



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee

Jubilee Centre Council Chamber
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Wednesday, August 03, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call To Order

Adoption of Agenda

New and Unfinished Business

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair
2. Interim Recovery Team Leader
3. Regional Emergency Operations Centre Update
4. Next Meeting Date

Adjournment

Subject: Appointment of Interim Recovery Team Leader

Recommendation:

THAT the following be recommended to Council for approval:

“THAT Dana Woodworth be appointed as Interim Recovery Team Leader effective immediately until such time as a full-time Recovery Team Leader has been chosen.”

Summary and Background:

At the June 21, 2016, Council Meeting, Council passed Bylaw No. 16/013 establishing the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to provide policy and governance oversight to a new business unit of the Municipality, also created by the bylaw, dedicated to recovery and rebuilding of the community in the aftermath of the wildfires of May 2016.

The new business unit is the Recovery Task Force, which will be led by a Recovery Team Leader. Bylaw 16/013 provides that the Recovery Team Leader is to be appointed by Council.

The Committee is recommending that Council appoint Mr. Dana Woodworth to the position of Interim Recovery Team Leader. Mr. Woodworth holds the degrees of Master of Science and Master of Business Administration, and comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience including his involvement in recovery for the Town of Slave Lake and the Town of High River. A copy of Mr. Woodworth’s biography is attached for information.

It is anticipated that this appointment would be for a period of 3 to 4 months, to allow enough time to not only recruit a permanent Recovery Team Leader, but also allow for a smooth and efficient handover from the interim to the permanent individual.

Attachment:

1. Biography – Dana Woodworth, MSc, MBA

Dana Woodworth, VP NOR-EX Engineering

As the Vice-President of NOR-EX Engineering, Dana leads the company's business line focused on the full spectrum of emergency management with emphasis on community recovery from a disaster. Dana is an experienced executive with over 33 years of private sector, federal and provincial government leadership. Dana employs applied systems thinking and capably integrates his understanding of strategic issues with very strong analytical skills to arrive at achievable, suitable solutions. He has significant knowledge and experience leading and providing advice to inter-agency teams spanning military, emergency management, senior government appointments, and the private sector. He has a proven track record of successfully building and leading teams tasked with difficult missions in high-risk, time sensitive settings. Dana embraces complexity and enjoys working with and helping diverse groups who are facing the toughest of challenges.

◆ Significant Leadership and Experience in the Field of Public Safety

- In February 2016, NOR-EX developed a comprehensive review and options analysis for the establishment of a collective, Interagency Emergency Management Training Centre and Interface Wildfire Training program on behalf of the Town of Slave Lake. Dana led this engagement and was the primary author of the report to the Mayor and Council of Slave Lake.
- Direct leadership of the Stoney Nakoda Nation Recovery Management Support Team provided by NOR-EX that coordinates the replacement/rebuild of over 550 damaged structures from the 2013 floods in Southern Alberta.
- Dana led the provincial-level response to the 2011 Slave Lake Interface Fire, as well as the flooding event of the same year in Southeastern Alberta.
- As a Senior Canadian Army Officer, Dana commanded 1 Combat Engineer Regiment in Edmonton, Alberta. This Regiment provides military engineering support to Canada's Army in Western Canada, including support to all operations in Canada and abroad.
- As the Commander of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, Dana led a diverse team for 13 months in an operational theatre in southern Afghanistan. He directly supported the local Afghan government, including police and fire fighting services, as they established fundamental skills to perform their critical roles.
- Dana co-chaired the Federal-Provincial-Territorial body known as Senior Officials Responsible for Emergency Management (SOREM) responsible for policy development and implementation across Canada.
- As the Deputy Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Dana led the Province of Alberta's approach to environmental remediation associated with the Southern Alberta Flood of 2013. This included streamlining and rationalizing regulatory approvals against air, land, water, and biodiversity to allow for rapid approval and reconstruction.
- As a Deputy Minister, Dana was responsible for oversight of all wildfire operations as well as the Alberta Support and Emergency Response Team focused on environmental impacts from disasters across the entire Province of Alberta.
- Dana led the internal after action review of the Alberta Support and Emergency Response Team's actions related to the 2013 Obed Mountain coal mine tailings release into the Athabasca River.
- As a Senior Official, Dana initiated and led the creation of a public safety governance model that effectively guides decision-making in the event of a disaster for the Province of Alberta.



Education

- Masters of Business Administration
- Graduate Canadian Forces Command and Staff College - Toronto
- Bachelor of Science (Applied)
- ICD.D

Summary of Skills

- Effective leadership of public safety, interagency teams comprising 5,000 personnel with annual budgets in excess of \$650M.
- Proven strategic analysis and expert planning abilities.

Awards

- Recipient of the **Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General of Canada** for his leadership of a diverse inter-agency team in a hostile theatre (Kandahar, Afghanistan).