



## Council

Jubilee Centre Council Chamber  
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4

Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
6:00 PM

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## Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
  - 3.1. Council Meeting - February 22, 2022
4. **Presentations**
  - 4.1. Chief Allan Adam, President, Athabasca Tribal Council and Chief of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and Karla Buffalo, Chief Executive Officer, Athabasca Tribal Council re: Athabasca Tribal Council Cultural Festival 2022
  - 4.2. Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering re: Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Overview
5. **Unfinished Business**
  - 5.1. 2022 Proposed Sustaining Grant Allocation - Keyano College

THAT a \$559,615 Sustaining Grant be allocated to Keyano College for 2022, to be funded through the Emerging Issues Reserve.

Registered Delegates

    - Jay Notay, President, Keyano College, Alan Roberts, Director, Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre and Frederick Russell, Vice-President, Academics
    - Jenny Price
    - Dave Boutilier, Chairperson, Arts Council Wood Buffalo Board of Directors

## 5.2. 2022 Proposed Sustaining Grant Allocation - WBEDC

That \$4,360,000 Sustaining Grant be allocated to Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation for 2022, to be funded through the Emerging Issues Reserve.

### Registered Delegate

- Kevin Weidlich, Chief Executive Officer, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development & Tourism

## 5.3. Public Hearing re: Tarsands Lions Club Lease Renewal

## 5.4. Tarsands Lions Club Lease Renewal

THAT Administration be authorized to proceed with the renewal of a lease between the Tarsands Lions Club (the “Club”) and the Municipality, currently in overhold, and encompassing an area within Lot 7R, Block 23, Plan 315TR. Subject lease to be renewed for a further term of five (5) years commencing on January 1, 2022, with the option to renew for three (3) consecutive five (5) year terms thereafter, for a nominal fee of One Dollar (\$1.00).

## 6. **New Business**

### 6.1. 2022 Capital Budget Amendments

THAT the 2022 Capital Budget Amendment as summarized on Attachment 1 (2022 Capital Budget Amendment – New and Cancelled Projects, dated March 8, 2022) be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2022 Capital Budget Amendment – New and Cancelled Projects – Cash Flow Summary, dated March 8, 2022) be approved.

### 6.2. Wood Buffalo Housing Development and Corporation Debt Repayment

THAT the outstanding mortgages of Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation, in the total amount of \$57,848,441 be paid in full using uncommitted funds from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

### Registered Delegate

- Henry Hunter, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wood Buffalo Housing

## **7. Councillors' Motions**

### **7.1. Rescind and Replace Organizational Review Resolution of February 3, 2022 (Cr. S. Wigle)**

THAT the resolution of Council dated February 3, 2022 regarding the organizational review and hiring freeze be rescinded and replaced with the following:

THAT the CAO be directed to conduct a full organizational review; and that the Municipality does not exceed its full-time equivalent (FTE) employee count as of February 2, 2022 until such time as the organizational review is finalized and the CAO presents the report to Council.

### **7.2. Family Medicine - Residency Program (Cr. F. Banjoko)**

THAT the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of Council, to send a letter to the Government of Alberta to reinstitute the Family Medicine Residency Program in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

### **7.3. Taxi Services (Cr. F. Banjoko)**

THAT Administration be directed to conduct a review of taxi rates taking into consideration any changes to the cost of operating taxi services in the rural and urban service areas;

THAT Administration conduct a review of the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw No. 13/001, and host stakeholder engagement sessions that include the Public, the Taxi Industry, Tourism and the Chamber of Commerce, and that feedback be considered for inclusion in any amendments to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw; and

THAT a Taskforce similar to the previous Taxi Committee disbanded in 2018 be established to review and bring forward recommendations to Council on regulating and controlling taxi services within the boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

### **7.4. Property Tax Ratio (Cr. K. McGrath)**

THAT Administration provide an update to the Government of Alberta on the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's transition from an 18:1 property tax ratio to 7.5:1 property tax ratio; and request to stay at the 7.5:1 ratio for the next 5 years and on the 6th year, transition to the final 5:1 ratio; and further request that the Government of Alberta accept this proposal by June 1, 2022.

### **7.5. Opposition to Quebec's Bill 21 (Mayor S. Bowman)**

THAT the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of Council, to send a letter to the federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, demonstrating Council's opposition to Quebec's Bill 21 and requesting the Federal Government take any appropriate steps to intervene in support of current legal challenges to Quebec's Bill 21.

**8. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates**

**9. In-Camera Session**

- 9.1. Confidential Evaluations/Advice from Officials - Information Briefing and Committees Discussion  
(in camera pursuant to sections 19 and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
- 9.2. Privileged Information -Legal Matter  
(in camera pursuant to section 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

**Adjournment**