

**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, February 14, 2023, commencing at 6:00 PM.**

Present:

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

Absent:

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

Administration:

Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Laurie Farquharson, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor S. Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Councillor K. Ball served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the February 28, 2023 Council meeting:

"WHEREAS there is a significant shortage of available ice times for users within our community; and

WHEREAS there are currently four ice surfaces available, and studies have shown that Fort McMurray is short a minimum of two ice surfaces to properly service a community of our size; and

WHEREAS many organizations are currently restricted on how many participants can register due to ice shortage and as a result, some potential users are being turned away; and

WHEREAS this prohibits organizations in our community to grow and provide adequate services to our residents.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to review the design from 2016 for the Northside Twin Arena at Abraham's Landing and bring forward a report that includes the following information:

- analysis of total cost of ownership (capital/construction costs, costs related to land, and operating costs);
- analysis of the approved 2023 Capital Budget that includes projects that would need to be moved to future years to accommodate a project of this nature; and
- a capital budget amendment should Council wish to consider adjusting the approved 2023 Capital Budget to include this project."

Councillor K. McGrath served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the February 28, 2023 Council meeting:

"THAT Administration be directed to bring forward for Council's consideration at the March 28, 2023 Council meeting a report on the feasibility of a bus stop at the Quarry Ridge Sub-division located at the southwest corner of Highway 63 and Mackenzie Boulevard junction, such report to take into consideration any ridership, safety, and security requirements."

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

3. Consent Agenda

THAT the recommendations contained in items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 be approved

3.1. **Minutes of Special Council Meeting - January 23, 2023**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on January 23, 2023, be approved as presented.

3.2. **Minutes of Council - Meeting - January 24, 2023**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 24, 2023, be approved as presented.

3.3. **Minutes of Special Council Meeting - February 7, 2023**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on February 7, 2023, be approved as presented.

3.4. **Bylaw No. 23/003 - Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 and Timberlea Area Structure Plan Bylaw No. 01/020 Amendments - 110 Prospect Drive, Lot 25, Block 20, Plan 152 4140**

THAT Bylaw No. 23/003, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 and the Timberlea Area Structure Plan Bylaw No. 01/020, specific to 110 Prospect Drive, Lot 25, Block 20, Plan 152 4140 be read a first time; and

THAT the required Public Hearing be held on March 14, 2023.

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

4. Presentations

4.1. Owen Erskine, Chair, and Jean-Marc Guillamot, Former Vice-Chair, Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee, re: Annual Report

Owen Erskine, Chair, and Jean-Marc Guillamot, former Vice-Chair, Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee, presented the Committee's 2022 Annual Report highlighting the ongoing teamwork with Administration on the approved priorities, infrastructure and enhancement actions, including completion of Kiyām Community Park construction, opening of the Downtown Community Policing Office, continued implementation of the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program, and the development of the Wayfinding Strategy and Downtown Plan.

5. New Business

5.1. Community Identification Committee Recommendation - Naming the Park behind École Dickinsfield and Sister Mary Phillips School as "Lauren Stemmann Children's Park"

Christopher Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning, and Leneah Stemmann, Lauren Stemmann's mother, spoke to the Community Identification Committee's recommendation to name the park behind École Dickinsfield and Sister Mary Phillips School in memory of Lauren, who passed away from cancer in 2022 at the age of 12. It was noted that the Park already has significance to the Stemmann family as Lauren attended Sister Mary Phillips School, where she inspired students to hold special fundraisers for the Terry Fox Foundation.

MOTION:

THAT the Park located behind École Dickinsfield and Sister Mary Phillips School, as shown in Attachment 1, be named "Lauren Stemmann Children's Park".

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

5.2. 2023 Proposed Community Capital Grant

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, and Caitlin Hanly, Municipal Legal Counsel, spoke to the proposed 2023 Community Capital Grant for the McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association, noting that the grant would be to purchase a replacement groomer and would be funded from insurance proceeds provided to the Municipality.

Karen Downey, Executive Assistant, McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association, spoke in support of the recommended grant to replace a damaged groomer.

MOTION:

THAT a Community Capital Grant of \$115,050 be allocated to McMurray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Association for the purchase of a groomer and be funded from the insurance proceeds provided to the Municipality.

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

5.3. Reflections Lookout Budget Amendment

Keith Smith, Director, Public Works, and Stephen Fudge, Manager, Parks, provided an overview of the proposed Reflections Lookout Budget amendment, noting that due to the increased industry and material costs, the bid pricing for the next phase of the project exceeds the remaining budget, and noting that additional funding is requested to complete Phase 2 construction. Alternative options as outlined in the report were also reviewed and discussed.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:14 p.m.

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.

Councillor K. Ball exited the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Reflection Lookout Budget Amendment be deferred to the February 28, 2023 Council meeting.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [4 TO 4]
MOVER:	Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud
AGAINST:	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres
ABSENT:	Cardinal, Waquan, Wigle

Recess

A recess occurred from 7:58 p.m. to 8:17 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Reflections Lookout Budget Amendment be referred to Administration to complete further costing on an Alternative Option 1 that includes hard or accessible surfacing on the trail that leads to the play structure and on the gravel trail that leads to the remaining hard surfacing.

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

5.4. 2023 Capital Budget Amendments

Laurie Farquharson, Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the 2023 Capital Budget Amendment, noting that the proposed amendments will result in a net increase of \$840,000.00 to the 2023 and thereafter Capital Budget.

MOTION:

THAT the 2023 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2023 Capital Budget Amendment – Project Amendment and Cancellation, dated February 14, 2023) be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2023 Capital Budget Amendment – Project Amendment and Cancellation – Project Cash Flow Summary, dated February 14, 2023) be approved.

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

5.5. Internal Audit Charter and 2023 to 2024 Internal Audit Plan

Laurie Farquharson, Chief Financial Officer, and Alicia Hubert, Supervisor, Risk and Compliance, provided an overview of the proposed Internal Audit Charter and 2023 to 2024 Internal Audit Plan.

MOTION:

THAT the Internal Audit Charter and the 2023 – 2024 Internal Audit Plan be approved.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer