

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via electronic communications, a combination of video conference and teleconference, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, commencing at 4:00 PM.

Present:

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

Absent:

Bruce Inglis, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor

Administration:

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief
Chris Davis, Senior Manager, Legal Services
Kari Donnelly-Westhaver, Director, Human Resources
Toni Elliott, Acting Director, Community and Protective Services
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Linda Ollivier, Chief Financial Officer
Rachel Orser, Director, Supply Chain Management
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor D. Scott called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

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

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

2.1. **Advice from Officials – Chief Administrative Officer and Council Discussion** (in camera pursuant to section 27(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

Entrance

Councillor P. Meagher joined the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 3:56 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at which time the meeting reconvened in public.

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

4. Consent Agenda**MOTION:**

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

4.1. Minutes of Council Meeting - July 6, 2021

THAT the Minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 6, 2021, be approved as presented.

4.2. Bylaw No. 21/018 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Lot 17, Block 2, Plan 212 1294

1. THAT Bylaw No. 21/018, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment specific to Lot 17, Block 2, Plan 212 1294 be read a first time; and
2. THAT a Public Hearing be scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

4.3. Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Minutes

THAT the Minutes from Council Appointed Advisory Board/Committee meetings, as outlined in Attachments 1-8, be accepted as information.

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

5. Recognition

5.1. Proclamation Drowning Prevention Week

Mayor D. Scott proclaimed July 18–24, 2021 as Drowning Prevention week.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Public Hearing re: Bylaw No. 21/016 Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 Amendment re: Special Events

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing open at 4:09 p.m.

Christopher Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning introduced the Bylaw which would allow special events to take place on public and private land and noting that the previous Bylaw was quashed by the Court and that Administration has prepared potential amendments for Council's consideration, to address concerns raised during the advertising period. .

Verbal Presentations:

Tessa Vesak spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments and requested that additional public engagement and consultation take place prior to consideration of second and third readings.

Jodi Thorne, resident, indicated that she was the lawyer that brought the previous Special Events Bylaw No. 13/014 to the Courts and spoke in opposition to the proposed Bylaw No. 21/016 specifically section 1(b) noting that this section is contrary to the *Municipal Government Act* and provides for the same circumstances of the former bylaw.

Andrew Thorne, resident, expressed support of the intent of the bylaw noting that there are amendments required to provide a definition for "gathering" that would clarify a gathering as non-commercial or personal use gathering; and that section 1(b)(dd) be removed.

Written Submissions:

The following submissions were acknowledged for the record:

- Jim Kostiuk, Vice-President, Draper Resident's Society - in support of the Bylaw.
- Jacquie McFarlane - in opposition to the proposed Bylaw.
- Nicholas Sullivan - in opposition to the Bylaw.

The following written submission was read into the record and will become part of the published agenda package following conclusion of the meeting:

- Brandon Howse - in opposition to the Bylaw.

Christopher Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning submitted recommended amendments to Bylaw 21/016.

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

Bylaw No. 21/016 - Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 Amendment: Special Events

Councillor M. Allen put forward the following motion:

“THAT Bylaw No. 21/016, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to Special Events, be read a second time.”

Councillor M. Allen than moved the following amendment for Council’s consideration:

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/016 be amended by:

1. Deleting from the definition of Garage Sale, the words “*a fourteen-day period*” and inserting in its place, “*one calendar year*” in 1(a).
2. Deleting the definition of Special Events and replacing it with the following:

Special Event means a development related to the assembly or meeting of persons for a limited period of time held for a specific purpose. Special events may include but are not limited to a gathering for community, cultural, charitable, educational, recreational, or sporting events. A Special event does not include events:

- a. *intrinsic and ancillary to a use that has a valid development permit; or,*
 - b. *taking place for non-commercial and personal use on a parcel of land within an urban or rural residential district consisting of not greater than 1 person per 15m² to a maximum of 150 persons.*
3. Amending 1(b) by:
 - In subsection (bb) ii. deleting the word “*or*”.
 - In subsection (bb) iii. including the words “*owned or*” before the words “*operated by a school*” and including the word “*or*” at the end.
 - Adding the following as (bb) iv.:

“(bb) iv. attended by cumulatively less than fifty (50) persons on a parcel of land that is not within an urban or rural residential district.”

- Deleting subsection (dd) and replacing it with the following:

“(dd) assembly or meeting for non-commercial and personal use taking place on a parcel of land within an urban or rural residential district consisting of not greater than 1 person per 15m² to a maximum of 150 persons.”

RESULT:	CARRIED [5 TO 4]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Murphy, Stroud
AGAINST:	Scott, Meagher, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/016, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to Special Events, as amended, be read a second time.

RESULT:	CARRIED [5 TO 4]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Murphy, Stroud
AGAINST:	Scott, Meagher, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/016 be read a third and final time.

RESULT:	CARRIED [5 TO 4]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Murphy, Stroud
AGAINST:	Scott, Meagher, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

Recess

A recess occurred from 6:23 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.

**6.2. Public Hearing re: Bylaw No. 21/015 Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059
Amendment re: Change of Use Exemptions for Permitted Uses**

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing open at 6:37 p.m.

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development presented the Bylaw which would exempt Permitted Uses in prescribed commercial districts and allow commercial spaces that are changing to Permitted Uses to be exempted from obtaining a development permit.

There were no verbal or written presentations received on this matter.

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

Bylaw No. 21/015 - Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 Amendment - Change of Use Exemptions for Permitted Uses

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/015, being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 to exempt Permitted Uses in prescribed commercial districts, be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/015 be read a third and final time.

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

6.3. Public Hearing re: Bylaw No. 21/016 Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 Amendment re: Redistricting Direct Control (DC) to Public Service (PS) - Public Works Facilities

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing open at 6:48 p.m.

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development presented the Bylaw which would provide for a single land use designation of Public Service District to a newly consolidated parcel Lot A, Plan 1763TR.

There were no verbal or written presentations received on this matter.

Mayor D. Scott declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:51 p.m.

Bylaw No. 21/013 Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Re-district Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 212 1129 From Direct Control (DC) to Public Service District (PS) Public Works North Facilities

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/013, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No.99/059 specific to Lot A, Plan 1763TR be read a second time.

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

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 21/013 be read a third and final time.

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

7. **New Business**

7.1. **2021-2022 Community Plan on Homelessness Grant - Federal Reaching Home Funding Allocation**

Toni Elliot, Acting Director, Community and Protective Services provided an overview of the recommended Federal Reaching Home funding allocation which was recommended by the Homeless Initiatives Strategic Committee.

Joy Flett, Chair, Homeless Initiatives Strategic Committee (HISC) spoke in support of the recommendation before Council and provided an overview of the evaluation methods used by the Committee to allocate the funds

Through discussion, Toni Elliot confirmed that the grant funding allotment received Royal Assent on July 12, 2021.

MOTION:

THAT \$1,100,384 be allocated through the 2021-2022 Community Plan on Homelessness grants as outlined in Attachment 1, dated July 13, 2021, subject to the approval of the Reaching Home Federal Funding.

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

7.2. **2021 Proposed Community Capital Grant Allocation**

Toni Elliot, Acting Director, Community and Protective Services provided an overview of the recommended grant allocation which supports green initiatives, to the Métis Nation of Alberta Association, for the construction of the Métis Cultural Centre.

Annalee Nutter, Assistant Superintendent, Fort McMurray Public School Division, spoke in support of the grant funding allocation noting that the Métis Cultural Centre will provide an educational environment for students and their families.

Joanne Packham, Executive Director, Wood Buffalo Wellness Society, spoke in support of the funding allocation noting that the Métis Cultural Centre will enable the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, to be leaders in placing the highest value on indigenous history and will provide an education experience in which thousands of youth can access.

Sara Loutitt, Indigenous Education Program Instructor, spoke in support of the proposed funding allocation noting that the Métis Cultural Centre represents an ideal learning space that is environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral.

Bryce Kumka, resident, spoke in support of the proposed grant allocation noting that the Métis Cultural Centre will support downtown revitalization and other initiatives such as attraction and retention of residents and tourism.

Nanase Tonda, Executive Director, Girls Inc. Northern Alberta, spoke in support of the proposed grant allocation noting that the Métis Cultural Centre will provide a safe space for all girls to attend various programming offered including theatre, cooking a traditional meal, or sharing stories.

Kevin Weidlich, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism, spoke in support of the proposed grant allocation for the Métis Cultural Centre noting that it will support economic development as it will enable the Region to compete for many conferences and meetings supporting the hospitality industry and provide employment opportunities.

President Audrey Poitras, Métis Nation of Alberta, spoke in support of the proposed funding allocation toward the Métis Cultural Centre noting that it will benefit all citizens in the region and could be a space in which the Métis Nation of Alberta could host their annual general assembly which will potentially bring hundreds of people to the region.

Michelle Toner, Executive Director, Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association, spoke in support of the funding allocation for the building of the Métis Cultural Centre noting that it will provide an environment for telling and celebrating the story of indigenous business in the region and support indigenous entrepreneurs.

Bill Loutitt, Chief Executive Officer, Corey Hobbs, Director of Government Relations; Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935, Jeff Sandeman, Chief Executive Officer, Casman Construction; Tom Thurston, Museum Consultant; Geneviève Noël and Maginnis Cocivera, Mindful Architecture, provided an overview of the progress of the Métis Cultural Centre and encouraged Council to approve the funding allocation.

President James Cardinal, Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 1, connected to the meeting; however, encountered technical difficulties and disconnected.

Councillor C. Voyageur put forward the following motion for Council's consideration:

“THAT a Community Capital Grant in the amount of \$13,100,000 be allocated to the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fort McMurray Local Council 1935 from the 2021 Operating Budget surplus, in the event the funding cannot be accommodated by the 2021 Operating Budget surplus funding will be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve.”

President James Cardinal, Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 1, reconnected to the meeting and with consensus of Council spoke in support of the funding allocation and the benefit of the Métis Cultural Centre to all residents in the Region.

The motion was then voted on by Council.

MOTION:

THAT a Community Capital Grant in the amount of \$13,100,000 be allocated to the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fort McMurray Local Council 1935 from the 2021 Operating Budget surplus, in the event the funding cannot be accommodated by the 2021 Operating Budget surplus funding will be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

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

Councillor V. Murphy, put forward the following supplemental motion:

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of Council to send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments supporting the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fort McMurray Local Council 1935 applications for provincial and federal grant funding in support of the Métis Cultural Centre project.

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

Recess

A recess occurred from 8:38 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

7.3. Advocacy Item – Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan

Toni Elliot, Acting Director, Community and Protective Services provided an overview of the report noting the impacts of recent changes to the local childcare sector that have impacted affordability for families and childcare workers.

Janet Huffman and Nancy King, Early Years Coalition, spoke in support of the recommendation but further urged Council to advocate for a focus on workforce development and liaise with municipal leaders to ensure to ensure a unified message is sent to the Province on the importance of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan.

Hope Moffatt, Northern Hope Consulting, spoke in support of the recommendation and to the reduced quality of childcare and the inability to provide programming and education for early childhood educators.

Lori Brown, Early Childhood Educator and parent, spoke in support of the recommendation and spoke to reduced income and the increase in childcare fees.

Annalise Yuzda, Vice President Child Care, YMCA Northern Alberta, spoke in support of the recommendation and to the lack of education available in the region for early childhood educators.

Written Submissions:

The following written submissions were acknowledged for the record:

- Emily Burton wrote in support of the recommendation before Council and to the lack of accessibility and affordability of childcare for working families in the region.
- Kedra Abdurahman, Early Childcare Educator submitted written comments regarding the financial burden experienced due to the loss of income.

The following written submissions were read into the record and will become part of the published agenda package following conclusion of the meeting:

- Brittany Irvine, Early Childhood Educator, spoke in support of the recommendation noting that the financial cuts to the sector is a childcare crisis.
- Skylar Canning, Chair, and Sarah Pocock, Vice Chair, Willow Lake Tiny Tots Society, wrote in support of the recommendation and to the financial impact to early childcare educators and families, noting that the Willow Lake Tiny Tots Society had to close their childcare centre as the high cuts are unfeasible.
- Rhodora Dio, provided a written submission requesting Council to advocate for the return of the northern living allowance for early childcare educators.

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of Council, to send a letter to the Government of Alberta Minister of Children's Services and local MLA's urging the Government of Alberta to endorse the system building Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan;

THAT the letter also advocate for a focus on workforce development to ensure that Early Childhood Educators are supported to further their education and are fairly compensated and able to re-enter the workforce; and

THAT Mayor and Council liaise with other municipal leaders to ensure that a unified message on the importance of the Canada - Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan for Alberta is advocated for.

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

7.4. Tax Cancellation Request for Fort McKay First Nation

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Davis, Senior Manager, Legal Services and Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided a presentation on the tax cancellation request submitted by the Fort McKay First Nation for the 2020 and 2021 reporting years for eleven properties outside of the Reserve but owned by the Fort McMurray First Nations.

Mike Evans, Director, Government Relations and Chris Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Fort McKay First Nation, provided a presentation on the tax cancellation request noting that the eleven affected properties are awaiting transfer to the reserve through a federal Ministerial Order before the end of 2021.

MOTION:

THAT Council, in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, apply Section 347 of the *Municipal Government Act* for the eleven (11) properties in Fort McKay that are being considered as an Addition to Reserve to the Fort McKay First Nation Reserve by approving the cancellation for the 2020 and 2021 tax years, in an amount of \$166,648.87 comprising municipal taxes and penalties in the amount of \$120,301.15 and fund the amount of \$46,347.72 in Province of Alberta requisitions from Municipal reserve; and

THAT Administration be directed to explore further steps to cancel property taxes in future years for said eleven (11) properties until the Addition to Reserve process is

finalized between the Fort McKay First Nation and Indigenous Services Canada.

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

7.5. Tax Relief Request for 160 Dickens Drive

Keivan Navidi, Manager, Assessment, provided an overview of the report noting that an application for Tax Relief has not been received from the Taxpayer; therefore, Administration is unable to conclude if the property meets the legislative requirements.

Reverend Edwin Rideout, Family Christian Centre, located at 160 Dickens Drive, spoke in opposition of the recommendation to deny the tax exemption, noting that the property meets the criteria for tax exemption.

Vacating of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 10:59 p.m. at which time Deputy Mayor P. Meagher assumed the Chair.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor K. Balsom declared a potential Pecuniary Interest in the matter, due to a business relationship with the Family Christian Centre and exited the meeting at 11:17 p.m.

Mayor D. Scott declared for the record that he has attended services at the Family Christian Centre; however, is not a member of the congregation.

Mayor D. Scott put forward the following for consideration:

THAT the tax cancellation request for all municipal taxes, requisitions and penalties accrued for the 2021 tax year, in the amount of \$7,651.23 for the property located at 160 Dickins Drive in Fort McMurray, be allowed; and

THAT the tax refund request for all municipal tax payments, requisitions and penalties accrued from 2016 to 2020 in the amount of \$35,164.41 for the property located at 160 Dickins Drive in Fort McMurray, be allowed.

THAT the tax exemption request for the Wheaton-Penney Family Childcare Centre and the Legacy Counselling Centre, currently located within the existing building at 160 Dickins Drive in Fort McMurray, for all future years, be allowed.

With consent of Council, Mayor D. Scott withdrew the third element of the motion.

MOTION:

THAT the tax cancellation request for all municipal taxes, requisitions and penalties accrued for the 2021 tax year, in the amount of \$7,651.23 for the property located at 160 Dickins Drive in Fort McMurray, be allowed; and

THAT the tax refund request for all municipal tax payments, requisitions and penalties accrued from 2016 to 2020 in the amount of \$35,164.41 for the property located at 160 Dickins Drive in Fort McMurray, be allowed.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [4 TO 4]
MOVER:	Don Scott, Mayor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Voyageur
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Balsom
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

Resuming of Chair and Entrance

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 11:40 p.m.

Councillor K. Balsom returned to the meeting at 11:41 p.m.

7.6. Tax Relief Request for 108 Abraham Gate

Keivan Navidi, Manager, Financial Services, provided an overview of the report noting that the Church on the property is being built and has not yet opened as a church therefore, the property does not qualify for Tax Exemption.

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following motion for Council's consideration:

"THAT the tax cancellation request for the 2021 tax year, in the amount of \$32,312.93 comprising of municipal tax, education requisition, seniors requisition, and penalties for the property located at 108 Abraham Gate in Fort McMurray be denied; and

THAT the tax cancellation request for the 2020 tax year, in the amount of \$19,789.42 comprising of municipal tax, education requisition, seniors requisition, and penalties for the property located at 108 Abraham Gate in Fort McMurray be denied.

Councillor M. Allen requested that the motion be severed.

MOTION:

THAT the tax cancellation request for the 2021 tax year, in the amount of \$32,312.93 comprising of municipal tax, education requisition, seniors requisition, and penalties for the property located at 108 Abraham Gate in Fort McMurray be denied.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [0 TO 9]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
AGAINST:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT the tax cancellation request for the 2020 tax year, in the amount of \$19,789.42 comprising of municipal tax, education requisition, seniors requisition, and penalties for the property located at 108 Abraham Gate in Fort McMurray be denied.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 6]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
FOR:	Allen, Meagher, Stroud
AGAINST:	Scott, Balsom, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

MOTION:

THAT the tax cancellation request for the 2021 tax year, in the amount of \$32,312.93 comprising of municipal tax, education requisition, seniors requisition, and penalties for the property located at 108 Abraham Gate in Fort McMurray be approved; and

THAT the tax cancellation request for the 2020 tax year, in the amount of \$19,789.42 comprising of municipal tax, education requisition, seniors requisition, and penalties for the property located at 108 Abraham Gate in Fort McMurray be approved.

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

7.7. **Flag Policy PRC-220**

Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement provided an overview of the report and the funding requirement for the installation of flag poles.

MOTION:

THAT the Flag Policy PRC-220, dated July 15, 2021, be approved; and

THAT up to \$250,000 be allocated from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve to fund the installation of flagpoles in accordance with the Flag Policy.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 2]
MOVER:	Verna Murphy, Councillor
SECONDER:	Jeff Peddle, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud
AGAINST:	Meagher, Voyageur
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

8. **Councillors' Motions**

8.1. **Hospital Street Crosswalk Installation - Willow Square (Mayor D. Scott)**

Vacating of Chair

Mayor D. Scott vacated the Chair at 12:32 p.m. at which time Deputy Mayor P. Meagher assumed the Chair.

Mayor D. Scott put forward the following motion for Council's Consideration:

"THAT Administration take all necessary steps to install by August 2021 a crosswalk with flashing lights on Hospital Street extending between Willow Square Continuing Care Centre and the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre at a location identified by Administration in consultation with stakeholders and community partners including, but not limited to, any organizations representing seniors within our community and the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre; and that \$170,000.00 be allocated from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve for this project."

Councillor S. Lalonde requested a friendly amendment to change "August 2021" to "September 13, 2021" which was accepted by Mayor D. Scott.

MOTION:

THAT Administration take all necessary steps to install by September 13, 2021, a crosswalk with flashing lights on Hospital Street extending between Willow Square Continuing Care Centre and the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre at a location identified by Administration in consultation with stakeholders and community partners including, but not limited to, any organizations representing seniors within our community and the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre; and that \$170,000.00 be allocated from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve for this project

RESULT:	CARRIED [8 TO 1]
MOVER:	Don Scott, Mayor
SECONDER:	Jane Stroud, Councillor
FOR:	Scott, Allen, Balsom, Lalonde, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur
AGAINST:	Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis, McGrath

Resuming of Chair

Mayor D. Scott resumed the Chair at 12:48 a.m.

9. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates

There were no reports or updates provided by Council.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 a.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer