

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

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

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor S. Bowman called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

THAT Council close item 2.1 to the public pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2.1. Advice from Officials/Privileged Information

(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Linda Ollivier	Chief Financial Officer
Sanjeev Rajini	Deloitte LLP

Entrance

Councillor F. Banjoko entered the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Recess

Council recessed the meeting at 4:50 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at which time the meeting was reconvened in public and Councillors L. Bussieres and K. McGrath entered the meeting.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

4. **Consent Agenda**

MOTION:

THAT the recommendations contained in items 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 be approved.

4.1. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - March 29, 2022

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 29, 2022 be approved as presented.

4.2. Council Committee Appointments

THAT the Committee Appointments, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved effective April 12, 2022.

4.3. Bylaw No. 22/004 - 2022 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

THAT Bylaw No. 22/004, being the 2022 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

5. Recognition

5.1. Proclamation - National Volunteer Week

Mayor S. Bowman proclaimed April 24 - 30, 2022 as National Volunteer Week.

Return

Councillor K. Cardinal returned to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

6. Presentations

6.1. Gaylene Weidlich, Executive Director, Wood Buffalo Community Foundation, re: Building Sustainable Communities

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 6:05. p.m. and returned at 6:08 p.m.

Gaylene Weidlich, Executive Director, Wood Buffalo Community Foundation, provided an overview of the Wood Buffalo Community Foundation, noting how the Foundation has impacted the community and its residents and sharing information regarding potential partnerships or collaboration on projects and programs.

6.2. Dennis Nephin, Wood Buffalo Presents, re: Wood Buffalo Presents Request for Funding

Dennis Nephin, Executive Director, Wood Buffalo Presents, presented an overview of Wood Buffalo Presents and spoke to their request for funding noting the funding is to assist with the organization's 2022 budget.

MOTION:

THAT the request from Wood Buffalo Presents for funding be referred to Administration to review and bring back a report for consideration of Council.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 1]
MOVER:	Allan Grandison, Councillor
SECONDER:	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
AGAINST:	Cardinal

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Athabasca Tribal Council Cultural Festival - Funding Request

Janine Kruse, Manager, Indigenous and Rural Relations, presented the Athabasca Tribal Council Cultural Festival Funding Request, noting that this event aligns with several municipal priorities such as downtown revitalization, regional economic development and rural and Indigenous communities and partnerships.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 6:51 p.m. and returned at 6:54 p.m.

MOTION:

1. THAT the request from the Athabasca Tribal Council (ATC) for \$150,000 to support the 2022 ATC Cultural Festival, be approved and allocated from the emerging issues reserve.
2. THAT Administration work towards a sustainable source of funding that is in alignment with the ongoing municipal response to truth and reconciliation to be included within future Indigenous and Rural Relations Operational Budgets for Council's consideration.

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

8. New Business

8.1. 2022-2024 Fiscal Management Strategy

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2022-2024 Fiscal Management Strategy, noting that the Strategy will provide a sustainable approach to meet the short and mid-term needs of the Municipality.

MOTION:

THAT the 2022-2024 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated April 12, 2022, be accepted as information.

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

8.2. 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statement

Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statement for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, noting that this statement contains information from subsidiary corporations which includes the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board, the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation, the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation and the Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games Host Society.

Exit and Return

Councillors K. McGrath and F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and returned at 7:10 p.m.

David Hodges and Sanjeev Rajani, Deloitte LLP, presented the overall results of the audit report and responded to questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT the 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the year ending December 31, 2021, be accepted as information.

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

9. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

Council Members provided updates on various topics of personal interest and initiatives in the Region.

Recess Post Public Agenda Portion

Council recessed the meeting from 7:35 p.m. to 7:54 p.m. at which time Councillor L. Bussieres disconnected from the meeting.

10. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

THAT Council close item 10.1 to the public pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

10.1. **Advice from Officials**

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Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Linda Ollivier	Chief Financial Officer

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SECONDER:	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
FOR:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
ABSENT:	Bussieres

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer