

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, September 4, 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
Jane Stroud, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Administration: Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations
Brad McMurdo, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services
Susan Trylinski, Acting Director, Legal Services

Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to move in camera

THAT the meeting move in camera pursuant to sections 24(1), 25(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2.2. Tax Matter

(in camera pursuant to section 25(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Arrival:

Councillor M. Allen joined the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

2.3. Litigation Update

(in camera pursuant to section 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Arrival:

Councillor P. Meagher joined the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

2.4. Advice from Officials

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

2.5. CAO Update to Council - Intergovernmental Meeting

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

Recess:

A recess occurred from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in the Council Chamber.

Arrival:

Councillor K. McGrath joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to reconvene in public

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Phil Meagher, Councillor

SECONDER: Jeff Peddle, Councillor

FOR: Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur

Adoption of Agenda

3.1. Motion to Approve Agenda

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1. Special Council Meeting - July 9, 2018

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on July 9, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

4.2. Special Council Meeting - July 10, 2018

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on July 10, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

4.3. Regular Council - Meeting - July 10, 2018

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 10, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

4.4. Special Council Meeting - July 23, 2018

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on July 23, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

4.5. Special Council Meeting - July 31, 2018

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on July 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

Unfinished Business

5.1. Bylaw No. 18/018 - Vehicle for Hire Bylaw Amendment

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development and Rich Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Bylaw Services, provided an overview of the proposed Vehicle for Hire Bylaw Amendment.

Penny Skinner, Manager, Sun Taxi, spoke in support of the proposed Bylaw.

Abdihanan Hussein, taxi driver, spoke in opposition of the proposed Bylaw, specifically as it relates to the \$3.00 surcharge being passed on to either the driver or the customer.

Councillor M. Allen put forward the following motion for consideration:

“That Bylaw No. 18/018, being an amendment to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw be read a second time.”

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:58 p.m. and returned at 6:59 p.m.

Following discussion, it was agreed that additional information and further discussion was required on this matter.

Councillor M. Allen then put forward the following deferral motion:

MOTION:

THAT second reading of Bylaw No. 18/018 be deferred for a two-month period;
and

THAT Administration bring forward recommendations with respect to the Tax Advisory Committee.

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

Council requested that Administration communicate to stakeholders the Council meeting date when this matter will be returning for consideration.

New Business

6.1. Bylaw No. 18/020 - Procedure Bylaw

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 18/020, being the Procedure Bylaw, be read a first time.

RESULT: CARRIED AS FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Krista Balsom, Councillor
SECONDER: Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR: Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur

6.2. Strategic Plan Progress Report, Second Quarter, 2018

Kari Donnelly, Director, Human Resources, presented the Strategic Plan Progress Report and members of the Senior Leadership Team addressed questions of Council.

MOTION:

THAT the Strategic Plan Progress Report for the second quarter of 2018 be accepted as information.

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

6.3. Second Quarter 2018 Financial Performance Update

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, presented the 2018 Financial Performance Update.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the Chamber at 7:42 p.m. and returned at 7:44 p.m.
 Councillor S. Lalonde exited the Chamber at 8:04 p.m. and returned at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the Second Quarter 2018 Financial Performance Update be accepted as information.

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

Through discussion, Council requested that Administration provide Council with a detailed breakdown of the \$18M surplus identified in this report.

6.4. 2018 Q2 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments Update

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, presented the 2018 Second Quarter Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments Update.

Exit and Return

Councillor B. Inglis exited the Chamber at 8:16 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2018 Q2 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments update, as summarized on Attachment #1 (2018 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments, dated June 30, 2018), be accepted as information.

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

6.5. 2017 Tax Relief Request for 165 Black Bear Crescent, Fort McMurray and 101 Garson Place, Fort McMurray

Philip Schofield, Regional Assessor, spoke to the recommendations before Council related to 2017 tax relief requests.

MOTION:

THAT the request for cancellation of the 2017 municipal tax portion for 165 Black Bear Crescent, Fort McMurray in the amount of \$81.65, be approved.

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

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT the request for cancellation of the tax penalty imposed under Bylaw 95/041 (tax penalty) on property located at 101 Garson Place, Fort McMurray be denied.”

Councillor M. Allen then put forward the following amending motion for consideration:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting the words “be denied” and inserting the words “be approved”; and by adding the following:

THAT Administration be directed to develop and bring forward a policy to address special circumstances in the future.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 1]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Lalonde

Voting then occurred on the original motion, as amended:

MOTION:

THAT the request for cancellation of the tax penalty imposed under Bylaw 95/041 (tax penalty) on property located at 101 Garson Place, Fort McMurray be approved, and

THAT Administration be directed to develop and bring forward a policy to address special circumstances in the future.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 1]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Claris Voyageur, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Lalonde

6.6. Tax Relief request for Years 2011 - 2018 at 185 Northland Drive, Conklin

Phillip Schofield, Regional Assessor, provided an overview of the report related to tax relief request for 185 Northland Drive, Conklin.

Jeffrey O'Donnell, Rural Coalition and Tanis Robillard, property owner, spoke in opposition to the recommendation before Council and provided information to Council, with respect to the property in question.

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT the request for tax relief, in the amount of \$22,565.58, for the property located at 185 Northland Drive in Conklin, be denied”.

Exits and Returns

Councillor K. Balsom exited the Chamber at 8:45 p.m. and returned at 8:47 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 8:46 p.m. and returned at 8:47 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 8:57 p.m. and 9:08 p.m. during which time the information provided by the presenters (handout) was distributed to Council.

Following discussion, Councillor M. Allen put forward the following deferral motion for consideration:

MOTION:

THAT the report Tax Relief Request for Years 2011 - 2018 at 185 Northland Drive, Conklin be deferred to October 1, 2018.

RESULT:	CARRIED [10 TO 1]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Stroud

Council requested that Administration provide a detailed breakdown of the amount of the relief requested, confirmation of how assessment values were established on an annual basis and confirmation that the property owner received assessment notices.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer