



Council

Jubilee Centre Council Chamber
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
6:00 PM

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **In-Camera Session (Commencing at 3:30 p.m.)**
 - 2.1. Advice from Officials/Privileged Information - Operational Update
(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
 - 2.2. Advice from Officials/Privileged Information - Land Use Bylaw Compliance Update and Briefing
(in camera pursuant to sections 24(1) and 27(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
 - 2.3. Advice from Officials - Pre-Organizational Meeting Discussion
(in camera pursuant to section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
3. **Adoption of Agenda (Public Session at 6:00 p.m.)**
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - September 22, 2023
 - 4.2. Minutes of Council Meeting - September 26, 2023
 - 4.3. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - October 4, 2023
 - 4.4. Council Committee Appointments - Wood Buffalo Pro-Business Advisory Committee

THAT the Committee Appointment outlined in Attachment 1 be made effective immediately.
5. **Recognition**
 - 5.1. Proclamation - Poverty and Homelessness Awareness Week

6. Presentations

- 6.1. Kevin Weidlich, Chief Executive Officer, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism re: Quarterly update to Council

7. New and Unfinished Business

- 7.1. 2023 External Audit Service Plan

THAT the 2023 External Audit Service Plan, as provided by the external Auditors Deloitte LLP, be approved.

- 7.2. Bylaw No. 23/020 - Committees Bylaw Amendment - Community Investment Program Approval Committee

1. THAT Bylaw No. 23/020, being an amendment to the Committees Bylaw No. 17/024, specific to amending Appendix K and delegating grant approval authority to the Community Investment Program Approval Committee for 2024 for the following grant programs: Community Sustaining Grant, Community Capital Grant, Community Impact Grant, and Games Legacy Grant, be read a second time.

2. THAT Bylaw No. 23/020 be read a third and final time.

- 7.3. Bylaw No. 23/021 - Committees Bylaw Amendment Specific to the Establishment of the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee (HISC)

1. THAT Bylaw No. 23/021, being an amendment to the Committees Bylaw No. 17/024, specific to the establishment of the Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee, be read a second time.

2. THAT Bylaw No. 23/021 be read a third and final time.

- 7.4. Fiscal Responsibility Policy FIN-160

Options for Council's consideration are outlined in the body of the report.

- 7.5. Urban Snow and Ice Control Program Policy OPE-150

THAT the Urban Snow and Ice Control Program Policy OPE-150, Attachment 1, dated October 10, 2023, be approved.

- 7.6. Scheduling of 2024 Budget Meetings

THAT a Special Council Meeting to consider the 2024 Proposed Budgets and Financial Plans be scheduled to take place in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber, at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, commencing at 9:00 a.m. each day from December 5 to 8, 2023.

7.7. Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer

THAT Henry Hunter be appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, effective October 16, 2023.

8. **Councillors' Motions**

8.1. Reconsideration of Capital Budget Amendment dated July 11, 2023 re: East Clearwater Highway Pre-Design Cancellation - Councillor K. McGrath

WHEREAS in 2016, \$5,000,000 was allocated in the 2017 budget for the Municipality's contribution to the overall predesign costs of a proposed East Clearwater Highway and was subject to a commitment from other partners for the remaining predesign; and

WHEREAS on July 11, 2023, Council approved a Capital Budget Amendment that resulted in the cancellation of the East Clearwater Highway Pre-Design; and

WHEREAS Council's Procedure Bylaw, Bylaw No. 18/020, allows a Councillor who voted on the prevailing side of a motion, the authority to serve notice of intention to reconsider the motion at a subsequent Council meeting, provided that the motion has not been acted upon irrevocably.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reconsider the motion of July 11, 2023, to approve the Capital Budget Amendment – Project Cancellation and the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects, which resulted in the cancellation of the East Clearwater Highway Pre-Design.

8.2. Poverty Reduction Plan - Councillor F. Banjoko

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is unique in some ways when it comes to cost of living, wage gaps between low income and average household incomes; and

WHEREAS social and mental health challenges faced in the Region have underlying poverty factors that need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS some residents including Indigenous Peoples and Immigrants in the Region currently struggle with basic daily needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to develop a Poverty Reduction Plan specific to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo that addresses access to Affordable Housing, Transportation, Education and Training, Health and Mental Health supports; and if a plan already exists that Administration bring forward a report with a status on the work that has been done and any future plans to address these gaps in the community.

Adjournment