

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 27, 2004, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	MAYOR	D. FAULKNER
	DEPUTY MAYOR	T. WEBER
	COUNCILLORS	M. BLAKE M. CADDEN J. CARBERY S. GERMAIN P. MEAGHER C. SLADE J. VYBOH
	REGIONAL MANAGER	D. PUTZ
	CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	K. GREIG
	LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR	A. ROGERS
ABSENT:	COUNCILLORS	J. CHADI J. RIGNEY

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. PRAYER

The Mayor asked everybody to join him in the Prayer.

APOLOGIES

The Mayor extended apologies on behalf of Councillors Chadi and Rigney, both of whom were unable to travel from Fort Chipewyan because of the extremely cold temperatures.

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

A. MS. SHARON CHARLET, ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION RE: ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DONATION FOR OPERATION OF FIRE SAFETY HOUSE

04/021

Ms. Sharon Charlet and Mr. Ed Gordon came forward on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion and presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Regional Municipality for the operation of the Fire Safety House. Ms. Charlet also noted that the Legion donated \$55,000.00 back to the community in 2003. Mayor Faulkner then provided a brief summary of the purpose of the Fire Safety House and the Legions' ongoing commitment to the Fort McMurray Fire Department.

3-B. MS. JUDY O'REILLY-DICKS, CHAIRPERSON, AND MS. PAULINE PHIBBS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FORT MCMURRAY CITY CENTRE BUSINESS REVITALIZATION ZONE ASSOCIATION RE: 2004 BRZ BUDGET

04/022

Ms. O'Reilly-Dicks provided an overview of the Business Revitalization Zone Association's activities in 2003, and advised that the BRZ will continue to work toward abating littering, loitering, vandalism and generally improving the BRZ area in 2004. The BRZ will also continue to work with the Municipality and other partners to address parking concerns in the downtown core.

ARRIVAL

Councillor Vyboh joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

3-C. MR. STEVE PELLERIN, DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED RE: 2002 THICKWOOD/TIMBERLEA FUNCTIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

04/023

Mr. Pellerin advised that the Thickwood/Timberlea Functional Transportation Study was initiated by the Municipality in 2002, and that this evening's presentation is simply an administrative update. A vast amount of future residential growth in Fort McMurray will take place in the Thickwood/Timberlea area, and land use planning estimates the future population at 46,000 residents. The purpose of this review is to look at both current and future issues in the Thickwood/Timberlea area; therefore, there are two recommendations, one which deals with immediate deficiencies and the other dealing with future growth issues.

Confederation Way and Thickwood Boulevard comprise an arterial loop for the study area. The

population in this area is growing quickly; 2002 Census results indicate a population of 24,000; however, this population has already increased to approximately 30,000. Traffic projections indicate that there will be a small amount of employment generated in the area, but residential development will form the majority of growth.

Mr. Pellerin advised that the Study looks at two types of issues, being operational and future demand. Level of service is generally a key indication, and all grades of A to F are used to assess the level of service each roadway is providing. He noted that the arterial roads are operating at a high level of service; however, a grade of C or D is typically acceptable in an urban area. The Study specifically looks into where problems could occur with merging and certain other movements that aren't at the level preferred. The only area that doesn't rank is the Signal Road/Woodland Drive/Thickwood Boulevard intersection, which received a grade of C. Some delays are encountered for minor street approaches, but are not typical of traffic on Thickwood Boulevard or Confederation Way, as most minor street approaches are given green time on an actuated basis. Four options were explored as a means of reducing minor street delays, including decreasing the traffic signal cycle length, an exclusive left-turn lane, a dedicated left-turn signal phase, and optimizing right turns

Mr. Pellerin advised that another major area of consideration is that the Timberlea Area Structure Plan outlines development plans for the area, and based on this, significant new traffic demands are forecasted for the area. It is estimated that \$3.5 Million will be needed for improvements in this area, but this figure will need to be re-evaluated closer to the population horizon. Mr. Pellerin also indicated that \$1.3 Million is needed for immediate improvements, \$930,000 for medium-term improvements, and an additional \$445,000 for long-term requirements. Mr. Pellerin then concluded by recommending that further study and functional designs for improvements at specific intersections be undertaken, as well as a functional planning study of access/service to Timberlea.

3-D. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PRESENTATIONS

I. AGENDA BILL # 04-007 – 2003 THICKWOOD/TIMBERLEA FUNCTIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY 04/024

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-007, being Report No. ER03-24, dated January 20, 2004, and prepared by Wes Holodniuk, Engineering & Public Works, regarding the 2002 Thickwood/Timberlea Functional Transportation Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Carbery that the 2002 Thickwood/
Timberlea Functional Transportation Plan be adopted and that
Administration be directed to incorporate recommendations into
Business Plans and Budgets.

With respect to the question of noise abatement, Mr. Pellerin clarified that the traffic forecast contained

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within the Thickwood/Timberlea Functional Transportation Plan was used in conducting a recent noise study; therefore, the noise study accurately reflects what this Plan says about future traffic volumes, but does not duplicate the text. Mr. Pellerin also noted that the bulk of improvements are targeted to intersections to facilitate reducing delays, and not along the arterial corridor itself. It is expected that the recommended functional design task would address issues along the arterial corridor.

It was noted that this Plan should also look at other areas of impact, such as increased traffic and noise levels, and make recommendations to mitigate these impacts, instead of addressing just intersections and arterial roads. A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed that direction be given to incorporate any opportunities for noise mitigation when addressing the recommendations of the 2002 Thickwood/Timberlea Functional Transportation Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**II. BYLAW NO. 04/002 – 2004 BUSINESS REVITALIZATION ZONE (BRZ) TAX
BYLAW (AGENDA BILL # 04-008)
04/025**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-008, dated January 20, 2004, and prepared by Marcel Ulliac, Corporate Services, regarding the 2004 Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ) Tax Bylaw.

Bylaw No. 04/002, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AUTHORIZE A BUSINESS REVITALIZATION ZONE TAX FOR THE 2004 TAX YEAR IN THE MUNICIPALITY, was presented to receive first reading.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

1. THAT the 2004 Downtown Fort McMurray Business Revitalization Zone Association budget be approved as presented;
2. THAT funding for the 2004 Downtown Fort McMurray Business Revitalization Zone Association budget be levied through the taxation of businesses operating in the designated zone; and
3. THAT Bylaw No. 04/002 be given first reading.

Ms. O'Reilly-Dicks noted that beautification initiatives in 2004 will include interpretive plaques within the downtown core, banners, flower beds, animals, statues, voyageur canoes, and a few other ideas. She noted that the BRZ is anticipating an exciting summer in terms of its plans for beautification of the downtown core.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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A. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2004

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4-B. PUBLIC HEARING – JANUARY 13, 2004

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

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 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 SLADE, CADDEN, GERMAIN & MEAGHER)**

Councillor Slade reported on the following:

- Winter driving conditions
- Arctic Winter Games

Councillor Cadden reported on the following:

- Fort Chipewyan Town Hall Meeting
- Public Works & Transportation Standing Committee
- Upcoming Anzac WinterFest

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Councillor Germain reported on the following:

- Sports & Wellness Centre Partnership Committee

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Communities in Bloom Committee
- Community Services Standing Committee
- Ukrainian New Year's Festivities
- Fort Chipewyan Town Hall Meeting

6-B. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faulkner reported on the following:

- Arctic Winter Games
- Meeting w/ Hon. John Godfrey in Calgary
- DARE Graduations
- Fort Chipewyan Town hall Meeting
- Regional Issues Working Group
- Speaking Engagement w/North Saskatoon Business Association
- Upcoming Meeting with Edmonton Airport Authority.
- Farewell to Municipal Intern, Travis Peter

7. REPORTS

None Scheduled.

8. BYLAWS

8-A. BYLAW NO. 04/001 – LAND USE BYLAW TEXT AMENDMENT – PARTS OF COMMON PROPERTY, PLAN 992 4071 (MOBERLY HALL CHARTER SCHOOL) (AGENDA BILL # 04-006)

04/026

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-006, being Report No. PD-001-2004, dated December 30, 2003, and prepared by Russell Dauk, Planning & Development, regarding the Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment – Parts of Common Property, Plan 992 4071 (Moberly Hall Charter School).

Bylaw No. 04/001, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 99/059, BEING THE LAND USE BYLAW FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO, was presented for amendment and scheduling of a Public Hearing.

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MOVED by Councillor Blake that Bylaw No. 04/001 be amended by deleting Schedule "A", and replacing it with a revised Schedule "A", and that a Public Hearing be scheduled to take place on February 10, 2004.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8-B. BYLAW NO. 04/003 – DEBENTURE BORROWING BYLAW AMENDMENT –
TIMBERLEA ATHLETIC PARK (AGENDA BILL # 04-009)**
04/027

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-009, dated January 13, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Community Services, regarding the Debenture Borrowing Bylaw Amendment – Timberlea Athletic Park

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 02/023 be amended from \$773,333.00 to \$1,079,231.00, and that Bylaw No. 04/003 be given first reading.

It was clarified that the project estimates and timing have increased the cost of the project; however, the project has now been downsized and the reduced scope will result in a decreased overall cost of approximately \$775,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

10. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMITTEES

04/028

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-010, dated January 22, 2004, and prepared by the Selection Committee, regarding Appointments to Boards & Committees.

MOVED by Councillor Blake that the following individuals be appointed to the Fort McMurray Business Revitalization Zone Association for the period January 01, 2004 – December 31, 2004, inclusive:

- Mr. Mike Allen, Campbell's Music
- Ms. Patty Bramsleven, Mitchell's Cafe
- Mr. Ray Chivers, Manchester Chivers & Associates

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- Mr. Ian Dirom, Ian Dirom Associates
- Ms. Phyllis Funk, Investors Group
- Ms. Liz Helm, Capital City Savings
- Mrs. Frances Jean, City Centre Group
- Ms. Judy O'Reilly-Dicks, Peter Pond Shopping Centre
- Ms. Sonia Reynolds, Sports Wise

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Carbery that the meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER