

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via Electronic Communication, a combination of video conferencing and teleconferencing, in the Council Chamber at the Syncrude Athletic Park Clubhouse in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor  
Bruce Inglis, Councillor  
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Phil Meagher, Councillor  
Verna Murphy, Councillor  
Jane Stroud, Councillor  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

**Absent:**

Jeff Peddle, Councillor

**Administration:**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services  
Scott Davis, Director, Emergency Management  
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Dennis Warr, Acting Director, Engineering Services  
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## 2. In-Camera Session

### MOTION:

THAT Council close item 2.1 to the public pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

### Briefing No. 1

Name	Reason for Attending
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Chris Davis	Acting Director, Legal Services
Gregory Jaycock,	Parlee McLaws LLP, External Legal Counsel

### Entrance

Councillor P. Meagher joined the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

### Entrance

Councillor M. Allen joined the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

### Briefings No. 2, 3 and 4

Name	Reason for Attending
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk

### Recess

A recess occurred between 3:25 p.m. and 4:07 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>	Krista Balsom, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peddle

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

### **4. Consent Agenda**

#### **MOTION:**

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

#### **4.1. Minutes - Council Meeting - June 23, 2020**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 23, 2020 be approved as presented.

#### **4.2. Bylaw No. 20/020 - Road Closure - Fairway Drive - Subdivision Plan 1897TR**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/020, being a Road Closure Bylaw, be read a first time.

#### **4.3. Bylaw No. 20/022 - Natural Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/022, being a bylaw to enter into a renewal of a Natural Gas Franchise Agreement granting ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., a franchise to deliver natural gas to customers within the municipality, be read a first time.

#### **4.4 Committee Appointment – 2022 Arctic Winter Games Host Society – Director of Culture and Ceremonies**

THAT Ana-Maria Mendez-Barks be appointed as Director of Culture and Ceremonies for the 2022 Arctic Winter Games Host Society, effective immediately

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

## 5. **Presentations**

### 5.1. **COVID-19 Public Briefing (Verbal)**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic and encouraged residents to remain cautious and wear masks when in public places where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

#### Recess, Exit and Return

The teleconference line disconnected at 4:19 p.m. at which point a short recess occurred. The meeting resumed at 4:25 p.m.

### 5.2. **Kevin Weidlich, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation re: Business Recovery Task Force Report**

Kevin Weidlich, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, accompanied by Pamela Ramrup, Community Futures Wood Buffalo, Nick Sanders, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, Keith Plowman, Fort McMurray Construction Association, and Michelle Toner, Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association, provided a presentation on the Wood Buffalo 2020 Business and Economic Recovery Plan, and requested Council's advocacy support of funding applications.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 4:37 p.m. and returned at 4:39 p.m.

### **Business Arising - Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation - Request for Advocacy Support**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of Council, to send an advocacy letter to the Government of Alberta and Western Economic Diversification, supporting the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation's funding applications.

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

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 5:04 p.m. and returned at 5:05 p.m.

### **5.3. Paul Spring, Incoming President and Colin Solbak, Member, Rotary Club of Fort McMurray re: Capital Funding to Complete Golf Course**

Paul Spring and Colin Solbak, accompanied by, Kevin Breen and Mickey Demers, Rotary Club of Fort McMurray, provided a presentation on the Rotary Links Golf Course, its importance in the Community and requested funding from the Municipality for the expansion of the golf course.

### **Business Arising - Rotary Club of Fort McMurray - Funding Request for Golf Course**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, presented an overview of funding requests, submitted by the Rotary Club of Fort McMurray to the Municipality, and recommended that a recommendation come forward at the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting; to allow Administration sufficient time to review the new business case and information.

Jean-Marc Guillaumot, Rotary Club of Fort McMurray Member, spoke in opposition of the motion; noting the urgency of a decision on the funding request.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 6:08 p.m. and returned at 6:10 p.m.

Action Item

Administration committed to conducting research on the additional requests submitted by the Rotary Club of Fort McMurray, and bringing those back to Council upon conclusion of their review:

- Implement a donation policy for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
- Rotary Links approved under policy
- Junior golf approved under policy

**MOTION:**

THAT a Capital Grant in the amount of \$2.7 million dollars be granted to the Rotary Club of Fort McMurray for the completion of the Rotary Links Golf Course project.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [9 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Allen, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Keith McGrath, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Murphy
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peddle

## **6. Unfinished Business**

### **6.1. Community Conversation on Flood Risk (Verbal Update)**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview on the survey results provided by the public with respect to flood mitigation options.

### **6.2. Improving Community Resilience: 2020 Overland Flood Considerations in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo**

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development and Christopher Booth, Manager Community Development and Planning provided a presentation on flood mitigation options, including future development options, for Council's review and consideration.

#### Exits and Returns

Councillor K. Balsom exited the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and returned at 6:37 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and returned at 6:40 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:12 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud exited the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and returned at 7:18 p.m.

#### Vacating and Resuming the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 7:16 p.m., at which time Acting Mayor Councillor P. Meagher assumed the Chair.

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 7:18 p.m.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor B. Inglis disconnected from the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and reconnected at 7:56 p.m.

### **MOTION:**

THAT the Improving Community Resilience: 2020 Overland Flood Considerations in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be accepted as information; and

THAT a Special Council Meeting be scheduled for July 28, 2020 to consider the proposed approaches as outlined in the Improving Community Resilience: 2020 Overland Flood Considerations report.

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

#### Recess

A recess occurred from 8:11 p.m. to 8:21 p.m.

### 6.3. Community Investment Program Policy Amendment

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services, Toni Elliot, Senior Manager, Community Services and Barbara Walsh, Manager, Community Investment Programming, provided an overview on the recommended amendments to the Community Investment Program Policy No. FIN-220.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and returned at 8:26 p.m.

The following motion was moved by Councillor J. Stroud and seconded by Councillor C. Voyageur:

“THAT the amended Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220, dated July 14, 2020, be approved.”

Councillor V. Murphy put forward the following amending motion for consideration:

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the motion be amended by adding "and that the approved policy be effective April 1, 2021 in preparation for the 2022 budget considerations.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [9 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Krista Balsom, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Inglis
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peddle

Voting then occurred on the main motion as amended:

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the amended Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220, dated July 14, 2020, be approved; and

THAT the approved policy be effective April 1, 2021 in preparation for the 2022 budget considerations

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

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. Fort McKay First Nation - Addition to Reserve**

Stuart Randall, Fort McKay First Nation, spoke in support of the motion indicating that a letter of support from the Municipality will assist with the Addition to Reserve proposal submitted to Indigenous Services Canada.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of Council to send a letter of support to the Indigenous Services Canada, Alberta Regional Office for the Fort McKay First Nation's Additions to Reserve, subject to the provision of a Band Council Resolution which confirms that the First Nation will negotiate and enter into a Service Agreement with the Municipality for the provision of services to the Addition to Reserve Lands.

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

### **7.2. Sale of Five Lots in Janvier to The Métis Nation of Alberta Local Council #218 of Chard**

Michael Ircandia, Manager, Land Administration, provided an overview of the request received from the Métis Nation of Alberta Local Council No. 218, to purchase five residential lots from the Municipality for an indigenous housing initiative.

Justin Herman, Chard Métis Dene Inc., spoke in support of Administration's recommendation; however, requested that the lots be purchased at a nominal rate rather than at market value to allow for more housing initiatives.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Administration be directed to complete the sale of five parcels of land, legally described as:

Lot 121, Plan 8721795

Lot 46, Plan 8321906

Lot 51, Block 1, Plan 8321906

Lot 61, Plan 8321906

Lot 124, Plan 8420484,

in the Hamlet of Janvier as highlighted on Attachment 2 (Subject Area Map), for a nominal value, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 1 (Land Sale Terms and Conditions dated June 21, 2020).



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

### 7.3. Community Capital Grant - Centre of Hope

The following motion was moved by Councillor M. Allen and seconded by Councillor K. Balsom.

THAT \$116,733 be approved as a Community Capital Grant to the Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society for the leasehold improvements required to accommodate patrons, tenants and staff at Marshall House (civic address 10095 Marshall Street).

Following a review of updated information provided by Administration, a friendly amendment was proposed by Councillor K. Balsom, to revise the requested amount to \$127,171. There were no objections raised by Councillor Allen or Council.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT \$127,171 be approved as a Community Capital Grant to the Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society for the leasehold improvements required to accommodate patrons, tenants and staff at Marshall House (civic address 10095 Marshall Street).

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

### 7.4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Community Response Fund for Vulnerable Populations

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the \$40,000 Federation of Canadian Municipalities COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Vulnerable Populations be allocated to the Centre of Hope Non-Profit Society for the capital improvements required at Marshall House (civic address 10095 Marshall Street) to provide dedicated space for physical distancing, in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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

### 7.5. 2020 Capital Budget Amendments

#### MOTION:

THAT the 2020 Capital Budget Amendment as summarized on Attachment 1 (2020 Capital Budget Amendment – New and Revised Projects, dated July 14, 2020) be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2020 Capital Budget Amendment – New and Revised Projects - Cash Flow Summary, dated July 14, 2020) be approved.

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

### 8. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

With no objections of Council, Councillor Reporting/Information Updates was omitted.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer