

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, December 10, 2019, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Krista Balsom, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor (via teleconference)
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor (via teleconference)

Absent:

Verna Murphy, Councillor

Administration:

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal 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
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order (in 7th Floor Boardroom at 1:00 p.m.)

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

That Council close agenda items 2.1 and 2.2 to the public pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

2.1 Privileged Information – Legal Matters

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor M. Allen declared a pecuniary interest in the next item and exited the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Legal Matter 1

(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 and Rural Relations
Don Lidstone	External Legal Counsel

Return

Councillor M. Allen returned to the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Legal Matter 2

(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 and Rural Relations
Chris Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
Linda Ollivier	Director, Financial Services

Disconnects and Reconnects

Councillors B. Inglis and C. Voyageur disconnected from the meeting at 1:53 p.m. and reconnected to the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

2.2 Advice from Officials

Information Update 1

(in camera pursuant to section 24(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 and Rural Relations
Matthew Hough	Director, Engineering

Information Update 2

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

Name	Reason for Attending
Annette Antoniak	Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Michelle Phaneuf	External Presenter (via videoconference)
Dr. Nancy Love	External Presenter (via videoconference)

Recess

A recess occurred from 3:32 p.m. and 4:03 p.m. at which time the meeting was reconvened in public in the Council Chamber, and Councillor S. Lalonde was not in attendance. Councillors B. Inglis and C. Voyageur were unable to reconnect to the meeting

Return

Councillor S. Lalonde returned to the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda (in Council Chamber at 4:00 p.m.)**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

4. Consent Agenda**MOTION:**

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

4.1. Council Meeting Minutes - November 26, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Council Meeting be approved as presented.

4.2. Special Council Meeting Minutes - November 27, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the November 27, 2019 Special Council Meeting be approved as presented.

4.3. Special Council Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the November 28, 2019 Special Council Meeting be approved as presented.

4.4. Special Council Meeting Minutes - November 29, 2019

THAT the Minutes of the November 29, 2019 Special Council Meeting be approved as presented.

4.5. Bylaw No. 19/029 - Conversion Therapy Bylaw

THAT Bylaw No. 19/029, being a Conversion Therapy Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

5. Recognition

5.1. Proclamation - Human Rights Day

Mayor D. Scott recognized December 10, 2019 as Human Rights Day and acknowledged individuals in the gallery associated with this initiative.

Recess

A recess occurred from 4:09 p.m. to 4:12 p.m. to take photographs with the proclamation recipients.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Approval of Proposed Expropriation of a Portion of NW 1/4 2-89-9W4M (Secondary Egress Road Expropriation)

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Michael Ircandia, Manager, Land Administration, provided an overview of the proposed expropriation to facilitate the construction of a secondary egress road from Saline Creek Plateau, and requested additional time to continue working with the landowner.

Point of Order

Councillor P. Meagher called a Point of Order on Councillor J. Stroud for beginning debate without a motion on the floor. Mayor D. Scott upheld the Point of Order.

MOTION:

THAT the Approval of Proposed Expropriation of a Portion of NW 1/4 2-89-9W4M (Secondary Egress Road Expropriation) be deferred to the end of first quarter, 2020.

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

7. **New Business**

7.1. **Livability Task Force Update**

Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Karim Zariffa, Executive Director, Oil Sands Community Alliance, presented an update on the Livability Task Force, which was created to develop strategies to increase population, promote affordability, increase livability and support brand development for the region.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 5:09 p.m. and returned at 5:12 p.m.

Keith Boyd, resident, spoke to issues regarding the rotational workforce but did not indicate support or opposition to the Livability Task Force update.

Rod Kelly, resident, spoke about the impact the economic downturn has had on employment in the region but did not indicate support or opposition to the Livability Task Force update.

MOTION:

THAT Administration continue to work with the Oil Sands Community Alliance (OSCA) and the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (WBEDC). Work with OSCA would be to further the RMWB's understanding and reporting of how the rotational workforce is utilized in the region. Work with the WBEDC could be to further all efforts to increase the regional population and livability of the region; and

THAT Administration report back to Council and the regional stakeholders on a semi-annual basis.

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

7.2. **Perpetual Energy Inc. request for Intervenor Status with the Court of Queen's Bench**

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, provided an overview of the request for intervenor status with the Court of Queen's Bench in relation to Perpetual Energy Inc.

MOTION:

THAT Administration file a request to the Court of Queen’s Bench to intervene in the Judicial Review of Linear Property and Machinery Guidelines in relation to Perpetual Energy Inc., Court File No. 1901-08115.

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

7.3. Request for Deferment/Cancellation of Taxes and Penalties

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, provided a summary of the request for tax deferment and cancellation of tax arrears and penalties.

MOTION:

THAT collection of the taxes owing and associated penalties for late payment on the tax accounts identified in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$1,002,903.40, be deferred for a period of 13 months from December 1, 2019; and

THAT taxes or tax arrears and associated penalties in the amount of \$2,194,752.02 be cancelled without further resolution of Council, at the end of the 13-month deferment period, if municipal taxes for those properties for 2018, 2019 and 2020 are paid in full.

Exits and Returns

Councillor M. Allen exited the meeting at 5:25 p.m. and returned at 5:27 p.m.

Councillor J. Peddle exited the meeting at 5:27 p.m. and returned at 5:29 p.m.

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

7.4. Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, provided an overview of the reserve bids and sale conditions for tax sale properties.

MOTION:

THAT the reserve bids and sale conditions be established as listed in Attachment 1, dated December 10, 2019.

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

7.5. Request for Tax Write Off (Litigation Settlement)

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services, provided an overview of the request for tax write off related to a litigation settlement.

MOTION:

THAT Council agree to conditionally reduce tax arrears by \$129,425 from the referenced tax roll numbers on the attached Schedule A. Such reduction is equitable pursuant to section 347 of the Municipal Government Act in the circumstances as it permits a final settlement of a lawsuit with the Taxpayer. The reduction is subject to the final settlement terms being satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

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

7.6. 2020 - 2021 Internal Audit Plan

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, and Andrea Sorrel, Internal Auditor, provided an overview of the proposed 2020 - 2021 Internal Audit Plan.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 5:40 p.m. and returned at 5:41 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud exited the meeting at 5:40 p.m. and returned at 5:42 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT the 2020 to 2021 Internal Audit Plan be approved.

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

7.7. Community Identification Committee Recommendations - Parks and Dry Ponds in Parsons Creek

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, and Christopher Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning, presented recommendations from the Community Identification Committee for the naming of parks and dry ponds in Parsons Creek neighbourhood.

MOTION:

THAT the Parks and Dry Ponds in Parsons Creek as shown in attachments 1 to 5 be named Niska Park, Sisip Connection, Amisk Plaza, Maskwa Greens, and Mahkesis Park.

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

Recess

A recess occurred from 5:51 p.m. to 5:56 p.m., after which time Councillors M. Allen and K. McGrath were not in attendance.

7.8. Floatplane Festival

Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided a summary of the proposed floatplane festival.

Returns

Councillor M. Allen returned to the meeting at 5:57 p.m.
Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Vacating of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 5:58 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor J. Peddle assumed the Chair.

MOTION:

THAT the Floatplane Festival report be accepted as information; and

THAT Administration continue working with community partners to explore the feasibility of a floatplane festival and report back to Council in the first quarter of 2020 with further information on such an event, including, but not limited to, budgetary costs and timelines for an event.

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

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 6:00 p.m.

7.9. Indigenous Summit

Lynda McLean, Director, Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided a summary of alternatives for hosting an Indigenous Summit.

MOTION:

THAT Communications, Stakeholder, Indigenous and Rural Relations consult with First Nations and Métis leaders in our region on the concept of supporting an Indigenous Summit hosted within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

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

7.10. Committee Appointments

Sonia Soutter, Senior Legislative Officer, provided an overview on the recruitment and appointment process for Council Appointed Boards and Committees.

MOTION:

THAT the following Committee Appointments be approved effective January 1, 2020.

Advisory Committee on Aging

- Ingrid Blasius - Wood Buffalo Seniors Resource Committee; Henry Hunter - Wood Buffalo Housing, and Luana Bussieres to December 31, 2021

Assessment Review Board

- Donald Gorman and Alex McKenzie to December 31, 2021

Combative Sports Commission

- Rene Wells to December 31, 2020; Beau Bjarnason, Moe Kdouh and Sharon Grantham to December 31, 2021

Communities in Bloom

- Darcy Enns, Destiny Jefferies and Helen Meyer to December 31, 2021

Community Identification Committee

- Andrew Crompton, Cathy Drier - Fort McMurray Historical Society and Gerald Bussieres to December 31, 2021

Community Standards Appeal Committee

- Kulwinder Arora to December 31, 2021

Fort McMurray Airport Authority

- Joanne Day to December 31, 2023

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board

- Amanda MacPherson, Serena Quinn and Shazia Yasin Mughal to December 31, 2022

Public Art Committee

- Nabil Malik, Sharon Heading and Waverly Muessle to December 31, 2021

Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality

- Chantelle Tatum to December 31, 2020; and Mitchel Bowers and Tammy Jackson to December 31, 2021

Regional Recreation Corporation

- Christopher Pirie, Justin Ellis and Nicholas Germain to December 31, 2021

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

- Katrina Carruthers and Nayef Mahgoub to December 31, 2021

Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee

- Mark Burris and Jin Li to December 31, 2020; and David Secord to December 31, 2021

Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation

- Adekunle Dada to December 31, 2020; Amanda MacPherson and Roy Amalu to December 31, 2022

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer