

**Minutes of a In Camera 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 Tuesday, November 21, 2023, commencing at 4:00 PM.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Loretta Waquan, Councillor

**Administration:**

Henry Hunter, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor S. Bowman called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the agenda be amended by adding item 3.5 - Information Briefing - Community Services Update, that notice requirements be waived, and that the agenda be renumbered and adopted as amended.

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

Entrance

Councillor K. Cardinal joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**3. In Camera Session****MOTION:**

THAT Council close items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 to the public pursuant to sections 17(1), 19(1), 23(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

**3.1 Advice from Officials - Regional Emergency Services Operational Briefing**  
(in camera pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Reason for Attending</b>  |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Henry Hunter | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Jade Brown   | Clerk/Legislative Advice     |
| Jody Butz    | Regional Fire Chief          |

Exits and Returns

Councillor A. Grandison exited the meeting at 4:36 p.m. and returned at 4:38 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 4:38 p.m. and returned at 4:40 p.m.

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the meeting at 4:48 p.m. and returned at 4:50 p.m.

Councillor F. Banjoko exited the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

**3.2 Advice from Officials – Financial Briefing**  
(in camera pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Reason for Attending</b>             |
|--------------------|---|
| Henry Hunter       | Chief Administrative Officer            |
| Jade Brown         | Clerk/Legislative Advice                |
| Laurie Farquharson | Chief Financial Officer                 |
| Keivan Navidi      | Senior Manager, Assessment and Taxation |
| Susan Mclsaac      | Manager, Financial Planning             |

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 4:57 p.m. and returned at 4:57 p.m.

Councillor F. Banjoko returned to the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Councillor S. Wigle exited the meeting at 5:09 p.m. and returned at 5:13 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 5:28 p.m. and returned at 5:29 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 5:40 p.m. and 6:09 p.m.

### 3.3 Local Public Body Confidences / Advice from Officials – Rural Utilities Rate Review

(in camera pursuant to sections 23(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| Name               | Reason for Attending             |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Henry Hunter       | Chief Administrative Officer     |
| Jade Brown         | Clerk/Legislative Advice         |
| Laurie Farquharson | Chief Financial Officer          |
| Antoine Remp       | Director, Environmental Services |

Exits and Returns

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the meeting at 6:44 p.m. and returned at 6:46 p.m.

Councillor S. Dogar exited the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and returned at 7:22 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred between 7:24 p.m. and 7:28 p.m.

### 3.4 Confidential Evaluations / Advice from Officials – Council's Excellence Awards

(in camera pursuant to sections 19(1) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| Name          | Reason for Attending         |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Henry Hunter  | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Jade Brown    | Clerk/Legislative Advice     |
| Deanne Bergey | Director, Community Services |

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Wigle exited the meeting at 7:53 p.m. and returned at 7:55 p.m.

### 3.5 Advice from Officials – Information Briefing – Community Services

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

| Name          | Reason for Attending         |
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| Henry Hunter  | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Jade Brown    | Clerk/Legislative Advice     |
| Deanne Bergey | Director, Community Services |

**3.6 Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy / Confidential Evaluations – 2024 Board and Committee Appointments**

(in camera pursuant to sections 17(1) and 19(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

| Name          | Reason for Attending          |
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| Henry Hunter  | Chief Administrative Officer  |
| Jade Brown    | Clerk/Legislative Advice      |
| Sonia Soutter | Manager, Legislative Services |

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited and left the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

**MOTION:**

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer