

**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, September 15, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Mike Allen, Councillor

**Administration:**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services  
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief  
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services  
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering Services  
Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

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

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

## 2. In-Camera Session

### MOTION:

THAT Council close agenda item 2.1 to the public pursuant to section 24(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, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, Peddle

### 2.1. Advice from Officials - Information Briefing

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

Name	Reason for Attending
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk
Chris Davis	Senior Manager, Legal Services
Kurt Stillwell	Municipal Legal Counsel, Legal Services

### Recess and Disconnect

A recess occurred between 5:15 p.m. and 5:25 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in public.

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

### **3. Adoption of Agenda (Public Session at 4:00 p.m.)**

#### **Notice of Motion**

Councillor J. Peddle served the following Notice of Motion noting that the motion will come before Council on October 13, 2020 for consideration:

THAT the Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220 be updated in advance of the 2021 Budget Council Meeting(s) to:

- delegate Council's approving authority to grant funding to non-profit organizations to Administration; and
- include an appeal process for non-profit organizations to appeal to an administrative appeal panel not comprising of Council members.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

### **4. Consent Agenda**

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

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

#### **4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting - September 8, 2020**

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 8, 2020 be approved as presented.

#### **4.2. Committee Appointments**

THAT the Committee Appointments as shown on Attachment 1 be approved effective immediately.

#### **4.3. Bylaw No. 20/023 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment specific to Lot 5, Block 10, Plan 792 1669 - BI - Business Industrial District**

THAT Bylaw No. 20/023, being a Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment to add Child Care Facility as a Discretionary Use in the Business Industrial District, specific to Lot 5, Block 10, Plan 792 1669, be read a first time; and

THAT the required public hearing be held on October 13, 2020.

#### **5. Recognition**

##### **5.1. Proclamations - Orange Shirt Day - Library Month**

Mayor D. Scott recognized September 30, 2020 as Orange Shirt Day and the month of October as Library Month.

#### **6. Presentations**

##### **6.1. Kevin Weidlich, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation re: Business and Economic Recovery**

Kevin Weidlich, Chief Executive Officer, Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (WBEDC), provided an update on the 2020 Business and Economic Recovery Plan, noting that funding for the initiatives will be brought to the WBEDC Board of Directors for approval.

##### **Conflict of Interest and Exit**

Councillor J. Peddle declared a Conflict of Interest with respect to the upcoming flood mitigation and community resiliency matters as he was personally affected by the April 2020 flood event and exited the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

##### **6.2. Matthew Harrison re: Flood Risk: A Community Conversation Engagement Report**

Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, presented an overview of the public engagement on the proposed flood risk mitigation approaches and community resilience, noting that the general themes heard were related to clarity on buy-outs, decision timelines, communication, insurance availability, mental health issues, devaluation of property and related financial implications, sewer system infrastructure, health concerns, and the Disaster Recovery Program.

## **7. New and Unfinished Business**

### **7.1. Infrastructure Performance During the 2020 Flood and Flood Preparedness for 2021**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented an overview of the performance of infrastructure during the 2020 flood noting the flood mitigation preparations for 2021.

Administration committed to providing an update on the infrastructure performance during the 2020 flood to Council within 60 days.

#### **Recess**

A recess occurred from 8:38 p.m. to 9:01 p.m., at which time Councillor K. McGrath was not connected to the meeting.

#### **Exit and Return**

Councillor B. Inglis disconnected from the meeting at 9:02 p.m. and reconnected at 9:06 p.m.

#### **Return**

Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

#### **Exit and Return**

Councillor B. Inglis disconnected from the meeting at 9:23 p.m. and reconnected at 9:25 p.m.

### **MOTION:**

THAT the Infrastructure Performance During the 2020 Flood and Flood Preparedness for 2021 report be accepted as information.

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

## **7.2. Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update - Taiga Nova Eco-Industrial Park**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation on the flood mitigation and community resiliency for TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park, noting that the recommendation from Administration is to complete structural flood mitigation, it is recommended that the existing berm alignment be changed and raised to 250.5 m for a 1:100 year flood event, as well as the implementation of new Land Use Bylaw provisions.

Nick Sanders, representing Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the recommendations, noting that consideration should be given to increasing the berm height to a 1:200 year flood event level.

Councillor K. Balsom put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration complete flood mitigation for TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park to a 1:200 flood level elevation, limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions in the Land Use Bylaw for development above 250m.”

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to add to the end of the motion the wording “with a target completion date of 2021”, which was accepted by Councillor K. Balsom.

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to add “(250.9m)” following “1:200 flood level elevation”, which was accepted by Councillor K. Balsom.

Councillor S. Lalonde proposed a friendly amendment to add “October 15” prior to “2021”, which was accepted by Councillor K. Balsom.

### **MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Administration complete flood mitigation for TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park to a 1:200 flood level elevation (250.9m), limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions with a target completion date of October 15, 2021.

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:24 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., September 16, 2020.

**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 Wednesday, September 16, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Mike Allen, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
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  
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief  
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services  
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
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Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering Services  
Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

**Reconvene**

Mayor D. Scott reconvened the meeting at 4:06 p.m.



Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief, provided opening remarks and spoke to the importance of resiliency in building stronger, more sustainable communities with the ability to absorb, adapt and recover from anything, including wildfires and floods.

### **7.3 Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update - Ptarmigan Court**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation on the flood mitigation and community resiliency for Ptarmigan Court, noting that the recommendation from Administration is to offer to buy out the properties in Ptarmigan Court.

#### Delegates

Dianne de Sousa, Executive Director, and Nick Sanders, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of a voluntary buyout for Ptarmigan Court residents, and indicated that consideration should be given to land swap and relocation options to keep residents in the region.

Mayor D. Scott acknowledged receipt of written submissions which are part of the agenda package, available to the public on the municipal website.

The following written submissions were read into the record as they did not form part of the Agenda package available on the municipal website. It was noted that following conclusion of the meeting the submissions would be added to the Agenda package and made available online.

BILD Wood Buffalo wrote indicating that they generally support the completion of the recommended flood mitigation and noted that land swaps would be preferable to buyouts to encourage residents to stay in the region.

Shannon and Jamie Kirby, Ptarmigan Court residents, wrote in favour of buyouts and not land swaps for Ptarmigan Court.

Darcy Jenkins, Ptarmigan Court resident, wrote in opposition to buyouts and land swaps, and in support of flood mitigation measures such as berms being put in place for Ptarmigan Court.

Mat Espinoza, Corcoda Inc, on behalf of Top Church, spoke in favour of land swaps for property below 250 m in Ptarmigan Court, Waterways and Draper and proposed a land swap for TOP Church's property located in Draper.

Connie Stevens, Timberlea resident, suggested that further public engagement and disclosure of all costs should be considered before Council makes decisions on buyouts that could have a large financial impact on the taxpayers of the region.

Michelle Amiot-Jenkins, Ptarmigan Court resident, wrote in opposition to buyouts and land swaps and in support of flood mitigation in Ptarmigan Court.

Andrew Thorne, Draper resident, wrote in opposition to buyouts and in support of flood mitigation for Ptarmigan Court, including elevating individual properties.

### Recess

A recess occurred from 7:28 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.

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

“THAT Administration be directed to conduct one-on-one engagements with the residents in Ptarmigan Court to assess which option will work for each individual resident to determine whether buyouts, funding to raise properties to 250m elevation or land swaps will work best for the majority of residents in that particular community and that a further Council report be brought back for consideration once this has been completed with accurate financial costing included.”

Mayor D. Scott put forward the following friendly amendment, to be added as the second part of the motion: “That Administration provide updates to Council every 90 days including discussions with the Prov of Alberta specific to funding and land swaps related to this matter”, which was accepted by Councillor V. Murphy.

Councillor S. Lalonde put forward a friendly amendment to insert “(main floor elevation)” following the words “250m elevation”, which was accepted by Councillor V. Murphy.

### **MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Administration be directed to conduct one-on-one engagements with the residents in Ptarmigan Court to assess which option will work for each individual resident to determine whether buyouts, funding to raise properties to 250m elevation (main floor elevation) or land swaps will work best for the majority of residents in that particular community and that a further Council report be brought back for consideration once this has been completed with accurate financial costing included; and

THAT Administration provide updates to Council every 90 days including updates on discussions with the Province of Alberta specific to funding and land swaps related to this matter.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [7 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Balsom
<b>PECUNIARY INTEREST:</b>	Peddle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, McGrath

#### **7.4. Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update – Downtown**

For the record, Councillor P. Meagher, noted that his office is located in Downtown Fort McMurray and that there was some flooding to the property the office is located on; however, stated for the record that he does not have a pecuniary interest in the matter before Council.

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation on the flood mitigation and community resiliency for Downtown Fort McMurray, noting that the recommendation from Administration is to complete the approved structural flood mitigation project for Downtown, limit development below 250 m and to implement enhanced flood provisions in the Land Use Bylaw for development over 250m in addition to advocating on behalf of property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

##### Delegates

John Foster, Downtown Fort McMurray resident, indicated that flooding on his street was caused by water backflowing from the manholes in the area and noted that there needs to be flood mitigation plans put in place for the area in which he lives to prevent future flooding.

Klaus Richter, President, SRV Developments, owner of Save-On-Food Plaza, spoke in support of completion of the structural flood mitigation project or the installation of temporary flood mitigation measures for Downtown Fort McMurray to a 1:200 flood level prior to the 2021 flood season.

Marguerite Watkins, Downtown Fort McMurray resident, spoke to the impact of the 2021 flood and the difficulties she has had with the Provincially administered Disaster Recovery Program.

Barbara Reitz, Downtown Fort McMurray resident, noted that options such as buyouts or financial help with rebuilding should be offered to flood-impacted Downtown residents and spoke to issues with the Disaster Recovery Program.

Nick Sanders, representing the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of continuing with the flood mitigation program for Downtown Fort McMurray and noted that it should be done to a 1:200 flood level.

Mayor D. Scott acknowledged receipt of written submissions which are part of the agenda package, available to the public on the municipal website.

The following written submissions were read into the record as they did not form part of the Agenda package available on the municipal website. It was noted for the record that written submissions for this agenda item also include the submissions from BILD Wood Buffalo and Mat Espinoza on behalf of TOP Church. Administration confirmed that following conclusion of the meeting the submissions would be added to the Agenda package and made available online.

Barry Cooper, Downtown Fort McMurray resident, wrote in support of completion of the flood mitigation program and that all flood-affected residents should be offered the same options of buyouts, land swaps or to stay without limiting development below 250m.

Christian Hansen, Downtown Fort McMurray resident, wrote about issues with the Disaster Recovery Program for homes that were considered to have sewer back up rather than overland flooding and the need for sewer shut off valves as a preventative measure.

Keith Plowman, President, Fort McMurray Construction Association, wrote in support of community resiliency, structural flood mitigation and non-structural measures, such as education, information and forecasting systems, to mitigate the risk of flooding for property owners and businesses in all flood prone areas.

Katie Ekroth, Manager, 20/20 Management, wrote regarding insurance issues and whether consideration was given to buyouts of the condominium buildings in Downtown Fort McMurray and, if not, has consideration been given to those buildings in the flood mitigation plan.

Randy and Linda Houston, Downtown Fort McMurray residents, wrote about concerns with the current water level of the Clearwater River and possible flooding in 2021, as well as the temporary and permanent flood mitigation plans for Downtown and the impact of those on property owners.

### Recess

The meeting recessed at 10.22 p.m. until 11:00 a.m., September 17, 2020.

**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 Thursday, September 17, 2020, commencing at 11:00 AM.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Mike Allen, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
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  
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief  
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Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering Services  
Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

**Reconvene**

Mayor D. Scott reconvened the meeting at: 11:09 a.m.

#### 7.4. Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update – Downtown (continued)

##### MOTION:

That Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to obtain legal advice.

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

##### MOTION:

THAT the Meeting reconvene in public.

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

Council met in camera from 11:08 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.

##### Recess

A recess occurred from 11:43 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Kurt Stillwell, Municipal Legal Counsel, spoke to the serious losses that occurred as a result of the 2020 Flood, noting that the facts about the causes are under investigation with an ongoing independent review.

##### Recess

A recess occurred from 12:59 p.m. to 1:31 p.m.

##### Exit and Return

Councillor C. Voyageur exited the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and returned at 1:54 p.m.

Councillor K. Balsom put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration complete the structural flood mitigation project for Downtown to a level of 1:200 (250.9m) by October 15, 2022, limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions in Land Use Bylaw for development above 250m;

THAT Council advocate on behalf of Downtown property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada; and

THAT Administration report back to Council with a progress update within 90 days.”

Councillor S. Lalonde proposed a friendly amendment to change “a level of 1:300 (250.9m) by October 15, 2022” to “a level of 1:100 (250.5m) by October 15, 2021 and bring back a hydrologist report before a decision is made on a level of 1:200 (250.9m)”, which was not accepted by Councillor K. Balsom.

Voting then occurred on the motion put forward by Councillor K. Balsom:

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration complete the structural flood mitigation project for Downtown to a level of 1:200 (250.9m) by October 15, 2022, limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions in Land Use Bylaw for development above 250m;

THAT Council advocate on behalf of Downtown property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada; and

THAT Administration report back to Council with a progress update within 90 days.

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

Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 2:15 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor V. Murphy assumed the Chair.

Mayor D. Scott brought forward the following motion for consideration:

- “1. THAT Administration be directed to bring forward a backflow preventer program, similar to that of the City of Edmonton, for areas affected by the 2020 Spring Flood, within 90 days.

2. THAT Administration implement a sandbag program for residents of the Municipality affected by the 2020 Flood to assist these residents in the event of future flooding events.
3. THAT Administration be directed to prepare, execute, and communicate a plan to mitigate the impact of any potential flooding until the protective infrastructure is complete.”

Councillor K. Balsom proposed a friendly amendment to remove the words “affected by the 2020 Spring Flood” in the first part of the motion, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

Councillor S. Lalonde proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “including estimated cost” following the words “backflow preventer program” in the first part of the motion, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

Mayor D. Scott amended his motion by adding the words “and businesses” after the word “residents” in the first line of the second part of the motion.

Councillor J. Stroud proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “and businesses” after the word “residents” in the second line of the second part of the motion, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

Councillor V. Murphy proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “and that the estimated costs for the program be brought to Council prior to implementation” be added at the end of the second part of the motion, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

## **MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

1. THAT Administration be directed to bring forward a backflow preventer program, including estimated costs, similar to that of the City of Edmonton, within 90 days.
2. THAT Administration implement a sandbag program for residents and businesses of the Municipality affected by the 2020 Flood to assist these residents and businesses in the event of future flooding events and that the estimated costs for the program be brought to Council prior to implementation.
3. THAT Administration be directed to prepare, execute, and communicate a plan to mitigate the impact of any potential flooding until the protective infrastructure is complete.



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

#### Resuming the Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 2:36 p.m.

### **7.5. Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update – Waterways**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation on the flood mitigation and community resiliency for Waterways, noting that the recommendation from Administration is to offer to buy out the properties below 250m, limit development below 250m and to implement enhanced flood provisions in the Land Use Bylaw for development over 250m and to re-evaluate structural mitigation concepts after the extent of any buy out is confirmed.

#### Delegates

Alex McKenzie, Waterways resident, spoke in support of completing flood mitigation measures for Waterways to the 1:200 flood level and expressed concerns with the condition of the vacant land owned by the Municipality in the area.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor S. Lalonde exited the meeting at 3:06 p.m. and returned at 3:08 p.m.

Dianne de Sousa, Executive Director, and Nick Sanders, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in opposition to buy outs for Waterways and in support of completing structural flood mitigation and the secondary egress road in the area.

Mayor D. Scott acknowledged receipt of a written submission which is part of the agenda package, available to the public on the municipal website.

The following written submissions were read into the record as they did not form part of the Agenda package available on the municipal website. Administration confirmed that following conclusion of the meeting the submissions would be added to the Agenda package and made available online.

Joyce Walker, Waterways resident, wrote in opposition to the proposed buy outs at fair market value and in support of completing flood mitigation in the area.

Gee Young, Waterways business owner, questioned whether the proposed buy outs would take into account expenses already incurred in preparing to rebuild his business as construction has not yet started.

Tracy and Tom Holland, Waterways residents, wrote in support of the proposed buy outs, indicating that it should be for all properties in Waterways below 251m at a fair price and in support of completing flood mitigation measures to the 1:200 flood level.

Anne Simpson, resident, wrote in support of completion of flood mitigation measures and in opposition to buy outs for Waterways, noting that residents need a quick resolution.

R. Hansen, resident, questioned why the proposed recommendation is for development below 250m to be limited if flood mitigation measures are put in place to an elevation over 250m.

Candace Polny and Logan McRobb, Waterways residents, wrote in support of a quick and fair decision regarding Waterways, whether it be buy outs or structural flood mitigation measures, so that residents can move on with their lives.

### Recess

A recess occurred from 3:27 p.m. to 4:03 p.m.

BILD Wood Buffalo generally supports the completion of the recommended flood mitigation and noted that land swaps would be preferable to buy outs to encourage residents to stay in the region.

Mat Espinoza, Corcoda Inc, on behalf of Top Church, wrote in support of Waterways residents being provided the same opportunity as Ptarmigan Court to have Administration conduct one-on-one engagements with residents to assess which option will work best for each individual resident, noting that up-to-date land surveys need to be done to clearly identify the elevation of all affected properties.

### Recess

A recess occurred from 5:24 p.m. to 5:46 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration:

- Offer to buy out properties in Waterways below 250m at 2020 pre-flood fair market value, until May 31, 2021, with a deadline for the remediation of bought out properties within 12 months from the date of final negotiations;
- limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions in the Land Use Bylaw for development above 250m; and
- re-evaluate structural mitigation concepts for Waterways once the extent of the buyout is confirmed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [1 TO 7]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Krista Balsom, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Don Scott, Mayor
<b>FOR:</b>	Balsom
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Scott, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>PECUNIARY</b>	
<b>INTEREST:</b>	Peddle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, McGrath

Councillor S. Lalonde put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration be directed to conduct one-on-one engagements with the residents in Waterways to gather information, relating to whether buy outs, funding to raise properties to 250m elevation or land swaps will be most amenable to the residents and that this information including full costing of all available options be brought forward to Council within 90 days.”

Recess

A recess occurred from 6:10 p.m. to 6:24 p.m., at which time Councillor J. Stroud was not connected to the meeting.

Return

Councillor J. Stroud returned to the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Councillor V. Murphy proposed a friendly amendment to change the words “the residents” to “property owners” both times it appears in the motion, which was accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

Councillor V. Murphy proposed a friendly amendment to include the words “(main floor)” following the words “250m elevation”, which was accepted by Councillor Lalonde.

Councillor S. Lalonde amended her motion to include the words “under 250m” following the words “residents in Waterways”, which was accepted by Council.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor C. Voyageur exited the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and returned at 6:57 p.m.

#### **MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [4 TO 4]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Scott, Balsom, Inglis, Stroud
<b>PECUNIARY</b>	
<b>INTEREST:</b>	Peddle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, McGrath

#### Recess

A recess occurred from 7:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration complete the structural flood mitigation project for Waterways to a level of 1:200 (250.9m) by October 15, 2022, limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions in Land Use Bylaw for development above 250m;

THAT Council advocate on behalf of Waterways property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada; and

THAT Administration report back to Council with a progress update within 90 days.”

Councillor S. Lalonde put forward a friendly amendment to add the words “on the availability of overland flood insurance” in part two of the motion following the words “Insurance Bureau of Canada”, which was accepted by Councillor J. Stroud.

Mayor D. Scott put forward the following friendly amendment as part two of the motion “THAT Administration explore land swaps for property owners below 250m subject to land availability” which was accepted by Councillor J. Stroud.

**MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Administration complete the structural flood mitigation project for Waterways to a level of 1:200 (250.9m) by October 15, 2022, limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions in Land Use Bylaw for development above 250m

THAT Administration explore land swaps for property owners below 250m subject to land availability;

THAT Council advocate on behalf of Waterways property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada on the availability of overland flood insurance; and

THAT Administration report back to Council on progress within 90 days.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [7 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bruce Inglis, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Stroud, Voyageur
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Murphy
<b>PECUNIARY</b>	
<b>INTEREST:</b>	Peddle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, McGrath

Administration noted that the exploration of land swaps for any flood-affected area would be subject to land availability.

**7.6. Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update – Draper**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation on the flood mitigation and community resiliency for Draper, noting that the recommendation from Administration is to offer to buy out properties in Draper below 250m and to engage separately with Draper property owners directly impacted by slope stability and report back to Council within 60 days with a recommendation for these properties.

Delegates

Tina Piche, Draper resident, spoke to her concerns with the lack of flood mitigation and ditching in Draper, requesting that a quick decision be made regarding the next steps for Draper.

Exit

Councillor C. Voyageur exited the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Nick Sanders, representing the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in opposition to buy outs and suggest that additional research needs to be done on flood mitigation and egress roads for Draper.

David Secord, Draper resident, spoke in support of a sustainable flood mitigation plan for Draper and noted that there should be no delays in decision making.

Mayor D. Scott acknowledged receipt of written submissions which are part of the agenda package, available to the public on the municipal website.

The following written submissions were read into the record as they did not form part of the Agenda package available on the municipal website. Administration confirmed that following conclusion of the meeting the submissions would be added to the Agenda package and made available online.

Gene Hunt, Draper resident, wrote in support of buy outs for Draper, noting that his property is directly impacted by slope stability issues.

Brandon Howse, Draper resident, wrote to express his concerns that flood mitigation measures in the lower townsite would have an impact on water levels in Draper during future floods.

BILD Wood Buffalo wrote that they generally support the completion of the recommended flood mitigation and noted that land swaps would be preferable to buy outs to encourage residents to stay in the region.

Mat Espinoza, Corcoda Inc, on behalf of Top Church, spoke in favour of land swaps for property below 250 m in Ptarmigan Court, Waterways and Draper and proposed a land swap for TOP Church's property located in Draper.

### Recess

A recess occurred from 9:02 p.m. to 9:13 p.m.

Councillor S. Lalonde put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration be directed to conduct one-on-one engagements with property owners in Draper under 250m to gather information including property elevation, relating to whether buyouts, or funding to raise properties to 250.9 m elevation (main floor) will be most amenable to property owners; and that this information, including full costing of all available options be brought forward to Council;

That Administration provide progress updates to Council every 90 days; and

THAT Council advocate on behalf of Draper property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.”

Councillor K. Balsom proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “at a fair market value” after the word “buyouts”, which was not accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to remove the word “buyouts”, which was accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “land swaps for property of comparable value” after the word “whether”, which was not accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “or other forms of flood mitigation” after the words “(main floor)”, which was accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

Councillor V. Murphy proposed a friendly amendment to change “250m” to “250.9m” following the word “under”, which was accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

### **MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Administration be directed to conduct one-on-one engagements with property owners in Draper under 250.9m to gather information, including property elevation, relating to whether funding to raise properties to 250.9m elevation (main floor) or other forms of flood mitigation will be most amenable to property owners; and that this information, including full costing of all available options be brought forward to Council;

THAT Administration provide progress updates to Council every 90 days; and

THAT Council advocate on behalf of Draper property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada on the availability of overland flood insurance.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Balsom
<b>PECUNIARY INTEREST:</b>	Peddle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Allen, McGrath, Voyageur

### Recess

A recess occurred from 10:01 p.m. to 10:04 p.m.

### Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:07 p.m. until September 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**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 Friday, September 18, 2020, commencing at 2:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Don Scott, Mayor  
Mike Allen, Councillor  
Krista Balsom, Councillor  
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor  
Phil Meagher, Councillor  
Verna Murphy, Councillor  
Jane Stroud, Councillor

**Absent:**

Bruce Inglis, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
Jeff Peddle, Councillor  
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

**Administration:**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services  
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief  
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services  
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering Services  
Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources  
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

**Reconvene**

Mayor D. Scott reconvened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.



### **7.7. Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update – Longboat Landing**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation on flood mitigation and community resiliency for Longboat Landing noting that the recommendation from Administration is to continue with the planned structural mitigation project, limit development below 250m and introduce enhanced flood provisions in the Land Use Bylaw for new development above 250m, in addition to advocating on behalf of property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

#### **Delegates**

Rob Miller, President, The Docks Condominium Community, spoke in opposition of the planned flood mitigation measures, suggesting that buy outs should be considered for Longboat Landing, and voiced concerns with the ability for owners to obtain overland flood insurance.

Christina Healy, Longboat Landing resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed flood mitigation and in favour of a buyout.

Kevin Bas, Longboat Landing resident, voiced concerns with the lack of progress in making a decision and spoke in opposition to the flood mitigation measures recommended by Administration.

Olivia Martineau, Longboat Landing resident, spoke in opposition to the planned flood mitigation measures, and in favour of a buyout.

Schmieding Maiké, Longboat Landing resident, spoke in opposition to the flood mitigation measures recommended by Administration and in support of a buyout of Longboat Landing properties.

Walter Dick, Longboat Landing resident, voiced concerns regarding acquiring insurance in the future and the resulting increase in the cost of living.

Victoria Ganace, Longboat Landing resident and Condominium Board Member, spoke in opposition to the proposed flood mitigation measures.

Michelle Reagan, Longboat Landing resident, indicated that she was never advised that she purchased her home in a flood zone and requested Council to consider the mental health repercussions of residents if buyouts are not considered.

Dianne de Sousa, Executive Director, and Nick Sanders, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of providing a higher-level of flood protection to the 1:200-year flood elevation.

Mayor D. Scott acknowledged receipt of written submissions which are part of the agenda package, available to the public on the municipal website.

The following written submissions were read into the record as they did not form part of the Agenda package available on the municipal website. It was noted that following conclusion of the meeting the submissions would be added to the Agenda package and made available online.

Christina Bowie, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the flood mitigation measures recommended by Administration and in support of a buyout.

Gail Buchanan, Fort McMurray resident, requested that the Municipality decrease flood risk in Longboat Landing to increase insurance .

Hollie Cross, Longboat Landing resident, provided a synopsis of her personal experience with respect to the 2020 flood.

Robert Elser, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the flood mitigation measures recommended by Administration and in support of buyouts.

Brent Ganache, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the proposed flood mitigation measures and noted concerns with the cancellation of insurance for his property.

Brandy Hepditch, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the planned flood mitigation measures noting concerns with the cancellation of insurance on her property.

Terry Huha, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the flood mitigation measures recommended by Administration and in support of buyouts.

Barry Kelly, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the proposed flood mitigation measures.

Sean McKinnon, Longboat Landing resident, requested that flood mitigation be completed, and that future development be capped if buyouts are not a consideration.

Ryan McDonald, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the flood mitigation measures recommended by Administration and in support of buyouts for Longboat Landing residents.

Kelly Moore, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the planned flood mitigation measures, and in support of buyouts.

Namisha Mehra, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in opposition to the proposed flood mitigation measures and in support of a buyout.

Karen Pike, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in support of buyouts.

Shannon O'Halloran, Longboat Landing resident, requested that Council support a buyout of Longboat Landing properties.

Brandy Hepditch and Candi Muise representing the Board of Directors, The Portage at Longboat Landing, wrote in support of buyouts.

Kevin Praest, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in support of a buyout and requested that the any insurance shortfalls be covered, should a buyout not be approved.

Ashley Proulx, Longboat Landing resident, expressed concerns with rising and unattainable insurance premiums and the inability to continue development in the Longboat Landing area.

Rajneel Ritesh, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in support of a buyout.

Drew Scott, Longboat Landing resident, wrote in support of a buyout.

Brent Wagner, Longboat Landing resident, wrote regarding the 2005 Canadian Natural Disaster Mitigation Strategy's mandates, indicating that the mandates were not met following the 2020 flood.

Wendy Wang, Longboat Landing resident, submitted concerns with the lack of detail in the flood mitigation plan for Longboat Landing.

Brad McMurdo, Director, Christopher Booth, Manager, and Greg Wolf, Chief Building Safety Codes Officer, Planning and Development, provided a chronology of the Longboat Landing development.

It was noted for the record that a written submission was missed and as a result, it was then read in for the record.

Bill Duncan and Trish Wilson, Longboat Landing residents, submitted concerns regarding the diminished value of their property and the lack of confidence and inaction in the proposed flood mitigation plans.

#### Recess

A recess occurred from 4:30 p.m. to 4:34 p.m.

Bryce Kumka, Partner and Senior Account Executive, Rogers Insurance North Ltd., joined the virtual meeting and provided an overview of condominium insurance and the challenges associated with this within the community.

#### Recess

A recess occurred from 6:24 p.m. to 6:36 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT Administration complete the structural flood mitigation project for Longboat Landing to a level of 1:200 (250.9m) by October 15, 2021, limit development below 250m, and introduce enhanced flood provisions in Land Use Bylaw for development above 250m;

THAT Council advocate on behalf of Longboat Landing property owners to the Government of Alberta and the Insurance Bureau of Canada; and

THAT Administration report back to Council on progress within 90 days.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [6TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Verna Murphy, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Scott, Allen, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud,
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Balsom
<b>PECUNIARY</b>	
<b>INTEREST:</b>	Peddle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Inglis, McGrath, Voyageur

Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 6:57 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor V. Murphy assumed the Chair.

Mayor D. Scott brought forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT a delegation, including the Mayor and members of Administration, meet with Lloyd’s of London and any other companies as may be beneficial to consult with, to advocate on behalf of residents impacted by the 2020 flood for a direct market presentation regarding the availability of reasonably priced insurance; and

THAT Administration be directed to:

- ensure that a pedestrian walkway is part of the flood mitigation project for Longboat Landing; and
- landscape all municipal property near Longboat Landing adjacent to the river on or before October 15, 2021 as part of flood mitigation.”

Councillor J. Stroud proposed a friendly amendment to add the word “Councillors” after the word “Mayor”, which was accepted by Mayor. D. Scott.

Councillor M. Allen requested that the motion be severed and voted on separately.

Voting then occurred on the motions as severed:

**MOTION PART 1:**

THAT a delegation, including the Mayor, Councillors and members of Administration, meet with Lloyd's of London and any other companies as may be beneficial to consult with and to advocate on behalf of residents impacted by the 2020 flood for a direct market presentation regarding the availability of reasonably priced insurance.

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

**MOTION PART 2:**

THAT Administration be directed to:

- ensure that a pedestrian walkway is part of the flood mitigation project for Longboat Landing; and
- landscape all municipal property near Longboat Landing adjacent to the river on or before October 15, 2021 as part of flood mitigation.

Councillor S. Lalonde proposed a friendly amendment to replace the date of “October 15, 2021” with “October 15, 2022” for the landscaping of property near Longboat Landing, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

Councillor M. Allen proposed a friendly amendment to add “engage with residents about the pedestrian walkway”, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

As a result of Councillor M. Allen’s friendly amendment, Mayor Scott requested that the wording “taking into account feedback” follow “part of the flood mitigation project”, which was accepted by Council.

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Administration be directed to:

- engage with residents about the pedestrian walkway;
- ensure that a pedestrian walkway is part of the flood mitigation project, taking into account feedback for Longboat Landing; and
- landscape all municipal property near Longboat Landing adjacent to the river on or before October 15, 2022 as part of flood mitigation.

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

Resuming the Chair and Recess

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 7:14 p.m. at which time the meeting recessed until 4:00 p.m. on Monday September 21, 2020.

**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 Monday, September 21, 2020, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Mike Allen, Councillor  
Keith McGrath, Councillor  
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  
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief  
Chris Davis, Acting Director, Legal Services  
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations  
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development  
Matthew Harrison, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations  
Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering Services  
Kari Westhaver, Director, Human Resources  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

Reconvene:

Mayor D. Scott reconvened the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Entrances

Councillors B. Inglis and C. Voyageur joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

## **7.8. Flood Mitigation and Community Resiliency Update - Funding Requests**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview the funding requests, noting that the recommendation from Administration is to seek further funding from the Government of Alberta for structural flood mitigation and that Administration would report back to Council by June 30, 2021 with updated financial reports, as well as planning and infrastructure recommendations by communities impacted by the 2020 flood.

Councillor S. Lalonde put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration:

- Seek further funding from the Government of Alberta for structural flood mitigation and funding to support proposed buyouts; and
- Report back to Council by June 30, 2021 with a buyout impact assessment, financial report, and updated planning and infrastructure recommendations for communities impacted by the 2020 flood.”

Councillor K. Balsom proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “and the Government of Canada” following the words “Government of Alberta”, which was accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

Councillor V. Murphy proposed a friendly amendment to replace the words “by June 30, 2021” with the words “during the quarterly financial report”, which was accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “at a public Council meeting” after the words “Report back to Council”, which was accepted by Councillor S. Lalonde.

### **MOTION:**

THAT Administration:

- Seek further funding from the Government of Alberta and Government of Canada for structural flood mitigation and funding to support proposed buyouts; and
- Report back to Council at a public Council meeting during the quarterly financial report with a buyout impact assessment, financial report, and updated planning and infrastructure recommendations for communities impacted by the 2020 flood.



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

#### Vacating the Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 4:37 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor V. Murphy assumed the Chair.

Mayor D. Scott put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Council send letters to both the Federal and Provincial Governments advocating for assistance with flood mitigation costs and that Administration report back to Council in public by Spring 2021 on any responses received to inform residents and the community.”

Councillor J. Stroud proposed a friendly amendment to change the words “by Spring 2021” to “quarterly”, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

Councillor V. Murphy proposed a friendly amendment to change “quarterly” to “during the quarterly financial report”, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

Councillor K. Balsom proposed a friendly amendment to add the words “and conduct a strategic advocacy campaign” after the words “That Council send letters”, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

Mayor D. Scott amended his motion by adding the words “and the funding required for the advocacy campaign be funded by any operating surplus or emerging issues” after the words “the community”, which was accepted by Council.

#### **MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Council send letters and conduct a strategic advocacy campaign with both the Federal and Provincial Governments advocating for assistance with flood mitigation costs and that Administration report back to Council in public during the quarterly financial reporting, on any responses received to inform residents and the community, and the funding required for the advocacy campaign be funded by any operating surplus or emerging issues.

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

Mayor D. Scott put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration investigate the option of a pilot project similar to the Amphibex program and report back to Council with a recommendation by Spring 2021.”

Councillor S. Lalonde proposed a friendly amendment to replace the words “investigate the option of a pilot project similar to the Amphibex program and report back to Council with a recommendation by Spring 2021” with the words “ actively investigate and pursue the use of equipment similar to the Amphibex program and report back to Council with a recommendation by end of June 2021 on whether or not a pilot project is recommended’, which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

#### **MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Administration actively investigate and pursue the use of equipment, similar to the Amphibex program, and report back to Council with a recommendation by end of June 2021 on whether or not a pilot project is recommended for the RMWB.

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

#### Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 5:04 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath put forward the following motion for consideration:

“THAT Administration arrange for a meeting within the next 30 days between Council and OSCA to discuss synergies to address the required opportunity for the construction of a dyke/dam flood mitigation projects to protect the community from future flooding events.”

Mayor D. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to remove the word “required” before the word “opportunity”, which was accepted by Councillor K. McGrath

Councillor V. Murphy proposed a friendly amendment to remove the words “opportunity for the construction of a dyke/dam”, which was accepted by Councillor K. McGrath.

**MOTION:**

Voting then occurred on the motion:

THAT Administration arrange for a meeting within the next 30 days between Council and OSCA to discuss synergies to address the flood mitigation projects to protect the community from future flooding events.

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

**7.9. Bylaw No. 20/025 - 2020 Flood Recovery Response (Extension No. 1) Bylaw**

**MOTION:**

That Bylaw No. 20/025, being the 2020 Flood Recovery Response (Extension No. 1) Bylaw, be read a first time.

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

**MOTION:**

That Bylaw No. 20/025 be read a second time.

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

**MOTION:**

That Bylaw No. 20/025 be considered for third reading.

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

**MOTION:**

That Bylaw No. 20/025 be read a third and final time.

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

**MOTION:**

THAT the Planning and Development Department, at the request of the applicant, process refunds for those applicants who paid permitting fees related to work done in the Mandatory Flood Evacuation Zone and purchased after the expiration of the *Flood Recovery Response Bylaw* (August 31, 2020) and the enactment of the *2020 Flood Recovery Response (Extension No. 1) Bylaw*.

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

**8. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates**

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer