

**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 19, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** K. Fleury  
K. McGrath, Councillor  
A. Vinni, Councillor

**Administration:** M. Fortais, Acting 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 6:02 p.m., and sent regrets on behalf of K. Fleury, Councillor K. McGrath and Councillor A. Vinni.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

1. **Minutes of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Meeting - April 5, 2017**

Moved by M. Giles that the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee meeting held on April 5, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Presentations**

2. **Sarah Murrant, Stakeholder Engagement Manger re: Stakeholder Engagement Update**

(6:03 p.m. to 6:16 p.m.)

**Sarah Murrant, Stakeholder Engagement Manager**, provided an update on the current initiatives and engagement efforts with stakeholders for the Recovery Task Force and the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee.

**Exit and Return**

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 6:16 p.m. and returned at 6:18 p.m.

**Assuming of the Chair**

Chair J. Bancarz recused herself due to a matter of propriety and exited the Chamber at 6:17 p.m., at which time the Chair was assumed by Vice-Chair, M. Farrington.

3. [Beverley and Manny Makia, Layla Isaac Foundation re: Children's PlayDays: A Citizen-Led Community Resilience Project](#)  
(6:18 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

**Beverley and Manny Makia, Layla Isaac Foundation**, presented on the success of the Children's PlayDays project and the social value of the service provided to the community.

Re-assuming of the Chair

Chair J. Bancarz returned to the Chamber and re-assumed the Chair at 6:31 p.m.

4. [Erin O'Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, Don Proudfoot and John Rybak, Thurber Engineering Inc. re: Waterways Slope Stability Technical Briefing](#)  
(6:32 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.)

**Erin O'Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, Don Proudfoot and John Rybak, Thurber Engineering Inc**, presented an update on redevelopment relative to the findings of the Waterways Slope Stability Study, noting that the Thurber representatives would be available to residents following the meeting to respond to specific questions.

Exit and Return

K. Jenkins exited the Chamber at 6:50 p.m. and returned at 6:52 p.m.

Recess

A brief recess occurred between 7:14 p.m. and 7:20 p.m.

5. [Marc Fortais, Chief of Staff, Recovery Task Force re: Funding Request Update](#)  
(7:21 p.m. to 7:34 p.m.)

**Marc Fortais, Chief of Staff, Recovery Task Force**, presented an update of the funding support from the Government of Alberta and the Cost Sharing Agreement with the Canadian Red Cross.

6. [Mark Power, Project Services Manager, Recovery Task Force re: Financial Stewardship - Q1 2017](#)  
(7:35 p.m. to 8:04 p.m.)

**Mark Power, Project Services Manager, Recovery Task Force**, presented a financial update for the first quarter of 2017 for the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee and Recovery Task Force.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 7:58 p.m. and returned at 7:59 p.m.

7. [Kelly Hansen, Economic Development Manager, Recovery Task Force re: Recovery Business Needs Assessment Update - Access to Financing](#)  
(8:05 p.m. to 8:24 p.m.)

Exit and Return

K. Jenkins exited the Chamber at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.

**Kelly Hansen, Economic Development Manager, Recovery Task Force**, presented an update on the Recovery Business Needs Assessment and access to financing for businesses.

Moved by M. Giles that it be recommended to Council:

- THAT the Recovery Business Needs Assessment Update – Access to Financing be scheduled for presentation at the May 9, 2017 Council meeting, and
- THAT the Recovery Task Force be directed to work with Administration to explore a potential grant agreement with Community Futures Wood Buffalo to support access to financing for businesses in the region and bring forward a recommendation to council regarding such a grant agreement.

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8. [Nadia Power, Communities Strategies Coordinator II re: May 2016 Commemoration Community Gathering](#)  
(8:25 p.m. to 8:56 p.m.)

**Nadia Power, Communities Strategies Coordinator**, presented an overview of the community events throughout the region scheduled for May 2016 Commemoration. **Elena Gould, Manager, Indigenous Relations**, also came forward to speak to activities occurring in the region’s Indigenous communities.

Exit and Return

M. Farrington exited the Chamber at 8:35 p.m. and returned at 8:41 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the May 3, 2017 meeting of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New and Unfinished Business**

9. [Sub-Committee Reports](#)  
(8:57 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.)

**M. Giles, Mitigate Sub-Committee** spoke to initiatives and priorities of the committee.

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

10. [Wildfire Recovery Team Update](#)

**Marc Fortais, Acting Recovery Team Leader**, provided an update on behalf of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force.

[Adjournment](#)

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Bancarz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Chair

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Chief Legislative Officer