



## Council

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

Monday, November 7, 2022  
3:00 PM

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## Agenda

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Consent Agenda**

3.1 Minutes of Council Meeting – October 25, 2022

THAT the Minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 25, 2022 be approved as presented.

3.2 Minutes of Organizational Meeting – October 25, 2022

THAT the Minutes of the Organizational meeting held on October 25, 2022 be approved as presented.

3.3. Scheduling of 2023 Budget Meetings

THAT a Special Council Meeting to consider the 2023 Proposed Budgets and Financial Plans be scheduled to take place in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber, at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, commencing at 9:00 a.m. each day from November 29 to December 2, 2022.

4. **Presentations**

4.1. Henry Hunter, Chair, and Luana Bussieres, Vice-Chair, Advisory Committee on Aging, re: Annual Report

4.2. Kevin Weidlich, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Wes Holodniuk, Board Member, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism re: Economic Development and Tourism Update

**5. New Business****5.1. Wildfire Mitigation Strategy FireSmart Wood Buffalo**

THAT the updated Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Wildfire Mitigation Strategy (2022-2027) (Attachment 1) be approved for use as a guiding document for FireSmart in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo; and

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of Council to provide a letter of support for the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta, in support of the Regional Emergency Services, FireSmart Wood Buffalo team application for vegetation / fuel management funding.

**6. Councillors' Motions****6.1. Creation of Alberta Provincial Police Service - Councillor K. McGrath**

WHEREAS the Wood Buffalo region and the Province of Alberta are rebuilding from the impact of significant economic stressors over the past six years; and

WHEREAS the region has enjoyed exemplary service from the RCMP as Alberta's police service of choice; and

WHEREAS crime rates are improved over the long-term through improving community access to mental health and addictions support services and through justice system reform, not through policing; and

WHEREAS in the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action Report, police and justice system reform MUST be implemented with the full consultation of our Indigenous communities and Peoples;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo joins the 96 municipalities and stakeholder groups in a call to action to the Government of Alberta regarding the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service.

**6.2. Rural Water and Wastewater Utility Billings - Councillor S. Wigle**

WHEREAS the Municipality's Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Program is open for residents in some rural communities to connect and some residents have now connected to the Municipality's piped water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS some residents have seen an increase in their water and wastewater utility billing since the time of connection; and

WHEREAS water and wastewater utility billing rates should be reviewed for all rural areas to ensure fairness and consistency;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration conduct an analysis of water and wastewater utility billings in the rural areas and bring forward this information during the discussion on the User, Fees, Rates and Charges for 2023.

6.3. Fiscal Responsibility Policy FIN-160 - Councillor K. Ball

THAT Administration review and bring forward recommendations to amend the Fiscal Responsibility Policy FIN-160 to ensure that appropriate capital budget amendments are brought forward for Council approval.

6.4. Elected Officials Compensation Review - Councillor K. Cardinal

THAT Administration be directed to undertake a third-party review of the Elected Officials Compensation, Travel and Expense Policy LEG-050 and bring forward proposed changes to the Policy as well as remuneration recommendations for the 2025 Council in Q3 of 2023.

**7. In-Camera Session**

7.1. Advice from Officials / Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body

(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 25(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

7.2. 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*)

7.3. Advice from Officials

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

7.4. Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy / Advice from Officials

(in camera pursuant to sections 17(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

**Adjournment**