



## **Council**

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

Tuesday, November 22, 2022  
6:00 PM

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## **Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **In-Camera Session (Commencing at 4:00 p.m.)**
  - 2.1. Privileged Information – Legal Briefing  
(in camera pursuant to section 27(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
3. **Adoption of Agenda (Public Session at 6:00 p.m.)**
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - 4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting – November 7, 2022
  - 4.2. Minutes of Special In Camera Council Meeting - November 15, 2022
  - 4.3. Bylaw No. 22/012 - Fees, Rates and Charges 2023 Bylaw  
  
THAT Bylaw No. 22/012, being the Fees, Rates and Charges 2023 Bylaw, be read a first time.
  - 4.4. Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Minutes  
  
THAT the Minutes from Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee meetings, as outlined in Attachments 1 - 5, be accepted as information.
5. **Recognition**
  - 5.1. Proclamation - International Day of Persons with Disabilities
6. **Presentations**
  - 6.1. Gaylene Weidlich, Wood Buffalo Community Foundation, re: 2022 Vital Signs
  - 6.2. Matthew Eisentraut re: Rural Addressing

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. Tax Relief Request: Everest Canadian Resources**

THAT collection of the 2018 taxes owing and associated penalties for late payment on the tax accounts identified in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$157,989, be deferred for a period of 12 months from December 31, 2022; and

THAT collection of the 2019 taxes owing and associated penalties for late payment on the tax accounts identified in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$494,915.34, be deferred for a period of 24 months from December 31, 2022; and

THAT collection of the 2021 taxes owing and associated penalties for late payment on the tax accounts identified in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$236,655, be deferred for a period of 36 months from December 31, 2022; and

THAT taxes or tax arrears and associated penalties in the amount of \$2,556,273.78 be cancelled without further resolution of Council, at the end of the 36-month deferment period, if property taxes for those properties for 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are paid in full by December 31, 2025.

### **7.2. 2022 Request for Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off**

THAT the Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off, as shown in Attachment 1, in the amount of \$329,389.82, be approved.

### **7.3. Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties**

THAT the reserve bids and sale conditions be established as listed in Attachment 1, dated November 22, 2022.

### **7.4. 2022 Q3 Financial Performance Report**

THAT the 2022 Q3 Financial Performance Report be accepted as information.

## **8. Councillors' Motions**

### **8.1. 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.

## 8.2. Flood Mitigation - Councillor K. Ball

WHEREAS Administration has received previous direction from Council to construct flood mitigation measures in the Lower Townsite to a protection level that would keep our community safe for a 1 in 200-year flood event. This elevation has been determined to be 250.9 m above sea level which includes engineering safety factors; and

WHEREAS the Province of Alberta has mandated that we protect our residents from flood by constructing flood mitigation measures that keep our community safe for a 1 in 100-year flood event. This elevation has been determined to be 250.5 m above sea level which includes engineering safety factors; and

WHEREAS the Fort McMurray flood of 2020 reached an elevation of 248.9 m above sea level and is considered to be a 1 in 40-year flood event; and

WHEREAS Administration sought input from residents on options to complete flood mitigation measures to a 1 in 200-year flood protection for Reach 6 and work is underway to complete Reaches 2, 3, 4, 5 and Taiga Nova South to a 1 in 200-year flood event through various projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration examine the cost differential of constructing to 250.5 m vs. 250.9 m for the aforementioned outstanding reaches and report back to Council with the findings as soon as possible.

## 8.3. Eid-al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) - Councillor F. Banjoko

WHEREAS Eid-al-Adha, also known as the “Feast of Sacrifice”, is one of the largest holidays celebrated in Islam; and

WHEREAS Eid-al-Adha is typically marked by charity, communal prayers, large social gatherings with family and friends, slaughtering of livestock and providing meat to the needy and sharing it with family; and

WHEREAS the Muslim population in Fort McMurray is four times the National average (currently at 12% of the population, with Toronto being at 8.9%) with the Municipality focusing to continually improve inclusivity for residents; and

WHEREAS the 2023 Feast of Sacrifice is Thursday, June 29, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to investigate and provide a report to Council by April 14, 2023, on the possibility of providing a covered space for 15 days each year to allow the Muslim community the opportunity to participate in the Feast of Sacrifice.

## **Adjournment**