

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES IN FORT McMURRAY, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	MAYOR	M. BLAKE
	DEPUTY MAYOR	J. CHADI
	COUNCILLORS	J. CARBERY S. CLARKSON L. FLETT P. MEAGHER R. REBUS C. SLADE J. VYBOH L. WILTZEN
	ACTING REGIONAL MANAGER	B. FEDORAK
	CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	K. GREIG
	LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR	A. ROGERS
ABSENT:	COUNCILLOR	S. GERMAIN

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**1. PRAYER**

The Mayor asked everybody to join her in the Prayer.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

None Scheduled.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**A. REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2004**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 13, 2004 were submitted for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 13, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4-B. PUBLIC HEARING – DECEMBER 13, 2004**

The Minutes of the Public Hearing held on December 13, 2004 were submitted for consideration.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Chadi that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on December 13, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4-C. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

There was no business arising out of the Minutes.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None Scheduled.

**6. UPDATES**

**A. REPORTING OF COUNCILLORS ON VARIOUS BOARDS/COMMITTEES  
(COUNCILLORS MEAGHER, SLADE, VYBOH, WILTZEN & FLETT)**

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Bobcats for Charity
- Fort McMurray Santa Skate

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Councillor Slade reported on the following:

- Audit/Budget Standing Committee
- Local Support for Tsunami Relief Efforts
- MacDonald Island Park Corporation

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Protective Services Standing Committee
- Input from Residents regarding Snow Removal
- Public Works & Transportation Standing Committee

Councillor Wiltzen reported on the following:

- Ward 4 Civic Award Presentations

Councillor Flett reported on the following:

- Fort Chipewyan Winter Road
- Upcoming Meeting to discuss long-term care facility in Fort Chipewyan

#### **6-B. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Appointment of Bev Fedorak as Acting Regional Manager
- Municipal contribution of \$1,000 towards local fundraising efforts for Tsunami victims
- Donation to Library in recognition of Lt. Governor Lois Hole
- Update on snow clearing and removal process

#### **7. REPORTS**

##### **7-A. AGENDA BILL # 05-001 – 2005 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT – FORT CHIPEWYAN WINTER/SUMMER RECREATION PROJECT 05/001**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 05-001, dated December 6, 2004, regarding the 2005 Capital Budget Amendment – Fort Chipewyan Winter/Summer Recreation Project.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Chadi:

1. THAT the zamboni be accepted as a municipal asset.
2. THAT the 2005 Capital Budget be amended to reflect the skateboard park/basketball court as a municipal asset, funded through Provincial grants, the community of Fort Chipewyan, Mikisew Cree First Nation, and donations from industry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**7-B. AGENDA BILL # 05-002 – ALBERTA CENTENNIAL PER CAPITA FUNDING**  
05/002

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 05-002, dated December 2, 2004, and prepared by Carole Bouchard, Community Services, regarding Alberta Centennial Per Capita Funding.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that \$88,500 of Alberta Centennial Municipal Per Capita Funding be approved as identified on Attachment I.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-C. AGENDA BILL # 05-003 – WRITE-OFF NON-COLLECTIBLE LEASE PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNTS**  
05/003

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 05-003, dated November 25, 2004, and prepared by Marcel Ulliac, Corporate Services, regarding the Write-Off of Non-Collectible Lease Property Tax Accounts.

MOVED by Councillor Slade that the outstanding balance owned against the 145 inactive leased property tax accounts, as listed in Attachment 1, be written off.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-D. AGENDA BILL # 05-004 – CONTRACT AWARD – RENOVATION OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS: ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & CONSULTING SERVICES**  
05/004

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 05-004, dated January 5, 2005, and prepared by Surekha Kanzig, Corporate Services, regarding the Contract Award – Renovation of Council Chambers: Architectural Design and Consulting Services.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that request for proposal # QU1544 for the Architectural Design and Consulting Services for the Renovation of Council Chambers be awarded to CPV Group for \$124,875.00, including disbursements and GST.

Ms. Meridel Graves came forward and explained that the matter before Council is a proposal, as opposed to a tender; therefore, the rating is based on a pre-determined weighted score instead of just the lowest bid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. BYLAWS**

**8-A. BYLAW NO. 04/052 – DEBENTURE BORROWING BYLAW – TWINNING ARENA  
AT MACDONALD ISLAND RECREATION COMPLEX (AGENDA BILL # 04-180)  
05/005**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-180, dated November 15, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Community Services, regarding the Debenture Borrowing Bylaw – Twinning Arena at MacDonald Island Recreation Complex.

Bylaw No. 04/052, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS BY THE ISSUANCE OF DEBENTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,600,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MACDONALD ISLAND RECREATION COMPLEX ARENA, was presented to receive second and third readings.

MOVED by Councillor Slade that Bylaw No. 04/052 be given second reading.

It was noted that this debenture would put the Municipality at 79.5% of the allowable debt ratio and it was questioned how the future partnership with Keyano College would affect the overall debt load. Ms. Fedorak explained that Council laid out several priorities at its recent Retreat. The Senior Leadership Team will be meeting to review these priorities in conjunction with the Capital Budget for the next five years, and preparing strategies to bring back to Council for consideration, along with information on how to manage the debt load.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Chadi that Bylaw No. 04/052 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

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**10. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. AGENDA BILL # 05-005 – APPOINTMENT OF ACTING REGIONAL MANAGER  
05/006**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 05-005, dated January 6, 2005, and prepared by Kevin Greig, Legislative & Legal Services, regarding the Appointment of Acting Regional Manager.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Ms. Bev Fedorak be appointed as Acting Regional Manager until such time as an individual is appointed to the position in a permanent capacity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the meeting adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MAYOR

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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER