

Subject: Red Tape Reduction Plan (Mayor D. Scott)**APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Administration work with the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee, and organizations including the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, to bring forward to Council within 30 days a presentation on a Red Tape Reduction Plan, including but not limited to, updates to the Planning and Development Department's permit application process; and

THAT Administration bring forward to Council, within 30 days, steps that can be implemented from the Red Tape Reduction Plan, with an accelerated implementation period, to improve the permit application processes and response times with the Planning and Development department.

Summary:

At the March 23, 2021 Council Meeting, Mayor D. Scott served notice of his intention to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting:

WHEREAS businesses in Fort McMurray are experiencing economic challenges due to the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic and require an agile environment for successful economic recovery;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo needs a plan with immediate action to address this economic emergency;

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Don Scott, serve notice of my intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the April 13, 2021, Council Meeting:

- a) THAT Administration work with the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee, and organizations including the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, to bring forward to Council within 30 days a presentation on a Red Tape Reduction Plan, including but not limited to, updates to the Planning and Development Department's permit application process; and

- b) THAT Administration bring forward to Council, within 30 days, steps that can be implemented from the Red Tape Reduction Plan, with an accelerated implementation period, to improve the permit application processes and response times with the Planning and Development department.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Pursuant to Procedure Bylaw No. 18/020, the motion is now before Council for consideration.

Strategic Priorities:

Regional Economic Development