

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via a combination of video conferencing and in-person in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Sandy Bowman, Mayor  
Ken Ball, Councillor  
Funky Banjoko, Councillor  
Lance Bussieres, Councillor  
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor  
Shafiq Dogar, Councillor (via MS Teams)  
Allan Grandison, Councillor (via MS Teams)  
Keith McGrath, Councillor (via MS Teams)  
Jane Stroud, Councillor (via MS Teams)  
Loretta Waquan, Councillor  
Stu Wigle, Councillor

**Administration:**

Jamie Doyle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services  
Ray Cayen, Manager, Financial Services  
Chris Davis, Senior Manager, Legal 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  
Antoine Rempp, Director, Environmental Services  
Keith Smith, Director, Public Works  
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering  
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor S. Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Councillor A. Grandison served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the February 8, 2022 Council meeting:

"THAT Administration be directed to bring forward a bylaw to create a Community Investment Program Committee with one quarter of its members appointed from the

social profit sector to review the Community Investment Program in its entirety and provide recommendations to Council on:

- a. improvements to increase efficiencies and create synergies,
- b. elimination of duplicative services; including those services provided by the Municipality,
- c. establishment of criteria beyond the funding application that includes outcomes and measurements, and
- d. the creation of a committee to review all future funding applications, with the exception of facility funding requests and make recommendations to Council to ensure that residents and taxpayers of the Region receive the best value from the grant funding available.”

#### Disconnection

Councillor S. Dogar disconnected from the meeting at 6:09 p.m. due to connectivity issues.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ken Ball, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dogar, Waquan

### **3. Consent Agenda**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the recommendations contained in items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved

#### **3.1. Minutes of Council Meeting - January 11, 2022**

THAT the Minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 11, 2022 be adopted as presented.

#### **3.2. Bylaw No. 22/002 - Committees Bylaw No. 17/024 Amendment Specific to the Establishment of the Wood Buffalo Transportation Advisory Committee**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/002, being a bylaw to amend the Committees Bylaw No. 17/024, specific to establishing the Wood Buffalo Transportation Advisory Committee, be read a first time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stu Wigle, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ken Ball, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dogar, Waquan

#### 4. Recognition

##### 4.1. Family Literacy Day

Mayor S. Bowman proclaimed January 27, 2022 as Family Literacy Day.

#### 5. Presentations

##### 5.1. Melissa Flett, Director, Wood Buffalo Regional Library re: Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board Safety and Use Bylaw

Melissa Flett, Director, Wood Buffalo Regional Library, spoke to the Library Board Safety and Use Bylaw, noting that the purpose of the bylaw is to set out terms and conditions for the use of the library and its resources as well as to provide the power to set penalties and institute prosecutions under the *Libraries Act*.

##### **Business Arising - Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board Safety and Use Bylaw Approval**

Chris Davis, Senior Manager, Legal Services, spoke to the Library Board Safety and Use Bylaw, noting that this Bylaw has been passed by the Library Board and in accordance with the *Libraries Act*, is provided to Council for information purposes.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Council accept the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board Safety and Use Bylaw as information.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lance Bussieres, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Wigle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dogar, Waquan

#### Entrance

Councillor L. Waquan joined the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

## **5.2. Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering re: Flood Mitigation Overview**

Dennis Warr, Director, and Maureen Nakonechny, Project Manager, Engineering, presented the Flood Mitigation Overview, noting the information is being provided to establish a shared understanding of historical decisions and actions taken to date with respect to flood mitigation.

### Reconnect

Councillor S. Dogar reconnected to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### Exits and Returns

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and returned at 6:51 p.m.

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 6:54 p.m.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1. Indigenous Community Capacity Grant Program Policy FIN-250**

#### Declaration

Councillor F. Banjoko declared for the record that one of her family members works for one of the Indigenous communities however indicated that upon receiving legal advice, stated that she will be participating in the discussion and debate of the item.

Dennis Fraser, Director and Janine Kruse, Manager, Indigenous and Rural Relations, presented the Indigenous Community Capacity Grant Program Policy FIN-250, noting that the Program was developed based on previous engagements with Indigenous communities to support the finalization and implementation of protocol agreements with the Region's Indigenous communities as well as to increase participation from Indigenous communities in municipal engagements on programs, projects and policies.

#### Exit and Return

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

### **MOTION:**

THAT the Indigenous Community Capacity Grant Program Policy – FIN-250, dated January 25, 2022, be approved.

Mike Evans, Senior Manager, Government Relations, Fort McKay First Nation, spoke in support of the program, however recommended removal of eligibility criteria for the 2022-2023 year and removal of spending conditions identified in the Policy.

Ron Quintal, President Fort McKay Métis Nation, spoke in support of the program, with caveats that discussions need to occur between Council and Indigenous communities.

Bill Loutitt, Chief Executive Officer, Fort McMurray Métis, spoke in support of the grant program.

Written submissions:

The following written submissions were acknowledged for the record:

- Justin Herman, Chief Executive Officer, Chard Métis Nation - in support
- Bill Loutitt, Chief Executive Officer, Métis Nation of Alberta Association - in support
- Brian Fung, Manager, Government Relations, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation - in support
- Melody Lepine, Director, Government Industry Relations Office, Mikisew Cree First Nation - in support

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stu Wigle, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ken Ball, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle

## **6.2. Bylaw No. 22/001 Procedure Bylaw Amendment - Electronic Participation in Meetings**

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, presented Bylaw No. 22/001, noting that although this amendment proposes to open additional opportunities for Councillors to attend council meetings through electronic participation, it does also include a provision stating that Councillors will endeavor to attend all Council meetings in person.

### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/001, being a bylaw to amend Procedure Bylaw No. 18/020, be read a first time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stu Wigle, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle

### **MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/001 be read a second time.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ken Ball, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Bussieres, Cardinal

It was noted for the record that consideration of third reading would require unanimous approval in order for the matter to be considered for third reading by Council.

**MOTION:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/001 be considered for third reading.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Loretta Waquan, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jane Stroud, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
<b>AGAINST:</b>	Bussieres, Cardinal

It was noted for the record that the Bylaw No. 22/001 will be brought back at the February 8, 2022 Council meeting for consideration of third reading.

**7. Councillor Reporting/Information Updates**

Council Members provided updates on various topics of personal interest and initiatives in the Region.

**Recess**

A recess occurred from 8:27 p.m. to 8:39 p.m. to allow the public to vacate the Council Chamber

**8. In-Camera Session**

**MOTION:**

THAT Council close item 8.1 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>	Keith McGrath, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Cardinal, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle

### 8.1. Advice from Officials - Operational Briefing

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

#### **Briefing No. 1**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Ray Cayen	Manager, Financial Services
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk

#### **Exit**

Councillor K. Cardinal exited the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

#### **Briefing No. 2**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Brad McMurdo	Director, Planning and Development
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk

#### **Briefing No. 3**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Brad McMurdo	Director, Planning and Development
Antoine Rempp	Director, Environmental Services
Ray Cayen	Manager, Financial Services
Chris Davis	Senior Manager, Legal Services
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk

#### **Briefing No. 4**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason for Attending</b>
Jamie Doyle	Chief Administrative Officer
Deanne Bergey	Director, Community & Protective Services
Jade Brown	Legislative Advice/Clerk

**MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ken Ball, Councillor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Funky Banjoko, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bowman, Ball, Banjoko, Bussieres, Dogar, Grandison, McGrath, Stroud, Waquan, Wigle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cardinal

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer