

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Monday, January 23, 2023, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Sandy Bowman, Mayor
Ken Ball, Councillor
Funky Banjoko, Councillor
Shafiq Dogar, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor
Loretta Waquan, Councillor (via Microsoft Teams)
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Absent:

Lance Bussieres, Councillor
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
Allan Grandison, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor

Administration:

Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Jody Butz, Regional Fire Chief
Laurie Farquharson, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Nasir Qureshi, Acting Director, Engineering
Susan Trylinski, Director, Legal Services
Chris Davis, Senior Manager, Legal Services
Maureen Nakonechny, Program Manager, Flood Mitigation
Nadia Power, Manager, Public Engagements
Greg Wolf, Chief Building Safety Codes Officer
Anita Hawkins, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor S. Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. New Business

2.1. Draper Flood Mitigation

Chief Administrative Officer Paul Thorkelsson provided opening remarks noting that a number of items related to Draper, however, secondary to flood mitigation, have been identified by Draper residents and through community engagements, which Administration is committed to reviewing separate from the flood mitigation matter.

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management, and Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, presented the Draper Flood Mitigation Report, and spoke to the recommendations brought forward by Administration that Flood Accommodation be approved as the flood mitigation option for the community of Draper and that Administration bring forward a Household Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program for eligible properties within the community of Draper by March 14, 2023.

Entrance

Councillor L. Waquan joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Exit

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Recess and Return

A recess occurred from 7:15 p.m. until 7:27 p.m., at which time Councillor S. Dogar returned to the meeting.

Delegations

Brandon Howse, resident, raised questions of Administration and offered to provide Council with information, which a number of residents have pulled together, related to property assessment information for the last five years.

Return

Councillor L. Waquan rejoined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Tina Joseph and Tony Piche, residents, requested that voluntary buyout options be made available to Draper residents.

Brianne Shacklady, resident, spoke in support of voluntary buyout options.

Dino DeMartin, resident, raised concern with proposed mandatory buyouts and spoke in support of voluntary buyout options.

Brad Friesen, resident, supported the voluntary buyout option rather than the mandatory buyout option.

Shane Kidd, resident, raised concern with respect to mandatory buyout and potential impacts on new land use regulations on future development.

MOTION:

THAT Flood Accommodation be approved as the flood mitigation option for the community of Draper; and

THAT Administration bring forward a Household Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program for eligible properties within the community of Draper by March 14, 2023; and.

THAT Administration bring forward possible voluntary buyout option(s) for properties in Draper below the 1-in-200-year flood elevation level for Council's consideration by March 14, 2023.

Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer, confirmed that for the March 14 meeting, Administration would bring forward possible options for a voluntary buyout program outlining what a program could look like. At that time, further direction will be required from Council prior to a fully formed program being brought back for Council consideration.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer



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December 21, 2022

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 194 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA. 2000 c.M-26, a Special Council Meeting is hereby scheduled to take place at 6:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of January 2023, in in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber, to consider the following:

1. Draper Community Flood Mitigation

Sandy Bowman
Mayor
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo