

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, January 11, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: J. Bancarz, Chair
N. Aubrey
S. Germain, Councillor
M. Giles
K. Jenkins
A. Vinni, Councillor
M. Farrington

Absent: K. Fleury
K. McGrath, Councillor

Administration: D. Woodworth, Recovery Team Lead
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
S. Soutter, Legislative Officer

Chair J. Bancarz welcomed new Committee Member N. Aubrey and sent regrets on behalf of K. Fleury and Councillor K. McGrath.

Call To Order

Chair J. Bancarz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by M. Farrington that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Opening Remarks

A roundtable occurred whereby the Committee shared individual goals for 2017.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting - December 7, 2016

Moved by K. Jenkins that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting held on December 7, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. Fort McMurray Early Years Coalition re: Childcare and Early Learning Post Wildfire

C. Beaver and A. Rinas, Co-Chairs, Fort McMurray Early Years Coalition, presented an overview of the coalition indicating that a survey was conducted in the region and a needs assessment and findings illustrated a shortage of qualified workers.

3. Rebuild Guidance Document

E. O'Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, presented the Rebuild Guidance Document, highlighting that the document will allow the Municipality to coordinate construction activities to enable a safe, efficient and compliant rebuild for the community.

T. Mankowski, Kydan Industries and J. Pipitone, Casman Builders, addressed the committee in support of the document.

New and Unfinished Business

4. Sub-Committee Reports

M. Giles, Chair of the Mitigation and Economy Sub-Committees, provided an update noting that a letter had been received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding funding to form a permanent wildland urban interface fire crew. An update was also provided on the Small Business Workforce Support Program.

K. Jenkins, Chair of the Rebuild Sub Committee, provided an update on the rebuild progress to date.

5. Wildfire Recovery Team Update

Dana Woodworth, Recovery Team Leader, provided an update noting that the leading priority for 2017 would be rebuild.

6. Roundtable

Chair J. Bancarz, noted that the Canadian Red Cross has extended their program to January 31, 2017, to provide additional financial assistance to Small Businesses.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer