

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present: Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Krista Balsom, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Absent: Jane Stroud, Councillor

Administration: Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Audrey Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer
Marc Fortais, A/Director, Public Works and Transit Services
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications & Stakeholder Relations
Brad McMurdo, A/Director, Planning and Development
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call to Order – In 7th Floor Boardroom at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to Move in Camera

MOTION:

THAT the meeting move in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

2.1 Advice from Officials

(In Camera pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Recess

A recess occurred between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., at which time the meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber.

Motion to Reconvene in Public

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

Extension of Meeting Time

MOTION:

THAT section 32.1 of the Procedure Bylaw be waived to allow the meeting to extend beyond 10 pm.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

Adoption of Agenda

3.1. Motion to Approve Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1. Council Meeting - June 12, 2018

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 12, 2018 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
SECONDER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

4.2. Special Council Meeting - June 19, 2018

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 19, 2018 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

Recognition

5.1. Proclamation

Mayor D. Scott invited Oraibi Gogo to come forward to recognize the Canadian Multiculturalism Day. Ms. Gogo, as Honorary Mayor, explained what the Canadian Multiculturalism Day means to her personally and read the Proclamation.

Recess

A short recess took place between 6:08 p.m. and 6:10 p.m.

New Business

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor K. Balsom declared a pecuniary interest in the next matter due to her ongoing business interests and the potential financial impacts to herself, and exited the Chamber at 6:10 p.m.

6.1. Whistleblower Complaint

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the report as well as various options available to Council in this matter.

MOTION:

THAT based on the findings of the Whistle Blower complaint filed against Councillor Balsom on March 21, 2018, Council impose the following sanctions:

- That Councillor Balsom write a public apology letter admitting to her error in failing to disclose her pecuniary interests;
- That Councillor Balsom take additional governance training in order to be in a position to properly identify issues relating to pecuniary interest, conflicts of interest and breaches of Council's soon to be adopted Code of Conduct Bylaw; and
- That Councillor Balsom be suspended from the Deputy and Acting Mayor roster for a period of two years.

Denise Martineau, resident, suggested that the matter be submitted to the Court of Queen's Bench for determination.

Bryan Fayant spoke on behalf of the Métis Leadership in support of Councillor K. Balsom.

Paul McLeod, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed motion.

Tony Mankowski, resident, spoke in support of the proposed motion.

Michael Jesso, resident, spoke in support of the proposed motion.

Steve Auty, resident, spoke in support of the proposed motion.

Debbie Hahn, resident, spoke in support of the proposed motion.

Recess

A recess occurred between 6:38 p.m. and 6:48 p.m. to address audio technical difficulties.

Jennifer Stephensen, resident, spoke in support of the proposed motion.

Jim Rogers, resident, stated the matter at hand is a conflict of interest issue which needs to be addressed.

Marty Giles, resident, recommended that any decision should be made by Council rather than through the court system.

Joshua Gogo, resident, suggested the proposed motion is too excessive and too punitive.

Suzanne Manning, legal representative for Councillor K. Balsom, came forward and indicated that she would be reading a statement from Councillor K. Balsom.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:06 p.m.

Point of Order

Councillor V. Murphy called a Point of Order related to the presenter reading a statement on behalf of Councillor K. Balsom, who had recused herself from this item.

Recess

A recess was called for at 7:07 p.m. and Council returned to the Chamber at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor D. Scott explained that Council convened In Camera session pursuant to section 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* and requested a motion to reconvene in public at this time.

MOTION

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom
ABSENT:	Stroud

Mayor D. Scott upheld the Point of Order and raised concerns on behalf of Council that by reading a statement on behalf of Councillor K. Balsom, who chose earlier in the meeting to recuse herself from this matter, the presenter may be in contravention of section 172 of the *Municipal Government Act* (Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest). The presenter was offered an opportunity to review and consider the concerns raised before proceeding further.

Recess

A recess occurred between 8:05 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Ms. Manning advised that she would cease reading the statement, but suggested that section 172 of the *Municipal Government Act* does not preclude her from making a presentation as she is here to address legal matters.

Point of Order

Councillor V. Murphy called a Point of Order as it relates to the presenter not speaking to the motion before Council for consideration.

The Point of Order was upheld and the presenter was asked to speak to the proposed motion or to the various options presented within the report before Council.

Point of Order

Councillor V. Murphy called a Point of Order as the comments being made were not addressing the motion under consideration.

The Point of Order was upheld and the presenter was again asked to provide comments as they relate to the proposed motion or to the various options presented within the report before Council.

Point of Order

Councillor V. Murphy called a Point of Order again as the information being provided was not relevant to the motion under consideration.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting move in camera pursuant to sections 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom
ABSENT:	Stroud

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom
ABSENT:	Stroud

Council met In Camera between 8:23 p.m. and 8:35 p.m.

The Point of Order was upheld and the presenter was instructed to speak only to the motion on the floor or the options available to Council on this matter. Ms. Manning then concluded her presentation by speaking in support of the motion being considered.

Councillor P. Meagher suggested a friendly amendment to the proposed motion whereby the contracts with the groups and agencies that Councillor K. Balsom had voted on would no longer be available to YMM magazine as of the date that the vote took place.

Point of Order

Councillor K. McGrath called a Point of Order for Councillor M. Allen speaking out of order.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting move in camera pursuant to sections 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

RESULT: **CARRIED [8 TO 1]**
MOVER: Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER: Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
AGAINST: McGrath
PECUNIARY
INTEREST: Balsom
ABSENT: Stroud

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

RESULT: **CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER: Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY
INTEREST: Balsom
ABSENT: Stroud

Council met in camera between 9:02 p.m. and 9:09 p.m.

The Point of Order was overruled and the discussion resumed relative to the friendly amendment, which was subsequently declined by Councillor M. Allen.

Voting then occurred on the original motion:

RESULT: **DEFEATED [3 TO 6]**
MOVER: Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER: Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR: Allen, Inglis, Peddle
AGAINST: Scott, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
PECUNIARY
INTEREST: Balsom
ABSENT: Stroud

MOTION:

THAT Councillor Krista Balsom be requested to submit a letter of resignation to the Chief Administrative Officer on or before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018; and

THAT in the event the requested resignation is not received by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018, Administration is directed to take all actions necessary to bring an application before the Court of Queen’s Bench, in the most expeditious manner possible, to determine whether Councillor Balsom remains qualified to remain on Council pursuant to section 175(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 3]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Allen, Inglis, Peddle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom
ABSENT:	Stroud

MOTION:

THAT while Councillor K. Balsom is waiting on the judgement or the determination from the Court of Queen’s Bench, that she shall not be allowed to travel, or represent the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), or any other conferences, and on Committees.

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 3]
MOVER:	Sheila Lalonde Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Allen, Inglis, Peddle
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom
ABSENT:	Stroud

Presentation**7.1. Asset Management for RMWB**

Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering, explained what is Asset Management as it relates to the operation of the Municipality.

Return:

Councillor K. Balsom returned to the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Unfinished Business**8.1. Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 18/013 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 13, Block 2, Plan 912 1064 (Corner of Mills Avenue and Clearwater Drive, Fort McMurray)**

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing to order at 9:36 p.m.

Brad McMurdo, Acting Manager of Planning and Development, provided an overview of the application before Council for consideration.

Billy Graham, representing the Fort McMurray Ashlar Club provided background information regarding the Club's involvement in the community.

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:44 p.m.

8.2. Bylaw No. 18/013 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 13, Block 2, Plan 912 1064 (Corner of Mills Avenue and Clearwater Drive, Fort McMurray)**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 18/013, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to redistrict Lot 13, Block 2, Plan 912 1064 from R3 - Medium Density Residential District to C2 – Mixed / Transitional Commercial District, be read a second time.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 18/013 be read a third and final time.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

New Business**9.1. Bylaw No. 18/009 - Council Code of Conduct Bylaw****MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 18/009, being the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, be read a first time.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

9.2. Wood Buffalo Social Sustainability Plan**MOTION:**

THAT the Wood Buffalo Social Sustainability Plan, dated June 2018, be approved as a guiding document to help the Municipality and community partners anticipate and respond to current and future social needs in the region.

Monica Lance, Manager, Recreation and Culture, Linda Mywaart, representing the Social Sustainability Plan Project Advisory Committee and Tim Moorhouse, Consultant, were in attendance to present the Plan and respond to questions of Council.

Brenda Erskine and Anna Seinen, Wood Buffalo Community Foundation, spoke in support of the recommendation before Council.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

Recess

A recess occurred between 10:00 p.m. and 10:09 p.m.

9.3. Alternative Site Locations for Reflections on the River Public Art

MOTION:

THAT the Reflections on the River Public Art be moved to the Snye Point Park.

Denise Martineau, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation put forward.

Sharon Heading, local artist and member of the Public Arts Committee, spoke against the recommendation before Council for consideration.

Paul McLeod, resident, spoke to the matter of maintaining float planes and aerodromes within the downtown core.

Exit and return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the Chamber at 10:47 p.m. and returned at 10:48 p.m.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 7]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Lalonde, Murphy
AGAINST:	Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor P. Meagher declared pecuniary interest for upcoming Items 9.4 - 2018 Games Legacy Grant Funding Allocation; 9.5 - 2018 Joint Initiatives Grant Funding Allocation due to his employer being a recipient of funding and 9.6 - Nomination for AUMA Distinguished Service Award due to personal involvement.

Councillor K. Balsom declared pecuniary interest for upcoming Items 9.4 - 2018 Games Legacy Grant Funding Allocation and 9.5 - 2018 Joint Initiatives Grant Funding Allocation due to business interests with a number of recipients.

Councillors K. Balsom and P. Meagher exited the Chamber at 10:57 p.m.

9.4. 2018 Games Legacy Grant Funding Allocation

MOTION:

That \$40,000 in Games Legacy Grants be allocated as follows:

- Ray Jiang \$2,000
- Naomi Slee \$2,000
- Cheepiyah Theatre Company \$3,000
- Fort McMurray Youth Chess Group \$2,000
- Andrew Germain \$2,000
- Ellie Germain \$2,000
- Justin Breen \$ 681
- Koralee Samaroden \$2,000
- FMFD Ladies Firefit Team \$3,000
- Johnny Burn \$2,000
- Men’s FMFD Firefit Team \$3,000
- Intermediate Festival Dancers \$2,360
- Junior Festival Dancers \$2,360
- Mini Festival Dancers \$2,361
- Senior Festival Dancers \$2,361
- Brooke Voight \$2,000
- FM Youth Soccer U15 Boys \$3,000
- Leah Rae Reitz \$1,877

Toni Elliott, Manager, Community Facilities and Investments, spoke to the Games Legacy Grant Funding Allocation report.

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom, Meagher
ABSENT:	Stroud

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor K. McGrath declared pecuniary interest for Item #9.5 due to his employer being one of the recipients and exited the Chamber 11:04 p.m.

9.5. 2018 Joint Initiatives Grant Funding Allocation

MOTION:

That \$210,286 in Joint Initiatives Grant funding be allocated as follows:

• Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	\$20,000
• Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Wood Buffalo	\$18,200
• CISM for Communities	\$20,000
• Conklin Metis Leadership Council	\$12,700
• Fort McKay Metis Community Association	\$20,000
• Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education (WB You Can Ride 2)	\$20,000
• Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000
• Fort McMurray Chess Club	\$14,275
• Girls Inc. of Northern Alberta	\$ 9,125
• Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre	\$20,000
• Spinal Cord Injury Association Alberta	\$ 6,036
• Wood Buffalo Artisans Society	\$20,000
• Zimbabwe Fort McMurray Community Association	\$19,950

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
SECONDER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY	
INTEREST:	Balsom, McGrath, Meagher
ABSENT:	Stroud

Return

Councillors K. Balsom and K. McGrath returned to the Chamber at 11:09 p.m.

9.6. Nomination for AUMA Distinguished Service Award

MOTION:

THAT Councillor Phil Meagher be nominated for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his service to the Municipality and its residents since April 1, 1995.

RESULT:	CARRIED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Meagher
ABSENT:	Stroud

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the Chamber at 11:11 p.m.

9.7. Community Identification Committee Recommendation - Jina Burn Chess Park

MOTION:

THAT the park in Dickinsfield at Lot 104 MR, Block 84, Plan 8022553, be named as 'Jina Burn Chess Park'

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

9.8. Community Identification Committee Recommendation - Anzac Fire Hall

MOTION:

THAT the fire hall in Anzac on Lot 3A, Block 10, Plan 1522553, be named as Anzac Fire Hall.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
SECONDER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

9.9. Request for Leave of Absence

MOTION:

THAT an unpaid leave of absence be authorized for Councillor Jane Stroud for the period June 14-July 12, 2018.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Stroud

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer