

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, February 22, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: M. Giles
K. Jenkins

Administration: M. Fortais, Chief of Staff, Recovery Task Force
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
S. Soutter, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Kevin Fleury that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting - February 8, 2017

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting held on February 8, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. Lynn Edwards and Andrew Weir, Fort McMurray Realtors re: Real Estate Overview Post Wildfire
(6:04 p.m. to 6:19 p.m.)

Lynn Edwards, Past President, Andrew Weir, President and Olive Wooden Executive Officer, Fort McMurray Realtors, presented a real estate overview of new builds and sale of vacant lots and as a result of the wildfire.

- 3. Bonnah Carey, FuseSocial re: Fostering Collaboration Series of Workshops**
(6:20 p.m. to 6:48 p.m.)

Bonnah Carey and Laura Serrano, FuseSocial, apprised the committee on a series of workshops to foster collaboration between external recovery committees and stakeholders.

- 4. Crystal Lewis-Wilton and Idil Jeilan re: NGO's Supporting Uninsured and Under Insured Residents (NSUUR) Update on Status of Reconstruction Projects**
(6:49 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)

Crystal Lewis-Wilton and Idil Jeilan, NGO's Supporting Uninsured and Under Insured Residents (NSUUR), provided an updated on the status of reconstruction projects for uninsured and under-insured homes, highlighting the application process and status of applications that have been received to date.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:41 p.m. and returned at 6:44 p.m.

- 5. Melanie Soler, Associate VP, Disaster Management, Canadian Red Cross re: Operational Update for the Alberta Wildfires**
(7:16 p.m. to 7:37 p.m.)

Melanie Soler, Canadian Red Cross, presented an update on the distribution of funds following the wildfire, outlining the support that was provided to individuals, families, community organizations and small businesses. Phases one and two of the support to small business program has been completed, and phase three, which is the financial disbursements, has started.

- 6. Sarah Murrant, Communications and Stakeholder Relations re: Stakeholder Engagement Update**
(7:38 p.m. to 7:47 p.m.)

Sarah Murrant, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, provided an update on the engagement efforts and collaboration with stakeholders for the Recovery Task Force and the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee.

- 7. Nadia Power, People Services, Recovery Task Force re: Neighbourhood Network**
(7:48 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.)

Nadia Power, Community Impact Strategist, Recovery Task Force, presented an overview of the Neighbourhood Network initiative that intends to provide a forum for residents to meet and discuss ideas and solutions toward building more resilient communities.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:48 p.m. and returned at 7:52 p.m.

New and Unfinished Business

8. Sub-Committee Reports
(7:56 p.m. to 8:02 p.m.)

Kevin Fleury, Rebuild Sub-Committee, provided an update on the rebuild progress to date.

Nathalie Aubrey, Economy Sub-Committee, provided an update on the Small Business Workforce Support Program.

9. Wildfire Recovery Team Update
(8:03 p.m. to 8:07 p.m.)

Marc Fortais, Chief of Staff, Recovery Task Force, provided an update on the tasks of the Recovery Task Force to date.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer