

**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, MAY 13, 2008, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

MAYOR	M. BLAKE
COUNCILLORS	M. ALLEN D. BLAIR S. CLARKSON S. GERMAIN P. MEAGHER R. REBUS J. VYBOH
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	R. BURKARD
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	S. KANZIG
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	B. BROOMFIELD

**ABSENT:**

COUNCILLORS	M. BYRON G. JANVIER
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PRAYER:** The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

**AGENDA:** Resolution # 08-116  
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES:** **Council Meeting – April 22, 2008**

Resolution # 08-117  
MOVED by Councillor Allen that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:** There were no delegations scheduled.

**BYLAWS:**

**Debenture Borrowing for 2008 Engineering Capital Projects**

- Bylaw No. 08/027 – Lower Townsite West Loop Road
- Bylaw No. 08/028 – Highway 63 Collector – Distributor Road Development Impacts

Resolution #08-118

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the following debenture borrowing bylaws be read a second time:

- Bylaw No. 08/027 – Lower Townsite West Loop Road
- Bylaw No. 08/028 – Highway 63 Collector – Distributor Road Development Impacts.

Mr. Salem Abushawashi, Superintendent, Engineering Services, was in attendance and gave a brief overview of the project. It was clarified that the preliminary alignment for the extension of the Lower Townsite East Loop Road will be determined in the Transportation Master Plan, and that public consultation will be held with regard to the pre-design and alignment at that time before any decisions are made by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution #08-119

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that the following debenture borrowing bylaws be read a third and final time:

- Bylaw No. 08/027 – Lower Townsite West Loop Road
- Bylaw No. 08/028 – Highway 63 Collector – Distributor Road Development Impacts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw No. 08/033 – Amendment to Highway 63 North Water Supply Line Local Improvement Bylaw**

Resolution #08-120

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 08/033 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution #08-121

MOVED by Councillor Germain that Bylaw No. 08/033 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Henk Van Waas, General Manager, Assessment and Taxation, was in attendance and explained that this amendment is being

presented as a result of recent property subdivisions, which have resulted in changes to the assessed area of the local improvement.

Resolution #08-122

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 08/033 be considered for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution #08-123

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 08/033 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw No. 08/029 – 2008 Tax Rate Bylaw**

Resolution #08-124

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT Bylaw No. 08/029, being the 2008 Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.
- THAT the 2008 Operating Budget be amended by increasing the amount to be allocated to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve by \$29 Million, subject to Tax Rate Bylaw 08/029 receiving third and final reading.

Mr. Van Wass presented a Powerpoint presentation on the 2008 Tax Rate Bylaw. The presentation provided an overview of the rates at which various property classes are taxed, and the assessment valuation methods prescribed by the provincial government. A short discussion ensued relative to property taxes, and clarification was provided with respect to the taxation strategy for the years 2008 to 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS:**

**Appointments to Council Committees**

Resolution #08-125

MOVED by Councillor Allen that the following appointments be approved, effective immediately:

- Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board – Christine Matthews, until December 31, 2008;
- MacDonald Island Park Corporation – Patrick Humphreys, until December 31, 2010; and
- Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality – Melanie Reddy, until December 31, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Funding and Support Request for the 2008 U-14 Boys and Girls  
Outdoor Provincial Soccer Championships**

Resolution #08-126

MOVED by Councillor Germain that \$10,000.00 be allocated from the Joint Initiatives Fund for the Fort McMurray Youth Soccer Association in support of the 2008 U-14 Boys and Girls Outdoor Provincial Soccer Championships.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None scheduled.

**COUNCIL UPDATES:**

**Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees**

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Tempo Real Estate Investment Trust
- UDI Breakfast
- Intercity Forum on Social Policy in Calgary

Councillor Blair reported on the following:

- Keyano College Graduation
- Communities In Bloom
- Meeting with the Chief of the Fort Mackay First Nation
- Fort Chipewyan Recreation Meeting
- Mother's Day Tea
- Fort Chipewyan Eco-Fair

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- Thanked Councillor Allen for attending the Intercity Forum on Social Policy in Calgary on her behalf
- Canadian Energy Research Institute

Councillor Germain provided a brief update on a Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Health Region partnership.

**Mayor's Update**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Thanked Councillors for attending events on her behalf
- Regional Issues Working Group Annual General Meeting
- Oil Sands Secretariat Meeting
- Alberta Energy and Utility Board Hearings
- International Day of Mourning
- National Volunteer Week Proclamation
- 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Charlotte Mitchell

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- International Association of Fire Fighters Convention
- National Association of Occupational Health and Safety
- Community Clean-up Annual Proclamation
- Keyano College Convocation Ceremony
- Congratulated United Way Successes and all Supporters

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution # 08-127

MOVED by Councillor Allen that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER