



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

Council Meeting

Jubilee Centre Council Chamber
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Tuesday, November 24, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Adoption of Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Regular Meeting – November 10, 2009

Delegations – None Scheduled

Those individuals in attendance at the meeting will be provided with an opportunity to address Council regarding an item on the agenda, with the exception of those items for which a Public Hearing is required or has been held. Consistent with all delegations, each presentation will be allowed a maximum of five minutes.

Presentations – None Scheduled

Public Hearings

2. Public Hearing re: Bylaw No. 09/033 – Single-Use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

Bylaws

3. Bylaw No. 09/033 – Single-Use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw (2nd and 3rd readings)

Reports

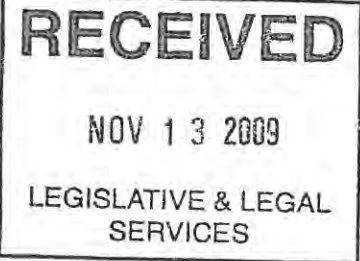
4. Archie Simpson Arena – Synthetic Ice Surfacing Scope Change

New and Unfinished Business

Updates

- Mayor's Update
- Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees
- Administrative Update

Adjournment



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RE: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

Cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags. It is very easy to get into the routine of using them. Therefore, I Cheri McGuigan, support this bylaw. I sincerely hope that City Council members vote to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheri McGuigan".

Cheri McGuigan
P. O. Box 23015
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Re: Single-use plastic shopping bag bylaw

To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my opinion that multi-use cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to using single-use plastic shopping bags. I feel that they would be easy to get used to using and would therefore be better for the environment because there would be less waste.

Therefore, I Brent Lawson, support this bylaw and I hope that council votes to also move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Brent Lawson

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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags Bylaw

To Whom it May Concern:

I support the bylaw banning the use of plastic bags in Fort McMurray businesses. Cloth bags are the better alternative. Fort McMurray is already seen as the pollution capital of the planet. This bylaw is but one small step to help change the world's perspective of us.

Thank you for considering passing this bylaw.

Sincerely,

Patricia Marie Budd

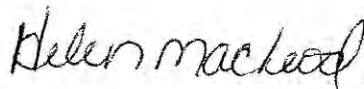
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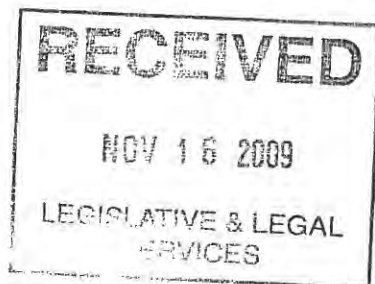
To Whom It May Concern:

Cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags, and are very easy to get into the routine of using. Plastic bags are a danger to motorists when these bags are blown around and could impair ones' visibility. They are also dangerous to wildlife. Therefore, I, Helen MacLeod support this bylaw, and hope that council votes to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,



Helen MacLeod



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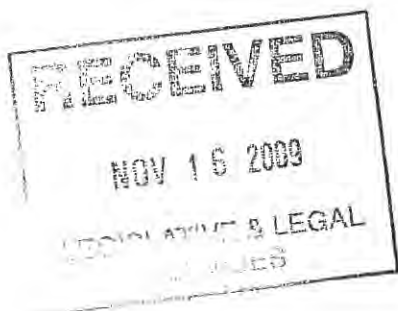
Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To Whom it May Concern:

Shopping bags made out of cloth are a better alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags, and are just as easy to use. Therefore I Sherry Freeman support this bylaw, and I hope that council votes to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

Sherry Kathleen Freeman



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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To whom it may concern:

Cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags, and are very easy to get into the routine of using. Knowing that it takes 20 years for plastic bags to break down, whether it is along the ditches or in our local landfill is enough for me to sub-cautiously make the right decision.

Therefore, I Amy Kilburn support this bylaw, and I hope that council votes to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

Amy Kilburn




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To Whom It May Concern:

Cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags, and are very easy to get into the routine of using. Plastic bags are a hindrance to our environment and endanger the animals. Therefore, I, Jeff Cadegan support this bylaw, and hope that council votes to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,


Jeff Cadegan



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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To Whom It May Concern:

Cloth shopping bags seem to be the most appropriate alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags, and are very easy to get into the habit of using. Therefore, I Anastasiya Sadovska support this bylaw, and I hope that council decides to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

Anastasiya Sadovska
ANASTASIYA SADOVSKA



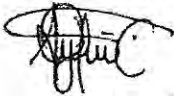
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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To whom it may Concern:

Cloth bags are a better alternative to plastic bags as they help save the environment and are easy to acquire and get used to. For this reason I, Ayleen Correa, support this bylaw and hope that council might support it as well, starting November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,



Ayleen Correa



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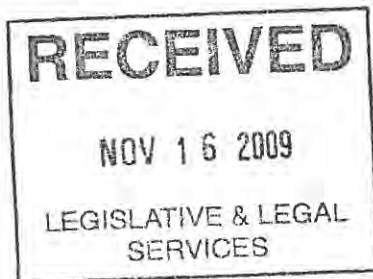
To Whom It May Concern:

Cloth shopping bags seem to be the appropriate alternative to plastic bags. I, Jessica Jackson, support this Bylaw

Yours Truly,



(Jessica Jackson)



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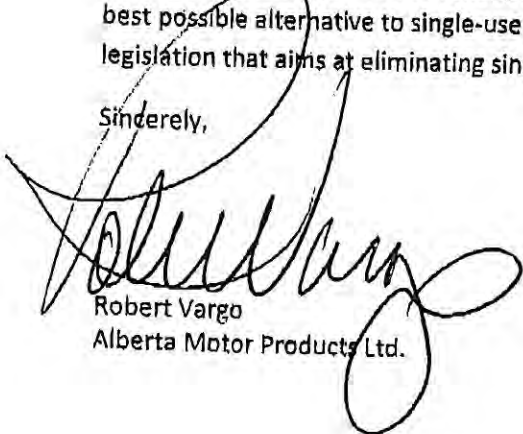
Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

November 16, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Eliminating plastic shopping bags is a very simple action that can aid in improving this communities environmental footprint. Cloth shopping bags are very easy to get into the habit of using, and are the best possible alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags. Therefore, I Robert Vargo, support any legislation that aims at eliminating single-use shopping bags.

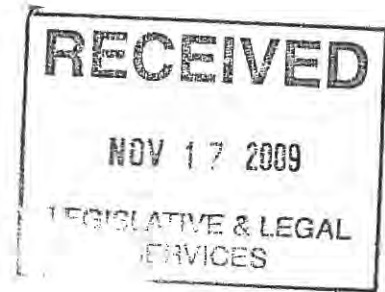
Sincerely,


Robert Vargo
Alberta Motor Products Ltd.



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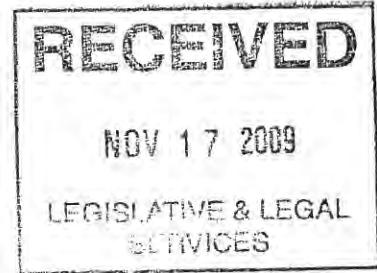
To Whom I May Concern:

I, Denise Quinn, support the bylaw that encourages the use of cloth shopping bags in lieu of single-use plastic. I already shop with re-useable bags and agree this bylaw would take our community in the right direction. On November 24th, I look forward to council making the right decision by supporting this bylaw.

Sincerely,

Denise Quinn
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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To Whom It May Concern:

Cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to single use plastic shopping bags. This is because they are very easy to fit into any routine. Therefore, I Chantelle Tatum support this bylaw. I hope that council agrees and votes on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

Chantelle Tatum

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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To Whom it May Concern:

Cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags, as they are much more environmentally friendly and will become very easy to get into the routine of using. Therefore, I Michael Muir strongly support this bylaw, and I sincerely hope the council decides to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Thank you.



Michael Muir

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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To Whom It May Concern:

Cloth shopping bags are the best alternative to single-use plastic shopping bags, and will become very easy to get into the routine of using. Therefore, I Joanna Scanlon strongly support this bylaw, and I hope that council decides to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

Joanna Scanlon

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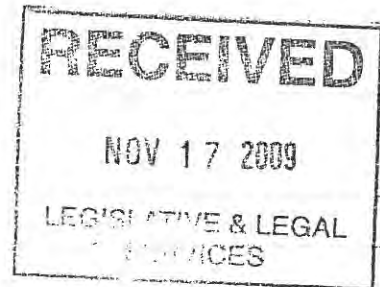
I believe that cloth bags are the best alternative to plastic shopping bags since they last a lot longer and are now being offered at a number of locations to encourage shoppers to help the environment. I am sure that everyone in the community wants a healthier environment and getting the cloth bags to be used by everyone will be a step in the right direction. Therefore, I, Adriana Viale, support this bylaw, and I hope that council votes to move in this direction on November 24, 2009.

Sincerely



Adriana Viale





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Re: Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw

To Whom it may concern:

The use of plastic bags is a waste of money and resources. I believe it is a great benefit for the community if we switch to cloth bags. To ensure a cleaner future and save the environment, every action helps. I fully support this bylaw and sincerely wish for the council members to vote in support as well.

Sincerely,

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November 16, 2009

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Re: Single Use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw (Bylaw No. 09/033)



To Whom it May Concern,

With reference to the Single Use Plastic Bag Bylaw I would like to voice my full and complete support. This Bylaw is one of the easiest and simplest ways the Municipality can reduce its environmental footprint and cloth bags are by far the best alternative to plastic.

I therefore support any legislation seeking to ban single use shopping bags.

Thank you,

Lori Capstick

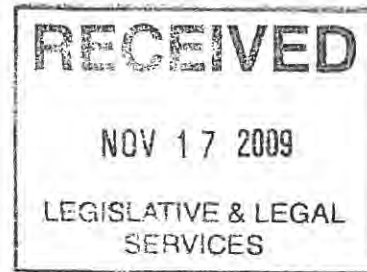
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Re: Single Use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw (Bylaw No. 09/033)



To Whom it May Concern,

With regards to Bylaw No. 09/033, I would like to voice my support. This Bylaw is a great representation of the Municipality and a simple way to reduce our collective impact on the environment. I am strongly in favour of this legislation and would encourage Council to move in favour of a ban on single use shopping bags.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Lang".

Sarah Lang
Fort McMurray, Alberta

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Re: Single Use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw (Bylaw No. 09/033)



To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to announce my support for Bylaw No. 09/033, concerning the ban on single use shopping bags in the Municipality. There are a number of positive outcomes of this Bylaw, not least of which is the impact on the Region's environmental impact. This initiative will greatly impact our image as a green community and may very well become a catalyst for a number of other communities to follow suit. I therefore fully support this legislation and its aim to ban single use shopping bags.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

James Thompson

Subject: Bylaw No. 09/033 – Single-Use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw**APPROVALS:**

Darcy Elder, Director, Public Works
Kelly Kloss, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation:

1. THAT Bylaw No. 09/033, being the Single-Use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw, be read a second time.
2. THAT Bylaw No.09/033 be amended as detailed in Attachment 2 (Summary of Proposed Amendments – Bylaw No. 09/033, dated November 24, 2009).
3. THAT Bylaw No. 09/033 be read a third and final time.

Summary:

On March 10, 2009, Council passed resolution 09-048 stating, “THAT Administration proceed with drafting legislation and establishing a budget to ban plastic shopping bags to be implemented by Council within 2010”. This bylaw addresses the resolution.

Background:

The intent of the proposed bylaw is to prohibit the use of plastic shopping bags and biodegradable bags, the kinds commonly used to carry a purchase from any outlet to the end destination of the consumer. Impacted outlets include restaurants, and wholesale outlets, convenience stores, corner gas stations, big box stores, and commercial businesses where goods are being sold. The proposed bylaw is not intended to prohibit the use of bulk food plastic bags.

Council’s normal process to bring forward a bylaw for first reading on one date, with second and third readings following at a subsequent meeting. This process ensures that there is a minimum of two weeks between first and second readings, thereby enabling the public an opportunity to fully review the implications of the proposed bylaw before its final adoption. As a number of requests to speak to the Bylaw have been received, Legislative and Legal Services Department will proceed with a non-statutory public hearing. This will assist in streamlining the process for hearing from the public.

Budget/Financial Implications:

In the initial Council Report March 10, 2009, a figure of \$200,000 per year for the first two years was reported as the financial implication. This figure was based on:

- a) A high level of enforcement where a dedicated enforcement officer would focus on compliance, and
- b) A comprehensive communication and public awareness campaign.

Upon further review of the implementation requirements, Administration's intent is now initially to focus in 2010 on communication and public awareness campaign, seeking compliance through that means. Starting in September 2010, the existing enforcement staff will respond on a complaint basis. The delay in the implementation of the enforcement of the bylaw is to allow for the public awareness campaign to take a 'hold' within the community and allow for ample lead time for public awareness to be realized.

The incremental cost of a Public Awareness Campaign would be \$143,000 which would be included as part of the 2010 operating budget.

Bylaw Enforcement resources will initially be redeployed by the Chief Bylaw Officer as to accommodate the enforcement of this strategy. If demand for compliance enforcement is higher than anticipated, and cannot be accommodated through redeployment of existing staff, additional resource allocation will be accommodated for in future budgets.

The penalty schedule (Part 3, Section 6) is substantiated by the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No.02/079, which outlines a similar scaled penalty structure that begins with a modest first offence transitioning into fines of larger consequence.

Rationale for Recommendation:

At the Council Meeting of March 10, 2009, information on the pros and cons of implementing a plastic bag ban were presented. The Bylaw represents Council's direction from March 10, 2009.

Administration is recommending that a non-statutory public hearing be scheduled, as this will provide a means for the public to provide feedback on the proposed bylaw. As the name suggests, a non-statutory public hearing is not required by legislation, but is conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures applied to a regular public hearing process, which includes advertising and public notification.

As part of the Recycling Education and Awareness Campaign, Administration supports educating residents on the part they can play in waste reduction including decreasing the use of plastic bags. However, Administration's recommendation respectfully would be to not proceed with the first reading but continue the education and awareness campaign as opposed to a legislated process. The primary concern is the enforcement of the bylaw. If businesses embrace the spirit of the ban, then the enforcement issue will be moot. If businesses do not comply, then the enforcement becomes more complicated and time consuming.

Following first reading of the proposed bylaw on October 27, 2009, further review identified some language inconsistencies that require clarification for enforcement purposes. A listing of the proposed amendments is appended as Attachment 2. While the number of amendments initially appears to be substantial, the changes are actually quite minor in nature and will serve to strengthen the bylaw and further clarify the existing provisions

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No. 09/033
2. Summary of Proposed Amendments – Bylaw No. 09/033

BYLAW NO. 09/033

BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS BY ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(e) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A 2000, c.M-26, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting businesses, business activities and persons engaged in business;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7(i) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A 2000, c.M-26, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the enforcement of bylaws made under the Municipal Government Act or any other enactment including any or all of the matters listed therein;

AND WHEREAS single-use plastic bags have been determined to be detrimental to the environment;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo wishes to reduce the negative effects plastic bags have on the environment;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, in the Province of Alberta, hereby enacts as follows:

Purpose

1. The purpose of this bylaw is to eliminate the distribution of single-use plastic shopping bags within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, thereby decreasing the plastic impact on the environment.

Short Title

2. This bylaw may be cited as the “Single-use Plastic Shopping Bag Bylaw”.

Definitions

3. For the purpose of administering the provisions of this bylaw, the following definitions shall apply:
 - a) “biodegradable bag” means any bag made with polymers that degrades and is used mainly for the transporting of goods from outlet to home;
 - b) “outlet” means any commercial establishment be it retail or wholesale, whose purpose is the sale of goods, including restaurants;

- c) “reusable bag” means any bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is either:
 - (i) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; and/or
 - (ii) made of durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick and is suitable for reuse;
- d) “reusable container” means any bag, box or other container specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is:
 - (i) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; or
 - (ii) made of other durable material suitable for reuse
- e) “single-use plastic shopping bag” means any bag made with less than 2.25 mils thick polyethylene, including a biodegradable bag, used mainly for transporting of goods from outlet to home, but does not include reusable bags;
- f) “violation ticket” means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000 c. P-34, as amended or replaced from time to time, and regulations thereunder, and as referred to in Part IV of this bylaw.

Designated Outlets

- 4. All outlets within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are prohibited from providing single-use plastic shopping bags for the transportation of purchased items.
- 5. Notwithstanding section 4, no outlet in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo shall deny the use of any reusable container for the transport of purchased items.

Penalties

- 6. Any outlet that fails or neglects to perform the duties or requirements imposed upon it under this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the following:
 - a) 1st offence \$250.00
 - b) 2nd offence \$500.00
 - c) 3rd offence \$1000.00
- 7. In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention shall constitute a separate offence in respect of each day, on which that offence continues and a person guilty of such an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this bylaw for each such day.

Violation Ticket

- 8. A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a violation ticket pursuant to Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.P-34, as amended, or

replaced from time to time, to any person who the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.

Exemption

9. There are no organizations exempt from this bylaw.

Severability

10. If any section or sections of this bylaw or parts thereof are found in any court of law to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such section or sections or parts thereof shall be deemed to be severable and all other sections or parts of this bylaw shall be deemed to be separate and independent there from and to be enacted as such.

Enforcement

11. A Peace Officer, upon producing proper identification, may enter any designated establishment and may make examinations, investigations and inquiries for enforcement purposes.
12. Where a Peace Officer has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw, he or she may serve upon such person:
- a) a violation ticket requiring a person to appear in Court with the alternative of making a voluntary payment in lieu of prosecution; or
 - b) a violation ticket requiring a person to appear in Court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment

Effective Date

13. The provisions of this bylaw shall become effective as of September 1, 2010.

READ a first time this 27th of October, A.D. 2009.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2009.

READ a third and final time this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2009

SIGNED and PASSED this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2009

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer

**Summary of Proposed Amendments
Bylaw No. 09/033**

THAT Bylaw No. 09/033 be amended by:

1. Deleting the word “bag” from section 3.d);
2. Deleting the existing section 4. and inserting the following: All outlets within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are prohibited from providing or selling single-use plastic shopping bags.
3. Deleting the existing section 5. and inserting the following: No outlet in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo shall deny the use of any reusable bag or reusable container by a customer for the transport of purchased items.
4. Deleting the existing section 6, and inserting the following: Any outlet that fails or neglects to perform the duties or requirements imposed upon it under this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).
5. Adding the following as section 7, and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly:
The specified fines for an offence committed pursuant to this bylaw are:

a)	1 st offence	\$250.00
b)	2 nd offence	\$500.00
c)	3 rd and subsequent offences	\$1000.00
6. Deleting the word “organizations” from the existing section 9, and inserting “outlets” in its place.
7. Deleting the phrase “designated establishment” from existing the section 11, and inserting “outlet” in its place.
8. Deleting the word “person” from section 12, and inserting “outlet” in its place.

Existing Section #	Current Wording	Proposed Amended Wording
3.d)	<p>"reusable container" means any bag, box or other container specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; or (ii) made of other durable material suitable for reuse 	<p>"reusable container" means any box or other container specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; or (ii) made of other durable material suitable for reuse
4.	All outlets within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are prohibited from providing single-use plastic shopping bags for the transportation of purchased items.	All outlets within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are prohibited from providing or selling single-use plastic shopping bags.
5.	Notwithstanding section 4, no outlet in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo shall deny the use of any reusable container for the transport of purchased items.	No outlet in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo shall deny the use of any reusable bag or reusable container by a customer for the transport of purchased items.
6.	<p>Any outlet that fails or neglects to perform the duties or requirements imposed upon it under this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1st offence - \$250.00 b) 2nd offence - \$500.00 c) 3rd offence - \$1000.00 	<p>6. Any outlet that fails or neglects to perform the duties or requirements imposed upon it under this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).</p> <p>7. The specified fines for an offence committed pursuant to this bylaw are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1st offence - \$250.00 b) 2nd offence - \$500.00 c) 3rd and subsequent offences - \$1000.00
9.	There are no organizations exempt from this bylaw.	There are no outlets exempt from this bylaw.
11.	A Peace Officer, upon producing proper identification, may enter any designated establishment and may make examinations, investigations and inquiries for enforcement purposes.	A Peace Officer, upon producing proper identification, may enter any outlet and may make examinations, investigations and inquiries for enforcement purposes.
12.	<p>Where a Peace Officer has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw, he or she may serve upon such person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a violation ticket requiring a person to appear in Court with the alternative of making a voluntary payment in lieu of prosecution; or b) a violation ticket requiring a person to appear in Court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment 	<p>Where a Peace Officer has reason to believe that an outlet has contravened any provision of this bylaw, he or she may serve upon such outlet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a violation ticket requiring an outlet to appear in Court with the alternative of making a voluntary payment in lieu of prosecution; or b) a violation ticket requiring an outlet to appear in Court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment

Subject: Archie Simpson Arena – Synthetic Ice Surfacing Scope Change**APPROVALS:**

Carol Theberge, General Manager, Community Services
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Administrative Recommendation(s):

1. THAT the 2009 Capital Budget be amended as summarized in Attachment 1 (Capital Budget Amendment Request - Archie Simpson Arena, November 24, 2009) which includes funds for the purchase and installation of synthetic ice; and
2. THAT the provisions of Attachment 1 (Capital Budget Amendment Request - Archie Simpson Arena, November 24, 2009) remain confidential pursuant to sections 16 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A., 2000 c.F-25, as amended.

Summary:

Approving the purchase and installation will complete the facility. It will allow users to have year ice surface use.

Background:

In June, 2009 Administration proposed to pilot a synthetic ice product in the Municipality for possible use. Two pilots occurred, one in Fort McMurray in July, and the other in Fort Chipewyan in September at the grand opening of the Archie Simpson Arena. At the grand opening of the arena, the Municipality demonstrated synthetic ice as an alternative to the gravel surface to enable year round skating at the facility through a combination of natural ice and synthetic ice. This product demonstration received a positive response from the citizens who skated on this surface.

The Archie Simpson Arena skating surface currently utilizes gravel for the surface treatment, which flooded to create a natural skating surface. The synthetic ice concept would allow the operator to flood directly over the synthetic ice surface to allow a natural skating surface during the winter months. In the spring, summer and early fall seasons, the facility would continue to offer skating opportunities via the synthetic surface. This phase of the project (synthetic ice purchase and installation) would proceed immediately upon receiving Council approval and direction.

Alternatives:

1. Purchase and install synthetic ice.
2. Decline the option of synthetic ice at this time and direct administration to continue to explore other ice surfaces.

Budget/Financial Implications:

Remaining capital budget funds are to cover the cost of purchase and installation of the synthetic ice option for the Archie Simpson Arena. The Capital Budget Amendment is required to include the additional scope for the synthetic ice surface.

Rationale for Recommendation(s):

The purchase and installation of synthetic ice is recommended because it provides a cost effective option to provide year round skating. The anticipated level of maintenance can be handled by one staff member, once or twice weekly which includes the cleaning of the surface and the application of a lubricant. With this level of maintenance, coupled with a lifespan of 10 to 15 years, this surface option provides a long term cost effective solution to year round skating in the Archie Simpson Arena.

Attachment:

1. Capital Budget Amendment Request, Confidential