

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, OCTOBER 24, 2006, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

MAYOR	M. BLAKE
COUNCILLORS	J. CHADI S. CLARKSON S. GERMAIN P. MEAGHER R. REBUS J. VYBOH L. WILTZEN
REGIONAL MANAGER	B. NEWELL
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	K. GREIG
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR	A. ROGERS

ABSENT:

DEPUTY MAYOR	J. CARBERY
COUNCILLORS	L. FLETT C. SLADE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

REGRETS: Mayor Blake extended regrets on behalf of Deputy Mayor Carbery and Councillors Flett and Slade, who were absent due to other work commitments.

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

AGENDA: Resolution # 342/06
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: **Council Meeting – October 17, 2006**

Resolution # 343/06
MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

**Mr. Rod McDonald, Chair, Future Forward Committee re:
Future Forward Forum**

Mr. Rod McDonald was in attendance to provide an overview of the Future Forward Committee, its activities and the upcoming Future Forward Forum, which is scheduled to take place on October 27th and 28th. He noted that the Forum is the centrepiece of the Future Forward initiative and all community members are invited and encouraged to register to participate. Once the Forum is complete, the consultants will begin a structured, quantitative analysis of the information gathered, with the final vision report being presented to Council in June, 2007.

Mayor Blake thanked Mr. McDonald for his presentation and his work as Chair of the Future Forward Committee. Mayor Blake and Members of Council then encouraged residents to have their say and be part of the phenomenal growth taking place in the region by participating in one of the Forums.

Resolution # 344/06

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that the Future Forward presentation be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Jim Rogers re: Homelessness Initiatives

Mr. Rogers expressed concern about the perceived negative ambience relative to the homeless population in the Municipality. He suggested that the Municipality could make some kind of gesture, such as a public barbeque or other event, to make it known that these people are valued in the community.

Mayor Blake thanked Mr. Rogers for his suggestion and advised that there are several programs and services available to the Municipality's homeless population, many of which are supported by the Municipality.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

There were no updates from Council at this time.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Waste Reduction Week Activities and Enhancements to the Timberlea Recycling Depot
- Leadership Wood Buffalo Program
- Alberta Sport & Development Centre Announcement
- Famous Five Pink Tea
- Oil Sands Visioning Summit
- Disposition of Real Martin West Lands – Administration’s report is to be presented for consideration on November 28, 2006.

REPORTS:

Community Plan on Homelessness and Affordable Housing – Operational and Capital Funding

Resolution # 345/06

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that funding for the Community Plan on Homelessness be allocated as follows:

- \$27,000.00 to the Fort McMurray Association for Community Living to supplement funding for the Supportive Transitional Housing Team Coordinator;
- \$48,000.00 to the Fellowship Baptist Church-Centre of Hope to supplement funding for extending hours of operation to include weekends and statutory holidays;
- \$88,000.00 to the Fellowship Baptist Church-Centre of Hope to partially fund the Outreach Team;
- \$196,037.00 to the Salvation Army to partially fund the purchase and subsequent operation of the Mobile Outreach Response Vehicle; and
- \$308,302.45 to the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation to partially fund the capital and operational costs of the “Home for the Homeless” program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS:

Bylaw No. 06/038 – Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment – Timberlea Commercial Centre

Bylaw No. 06/038, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND LAND USE BYLAW NO. 99/059, was presented to receive first reading.

Resolution # 346/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/038, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add “Dwelling Units Above Ground Floor Commercial” to the list of Discretionary Uses allowed in the C3A-Timberlea Shopping Centre Commercial District, be read a first time.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that a public hearing for this item will be held on
November 14, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS:

None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 347/06

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER