Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Association (2009)

Kevin Breen, President, Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Association (2009), presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$98,000 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Association (2009) under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
SECONDER:	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

3.2. Fort McMurray Minor Hockey (1981) Association

Steve Schreyer, President, and Craig Organ, Facility Operations Manager, Fort McMurray Minor Hockey (1981) Association, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$561,000 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Minor Hockey (1981) Association under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

3.3. Fort McMurray Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Natalie Kemeny, Chair, Chuck Brandsgard, Executive Director, and Melanie Schneider, Finance Manager, Fort McMurray Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and returned at 10:05 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$704,000 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

3.4. Northern Alberta Athletic Association

Dave Fitzgerald, President, and Terry Connors, Director of Operations, Northern Alberta Athletic Association, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$1,334,500 be allocated to the Northern Alberta Athletic Association under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
SECONDER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

Recess

A recess occurred from 10:30 a.m. to 10:47 a.m.

3.5. Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club

Andre Lefebvre, Treasurer, Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$232,000 be allocated to the Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

3.6. Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo

Graig Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, presented their request for grant funding.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 11:11 a.m. and returned at 11:13 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$19,527,108 be allocated to the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

3.7. Vista Ridge Recreational Association

Dan Wilson, General Manager, Vista Ridge Recreational Association, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$205,000 be allocated to the Vista Ridge Recreational Association under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

3.8. YMCA of Northern Alberta

Jody Kyle, Chief Operating Officer, YMCA of Northern Alberta, and Joanne Angel Andrusiv, General Manager, Eagle Ridge Community Centre, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$554,538 be allocated to the YMCA of Northern Alberta under the 2022 Municipal Facility Operating Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

Recess

A recess occurred from 12:20 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.

4. 2022 Proposed Municipal Facility Capital Grant Allocation**4.1. 2022 Proposed Municipal Facility Capital Grant Allocation**

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, spoke to the proposed Municipal Facility Capital Grants, which provides financial support for the capital upgrades and replacements for the municipal-owned assets operated by the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo and Vista Ridge Recreational Association.

Graig Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, presented their request for grant funding.

Dan Wilson, General Manager, Vista Ridge Recreational Association, presented their request for grant funding.

It was noted for the record that there were no delegates for this item.

MOTION:

THAT the Municipal Facility Capital Grants for 2022 be approved as follows:

- Regional Recreation Corporation \$1,970,100
- Vista Ridge Recreational Association \$ 594,700

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

5. 2022 Proposed Sustaining Grant Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, spoke to the proposed 2022 Sustaining Grants, which subsidize registered non-profit organizations to support programs and services that align with the goals identified in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Strategic Plan.

It was noted for the record that there were no delegates for this item.

5.1. Arts Council Wood Buffalo

Dave Boutilier, Board Chair, and Liana Wheeldon, Executive Director, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit and Entrance

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and returned at 2:04 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$665,000 be allocated to the Arts Council Wood Buffalo under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Wigle declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item No. 5.2, Family Christian Centre operating as Legacy Counselling Centre, and exited the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

5.2. Family Christian Centre o/a Legacy Counselling Centre

Reverend Edwin Rideout, Board Chair, and Galina MacKenzie, Lead Professional Counsellor, Family Christian Centre operating as the Legacy Counselling Centre, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and returned at 2:36 p.m.

Exit

Councillor K. Cardinal experienced technical difficulties and was disconnected from the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$320,000 be allocated to the Family Christian Centre o/a Legacy Counselling Centre under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Wigle
ABSENT:	Cardinal, Waquan

Return

Councillor S. Wigle returned to the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

5.3. Fort Chipewyan Historical Society

Maureen Clarke, Director, Fort Chipewyan Historical Society, presented their request for grant funding.

Return

Councillor K. Cardinal reconnected to the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 2:56 p.m. and returned at 2:57 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$145,555 be allocated to the Fort Chipewyan Historical Society under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

5.4. Fort McMurray Heritage Society

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 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

Recess and Return

A recess occurred from 3:08 p.m. to 3:24 p.m. and Councillor K. Ball returned to the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

5.5. FuseSocial Wood Buffalo Society

Chantal Beaver, Executive Director, FuseSocial Wood Buffalo Society, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$344,361 be allocated to the FuseSocial Wood Buffalo Society under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

5.6. Justin Slade Youth Foundation

Mandy MacDonald, Executive Director, Justin Slade Youth Foundation, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$310,000 be allocated to the Justin Slade Youth Foundation under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 3]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
FOR:	Banjoko, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
AGAINST:	Bowman, Ball, Bussieres
ABSENT:	Waquan

5.7. Keyano College

Jay Notay, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Rob Lesage, Interim Vice President, Corporate Services Keyano College, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 4:02 p.m. and returned at 4:04 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Sustaining Grant Request from Keyano College be deferred to the March 8, 2022 Council Meeting.

RESULT:	DEFERRED [8 TO 2]
MOVER:	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Wigle
AGAINST:	Cardinal, Stroud
ABSENT:	Waquan

Recess and Return

A recess occurred from 4:17 p.m. to 4:21 p.m. and Councillor F. Banjoko returned at 4:22 p.m.

5.8. Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation

Bryce Kumka, Chair, Andrea Montgomery Spring, Executive Director, and Paul Spring, Senior Aviation Advisor, Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation, presented their request for grant funding.

The following item was identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration committed to providing to Council the total amount of Community Investment Program funding that has been provided to the Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation.

MOTION:

THAT \$1,250,000 be allocated to the Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization Foundation under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

5.9. McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association

Phil Paquette, Vice President 2, McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$125,750 be allocated to the McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
SECONDER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

5.10. Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo

Muna Ali, Board Member, Elder Robert Cree, Vice President, and Therese Greenwood, Executive Director, Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, presented their request for grant funding.

MOTION:

THAT \$539,910 be allocated to the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

5.11. Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board

Amanda MacPherson, Chair, and Melissa Flett, Director, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board, presented their request for grant funding.

Exits and Returns

Councillor A. Grandison exited the meeting at 5:03 p.m. and returned at 5:05 p.m.
Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 5:07 p.m. and returned at 5:10 p.m.

Exit

Councillor K. Cardinal disconnected and exited the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$4,087,280 be allocated to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Cardinal, Waquan

5.12. Some Other Solutions

Jason King, Executive Director, Some Other Solutions, presented their request for grant funding.

Entrance

Councillor L. Waquan entered the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$406,808 be allocated to Some Other Solutions under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
SECONDER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Cardinal

Pecuniary Interests

Councillor A. Grandison declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item No. 5:13, St. Aidan's House Society as his spouse is employed by St. Aidan's House Society and exited the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Councillor L. Bussieres declared a potential conflict of interest in Item No. 5.13, St. Aidan's House Society, and exited the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

5.13. St. Aidan's House Society

Jay Bueckert, Chair, and Luana Bussieres, Executive Director, St. Aidan's House Society, presented their request for grant funding.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and returned at 6:03 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$257,498 be allocated to the St. Aidan's House Society under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
SECONDER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Dogar, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Bussieres, Grandison
ABSENT:	Cardinal

Returns

Councillors L. Bussieres and A. Grandison returned to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

5.14. Waypoints Community Services Association

Michele Taylor, Executive Director, and Mallory Woodward and Tracy Lamb Waypoints Community Services Association presented their request for grant funding.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and returned at 6:09 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$485,000 be allocated to the Waypoints Community Services Association under the 2022 Sustaining Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Cardinal

5.15. Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation

Kevin Weidlich, President and Chief Executive Officer and Dan Fouts, Vice-President, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation presented their request for grant funding.

Vacating the Chair

Mayor S. Bowman vacated the Chair at 6:22 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor S. Wigle assumed the Chair.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Sustaining Grant Request from the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation be deferred until the March 8, 2022, Council meeting.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandy Bowman, Mayor
SECONDER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Cardinal

Resuming the Chair

Mayor S. Bowman resumed the Chair at 6:23 p.m.

Recess

The meeting was recessed at 6:24 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on February 2, 2022.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via a combination of video conference and in-person, in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Sandy Bowman, Mayor
Ken Ball, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Funky Banjoko, Councillor
Lance Bussieres, Councillor
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
Allan Grandison, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Jane Stroud, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Loretta Waquan, Councillor
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief (via MS Teams)
Kari Donnelly, Director, Human Resources (via MS Teams)
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations (via MS Teams)
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management (via MS Teams)
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement (via MS Teams)
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Keith Smith, Director, Public Works (via MS Teams)
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services (via MS Teams)
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering (via MS Teams)
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

Reconvene

Mayor S. Bowman reconvened the meeting at 9:07 a.m. February 2, 2022, noting for the record that the meeting will recess at approximately 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2022.

6. 2022 Proposed Community Capital Grant Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, spoke to the proposed 2022 Community Capital Grant, which provides funding to non-profit organizations to support the enhancement, development or renovation of public use facilities that are accessible, affordable, and inclusive.

It was noted for the record that there were no registered delegates for this item.

6.1. Fort McMurray Golf Club

Dave Callum, General Manager, Fort McMurray Golf Club, presented their request for grant funding.

Entrance

Councillor L. Waquan entered the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 9:20 a.m. and returned at 9:22 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$85,965 be allocated to the Fort McMurray Golf Club under the 2022 Community Capital Grant Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
SECONDER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle

Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

Councillor L. Waquan declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item No. 7, Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream, and exited the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Councillor S. Wigle declared a Conflict of Interest in Item No. 7, Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream, and exited the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

7. 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects stream, noting that it provides funding to registered non-profit organizations to support

community needs and contribute to the goals identified in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Strategic Plan.

Delegate

Danielle Lidstone, President, Wood Buffalo Educare Society, requested that Council reconsider their 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects stream funding application, which would allow them to continue offering specialized services such as speech language and gross motor programming that focuses on preschool children aged three to five years. Questions were asked by Council regarding the amount of funding required to the end of May, 2022. Ms. Lidstone noted that they did not have the information available and could come back later in the day with the information for Council.

MOTION:

THAT consideration of a motion for funding for the Wood Buffalo Educare Society be tabled until the conclusion of the delegations and consideration of the administrative recommendation.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan, Wigle

Delegate

Jamie Attfield, President, Critical Incident Stress Management for Communities (CISM), spoke to their denied 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects stream funding application, noting that the requested funding would support peer to peer support for those impacted by traumatic events and conduct workshops, training and awareness to the team and residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 10:14 a.m. and returned at 10:19 a.m.

Sheldon Germain, President, Water Ski and Wakeboard Association of Alberta, and President of the newly formed Wood Buffalo Water Ski and Wakeboard Association, requested that Council reconsider their 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects stream funding application, noting that the requested funding would remain in the Municipality to support coaching development and a 'take it to the lake' camp.

MOTION:

THAT \$7,500 be added to the 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream Allocation to be allocated to the Water Ski and Wakeboard Association of Alberta, for funding for coaching development and a 'take it to the lake camp' for residents in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, subject to receiving a letter from the auditor confirming the restricted funding.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan, Wigle

Recess

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

MOTION:

THAT the presentation from Wood Buffalo Educare Society be lifted from the table.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan, Wigle

Danielle Lidstone, President, Wood Buffalo Educare Society, noted that the Society would require \$58,400 in grant funding to continue their programs to the end of May 2022.

MOTION:

THAT \$58,402 be added 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream Allocation to be allocated to the Wood Buffalo Educare Society.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 1]
MOVER:	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
AGAINST:	Ball
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Waquan, Wigle

Delegates

Gayle St. Dennis, Executive Director, Wood Buffalo Safe/Healthy Community Network, requested that Council reconsider their 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects stream funding application, noting that the requested funding would support increasing safety awareness while decreasing preventable injuries through collaboration and education.

Chelsey Van Ee, Member, Anzac Recreation and Social Society, requested that Council reconsider their 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects stream funding application, indicating that the funding would be used to facilitate programs for all ages in the Region.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 12:26 p.m. and returned at 12:28 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$35,000 be added to the 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream Allocation to be allocated to the Anzac Recreation and Social Society to facilitate programs and events for children, youth, and families in the Anzac Recreation area, subject to receiving a letter from the auditor confirming the restricted funding.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, Stroud
AGAINST:	McGrath
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Waquan, Wigle

Exit and Return

Councillor F Banjoko exited the meeting at 12:38 p.m. and returned at 12:40 p.m.

A discussion occurred regarding the recommended funding for the Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society under the 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream.

Councillor A. Grandison put forward the following motion:

THAT Item No. 11 - the funding request Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society, be removed from the recommended 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Services.

Recess and Exit

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting recessed from 12:53 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and at the time of reconvening, Councillor K. Ball was absent from the meeting.

Following discussion and with consent of Council, Councillor A. Grandison withdrew his motion regarding the Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society funding request.

A discussion occurred regarding the recommended funding for the Wood Buffalo Safe/Healthy Community Network under the 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream.

MOTION:

THAT \$80,000 be added to the 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream Allocation to be allocated to Wood Buffalo Safe/Healthy Community Network for the childhood injury prevention program and road safety and rural safety, subject to receiving a letter from the auditor confirming the restricted funding.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
SECONDER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Ball

MOTION:

THAT \$2,035,896 of the Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream be allocated as outlined in Attachment 1, dated February 2, 2022.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Ball

Return

Councillors L. Waquan and S. Wigle returned to the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Councillor F. Banjoko stated for the record that she is a member of one of the organizations that applied for funding under Item No. 8, 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation, noting that upon obtaining legal advice, she does not have a Pecuniary Interest and can participate in the item.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor L. Waquan declared a Pecuniary Interest due to an employment relationship in Item No. 8, Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation and exited the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

8. 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation

8.1. 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Events stream, noting that it provides funding to registered non-profit organizations to support community events and contribute to the goals identified in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Strategic Plan.

Delegate

Chelsey Van Ee, Member, Anzac Recreation and Social Society, requested that Council reconsider their 2022 Community Impact Grant - Community Events stream funding application, indicating that the funding would be used to facilitate events such as Anzac Winterfest and Anzac Daze.

A discussion occurred with respect to whether the funding could be directed from the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation and to table item 8 to follow item 9.

MOTION:

THAT Agenda Item No. 8, 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation be tabled until after Agenda Item No. 9, 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - New Events Stream Allocation.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Waquan
ABSENT:	Ball

Return

Councillor L. Waquan returned to the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

9. 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - New Events Stream Allocation**9.1. 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - New Events Stream Allocation**

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2022 Community Impact Grant - New Events stream, noting that it provides funding to registered non-profit organizations to support new community events and contribute to the goals identified in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Strategic Plan.

Delegate

Larry Aulenbach, Member, Northern Off Road 4 x 4 Society, Area 63 Motorsports Park, provided an overview of the Society and spoke in support of the recommended funding allocation for the 2022 Community Impact Grant - New Events stream noting that they are being recommended for their full grant application request.

Exit and Return

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 2:28 p.m. and returned at 2:31 p.m.

Nicole Gardner, Executive Director, Willow Lake Community Association, spoke to their funding application under the proposed 2022 Community Impact Grant - New Events stream, noting that the event would include a volunteer dinner and a Christmas event, which was denied as it was considered to be an existing event, previously called Old Fashioned Christmas.

MOTION:

THAT \$110,641 of the Community Impact Grant - New Events Stream be allocated as outlined in Attachment 1, dated February 1, 2022.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 to 1]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
AGAINST:	McGrath
ABSENT:	Ball

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor L. Waquan declared a Pecuniary Interest due to an employment relationship in Item No. 8, Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation and exited the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

8. 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation (Continued)

THAT Agenda Item No. 8, 2022 Proposed Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream Allocation be lifted from the table.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
SECONDER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan
ABSENT:	Ball

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to funding opportunities under Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism, noting that their mandate and articles of association do not provide an avenue to administer a grant process.

MOTION:

THAT \$20,000 be added to the 2022 Community Impact Grant - Events Stream to be allocated to the Anzac Recreation and Social Society to support the annual Winterfest and Anzac Daze events, subject to receiving a letter from the auditor confirming the restricted funding.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan
ABSENT:	Ball

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 2:46 p.m. and returned at 2:49 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$226,075 of the Community Impact Grant - Community Events Stream be allocated as outlined in Attachment 1, dated February 2, 2022.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan
ABSENT:	Ball

Return

Councillor L. Waquan returned to the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

10. 2022 Proposed Games Legacy Grant Allocation**10.1. 2022 Proposed Games Legacy Allocation**

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2022 Games Legacy Grant stream, noting that it provides funding to promote and encourage local talent, including participation in amateur sport, cultural

activities, and the arts by providing financial assistant for competing or training at the provincial, national, or international level.

It was noted for the record that there were no delegates for this item.

MOTION:

THAT \$25,100 of the Games Legacy Grants be allocated as outlined in Attachment 1, dated February 1, 2022.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Ball

Recess

A recess occurred at 3:01 p.m. to 3:11 p.m.

2. 2022 Operating Budget Presentations

Delegations

Luana Bussieres, St. Aidan's Society, spoke to the Community and Protective Services Operating Budget and requested that Council support the Accessibility Audit.

David Maki, Vice President, Fort McMurray Firefighters Association, spoke to the Regional Emergency Services Operating budget and noted concerns with staffing shortages.

Point of Order

Councillor K. McGrath called a Point of Order regarding Councillor S. Dogar's questioning of Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief as it was not related to the discussion.

The Point of Order was upheld by Mayor S. Bowman.

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the 2022 Proposed Operating budget.

2.1. Community and Protective Services

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Community and Protective Services.

Exits and Returns

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 4:29 p.m. and returned at 4:31 p.m.

Councillor S. Wigle exited the meeting at 4:39 p.m. and returned at 4:41 p.m.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, the operating expenses for each department until the end of September 2021.
- Administration to provide to Council, a summary of Municipal management positions and comparators for other municipalities.
- Administration to provide to Council, the amount of revenue from the automatic traffic enforcement transferred to reserve for the safety program.
- Administration to provide to Council a breakdown of conference registration for Community and Protective Services.
- Administration to provide to Council, the allocation of federal and provincial grant funding to eligible organizations.
- Administration to review the leases for the RCMP detachments for opportunities to increase the revenue generated from those leases.

Recess

A recess occurred from 4:46 p.m. to 5:06 p.m.

2.2. Public Works

Keith Smith, Director Public Works, presented the 2022 Operating budget for Public Works.

Councillor F. Banjoko put forward the following motion:

THAT \$100,000.00 be included in the Public Works Departments Operating Budget to undertake a feasibility study, including public engagement, for a potential dog park in Abasand and that the feasibility study be presented to Council by May 2022.

With consent of Council, Councillor F. Banjoko withdrew the motion.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to review ATCO's street lighting plan in Gregoire Lake Estates to determine if it meets the needs of the residents.
- Administration to review street lighting on Airport Road in Fort Chipewyan.

Recess

A recess occurred at 6:18 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. February 3, 2022.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via a combination of video conference and in-person, in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, February 3, 2022, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Sandy Bowman, Mayor
Ken Ball, Councillor
Funky Banjoko, Councillor
Lance Bussieres, Councillor
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
Allan Grandison, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Jane Stroud, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Loretta Waquan, Councillor
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services (via MS Teams)
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief (via MS Teams)
Kari Donnelly, Director, Human Resources (via MS Teams)
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations (via MS Teams)
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management (via MS Teams)
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement (via MS Teams)
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development (via MS Teams)
Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services (via MS Teams)
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works (via MS Teams)
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services (via MS Teams)
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering (via MS Teams)
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

Reconvene

Mayor S. Bowman reconvened the meeting at 9:12 a.m. on February 3, 2022, at which time discussion continued on the Proposed Operating Budget for Public Works.

2.2 Public Works (Continued)

MOTION:

THAT Administration undertake a feasibility study, including public engagement, for a potential dog park in Abasand and that the findings be presented to Council by the end of quarter two.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle

Councillor F. Banjoko put forward the following motion:

THAT Administration undertake a feasibility study, including public engagement, for a potential spray park in Abasand and that the findings be presented to Council by the end of quarter two or quarter three.

With consent of Council, Councillor F. Banjoko withdrew her motion.

The following item was identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to work with the Province to improve the esthetics on Highway 63 at the entrance to Fort McMurray.

2.3. Engineering

Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Engineering.

2.4. Environmental Services

Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Environmental Services.

Recess

A recess occurred from 10:40 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to review if a reclaimed cell at the landfill can be used for a snow dump for areas south of the Athabasca River bridges.
- That Administration to provide to Council, the standards required for trucks that are permitted to dump at the Municipal landfill.
- Administration to provide to Council, how much the overall wage increase in the 2022 Environment Services Operating Budget is due to regulatory compliance.

2.5. Planning and Development

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Planning and Development.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, the total cost of land acquisition for the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Project.
- Administration to provide to Council, information on future development of Sandy Bay Road in Fort Chipewyan.
- Administration to address inconsistencies in messaging and language used in the permitting processes and in particular, with the Safety Code Officers as part of the Planning and Development Process Review.
- Administration to provide to Council, information regarding building leases and the relocation of employees into Municipally owned facilities.

Recess

A recess occurred at 12:07 p.m. to 1:09 p.m.

2.6. Regional Emergency Services

Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief and Director, Emergency Services, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Regional Emergency Services.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 1:50 p.m. and returned at 1:51 p.m.

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the meeting at 1:50 p.m. and returned at 1:52 p.m.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, opportunities for Council Members to observe Regional Emergency Services training exercises.
- Administration to promote awareness to the public and stakeholders of the Vulnerable Persons Registry.

Pecuniary Interests

Councillor A. Grandison declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding the 2022 Proposed Operating Budget for Communications and Engagement and exited the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Councillor L. Bussieres declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding the 2022 Proposed Operating Budget for Communications and Engagement and exited the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

2.7. Communications and Engagement

Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Communications and Engagement.

Exits and Returns

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 2:26 p.m. and returned at 2:30 p.m.

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 2:27 p.m. to 2:28 p.m.

Councillor S. Wigle and Councillor L Bussieres returned to the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

2.8. Indigenous and Rural Relations

Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Indigenous and Rural Relations.

Councillor K. Cardinal put forward the following motion:

THAT \$150,000.00 be added to the 2022 Indigenous and Rural Relations Department Operating Budget to support the National Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women call to action to create, deliver, and disseminate prevention programs, education and awareness campaigns designed for Indigenous communities and families related to violence prevention and combatting lateral violence.

With consent of Council, Councillor K. Cardinal withdrew the motion.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and returned at 3:33 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Administration investigate how to further support the National Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Call to Action to create, deliver, and disseminate prevention programs, education and awareness campaigns designed for Indigenous communities and families related to violence prevention and combating lateral violence and bring forward a plan and information to Council including any funding required.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
SECONDER:	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle

The following item was identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to investigate an opportunity for Council to participate in a virtual tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg.

Recess

A recess occurred from 3:35 p.m. to 3:54 p.m.

2.9. Legal Services

Susan. Trylinski, Director, Legal Services, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Legal Services.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, the number and breakdown of employees in the Legal Services Department.
- Administration to provide to Council, the organizational chart for each department.

2.10. Supply Chain Management

Rachel Orser, Director, Supply Chain Management, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Supply Chain Management.

The following item was identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, the breakdown of the number of employees in Supply Chain Management and the total amount of Municipal spending that Supply Chain Management oversees.
- That Administration provide to Council, the recommendations that have been implemented from the KPMG Procurement Audit Report.

Recess and Exit

A recess occurred at 4:29 p.m. at which time Councillor L. Waquan exited the meeting. The meeting resumed at 4:39 p.m. at which time Councillor S. Dogar was absent from the meeting.

2.11. Strategic Planning and Program Management 2022 Operating Budget Presentation

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Strategic Planning and Program Management.

Return

Councillor S. Dogar returned to the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

2.12. Human Resources

Kari Donnelly, Director, Human Resources, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Human Resources.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, a total employee count based on population for the last 10-15 years.
- Administration to provide to Council, the types of questions to be used in the next Employee Engagement Survey.

2.13. Executive Offices

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for the Executive Offices.

Councillor A. Grandison put forward the following motion:

THAT the CAO be directed to bring forward a scope of work for Council's consideration to undertake an organizational review; and that external recruitment be placed on hold as of February 2, 2022, for all full-time positions including vacancies, with the exception of those full-time positions currently within the recruitment process which extends to students and those required by legislation until such time as the organizational review is finalized and presented to Council; and that the consultant for this work bring all findings directly to Council.

Exit and Return

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and returned at 6:07 p.m.

Councillor S. Wigle exited the meeting at 6:07 p.m. and returned at 6:10 p.m.

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and returned at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Bowman requested a friendly amendment to add to the end of the motion "an exception of all Emergency Management Services and Firefighter required positions", which was accepted by Councillor A. Grandison.

Voting then occurred on the motion.

MOTION:

THAT the CAO be directed to bring forward a scope of work for Council's consideration to undertake an organizational review; and that external recruitment be placed on hold as of February 2, 2022, for all full-time positions including vacancies, with the exception of those full-time positions currently within the recruitment process which extends to students and those required by legislation until such time as the organizational review is finalized and presented to Council; and that the consultant for this work bring all findings directly to Council; and an exception of all EMS and Firefighter required positions.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
ABSENT:	Waquan

Recess

The meeting recessed at 6:31 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via a combination of video conference and in-person, in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Friday, February 4, 2022, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Sandy Bowman, Mayor
Ken Ball, Councillor
Funky Banjoko, Councillor
Lance Bussieres, Councillor
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
Allan Grandison, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Jane Stroud, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Loretta Waquan, Councillor
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services (via MS Teams)
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief (via MS Teams)
Kari Donnelly, Director, Human Resources (via MS Teams)
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations (via MS Teams)
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management (via MS Teams)
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement (via MS Teams)
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development (via MS Teams)
Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services (via MS Teams)
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works (via MS Teams)
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services (via MS Teams)
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering (via MS Teams)
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

Reconvene and Recess

Mayor S. Bowman reconvened the meeting at 9:12 a.m. on February 4, 2022 and recessed the meeting to 9:00 a.m. on Monday February 7, 2022 due to an emerging matter.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via a combination of video conference and in-person, in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Monday, February 7, 2022, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Sandy Bowman, Mayor
Ken Ball, Councillor
Funky Banjoko, Councillor
Lance Bussieres, Councillor
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Allan Grandison, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Jane Stroud, Councillor
Loretta Waquan, Councillor
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Absent:

Shafiq Dogar, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services (via MS Teams)
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief (via MS Teams)
Kari Donnelly, Director, Human Resources (via MS Teams)
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations (via MS Teams)
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management (via MS Teams)
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement (via MS Teams)
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development (via MS Teams)
Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services (via MS Teams)
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works (via MS Teams)
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services (via MS Teams)
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering (via MS Teams)
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

Reconvene and Recess

Mayor S. Bowman reconvened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. February 7, 2022.

2.14. Financial Services

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Financial Services.

Council then moved on to the 2022 Proposed Capital Budget.

2. 2022 Capital Budget Presentations

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer introduced the 2022 Proposed Capital Budget.

There were no registered delegates for the 2022 Capital Budget Presentations.

2.1 Engineering

Flood Mitigation

Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering presented proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Flood Mitigation.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, the estimated construction value of Reach Five following completion of the preliminary design
- Administration to provide to Council, costs for flood mitigation public engagement
- Administration to work with the Regional Recreational Corporation regarding flood mitigation and ice damage for MacDonald Island and Miskanaw Golf Course respectively

Rural Water and Sewer Servicing

Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Rural Water and Sewer Servicing.

Recess

A recess occurred from 10:35 a.m. to 10:54 p.m. at which time Councillor McGrath was absent from the meeting.

Exit, Returns and Entrances

Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Councillor K. Ball exited the meeting at 11:16 a.m. and returned at 11:17 a.m.

Councillor S. Wagle entered the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to provide to Council, the number of rural dwellings that have capacity for rural water and sewer
- Administration to provide to Council, a briefing regarding Rural Water and Sewer Servicing including costs for Rural Water and Sewer hook ups.

- Administration to provide to Council, information on how new homeowners are advised of their obligation to continue Rural Water Sewer and Servicing payment plan set up by previous owner.

Engineering Department

Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering, presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Engineering.

The following items were identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to ensure that the Fort McKay Community Centre is accessible and meets the needs of the community
- Administration to investigate cost-sharing initiatives with the Fort McMurray Golf Club for installation of water and sewer.
- Administration to provide to Council, the provincial contribution for last year's flood mitigation initiatives

Recess

A recess occurred from 12:10 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.

2.2 Public Works

Transportation and Facilities

Keith Smith, Director, Public Works, presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Public Works Transportation and Facilities.

Parks, Roads, Rural Operations and Fort Chipewyan

Keith Smith, Director, Public Works, presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Public Works - Parks, Roads, Rural Operations and Fort Chipewyan.

The following item was identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to investigate the Conklin Multiplex score board as a replacement for the Father Mercredi High School score board.

Environmental Services

Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Environmental Services.

The following item was identified for follow up by Administration:

- Administration to confirm for Council, if the cost of the lagoon capital works projects are included in the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing program

Exit and Returns

Councillor A. Grandison exited the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and returned at 3:21 p.m.
Councillor L. Bussieres exited the meeting at 3:21 p.m. and returned at 3:25 p.m.

2.3 Planning and Development

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Planning and Development.

Exit and Returns

Councillor Banjoko exited the meeting at 3:26 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.
Councillor S. Wigle exited the meeting at 3:29 p.m. and returned at 3:32 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 3:46 p.m. to 4:06 p.m. at which time Councillor L. Bussieres exited the meeting.

2.4 Regional Emergency Services

Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief and Director, Regional Emergency Services, presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Regional Emergency Services.

2.5 Communications and Engagement

Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement, presented the proposed 2022 Capital Budget for Communications and Engagement.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Administration undertake a feasibility study for upgrades to water and sewer servicing for Fort Chipewyan, Fort McKay and Fort Fitzgerald with the findings being presented to Council; and

THAT any funding required for the feasibility study come from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
SECONDER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT \$730,000.00 be allocated from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve and included in the 2022 Capital Budget for the Fort McKay Target Road Rehabilitation which includes funding to support an assessment of the road condition and remediation as required to ensure safe operation.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
SECONDER:	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wagle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Councillor K. Cardinal put forward the following motion:

THAT \$100,000.00 be added to the 2022 Operating Budget for the Public Works Department for upgrades to the Dore Lake Campground.

With consent of Council, Councillor K. Cardinal withdrew the motion.

The following item was identified as follow up by Administration:

- Administration to liaise with the Provincial Government regarding improvements to the Dore Lake Campground.

MOTION:

THAT capital project 22-135 Facilities Operational Sustainment Capital be removed from the 2022 Capital Budget.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
SECONDER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wagle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT Administration look into doing a feasibility study in support of the Reconciliation Department to study doing cultural grounds for Indigenous communities throughout the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Recess

A recess occurred from 4:59 p.m. to 6:12 p.m.

4. Budget Approval

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Operating Budget, in the amount of \$523,118,827 be approved, representing \$347,745,945 for Municipal operations excluding the Communications and Engagement Department, and the Community Investment Program; and \$128,166,561 as a funding transfer for reserves and capital purposes, be approved.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor A. Grandison declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding the Proposed 2022 Operating Budget for Communications and Engagement and exited the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Operating Budget be amended to add \$7,126,074 for the Communications and Engagement Department.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Grandison
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Return

Councillor A. Grandison returned to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Operating Budget be amended to add \$39,262,249 for the Community Investment Program which excludes the following Community Investment Program grants:

- a. St. Aidan's House Society for \$257,498
- b. Fort McKay Métis Nation Association and Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society for \$160,500
- c. King's Kids Promotions Outreach Ministries Incorporated and Family Christian Centre o/a Legacy Counselling Centre for \$400,000

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 1]
MOVER:	Stu Wigle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Wigle
AGAINST:	Waquan
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor A. Grandison declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding the Community Investment Program Grant for St. Aidan's Society as his wife works for St. Aidan's Society; and exited the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Operating Budget be amended to add \$257,498 for the Community Investment Program grant for St. Aidan's House Society.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
SECONDER:	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Grandison
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Return

Councillor A. Grandison returned to the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor L. Waquan declared a Pecuniary Interest in the Community Investment Program for Fort McKay Métis Nation Association and Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society, and exited the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Operating Budget be amended to add \$160,500 for Community Investment Program for Fort McKay Métis Nation Association and Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Wigle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Waquan
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Return

Councillor L. Waquan returned to the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Wigle declared a Pecuniary Interest in the Community Investment Program for King's Kids Promotions Outreach Ministries Incorporated and Family Christian Centre operating as Legacy Counselling Centre.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Operating Budget be amended to add \$400,000 for Community Investment Program for King's Kids Promotions Outreach Ministries Incorporated and Family Christian Centre o/a Legacy Counselling Centre.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Wigle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Return

Councillor S. Wigle returned to the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2023 - 2024 Financial Plan in the amount of \$567,098,059 and \$565,363,059 respectively, with funding transfers for capital purposes of \$117,076,387 and \$112,157,590 respectively, be used as the basis for the development of the respective subsequent budgets.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT the 2022 Capital Budget in the amount of \$155,799,000, \$249,000 Public Art fund transfer totaling \$156,048,000 be approved.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
SECONDER:	Ken Ball, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Grandison, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Dogar, McGrath

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer