

Subject: Social Sustainability Plan Committee - Establishment of a Multi-Sector Social Recovery Task Force**APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Administration work with the Social Sustainability Plan Committee to advise on the short and long-term well-being of all residents in our region to identify priorities, help to guide decision making, resource allocation, alignment and collaborative community action as it relates to both the COVID-19 response and recovery and the 2020 flood event.

Summary / Background:

At the April 14, 2020 Council Meeting, Councillor K. Balsom served notice of her intent to submit the following motion for consideration at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting, being April 28, 2020:

Whereas the social well-being of residents in our region is at risk, and recovery of our community following the Covid-19 pandemic is a priority;

Be it resolved:

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Administration work with the Social Sustainability Plan Committee to establish a multi-sector social recovery task force to develop programming to support the short and long-term well-being of all residents of our region; and

THAT the Social Recovery Task force produce recommendations for Council consideration, including a budget recommendation sufficient to support this initiative.

As the April 28, 2020 Council Meeting was cancelled due to the 2020 flood, the motion was brought forward for consideration at the May 12, 2020 Council Meeting. At that meeting, Councillor K. Balsom noted that following serving her Notice of Motion on April 14, 2020, she worked with Administration and it was concluded that the task force

being proposed fell within the purview of the Social Sustainability Plan Committee; therefore, she proposed the following motion for consideration:

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To allow for further input on the proposed motion, this item was deferred by Council to allow for public notice and comment.

Rationale for Recommendation:

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

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government