



Subject: Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation – Request for Start-Up Funding

Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation:

THAT the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee be allocated start-up funding of \$4 Million, to be funded from:

- a) the 2016 Operating Budget surplus; or
 - b) the Emerging Issues Reserve;
- in that order.

Summary and Background:

The Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee was created by Bylaw No. 16/013 on June 21, 2016. The Committee is comprised of 9 members, 3 of whom are Council Members and 6 who are appointed from the public-at-large. With all Members appointed, the Committee will now be required to develop a proper organizational structure, strategic plan, outcomes measures, and timelines.

The Committee does not have any operational funds at this time; therefore, it is requested that Council consider creating the following provisional budget.

The Committee has presented the following preliminary budget:

Committee Expenses (Short Term)	\$ 200,000
Administrative Salary Expenses (Short Term)	500,000
Overhead Expenses (Short Term)	3,000,000
Contingency for Unrecognized Costs (Short Term)	<u>300,000</u>
Proposed Startup Budget (Short Term 0-3 Months)	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

If approved, the Municipality will pursue reimbursement of any expenses incurred under the Government of Alberta's Disaster Relief Program

Budget/Financial Implications:

Funds allocated from either the 2016 Operating Budget corporate-wide surplus or the Emerging Issues Reserve would be replenished upon receipt of reimbursement of eligible expenses through the Government of Alberta's Disaster Relief Program. There is potential for zero net financial impact to the Municipality.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The requested start-up funding is intended to be a provisional budget until such time as the Committee hires a Team Lead and is able to determine its full budget requirements.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government