

Minutes of a Special 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 Thursday, November 28, 2019, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor

Absent:

Krista Balsom, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Administration:

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services
Wayne Franklin, Director, Public Works
Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering
Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

1. Reconvene

Mayor D. Scott reconvened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

2. Public Delegations

Jay Telegdi, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, spoke in support of the proposed 2020 Communications Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations Operating Budget.

Point of Order

Councillor V. Murphy called a Point of Order on Councillor B. Inglis as the question raised was not related to the topic under discussion. Mayor D. Scott upheld the Point of Order.

3. Unfinished BusinessUpdate from Financial Services

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provide an update on the revised total grant allocations resulting from the resolutions passed by Council during the November 27, 2019 budget meeting.

3.1. 2020 Proposed Games Legacy Grant Allocation

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, provided background information on the grant application and recommendation process.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor P. Meagher declared a pecuniary interest with the upcoming agenda item and exited the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$57,056 in Games Legacy Grants be allocated as follows:

Applicant	Total Funding Recommended
1. Aidan Pilgrim	\$1,500
2. Alberta Drama Festival Association	500
3. Alexander Bai	381
4. Ali M. Usman	165
5. Andon Walker	494
6. Angela Wang	424
7. Anya Germain	1,500
8. Brooke Lacey	1,500
9. Drew Germain	1,500
10. Ellie Germain	1,500
11. Emma Nash	1,500
12. Father J.A. Turcotte School	1,800
13. Fort McMurray Fury U17B Soccer Team	1,969
14. Fort McMurray Junior Oil Barons - Atom	3,000
15. Fort McMurray Teachers Association	3,000
16. Fort McMurray Thunder Volleyball 16U Girls	3,000
17. Francois Marais	1,500
18. Generation Competitive Dance Society	3,000
19. Hanet MacGowan	1,500
20. Jane Gibson	435

21.	Jerry Li	586
22.	Justin Shaw	1,260
23.	Kudakwashe Simbi	185
24.	Leah Reitz	1,500
25.	Liana Wheeldon	1,500
26.	Maryam Tsegaye	1,225
27.	Norfort Gymnastics Association	3,000
28.	Ptarmigan Nordic Ski Club	3,000
29.	Riley Brunet	1,500
30.	Saakshi Arvikar	155
31.	Sophia Aldaco Murayama	1,500
32.	St. Anne’s School - Choir	3,000
33.	St. Anne’s School - Drama Club	3,000
34.	Sydney Barry	992
35.	Tanner Fontaine	1,500
36.	Therese Greenwood	1,485
37.	Whitney Barker	1,500
Total:		\$ 57,056

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

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$1,500 be allocated to Sai Shankar under the 2020 Games Legacy Grant Program.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 5]
MOVER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Inglis, Stroud
AGAINST:	Allen, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

3.2. 2020 Proposed Community Impact Grant (New Events) Allocation**MOTION:**

THAT \$197,095 of the Community Impact Grant – New Events stream be allocated as follows:

Organization	Recommendation
1. BrainSTEM Alliance Ltd.	\$ 4,000
2. Fort McKay Métis Community Association	40,000
3. Fort McMurray Golf Club	10,400
4. Girls Incorporated of Northern Alberta Society	23,000
5. McMurray Junior Badminton Club	47,900
6. Rehoboth Alliance (Gethsemane International Assembly Wood Buffalo)	45,425
7. St. Aidan's House Society	26,370
Total New Events Stream	\$ 197,095

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

3.3. 2020 Proposed Community Impact Grant (Community Events) Allocation**MOTION:**

THAT \$196,656 of the Community Impact Grant – Community Events stream be allocated as follows:

Organization	Recommendation
1. Alberta Drama Festival Association	\$ 900
2. Anzac Family Community Support Society	10,550
3. Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	3,200
4. BrainSTEM Alliance Ltd.	12,000
5. Conklin Community Association	10,350
6. Filipino-Canadian Association of Fort McMurray	5,900
7. Fort McKay Métis Community Association	20,000
8. Gethsemane International Assembly Wood Buffalo o/a Rehoboth Alliance	18,000
9. Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre	20,000
10. King's Kids Promotions Outreach Ministries Incorporated	20,000

11.	Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fort McMurray Local Council 1935	20,000
12.	New Heights Outreach Association	17,500
13.	Nigerian Canadian Association of Fort McMurray	4,000
14.	Rotary Club of Fort McMurray, Alberta	4,946
15.	The Fort McMurray Society of the Friends of Music	17,695
16.	Willow Lake Community Association	11,615
Total Community Events Stream		\$ 196,656

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

3.4. 2020 Proposed Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Allocation

The following motion was moved by Councillor M. Allen and seconded by Councillor J. Peddle:

THAT \$1,789,023 of the Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects stream be allocated as follows:

Organization	Recommendation
1. Anzac Family Community Support Society	\$ 87,963
2. Association Canadienne Francaise de l'Alberta, Regionale de Wood Buffalo	15,000
3. Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	61,691
4. Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Wood Buffalo	85,000
5. BrainSTEM Alliance Ltd.	5,175
6. Camp Yogi Society	18,458
7. Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society of Fort McMurray	85,385
8. Community Futures Wood Buffalo	48,875
9. Conklin Community Association	53,630
10. Evergreen Christian Reformed Church (Eden Community Garden)	17,480
11. Fort McKay Métis Community Association	37,000
12. Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society	65,500
13. Fort McMurray Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp #2803 Support Society	38,200
14. Friends of Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts	99,478

15.	Gethsemane International Assembly Wood Buffalo o/a Rehoboth Alliance	28,750
16.	Girls Incorporated of Northern Alberta Society	100,000
17.	Kings Kids Promotions Outreach Ministries Incorporated	98,957
18.	Northlife Fellowship Baptist Church of Fort McMurray	17,900
19.	Pet and Wellness Society	13,869
20.	Saprae Creek Residents Society	25,674
21.	Some Other Solutions Society for Crisis Prevention	202,500
22.	St. Aidan's House Society	86,340
23.	Support Through Housing Team Society (STHT)	100,000
24.	The Fort McMurray Boys' and Girls' Club	50,000
25.	The Hub Family Resource Centre	77,000
26.	The Wood Buffalo Educare Society	2,640
27.	Willow Lake Community Association	20,470
28.	Wood Buffalo Food Bank Association	93,039
29.	Wood Buffalo Safe/Healthy Community Network	134,460
30.	Youth With a Mission Society	18,590
	Total Community Programs and Projects Stream	\$ 1,789,023

Councillor M. Allen agreed to a friendly amendment that the application from Northlife Fellowship Baptist Church of Fort McMurray be further identified as the Soup Kitchen.

MOTION:

THAT \$1,789,023 of the Community Impact Grant – Community Programs and Projects stream be allocated as follows:

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

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and returned at 10:05 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT the allocation to the Youth With a Mission Society be increased from \$18,590 to \$22,390.

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Stroud
AGAINST:	Murphy, Peddle
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair, and Deputy Mayor J. Peddle assumed the Chair at 10:18 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT \$95,000 be allocated to the Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects).

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 6]
MOVER:	Don Scott, Mayor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Inglis
AGAINST:	Allen, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

MOTION:

THAT \$59,354 be allocated to the Pastew Place Detox Centre Society, under the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects).

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 2]
MOVER:	Don Scott, Mayor
SECONDER:	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Inglis, Meagher, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Murphy
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 10:35 a.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 10:38 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

MOTION:

THAT an additional \$6,200 be allocated to the Sapræe Creek Residents Society for transportation for the summer camp program

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

MOTION:

THAT Administration be directed to look at the Community Investment Program Policy so that moving forward a cap is in place and the policy is in line with the Family and Community Support Services funding from the Province; and

THAT this matter come back to Council by April, 2020.

Councillor V. Murphy did not accept a proposed friendly amendment to withdraw the term “cap” from the policy.

RESULT:	CARRIED [5 TO 3]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
FOR:	Allen, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle
AGAINST:	Scott, Inglis, Stroud
ABSENT:	Balsom, McGrath, Voyageur

4. 2020 Operating Budgets Presentations

4.1. Community Services

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, Lorna Dicks, RCMP Officer in Charge, Nicole Chouinard, Manager, RCMP Support, and Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Community Services.

Exits and Returns

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and returned at 12:06 p.m.

Councillor B. Inglis existed the meeting at 12:07 p.m. and returned at 12:09 p.m.

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and returned at 12:11 p.m.

Recess and Absence

A recess occurred from 12:12 p.m. to 12:51 p.m. at which time, Councillor M. Allen and Councillor J. Peddle did not return to the meeting.

Return

Councillor J. Peddle returned to the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Change in schedule

Council agreed to move up the presentation of the proposed 2020 Operating Budget by Human Resources.

4.8. Human Resources

Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources, Nicole Kimmitt, Manager, Health and Safety, and Tammy Stevenson, Manager, Total Rewards and Employee Development, presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Human Resources.

4.2. Public Works

Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Antoine Rempp, Acting Senior Manager, Environmental Services, Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads, Rural Operations and Keith Smith, Senior Manager, Transportation and Facilities, presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Public Works.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 1:58 p.m. and returned at 2:02 p.m.
Councillor B. Inglis exited the meeting at 2:14 p.m. and returned at 2:16 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 2:35 p.m. to 2:49 p.m.

4.3. Engineering

Matthew Hough, Director, Engineering Services, presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Engineering Services.

4.4. Planning and Development

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development and Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Planning and Development.

Change in Schedule

Council agreed to hear the Capital Budget Presentations for the Regional Recreation Corporation and Vista Ridge today, following the Operating Budget Presentations.

4.5. Regional Emergency Services

Council agreed to waive the presentation for Regional Emergency Services. Jody Butz, Fire Chief, Brad Grainger, Deputy Chief, Operations and Scott Davis, Director, Emergency Management, were present to answer questions of Council.

4.6. Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations

Lynda McLean, Director, and Matthew Harrison, Senior Manager, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 4:12 p.m. and returned at 4:16 p.m.

Exit and Recess

Councillor B. Inglis exited the meeting at 4:15 p.m. which resulted in a loss of quorum; therefore, the meeting recessed until quorum was re-established.

Return and Reconvene

Councillor B. Inglis returned to the meeting at 4:21 p.m. at which time the meeting reconvened.

Return

Councillor M. Allen returned to the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

4.7. Legal Services

Council agreed to waive the presentation for Legal Services. Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, was present to answer questions of Council.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and returned at 4:36 p.m.

4.9. Executive Offices

Council agreed to waive the presentation for the Executive Offices. Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer was present to answer questions of Council.

Exit and Return

Councillor P. Meagher exited the meeting at 4:45 p.m. and returned at 4:48 p.m.

4.10. Supply Chain Management

Cindy Chiasson, Senior Manager, Procurement, presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Supply Chain Management.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Stroud exited the meeting at 4:49 p.m. and returned at 4:51 p.m.

4.11. Financial Services

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and AnnMarie Hintz, Senior Manager, Information Technology, presented the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Financial Services.

Vacating and Assuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair, and Deputy Mayor J. Peddle assumed the Chair at 5:02 p.m.

Request for information

Mayor D. Scott requested costing information related to:

- holding a Float Plane Celebration; and
- holding an Indigenous Leaders Summit.

Administration committed to bring back cost information associated with holding such events to the December 10, 2019 Council meeting.

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 5:05 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 5:05 p.m. to 5:17 p.m.

5. 2020 Capital Budget Presentation – Regional Recreation Corporation and Vista Ridge

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, introduced Graig Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, who presented the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for the Regional Recreation Corporation and Kevin Grogan, Project Manager, Vista Ridge who presented the proposed 2020 Capital Budget for Vista Ridge.

MOTION:

THAT the Regional Recreation Corporation investigate the costs associated with:

- purchasing dumbbells from 115 lbs - 130 lbs;
- purchasing and installing proper mats for a deadlift area; and
- purchasing a second pec-deck machine; and

THAT this matter come back to Council by the end of the first quarter of 2020.

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:47 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., November 29, 2019.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer