

**Approved Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
M. Allen, Councillor  
D. Blair, Councillor  
L. Flett, Councillor  
S. Germain, Councillor  
D. Kirschner, Councillor  
P. Meagher, Councillor  
D. Scott, Councillor  
J. Stroud, Councillor  
R. Thomas, Councillor

**Absent:** A. Vinni, Councillor

**Administration:** G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer  
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer  
J. Callahan, Legislative Officer/Recorder

**Call to Order**

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

Mayor Blake invited those so inclined, to join her in Prayer.

**Agenda**

11-288 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes**

**1. Council Meeting – October 25, 2011**

11-289 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 25, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Organizational Meeting – October 25, 2011

11-290 Moved by Councillor Allen that the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on October 25, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Delegations

## 3. Holy Trinity's Teens for Change re: Fair Trade Market and School Building in Sierra Leone

**Emilie Maine and Julia Juco, Students, Holy Trinity's Teens for Change**, spoke about Holy Trinity High's major social justice class project, a fair trade market, to help raise awareness of fair trade and their efforts to raise money to help build a school in Sierra Leone. The students noted that the Fair Trade Market, which will take place on November 23, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., will showcase products such as chocolate, tea, and coffee that can be purchased as well as Christmas ornaments, noting that all proceeds received from the sale of the ornaments will go directly toward the school building in Sierra Leone.

11-291 Moved by Councillor Scott that the presentation by Holy Trinity's Teens for Change regarding the Fair Trade Market and school building in Sierra Leone be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Reports

## 4. Strategic Plan 2012-2016

**Paige Tracey and Mark Kay, Governance, Risk and Compliance**, provided a brief overview of the Strategic Plan and its implementation noting that it is a five year plan to inform administration and citizens of implementation priorities of Council, as well as implementation priorities of the Municipal Development Plan.

The following motion was presented by Councillor Thomas: "THAT the document entitled Implementing Sustainability: Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Strategic Plan 2012-2016, as amended, be received as information and the appropriate portions be included in the 2012 and future budgets for consideration and adoption; and THAT Council shall periodically review or revise the Strategic Plan in advance of the Municipality's business planning process."

### **Recess**

A brief recess occurred between 6:38 p.m. and 6:49 p.m.

11-292 Moved by Councillor Stroud that the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan be amended by adding the following to Priority 1, under Key Issues: rural water and sewer servicing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-293 Moved by Councillor Stroud that the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan be amended by adding the following to Priority 7, under Key Issues: affordability of rural services; and rural municipal land availability.

CARRIED

For: Blake, Allen, Blair, Flett,  
Kirschner, Meagher, Scott, Stroud,  
Thomas

Opposed: Germain

11-294 Moved by Councillor Stroud that the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan be amended by deleting the text: “develop and adopt rural Area Structure Plans” and inserting “complete and adopt rural Area Structure Plans” in Priority 1.

CARRIED

For: Blake, Allen, Blair, Flett,  
Kirschner, Meagher, Scott, Stroud,  
Thomas

Opposed: Germain

11-295 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the document entitled Implementing Sustainability: Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Strategic Plan 2012-2016, as amended, be received as information and the appropriate portions be included in the 2012 and future budgets for consideration and adoption; and

THAT Council shall periodically review or revise the Strategic Plan in advance of the Municipality’s business planning process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. 2012 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan

**Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer**, provided a brief overview of the 2012 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan, noting some of the capital and operating budget highlights and explaining that the proposed budget is slated for presentation for Council consideration on December 13, 2011.

11-296 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the 2012 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan be accepted as the base information for budget discussion and final budget recommendation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reporting – Chief Administrative Officer**

**Glen Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer**, recognized the following individuals for receiving a recent award and extended congratulations on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo:

- Diane Gillingham, Internal Superstar Award
- Sherilyn Glover, Internal Superstar Award
- Ashley Gillingham, Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award
- Jennifer Teetaert, Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award

**Reporting - Boards and Committees**

- Communities in Bloom (Councillor Stroud)

**Adjournment**

11-297 Moved by Councillor Blair that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer