

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, April 05, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N. Aubrey

Administration: D. Woodworth, Team Lead, 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., and sent regrets on behalf of N. Aubrey.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Entrance

Councillor A. Vinni entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

Moved by K. Jenkins that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting held on March 22, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. Laurie-Anne St. George, Rebuild Supervisor, Recovery Task Force and Chris Booth, Planning and Development re: Construction Site Safety Video (6:03 p.m. to 6:13 p.m.)

Laurie-Anne St. George, Rebuild Supervisor, Recovery Task Force and Chris Booth, Planning and Development, presented a Construction Site Safety Video aimed at school-aged children, illustrating how to stay safe during the rebuild.

3. Dana Woodworth, Erin O'Neill, Kelly Hansen and Nadia Power, Recovery Task

Force re: RMWB 2016 Wildfire Recovery Campaign Plan Update

(6:14 p.m. to 6:57 p.m.)

Dana Woodworth, Erin O'Neill, Kelly Hansen and Nadia Power, Recovery Task Force, presented an overview of the Campaign Plan and highlighted the initiatives and priorities of the Recovery Task Force.

Moved by S. Germain that it be recommended to Council that the RMWB 2016 Wildfire Recovery Campaign Plan Update be scheduled for presentation at the April 25, 2017 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

4. Demolition and Protective Fencing Costs

(6:58 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)

Moved by M. Giles that the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee recommend to Council that:

- the Municipality issue invoices to the registered property owner on title for the costs of any demolition and protective fencing, undertaken by the Municipality as a result of the 2016 Wildfire; and
- the costs of demolition and protective fencing undertaken by the Municipality as a result of the 2016 Wildfire, be added to the tax roll for the respective properties following the issuance of an invoice, with the intent that these costs be removed from the tax roll when invoices are paid.

Erin O'Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, spoke to the recommendation, indicating that the cost of demolition and protective fencing associated with the 2016 wildfire for private properties be added to tax roll as these costs are the responsibility of the property owners.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 7:08 p.m. and returned at 7:09 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Voting then occurred on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Waiver of Fee - Acceptable Contaminated Soil
(7:16 p.m. to 8:27 p.m.)

Erin O'Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, presented that the proposed waiver of Landfill fees for Acceptable Contaminated Soil will minimize the costs to residents and allow the Municipality to locate a soil stockpiling site so as to repurpose the soil for future projects.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee recommend to Council that:

- the Landfill Disposal Rate for Acceptable Contaminated Soil, as set out in the Utility Rates Bylaw, Bylaw No. 10/001, be waived for all residential properties within wildfire damaged areas until December 31, 2018;
- land owners apply and refunds be issued for any acceptable contaminated soil fees that have been paid to date resulting from wildfire damaged areas; and
- the Landfill Disposal Rate for Acceptable Contaminated Soil, as set out in the Utility Rates Bylaw, Bylaw No. 10/001, be waived for the Municipality and its contractors that dispose of soil from wildfire damaged areas until December 31, 2018.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:26 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Gilles Huizinga, President, UDI-Wood Buffalo, spoke in support of the recommendation, but indicated that it would be far more beneficial and environmentally responsible to allow the soil to be stockpiled outside of the landfill and repurposed.

J. Paul McLeod, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation, but also expressed support for Mr. Huizinga's position on the matter.

Voting then occurred on the motion.

CARRIED

For: J. Bancarz, M. Farrington, K. Fleury,
S. Germain, M. Giles, K. Jenkins, K.
McGrath.

Opposed: A. Vinni.

Exit and Return

M. Giles exited the Chamber at 7:36 p.m. and returned at 7:38 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that a strategy be developed and presented to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee, for information purposes, that enables the acceptable contaminated soil to be diverted from the landfill sites and repurposed and stockpiled for future use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Administration be bring a report to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee which identifies:

- the shrinkage and life cycle impacts to the current cell as a result of the disposal of debris and materials resulting from the 2016 Wildfire and related events; and
- the cost implication to the Municipality as a result of the expedited need to bring another cell on-stream; and that the report be presented no later than May 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Repeal of Bylaw No. 16/015 – Noise Bylaw Amendment

(8:28 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

Erin O’Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, indicated that there is no longer a need for 24-hour construction, repealing Bylaw 16/015 would remove any potential confusion and enable consistent enforcement of the Noise Bylaw.

Moved by K. Fleury that the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee recommend to Council that Bylaw No. 16/015, an amendment to the Noise Bylaw, be repealed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Sub-Committee Reports

(8:31 p.m. to 8:43 p.m.)

M. Giles, Economy and Mitigate Sub-Committees, provided an update on upcoming events and initiatives to date.

Nadia Power, Community Impact Strategist, Recovery Task Force, provided an updated on the People Pillar and upcoming events.

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

8. Wildfire Recovery Team Update

(8:44 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.)

Dana Woodworth, Recovery Team Leader, provided an update on the tasks of Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force to date.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer