

**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, June 14, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Sandy Bowman, Mayor  
Ken Ball, Councillor  
Funky Banjoko, Councillor  
Lance Bussieres, Councillor  
Shafiq Dogar, Councillor  
Allan Grandison, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Jane Stroud, Councillor

**Absent:**

Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor  
Loretta Waquan, Councillor  
Stu Wigle, Councillor

**Administration:**

Jody Butz, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services  
Laurie Farquharson, Chief Financial Officer  
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Nasir Qureshi, Acting Director, Engineering  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services  
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor S. Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Bowman served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the June 28, 2022 Council meeting:

"THAT Administration be directed to investigate and bring forward a bylaw or bylaw amendments to allow for hookah lounges in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo."

Councillor L. Bussieres served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the June 28, 2022 Council Meeting:

"WHEREAS at the Council meeting on December 14, 2021 Council approved the Fees, Rates and Charges 2021 Bylaw (Bylaw 21/019) amending municipal fees commencing April 1, 2022;

AND WHEREAS Council has been informed that in the case of at least one set of comparable residential townhouse homes, where water services were provided by large sized pipes, while lower water rates would result, they would be accompanied by significantly much higher sewerage (5x) rates;

AND WHEREAS utility rates are reviewed annually along with all municipal fees, rates, and charges with such a review next expected in Q-4 2022;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration review water and sanitary utility rate differentials to determine if there are inequities in the current fee structures and, if so, to provide Council with options and recommendations on how to address any such utility rate differentials; with such report to be provided not later than July 12, 2022."

Councillor A. Grandison served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the June 28, 2022 Council Meeting:

"WHEREAS at the Council meeting on February 3, 2022, Council passed a resolution directing that the CAO bring forward a scope of work for Council's consideration to undertake an organizational review, with the findings brought to Council directly;

AND WHEREAS on March 8, 2022, Council rescinded the February 3, 2022, resolution and replaced it with a resolution directing the CAO to conduct a full third-party organizational review with the findings to be presented through the CAO to Council;

AND WHEREAS Council would like to undertake this review as soon as possible;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind and replace the portion of the March 8, 2022 resolution relating to the organizational review and direct that Administration bring forward for Council's consideration as soon as possible, a scope of work for a full third-party independent organizational review with final results of the review presented to Council directly."

**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

### **3. Consent Agenda**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the recommendations contained in items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 be approved.

#### **3.1. Minutes of Council Meeting - May 24, 2022**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 24, 2022 be approved as presented.

#### **3.2. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - June 1, 2022**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 1, 2022 be approved as presented.

#### **3.3. Community Investment Program Advisory Committee Appointments**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the following representation on the Community Investment Program Advisory Committee be changed effective immediately to December 31, 2023:

- Erica Brewer, from External Funding Representative to Public-At-Large Member; and
- Anna Seinen, from Business Community Representative to External Funding Organization Representative.

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

#### **4. Recognition**

##### **4.1. Proclamations**

###### **Pride Week**

Mayor S. Bowman proclaimed June 17 to 25, 2022 as Pride Week.

###### **Canadian Multiculturalism Day**

Mayor S. Bowman proclaimed June 27, 2022 as Canadian Multiculturalism Day.

#### **5. Unfinished Business**

##### **5.1. Public Hearing re: Bylaw No. 22/006 - Vehicle for Hire Bylaw**

Mayor S. Bowman declared the Public Hearing open at 6:07 p.m.

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services and Caitlin Hanly, Municipal Legal Counsel, Legal Services, introduced the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, and reviewed the feedback received through community engagement and outlined potential amendments which were provided as a handout for Council's consideration.

###### Exits and Returns

Councillor A. Grandison exited the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and returned at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Abdi Mursal, YMM Rider, spoke in support of rider and driver safety and ride sharing while expressing concern with the license cost of \$500.

###### Exits and Returns

Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Councillor K. Ball exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and returned at 7:09 p.m.

Councillor A. Grandison exited the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and returned at 7:12 p.m.

Oranzab Malik, spoke strongly in support of the proposed bylaw, noting his agreement with the proposed rate structure.

Exit

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Julieta Miranda, Kid-Drop, spoke to the services they offer and their business model, and requested that their service be exempt in the same manner that limousine services are under section 5 of the proposed bylaw.

Return

Councillor S. Dogar returned to the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Ron MacNeill, Sun Taxi, spoke in opposition to the bylaw and raised concerns with the engagement process.

Point of Order

Councillor K. McGrath called a Point of Order on the presenter's conduct and remarks regarding Administration. The Point of Order was upheld by the Mayor and the presenter did not continue with his presentation.

Penny Skinner, Sun Taxi, spoke in opposition to the bylaw, noting main concerns including the need for a fare increase, mechanical inspections to remain at every six months as well as noting that the regulations should apply consistently to vehicles for hire and ride shares.

A written submission from Sun Taxi outlining their concerns with the proposed bylaw was distributed to Council members for consideration.

Mustafa Hajir, Sun Taxi, spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaw, noting that drivers were not consulted in its development.

John Bragg, Son Taxi, suggested that removing regulated rates would result in loss of professionalism.

Tahir Naveed, Sun Taxi, spoke to the various increased costs faced by the drivers.

Abdirahman Abdullahi, United Class Cabs, spoke strongly in support of the proposed bylaw, noting his main concern is the color scheme requirements.

Recess

A recess occurred from 8:27 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Phil Walding, Sun Taxi, spoke strongly in opposition to the bylaw, noting that regulated fares were put in place to prevent price gouging, and that if fares were to be deregulated, it should be a total deregulation. He recommended that the bylaw be referred back to Administration for further engagement with the affected parties.

Kieber Alemayehu, Sun Taxi, spoke to the need for safety for both drivers and riders, consistency in rates and the need for better enforcement.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Mayor S. Bowman declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:02 p.m.

**5.2. Bylaw No. 22/006 - Vehicle For Hire Bylaw and Bylaw No. 22/007 - Fees Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 21/019 Amendment**

Councillor A. Grandison put forward the following for consideration:

THAT Bylaw No. 22/006, being the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, be read a second time.

**MOTION:**

THAT Section 5 be amended by striking out “or” at the end of clause (d) and striking out “.” at the end of clause (e), adding “; or” at the end of clause (e) and adding the following after clause (e):

- (f) a Vehicle or class of Vehicle designated as exempt by the Chief Taxi Inspector.

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

Councillor A. Grandison put forward the following for consideration:

1. THAT Section 16 be amended by:
  - a. striking out “6 months” and substituting “12 months”;
  - b. striking out clause (a) and substituting:
    - (a) a Vehicle for Hire providing a Designated Driving Service; or
2. THAT Section 17 be amended by:
  - a. striking out “6 months” and substituting “12 months”;
  - b. striking out clause (a) and substituting:
    - (a) a Vehicle for Hire providing a Designated Driving Service; or

There was no seconder for this recommendation, therefore the motion did not proceed to a vote.

**MOTION:**

THAT Section 23 be amended by striking out clause (c) and substituting:

- (c) not use a cellular telephone or other hand-held electronic device or wireless electronic device while transporting a passenger, except for visual use in hands-free mode or in an emergency;

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Section 30 be amended by:

1. at clause (c) and (d) by striking out “where the Vehicle for Hire is a Taxi or Accessible Taxi” and substituting “where the Vehicle for Hire is a Transportation Network Vehicle, Taxi or Accessible Taxi”;
2. at clause (k) by striking out “; and” at the end of clause (k) and substituting with “except for a Vehicle for Hire providing a Designated Driving Service; and”

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Section 36(a) be amended by striking out “with the marking at least 8 cm x 8 cm in a size no greater than 20 cm x 20 cm in size” and substituting “in a form and size approved by the Chief Taxi Inspector”.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [4 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Allan Grandison, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Bowman, Mayor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Bussieres, Grandison
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Banjoko, Dogar, Stroud
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cardinal, McGrath, Waquan, Wigle

**MOTION:**

THAT Section 74 be amended by:

Striking out the “and” at the end of clause (d)(ii) and repealing clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) proof in a form satisfactory to the Chief Taxi Inspector that the applicant has a physical place of doing business in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo; and
- (f) any other information required by the Chief Taxi Inspector.

Exit

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Recess and Return

A recess occurred from 10:16 p.m. to 10:18 p.m., at which time Councillor S. Dogar returned to the meeting.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/006, being the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, be read a second time as amended.



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [5 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Allan Grandison, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Banjoko, Dogar, Grandison, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Ball, Bussieres
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cardinal, McGrath, Waquan, Wagle

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/006 be read a third and final time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [5 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Allan Grandison, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Banjoko, Dogar, Grandison, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Ball, Bussieres
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cardinal, McGrath, Waquan, Wagle

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/007, being a bylaw to amend the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 21/019, be read a second time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/007 be read a third and final time.

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

**5.3. Public Hearing re: Bylaw No. 22/005 - Road Closure of Undeveloped Laneway within Block 2, Plan 198 AS**

Mayor S. Bowman declared the Public Hearing open at 10:24 p.m.

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Michael Ircandia, Manager, Land Administration, introduced the Road Closure report, noting that Administration is seeking Council approval for the road closure of undeveloped laneway within Block 2, Plan 198 AS, and confirmed this Public Hearing process is limited to the road closure request and does not include discussion regarding future real estate transactions or future land allocation.

**Exit and Return**

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 10:24 p.m. and returned at 10:30 p.m.

Keith Simpson, General Manager, Noral Toyota, spoke in support of the proposed road closure.

Mayor S. Bowman declared the Public Hearing close at 10:32 p.m.

**5.4. Bylaw No. 22/005 Road Closure of Undeveloped Laneway within Block 2, Plan 198 AS****MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/005, being a bylaw to close the remainder of an undeveloped laneway within Block 2, Plan 198 AS, be read a second time

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/005 be read a third and final time.

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

## 6. **New Business**

### 6.1. **Capital Budget Amendments**

Laurie Farkquarson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2022 Capital Budget Amendment, noting that the amendment is related to funding for work originally deemed to fall within the operating budget but now is deemed to fall under capital funding due to the nature of the work.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the 2022 Capital Budget Amendment as summarized on Attachment 1 (2022 Capital Budget Amendment – New Project, dated June 14, 2022) be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2022 Capital Budget Amendment – New Project – Project Cash Flow Summary, dated June 14, 2022) be approved.

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

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer