

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, NOVEMBER 14, 2006, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

DEPUTY MAYOR	S. CLARKSON
COUNCILLORS	J. CARBERY L. FLETT S. GERMAIN P. MEAGHER R. REBUS J. VYBOH L. WILTZEN
REGIONAL MANAGER	B. NEWELL
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ABSENT:

MAYOR	M. BLAKE
COUNCILLORS	J. CHADI C. SLADE

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

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Clarkson extended regrets on behalf of Mayor Blake and Councillor Chadi, who were representing Council at the AAMD&C Convention in Edmonton, and Councillor Slade who was away on business.

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

AGENDA: Resolution # 354/06
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: **Council Meeting – October 24, 2006**
Resolution # 355/06
MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 24, 2006 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Organizational Meeting – October 24, 2006

Resolution # 356/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on October 24, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

Ms. Veronique Rensonnet re: Abasand-Downtown Pedestrian Access

Ms. Veronique Rensonnet addressed Council on the impact of the newly opened Highway 63 bypass lane to residents who use the traditional pedestrian shortcut running from Abasand to Downtown. She noted that the alternative is a four kilometre trek around Hospital Street, and that this is not a reasonable alternative because of the distance involved. Ms. Rensonnet expressed concern about the potential for a vehicle-pedestrian collision in this area, which would likely be fatal, and indicated that the Municipality and the Government of Alberta have a responsibility to work together to foster public transportation alternatives. Ms. Rensonnet concluded her presentation by requesting that the Municipality recognize the traditional pedestrian route, construct a temporary pedestrian access in the area of the new highway bypass, and undertake long-term planning to connect Abasand trails to the future Main Street underpass.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Rensonnet clarified that traffic counters and construction crews could be mandated to report on pedestrian movements, and that this type of assessment should be done as an integral part of infrastructure planning and development. She indicated that the most effective solution would likely be construction of an overpass and suggested that industry be involved to help mitigate the cost associated with construction. It was then requested that this issue be placed on the agenda for discussion when the next meeting takes place with the MLA.

Resolution # 357/06

MOVED by Councillor Rebus that Ms. Rensonnet's presentation be received as information and referred to Administration for a response; and that Administration request Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation be requested to incorporate pedestrian/bicycle access into the Main Street interchange design and any future interchange or bridge structures in the Urban Service Area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Jim Rogers re: Abasand-Downtown Pedestrian Access

Mr. Jim Rogers came forward and advised that in the 1940s and 1950s, prior to the Grand MacEwan bridge being built, it was proposed that a snow slide area be developed on the hill opposite to Morrison Street. He suggested that it might be more convenient to construct a trail or access in the area of Morrison Street, rather than at Main Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolution # 358/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the meeting move into Public Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A public hearing was held from 6:17 p.m. to 6:19 p.m.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Keyano Sports Hall of Fame opening
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- Upcoming Santa Claus Parade
- Upcoming Employee Recognition Event
- 2006 United Way Fundraising Campaign

Councillor Rebus reported on the following:

- Draper Residents Association Meeting

Councillor Flett reported on the following:

- Meeting with Keyano College President
- Fort Chipewyan Winter Road Construction

Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Clarkson reported on the following:

- Fire Services Advisory Committee
- AUMA Community Infrastructure Committee
- Community Identification Committee
- Business Watch Crime Prevention (Public Safety) Meeting

REPORTS:

2006 Municipal Census

Mr. Jagdev Shahi, Planner II, provided a brief overview of the 2006 Municipal Census process and results, and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution # 359/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the 2006 Census Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Image

The Communications Manager came forward and provided a brief introduction and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution # 360/06

MOVED by Councillor Germain:

1. THAT Administration be directed to bring forward a bylaw establishing the Community Image Steering Committee
2. THAT a municipality-led, two-year community image campaign be initiated in 2006;
3. THAT a total annual budget of up to \$675,000 be established to fund the campaign;
4. THAT \$400,000 be committed from the Municipality's Emerging Issues Reserve to fund the major share of the community image campaign;
5. THAT the Municipality accept two-year campaign investments confirmed by Shell Canada and Northern Lights Health Region, totalling \$240,000, and endorse adding more investing partners through 2006 and 2007; and
6. THAT funding for the second year of the campaign be confirmed in the 2007 Operating Budget, Strategic Initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Funding Shortfall – Janvier Water Tanker Tender # QU1847

Resolution # 361/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the funding shortfall for Tender # QU1847 – Janvier Water Tanker Purchase, in the amount of \$38,156.00, be allocated from the Regional Emergency Services 2006 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tender Award - MacDonald Island Park Redevelopment Project – T10 – Phase 2 Library Construction

Resolution # 362/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the contract for the MacDonald Island Park Redevelopment Project T10 – Phase 2 Library

Construction be awarded to the companies identified in Schedule A – Analysis of Bid Package T10, dated October 23, 2006, at a total cost of \$15,612,296.89.

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 second and third readings.

Resolution # 363/06

MOVED by Councillor Carbery 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 second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 364/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that Bylaw No. 06/038 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw No. 06/039 - Communities In Bloom Committee Bylaw Amendment

Resolution # 365/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/039, being an amendment to Communities in Bloom Committee Bylaw No. 00/085, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 366/06

MOVED by Councillor Rebus that Bylaw No. 06/039 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 367/06

MOVED by Councillor Carbery that Bylaw No. 06/039 be considered for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Resolution # 368/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/039 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 369/06

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER

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CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Clarkson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:17 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING RE: BYLAW NO. 06/038 – LAND USE BYLAW TEXT AMENDMENT
– TIMBERLEA COMMERCIAL CENTRE**

A. Opening Statement

Mr. Dennis Peck, Superintendent of Current Planning

Mr. Peck advised that the proposed amendment puts back a provision that was previously removed, which is the residential component. When the provision was removed in 2004, there was a concern that it would be a number of years before the area was fully developed for commercial uses. There is a demand in that area and Planning feels that it is appropriate to put that provision back in to allow for mixed use development. The proposed amendment is compatible with overall land uses in the area and is supported by the Planning and Development Department.

B. Written Presentations

There were no written presentations

C. Verbal Presentations

No verbal presentation requests were received.

D. Other Verbal Presentations (Time Permitting and with Consent of Council)

There were no requests to address Council.

E. Questions of Council

There were no questions from Council.

F. Closing Statement

There was no closing statement.

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution # 370/06

MOVED by Councillor Carbery that the public hearing be closed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing closed at 6:19 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER