

**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, February 12, 2019, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor  
Bruce Inglis, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Phil Meagher, Councillor  
Jeff Peddle, Councillor  
Jane Stroud, Councillor  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

**Absent:**

Sheila Lalonde, Councillor  
Verna Murphy, 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  
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. In-Camera Session**

**MOTION**

THAT Council close agenda items 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3 to the public pursuant to sections; 24(1), 25(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

### 2.1. Legal Matter / Privileged Information

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

Name	Reason for Attending
Annette Antoniak	Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Doyle	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Lynda McLean	Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous & Rural Relations
Susan Trylinski	Director, Legal Services
Kari Westhaver	Director, Human Resources
John C. McDonnell	External Legal Counsel, Brownlee LLP

### 2.2. Advice from Officials

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

#### Entrance

Councillor M. Allen entered the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

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

### 2.3. Land Matter / Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body

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

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

#### Recess

A recess occurred between 3:50 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber.

**MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

**3. Adoption of Agenda**Notice of Motion

Councillor J. Stroud served notice of her intent to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the February 26, 2019 Council Meeting:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Premier of Alberta and the Minister of Environment & Parks, urging Provincial Government Departments to work collaboratively with the Clearwater Horse Club, “Club”, in allowing sufficient time for the Club to create a plan to address the rehabilitation of deficiencies as it relates to water and land issues on their current leased land.

Notice of Motion:

Mayor Scott served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for consideration at the February 26, 2019 Council Meeting:

THAT Administration be directed to determine the cost necessary to dismantle the weather catcher and identify alternative options for that space and disclose the projected ongoing maintenance for the weather catcher.

**MOTION:**

THAT the agenda be amended by adding item 8.2, Bill C-69;

THAT Council waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition;  
and

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

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

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the recommendations contained in items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 be approved.

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

#### **4.1 Minutes of Council Meeting January 22, 2019**

**MOTION:**

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 22, 2019 be approved as presented.

#### **4.2. Minutes of Council Meeting January 28, 2019**

**MOTION:**

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 28, 2019 be approved as presented.

#### **4.3. Minutes of Special In-Camera Council Meeting January 28, 2019**

**MOTION:**

THAT the minutes of the Special In-Camera Council Meeting held on January 28, 2019 be approved as presented.

#### **4.4. Bylaw No. 19/003 - Committees Bylaw Amendment re Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/003, being a bylaw to amend the Committees Bylaw No. 17/024, specific to establishing the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee, be read a first time.

#### **4.5. Q3 & Q4 Fiscal Amendments**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the 2018 Q3 & Q4 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments update, as summarized on Attachment #1 (2018 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments, dated December 31, 2018), be accepted as information.

#### **5. Presentations**

##### **5.1. Joanne Fisher and Qasim Malik re: Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom - 2018 Annual Report**

Joanne Fisher and Qasim Malik, Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Committee Members, provided a presentation on the mandate of the Committee and an overview of its 2018 programs and events. The Committee Members announced that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo received a “5 Bloom” status with a special mention in Fire Recovery Initiatives at the 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremony.

##### Recess

A recess occurred between 4:18 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at which time, the Communities in Bloom Committee Members presented the recognition award to Council.

##### **5.2. Nabil Malik re: Public Art Committee - 2018 Annual Report**

Nabil Malik, Chair, Public Art Committee, provided a presentation on the Public Art Committee’s 2018 Annual Report and discussed how the Committee’s mandate aligns with Council’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.

#### **6. Unfinished Business**

##### **6.1. Bylaw No. 19/002 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Definition and General Regulations Related to Project Accommodations**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw No. 19/002 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Definition and General Regulations Related to Project Accommodations, be deferred.

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

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. 2018-2019 Community Plan on Homelessness Grant Amendment

Elsie Hutton, Director, Corporate and Community Services and Toni Elliot, Manager, Community Investment Program provided an overview of the proposed additions to the 2018 - 2019 Community Plan on Homelessness grant allocation.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and returned at 5:06 p.m.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT an additional \$55,000 be allocated to the 2018-2019 Community Plan on Homelessness programs as follows:

<b>Organization (Program)</b>		<b>Recommended</b>
1	Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray (Eviction Prevention Program)	\$ 15,000
2	The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada (Housing First)	\$ 40,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 55,000</b>

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

### 7.2. 2019 - 2020 Community Plan on Homelessness Grant Allocation

Elsie Hutton, Director, Corporate and Community Services and Toni Elliot, Manager, Community Investment Program, provided a presentation on the 2019 - 2020 Community Plan on Homelessness Grant submissions and discussed the status of the Rural Homelessness Count project.

Yvonne Ormson, Executive Director, Wood Buffalo Wellness Society expressed concern with reduced funding for the Community Plan on Homelessness initiative. She requested Council advocate provincially and federally to increase funding for homelessness initiatives. She indicated that a bus pass subsidy provided by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo would assist in reducing costs.

Ronald Quintal and Contessa Short, Fort McKay Métis Community Association, provided an overview of their holistic approach to homelessness in Fort McKay. Concerns were expressed with their inability to access funding through the Community Plan on Homelessness Grant application process.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 5:29 p.m. and returned at 5:31 p.m.

Melanie Heroux, Fort McKay Métis Community Association, provided insight on her work as a social worker in the rural communities and indicated that rural community members generally want to remain in their community.

Michelle Richer, Fort McKay Métis Community Association, shared her first-hand experience with the holistic approach that Fort McKay Métis takes to combat homelessness.

#### Recess

A recess occurred between 6:10 p.m. and 6:29 p.m.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT \$3,986,013 be allocated to the 2019 - 2020 Community Plan on Homelessness programs as follows:

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Source</b>
1	Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray	Housing First	\$ 806,354	Prov
2	Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$ 844,459	Prov
3	The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada	Housing First	\$ 717,578	Prov
4	Wood Buffalo Wellness Society	Rapid Rehousing Program	\$ 474,446	Both
5	YMCA of Northern Alberta	Housing First	\$ 636,900	Prov
6	Wood Buffalo Wellness Society	Centralized Intake Services	\$ 295,796	Fed
7	Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray	Eviction Prevention Coordinator	\$ 125,601	Prov
8	Wood Buffalo Wellness Society	Outreach Program	\$ 84,879	Fed
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 3,986,013</b>	

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

**MOTION:**

THAT the existing bus pass program be enhanced to include organizations eligible under the Community Plan on Homelessness funding, and that funding be approved from the emerging issues reserve.

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

Vacating and Assuming Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Acting Mayor B. Inglis assumed the Chair at 6:33 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter on behalf of Council urging the Provincial and Federal Governments to review and relax their program guidelines as well as increase funding available for the Community Plan on Homelessness given the unique circumstances and challenges in our Region. Consideration of funding should be based on need in this region; and

THAT this letter be prepared by Administration within fourteen days.

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



Resuming Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 6:36 p.m.

**7.3. Shell Place Concept Study****MOTION:**

THAT the Shell Place Concept Study be deferred.

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

**7.4. Bylaw No. 19/004 – Amendment to Emergency Management Bylaw 18/006****MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/004, being a bylaw to amend the Emergency Management Bylaw No. 18/006, be read a first time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/004 be read a second time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/004 be considered for third reading.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 19/004 be read a third and final time.

<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, Inglis, McGrath, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lalonde, Murphy

**MOTION:**

THAT Councillors Sheila Lalonde and Verna Murphy be appointed to the Emergency Advisory Committee effective immediately until the 2021 Organizational Meeting.

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

**7.5. Application to Host Creative City Summit**

Marc Fortais, Director, Public Works and Nadia Power, Coordinator Public Works provided an overview and discussed the potential economic benefit of hosting the Summit.

Exit and Return

Councillor C. Voyageur exited the meeting at 6:48 p.m. and returned at 6:51 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration prepare and apply by March 15, 2019, to host one of five Creative City Summits between 2020-2024 with the preference to host the 2022 Twenty Year Anniversary Summit in Fort McMurray; and

THAT the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of Council, to provide a letter of support for inclusion in the submission as outlined in the application requirements.

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

**8. Councillors' Motions****8.1. Land Use Bylaw Amendment re Cannabis Retail Store****MOTION:**

THAT Administration bring forward to Council, at the next Council meeting, an amendment to allow a separation distance in the Urban Service Area, of 100 metres and amend the definition of separation distance so that the measurement is from the property line of the sensitive use to the door of the proposed cannabis retail store.

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

Vacating and Assuming Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair and Acting Mayor B. Inglis assumed the Chair at 7:08 p.m.

**8.2. Bill C-69**

THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter on behalf of Council to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment, copying committee members, inviting them to Fort McMurray as part of their review of Bill C-69.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor. D. Scott resumed the Chair at 7:09 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer