

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, March 08, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N. Aubrey
K. Fleury

Administration: D. Woodworth, Team Lead, Recovery Task Force
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Chair J. Bancarz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., relaying regrets on behalf of Committee Members N. Aubrey and K. Fleury, who are unable to attend.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by K. McGrath that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting - February 22, 2017

Moved by M. Giles that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting held on February 22, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Members Disclosure

M. Farrington disclosed a potential conflict of interest with respect to the next issue, noting that her employer's place of business is located within the affected area. M. Farrington further indicated that she would refrain from any vote or direction issued on this matter..

S. Germain disclosed familial ownership of property in Waterways, although the location is outside of any areas noted in any mapping presented within the presentation.

Presentations

2. Erin O'Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force and Sarah Murrant, Communications and Stakeholder Relations re: Waterways Slope Stability (6:03 p.m. to 7:53 p.m.)

Erin O’Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, presented an overview of the results from the Waterways slope stability investigation, and outlined the various levels of constraints to redevelopment within the study area.

Sarah Murrant, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, provided an update of the public consultation sessions which have occurred to date and feedback received.

Exit and Return

K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:21 p.m. and returned at 6:22 p.m.

Natalie Haywood, resident, spoke in support of Mitigation Option 3 for Zone 3A, (Municipality could acquire, rezone to restrict development and mitigate the lots) .

Grigory Litvinov, resident, spoke in support of Mitigation Option 3 for Zone 3A, but questioned what the dollar value would be based on.

Rashid Naser, resident, indicated his property is impacted by more than one zone, and advised that they had intended to subdivide the lot to develop the lower portion, but is now unsure if that will be able to proceed..

Rick Oosterman, resident, spoke in support of Mitigation Option 3 for Zone 3A as the option which would provide closure to the residents.

Jody Lishchynsky, resident, spoke in support of Mitigation Option 3 for Zone 3A.

Exit

K. McGrath left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Monica Thompson, resident, suggested it is premature to recommend allowing rebuild in Zone 3 before a decision has to be made relative to Zone 3A, as there are still too many unanswered questions, i.e. what does the geo-technical report say about trees, will property owners be able to get insurance; how many owners plan to rebuild.

Margo Firman, resident, supported the statement that development being allowed in Zone 3 is premature until Zone 3A has been addressed in its entirety. Redevelopment needs to be looked at from a community redevelopment perspective and residents need to play a larger role in the redevelopment strategy. She identified aging infrastructure as a major component in a redevelopment strategy for Waterways. She further suggested that should the Municipality decide to expropriate the land, the current property owner should be given first right of refusal if ever the land becomes available for sale in the future.

Najwa Karamujic, resident, reiterated comments previously made relative to aging infrastructure and development of the community as a whole. She suggested the Committee do its due diligence by taking all concerns into consideration before making a decision even if it is to be a hard decision.

Exit and return

S. Germain left the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and returned at 7:23 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, indicated he is looking forward to the development of a sustainable community.

J. Paul McLeod, resident, spoke to issues outside of the Waterways Slope Stability presentation.

A letter in support of Mitigation Option 3 was submitted to the Committee on behalf of John Bray, of 7304 Cliff Avenue.

Moved by S. Germain that the Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force be directed to complete an analysis of the community feedback received, review technical aspects of the geo-technical reports, identify any financial issues associated with each of the options identified and report back with recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

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Recess

A break occurred from 7:53 p.m. to 8:01 p.m.

3. **Kelly Hansen, Economic Development Manager, Recovery Task Force re: Recovery Business Needs Assessment Update**
(8:01 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

Kelly Hansen, Economic Development Manager, Recovery Task Force, presented an update on the recovery business needs assessment and subsequent results.

Marty Giles, Chair of the Economy Sub-Committee, spoke to the upcoming initiative which will allow insurance policy holders to book one-hour one-on-one sessions with Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) representatives.

New and Unfinished Business

4. **WBRC 2017 Meeting Schedule**
(8:31 p.m. to 8:32 p.m.)

Moved by M. Farrington that regular meetings of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee be held in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 6:00 p.m., effective April, 2017.

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5. **Sub-Committee Reports**

Marty Giles, Chair of the Mitigation Sub-Committee, provided an update on the mitigation initiatives occurring to date.

Kim Jenkins, Chair of the Rebuild Sub-Committee, provided a brief update on rebuild, noting an emergent issue in the Abasand area, relative to overlay, zero lot lines and safety code matters, which, if not cleared up, may delay development.

6. Wildfire Recovery Team Update

(8:32 p.m. to 8: p.m.)

Dana Woodworth, Recovery Task Force Lead, addressed some of the topics raised this evening, and thanked the delegates who presented tonight for their valuable input.

Chair J. Bancarz spoke to a meeting held today with representatives from the Town of Slave Lake and concluded by thanking the Task Force for their work.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer