

**Subject: Bylaw No. 22/002 - Committees Bylaw No. 17/024
Amendment Specific to the Establishment of the Wood Buffalo
Transportation Advisory Committee****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

1. 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 second time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 22/002 be read a third and final time.

Summary:

Council has established a number of boards and committees that serve the Wood Buffalo community in a volunteer capacity. These boards help advise and inform the Mayor and Councillors on matters that impact the public, giving residents the opportunity to share their expertise and input with decision-makers in government. The amending Bylaw No. 22/002 was developed in response to a Council resolution passed on November 22, 2021, to create a Regional Transportation Committee.

Background:

On November 22, 2021, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Administration bring forward for Council's consideration a bylaw to create a Regional Transportation Committee comprised of members of Council, Indigenous partners, industry partners, the Chief Administrative Officer or designate and the Mayor, with a mandate to advocate to the Federal and Provincial Government on transportation matters within the Region and make recommendations to Council on transportation matters within RMWB's jurisdiction.

The mandate of the proposed Wood Buffalo Transportation Advisory Committee ("the Committee") is to:

1. Make recommendations to Council on matters pertaining to the development and operation of the regional transportation system;
2. Advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments on regional transportation matters that have been endorsed by Council; and
3. Provide timely and considered response to Council on regional transportation matters referred to the Committee by Council.

The work of the Committee will include:

1. Providing guidance and recommendations to further develop and operate the region's urban and rural public transportation system that supports and enhances the safe movement of people and goods in a fiscally responsible manner and meets community needs. Initial recommendations are to be submitted prior to the end of 2022.
2. Reviewing relevant, studies and reports related to regional transportation matters.
3. Considering the following factors when making recommendations:
 - a. the impact on all potential users;
 - b. the requirements for health, safety and risk management;
 - c. the availability and impact on resources both from an initial capital and long-term operational perspective;
 - d. the economic and social benefits to the community as a whole;
 - e. recommendations and outcomes from previous studies that have been completed; and
 - f. collaboration with other organizations that are not represented on this committee and are working towards similar goals so as to not unnecessarily duplicate efforts.
4. Proposing funding options for its recommended initiatives including, but not limited to, grants, community partnerships, funding sources from other levels of government, and/or municipal funding (including other municipal governments).

The Committee will not be responsible for matters related to:

1. Policing or regulating the use of vehicles on the regional roads (e.g. taxis, ride-sharing, heavy or oversized loads);

2. Municipal transit; and,
3. Trails or pathways.

Additional proposed information regarding the Committee, including its membership and reporting, can be found in the attachment to this report.

Budget/Financial Implications:

Any costs associated with administering this Committee would be covered as part of the approved annual operating budget and all applicable policies and procedures.

Rationale for Recommendation:

To ensure that the region's public transportation system is developed and operated in an effective and safe manner that meets the needs of the region's residents, businesses, stakeholders and partner organizations.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government
Rural and Indigenous Communities and Partnerships

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No. 22/002 - Committees Bylaw Amendment - Wood Buffalo Transportation Advisory Committee