

Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: J. Bancarz, Chair
K. Fleury
S. Germain, Councillor
M. Giles
M. Hodson
K. Jenkins
K. McGrath, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: M. Farrington, Vice-Chair

Administration: J. Brown, Supervisor, Legislative Services
C. Hanly, Municipal Legal Counsel
S. Harper, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Chair J. Bancarz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by K. Fleury that the Agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting - August 24, 2016

Moved by M. Giles that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting held on August 24, 2016 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. Terry Cooper, Abasand Rebuild Committee
(6:03 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

Terry Cooper, representing the Abasand Rebuild Committee, spoke to the need for a land use bylaw text amendment to give property owners some form of surety that they will be permitted to rebuild on their lots without being denied due to current provisions of the land use bylaw. Mr. Cooper further highlighted the difficulties and complexities that rebuilding poses for some residents, including lots size, differing insurance policies and neighbours plans for redevelopment.

Exit:
Mr. K. Fleury exited the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Exit and Return:

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 6:42 p.m. and reentered at 6:49 p.m.

Mr. Cooper distributed several handouts, which he committed to providing to Committee members electronically.

Recess:

A brief recess occurred from 7:07 p.m. - 7:16 p.m.

Moved by M. Giles that the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee supports bringing directly to Council for first reading an overlay amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 99/059 that would direct that rebuilding of destroyed structures to preexisting footprints will be permitted and that also sets out a range of options for rebuilding in cases where rebuild to preexisting footprints is not possible or feasible as soon as practical.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business**3. Update on Interim Housing**

(7:31 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)

Erin O'Neill, Recovery Branch Lead, and Caitlin Downie, People Services Team, provided an update relative to the provision of Interim Housing in the wake of the May 2016 wildfires, indicating that a broad strategy was being developed to coordinate the efforts to acquire and house people in interim housing, which will include a communication strategy with tip sheets for public use.

4. Abasand and Beacon Hill Green Home Phase 1 Re-entry Orientation

(7:46 p.m. – 7:51 p.m.)

Erin O'Neill, Recovery Branch Lead, provided an overview of the Abasand and Beacon Hill Green Home Phase 1 Re-entry Orientation, citing that information booths have been set up in both Abasand and Beacon Hill with positive turnout at both locations during the first official day of re-entry to those communities.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

(7:52 p.m. – 8:01 p.m.)

Community Engagement Sub-Committee – Kim Jenkins, Chair, and Sarah Murrant, Manager, Stakeholder Relations, provided an overview of the community engagements to date and the plan for future engagements to address specific issues, citing that they are continuously working on tools to enhance communication with residents.

Recruitment and Strategic HR Attraction Sub-Committee – Mark Hodson, Chair, provided an update on the process of developing a plan for recruitment of a permanent Team Lead for the Recovery Task Force, indicating that further information would be brought forward to the Committee in the near future.

6. Wildfire Recovery Team Update

(8:02 p.m. – 8:03 p.m.)

Dana Woodworth, Interim Recovery Team Leader, provided an update on Recovery Task Force activities and plans going forward, which included a discussion of budgetary needs and collaborative efforts with municipal administration.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer