

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Anzac Recreation Centre in Anzac, Alberta, on Saturday, October 20, 2018, commencing at 3:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Phil Meagher, Councillor  
Verna Murphy, Councillor  
Jeff Peddle, Councillor  
Jane Stroud, Councillor

**Absent:**

Bruce Inglis, Councillor  
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

**Administration:**

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works  
Caitlin Hanly, Legal Counsel  
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering  
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Kari Westhaver, Director of Human Resources  
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. New Business**

**2.1. Anzac Community Centre Renovation/Remediation**

Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works, provided a presentation to Council which included an overview of the findings of the assessment completed and information regarding

options that Council can consider with respect to the future of the Anzac Community Centre.

Vanessa Hodgson, Trudy Cockerill and Hilary Morgan, representing the Anzac Recreation Social Society, spoke in support of the existing building being demolished and a new building being constructed (Option #2).

Chelsey Van Ee, representing the Anzac Community Hall Committee, spoke in support of a combination of Options #2 and #3.

Kerry Turmen, Carly Bennett and Adler Maynard, representing the Anzac Junior Leaders, spoke in support of renovating the current building (Option #1).

Samantha Whalen, resident and member of the Fort McMurray #468 First Nation spoke in opposition to the building being demolished (Option #1).

Marie Cheecham, member of the Fort McMurray #468 First Nation, suggested that community servicing be further looked at and that it be determined where all services can be accommodated, whether it be in the recreation centre or in a renovated community hall.

Rose Pratt, resident, spoke to the community's need of a community hall.

Nicole Gardner, resident, requested that the community be allowed to do a re-assessment of the building at their own cost, and determine any next steps to be taken.

Jordon Huppie, member of the Willow Lake Métis Local #780, and speaking on behalf of the president who could not attend today's meeting, supported the recommendation related to the re-assessment of the building with Option #2 as a second choice.

Darryl Woytkiw, president of the Willow Lake Community Association and representing the Rural Coalition, presented the community's request that the community hall and land be turned over to the community with a \$1M contribution to allow the community to get a second assessment and make its own decision on retaining or taking down the building.

#### Exit

Councillor K. McGrath left the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Hilary Morgan, school liaison and teacher spoke to the need of the community hall within the community (Option #2).

Amber Wilson, member of Willow Lake Tiny Tots, spoke in support of Option #4.

Amber Brown, resident, spoke in opposition to Option #4.

Sharleen McKenzie, resident, spoke in opposition to the demolition of the community hall.

Recess

The meeting recessed from 5:10 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.

Councillor M. Allen put forward the following for consideration:

THAT Administration be directed to demolish the Anzac Community Hall land and facilitate the redistricting requirements to transfer the land to the community for a nominal fee and prepare a business case to support a grant to the community of up to \$1M to rebuild the Anzac Community Centre.

Following debate, the recommendation was withdrawn, and the following was put forward:

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to facilitate with the community, a third-party assessment, paid for by the community, by a contractor approved by the Municipality and report back to Council within 90 days.

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer