

AUMA and FCM Resolution and National Flood Insurance and Community Resiliency Advocacy

Registered Speaker/Letter of Support

- Bryce Kumka, Committee Chair, Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee.



May 10, 2021
Honourable Mayor and Members of Council
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
9909 Franklin Avenue
Fort McMurray, Alberta
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Subject: Letter of Support for Continuance of Insurance Advocacy Efforts

Dear Mayor Scott and Councillors,

Fort McMurray's downtown is facing an unprecedented crisis due to simultaneous economic COVID-19 pandemic, global recession, world oil price collapse and recovery from the 2020 1:100-year flood.

The Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee (WBDAC) was created by Council and is made up of 13 members that represent 13 local sectors to encourage and facilitate development in the Municipality and provide guidance and recommendations to retain and increase economic activity in the region. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) has also identified Downtown Revitalization and Regional Economic Development as key strategic priorities that support the encouragement of development downtown and business attraction.

Our centrally located downtown is at the heart of the region and is home to thousands of residents, major anchor tenants and small businesses. Access to readily and reasonably available insurance downtown is an important part of encouraging and facilitating ongoing investment and development in this area and with consensus of the WBDAC, I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to thank Council and Municipal Administration for insurance advocacy work completed to date following major flooding downtown in 2020. It's critical to support ongoing recovery and create the right conditions for existing and new investors that choose to stay downtown now and further invest in the future.

We the members of WBDAC urge ongoing Municipal advocacy efforts that encourage other levels of government, insurance providers and decision makers to respond to this matter expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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