

**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, November 27, 2018, commencing at 6:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor  
Bruce Inglis, Councillor (via teleconferencing from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)  
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Phil Meagher, Councillor  
Verna Murphy, Councillor  
Jeff Peddle, Councillor  
Jane Stroud, Councillor

**Absent:**

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  
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering  
Elsie Hutton, Director, Corporate and Community Services  
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services  
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order (at 3:00 p.m. in Boardroom 7)**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**2. In-Camera Session**

**MOTION:**

THAT Council close items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 to the public pursuant to sections 17, 23(1), 24(1) and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

### Exit and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott declared potential pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 3:04 p.m., at which time, Deputy Mayor K. McGrath assumed the Chair.

### **2.1. Advice from Officials/Land Matter**

(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Reason for Attending</b>                               |
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| Annette Antoniak | Chief Administrative Officer                              |
| Jamie Doyle      | Deputy Chief Administrative Officer                       |
| Jade Brown       | Chief Legislative Officer/Clerk                           |
| Lynda McLean     | Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous & Rural Relations |
| Brad McMurdo     | Director, Planning and Development                        |

### Resuming of Chair and Arrival

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair and Councillor M. Allen joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

### **2.2. Policy Options - Local Public Body Confidences and Advice from Officials**

(in camera pursuant to sections 23(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Reason for Attending</b>                               |
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| Annette Antoniak | Chief Administrative Officer                              |
| Jamie Doyle      | Deputy Chief Administrative Officer                       |
| Jade Brown       | Chief Legislative Officer/Clerk                           |
| Lynda McLean     | Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous & Rural Relations |

### Arrival

Councillor B. Inglis joined the meeting via teleconferencing at 3:45 p.m.

### **2.3. Personnel Matter**

(in camera pursuant to section 17 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Reason for Attending</b> |
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| Kari Westhaver | Director, Human Resources   |

## 2.4. Council Dialogue and Personnel Related Matters

(in camera pursuant to sections 17 and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| Name             | Reason for Attending                                      |
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| Annette Antoniak | Chief Administrative Officer                              |
| Jamie Doyle      | Deputy Chief Administrative Officer                       |
| Jade Brown       | Chief Legislative Officer/Clerk                           |
| Lynda McLean     | Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous & Rural Relations |
| Susan Trylinski  | Director, Legal Services                                  |
| Brad McMurdo     | Director, Planning and Development                        |
| Caitlin Hanly    | Municipal Legal Counsel                                   |
| Michael Ircandia | Manager, Land Administration                              |

### Recesses

A recess occurred between 5:03 p.m. and 5:13 p.m.

A recess occurred between 5:50 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber.

### **MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

## 3. Adoption of Agenda (at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chamber)

Councillor K. McGrath withdrew his Notice of Motion regarding Relocation of Conklin Outdoor Rink, therefore Item No. 10.1 was removed from the Agenda.

### Notices of Motion:

Councillor P. Meagher served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the December 11, 2018 Council Meeting:

THAT Administration be directed to undertake a feasibility study to change the Shell Place stadium field and bleachers to an all-weather indoor structure and that a report on this study be presented to Council by February 5, 2019.

Mayor D. Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the December 11, 2018 Council Meeting:

THAT Administration be directed to review and research practices amongst other municipalities with respect to Integrity and Ethics Commissioners and bring forward a bylaw or policy for the creation of such Commissioner for consideration of Council as soon as possible.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**4.1. Council Meeting - November 13, 2018**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on November 13, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

**5. Presentation**

**5.1. Mariam Arain and Brina Cardinal re Youth Voices Rising: Recovery & Resilience in Wood Buffalo project**

Mariam Arain, and Brina Cardinal came forward and provided information regarding the official launch of the “2018 Youth Vision and Voice in Wood Buffalo” report.

### Recess

A brief recess occurred from 6:24 p.m. to 6:26 p.m.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

### **6.1. Rural Water Sewer Servicing Residents' Contribution**

Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering, spoke to the report and recommendation before Council for consideration.

Michelle Hondl, resident of Draper, raised concerns that the community of Draper is not included in the recommendation.

Jeffrey O'Donnell, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee accompanied with Ernie Desjarlais, raised a number of questions for Administration.

### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 6:54 p.m.

Nicole Gardner, Anzac Willow Lake Community Association, spoke in favour of the recommendation and raised questions of clarification for Administration.

### **MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to undertake a lot by lot assessment in Janvier, Conklin, Sapræ Creek Estates, Gregoire Lake Estates, Anzac and Draper; and

THAT Administration bring forward a plan and funding request (based on the results of the assessment) specific to on-site service connections prior to the proposed 2020 budget workshops that includes the following elements:

- Municipality fund the entire installation of on-site service connections from lot lines to residential homes for existing residents served by the new system
- The funding program be available to existing residents for a five-year period
- Residents who are served by the new RWSS system be required to hire their own certified contractor to complete the on-site service connection
- Existing residents served by the new Rural Water and Sewer Servicing system be asked for \$16,000 (\$10,000 in Sapræ Creek) as service connection fee
- A long-term payment option for the service connection fee.

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

## 7. Presentation

### 7.1. 2019-2022 Utility Rates Update

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services provided an update on utility rates for the years 2019 to 2022.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the Chamber at 7:23 p.m. and returned at 7:24 p.m.

## 8. Unfinished Business

### 8.1. Bylaw No. 18/018 - Vehicle for Hire Bylaw Amendment

Deanne Bergey, Senior Manager, RCMP Support and Bylaw Services, provided historical information related to the proposed amendment before Council for consideration, noting that Administration is not in support of the proposed bylaw amendment.

Frank Creasey, Chair of the Taxi Advisory Committee, spoke in support of disbanding the Committee at this time.

Penny Skinner, representing Sun Taxi, spoke in support of the proposed bylaw.

Denean Robinson, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer for the Fort McMurray Airport Authority, spoke to the matter before Council noting that the Airport Authority holds a contract and business relationship with Sun Taxi. The presenter did not speak in support or opposition to the proposed changes.

Dogar Mohammad, representing taxi drivers, spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

Jay Telegdi, resident, spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

#### Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 8:34 p.m.

Point of Order

Councillor J. Peddle called a point of order with respect to the presentation before Council due to comments made being perceived as discriminatory. The point of order was upheld, and the speaker concluded his presentation with no further objection.

Recess and Return

A recess occurred between 8:37 p.m. and 8:46 p.m., at which time Councillor K. McGrath was in attendance.

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 18/018, being an amendment to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, second reading, be approved.

**In Camera Session****MOTION:**

THAT Council move in camera pursuant to section 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [8 TO 1]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Verna Murphy, Councillor                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Sheila Lalonde, Councillor                                     |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>  | Meagher  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Inglis, Voyageur   |

**Reconvene in public****MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

Council met in camera between 9:14 p.m. and 9:23 p.m.

Voting then occurred on the motion on the floor for second reading of Bylaw No. 18/018.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>DEFEATED [3 TO 6]</b>                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mike Allen, Councillor                            |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jane Stroud, Councillor                           |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Scott, Allen, Stroud                              |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>  | Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Inglis, Voyageur                                  |

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to disband the Taxi Advisory Committee and in its place, hold a minimum of two Taxi Stakeholder Open Houses per year.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration review and bring to Council recommendations to update the Vehicle For Hire Bylaw in the next 6 months.

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

**9. New Business**

**9.1. Citizen Recognition Program Recommendations**

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following recommendation: THAT the recommended recipients for the 2018 Citizen Recognition Program as outlined on Attachment 1 (confidential) be approved by Council and announced at the Mayor and Council's Toast of Champions Ceremony on January 24, 2019.



**MOTION:**

THAT Attachment 1 be amended to add Frances Jean as recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented on the same date.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [8 TO 1]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Don Scott, Mayor   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Krista Balsom, Councillor                                      |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>  | McGrath  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Inglis, Voyageur   |

Voting then occurred on the original motion, as amended which now reads:

THAT the recommended recipients for the 2018 Citizen Recognition Program as outlined on Attachment 1 (confidential, as amended) be approved by Council and announced at the Mayor and Council's Toast of Champions Ceremony on January 24, 2019.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [8 TO 1]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Phil Meagher, Councillor                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Krista Balsom, Councillor                                      |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud |
| <b>AGAINST:</b>  | McGrath  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Inglis, Voyageur   |

**9.2. Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties**

Phillip Schofield, Regional Assessor spoke to the recommendation before Council for consideration.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the Chamber at 9:38 p.m. and returned at 9:40 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT the reserve bids and sale conditions be established as listed in the Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties, dated November 27, 2018.

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

### 9.3. 2018 Request for Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-off

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Phillip Schofield, Regional Assessor, spoke to the recommendation before Council for consideration.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the recommended Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off of \$5,155,015.72 dated November 27, 2018, as Attachment 1, be approved.

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

### 9.4. 2018 Capital Budget Amendments

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, spoke to the proposed Capital Budget Amendments before Council for consideration

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the 2018 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2018 Capital Budget Amendments – New and Amended Projects, dated November 27, 2018) be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2018 Capital Budget Amendments – New and Amended Projects - Cash Flow Summary, dated November 27, 2018) be approved.

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

## 10. Councillors' Motions

### 10.1. Relocation of Conklin Outdoor Rink

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

### 10.2. Broadband Internet Connection

Councillor J. Stroud spoke to the motion before Council for consideration.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to:

- the Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada;
- the Provincial Minister of Service Alberta; and
- the Member of Parliament Fort McMurray-Cold Lake;
- with copies to industry partners and service providers,

requesting their support for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) initiative with respect to a national broadband strategy and urging the Federal Government to invest the required funding annually towards this initiative which is a matter of great importance within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer