

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, APRIL 8, 2008, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	ACTING MAYOR	M. ALLEN
	COUNCILLORS	D. BLAIR M. BYRON S. CLARKSON S. GERMAIN G. JANVIER P. MEAGHER R. REBUS J. VYBOH
	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	R. BURKARD
	CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	S. KANZIG
	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	B. BROOMFIELD
ABSENT:	MAYOR	M. BLAKE

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRAYER: The Acting Mayor asked everyone to join him in Prayer.

AGENDA: Resolution # 08-072
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: **Council Meeting – March 25, 2008**

Resolution # 08-073
MOVED by Councillor Germain that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: **Mr. Tom Weber, re: Syne Channel Rehabilitation Project**

Mr. Weber approached Council to express his concern regarding the present state of the Syne Channel. He provided a brief history of the Syne Channel, and commented that there has to be some means of getting water flow through the channel. There were no questions from Council.

BYLAWS: **Engineering Debenture Borrowing Bylaws**

Resolution #08-074

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS: **Regional Solid Waste Master Plan**

Mr. Wes Holodniuk, General Manager, Public Works, was in attendance and introduced Mr. Michel Savard, Manager, Environment Branch; Ms. Debbie Schmeeler, Golder Associates Ltd., Fort McMurray Office; and Mr. Michael Cant, Senior Solid Waste Planner, Golder Associates Ltd.

Mr. Cant provided a brief background of the Regional Solid Waste Management Master Plan and a PowerPoint overview of the Plan.

Resolution #08-075

MOVED by Councillor Rebus that the Regional Solid Waste Management Master Plan, dated August 2007, be received as information and utilized by Administration to guide future business planning processes.

A lengthy discussion followed during which Council directed questions for clarification to the panel regarding potential liability issues, cost of transferring waste to a regional landfill site, cost of development new landfill site, potential partnerships with industry, plastic bag recycling, recycling bins at construction sites for construction, renovation and demolition waste, waste management diversion rates, recycling education awareness programs, recycling cash flow programs, hazardous waste materials collections, and large item pick-ups.

Departure and Return

Councillor Germain left the Chamber at 6:50 p.m. and returned at 6:52 p.m.

At the conclusion of the discussion, both the CAO and Ms. Susan Motkaluk, Deputy CAO, clarified that the Waste Management Plan is a guiding document that will be used to strategize, plan and budget for solid waste management in the Region.

Voting then occurred on Councillor Rebus' motion.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Clarkson, Germain,
Janvier, Meagher, Rebus, Vyboh
Against: Byron

Snye Channel Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Salem Abushawashi, Superintendent Engineering Services, was in attendance and responded to questions from Council.

The following motion was presented by Councillor Meagher:

- “THAT the Snye Channel Rehabilitation Project Preliminary Design (2007) report be received as information.
- THAT the 2008 Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 3 – Capital Budget Amendment Request – Snye Channel Rehabilitation Project, dated March 25, 2008.
- THAT \$50,000 from the current remaining capital budget be utilized for the bathymetric survey, analysis of the results, and establishing costs estimates to budget for the dredging program.”

Mr. Abushawashi provided a brief history of the Snye Channel and the previous studies undertaken to address the sediment buildup and weed growth. Mr. Abushawashi indicated that because of previous studies that were done, it is now a struggle for the Municipality to arrive at a final decision on how best to address this matter. Discussion ensued on the need for a full dredging program and a sonar survey.

Ms. Susan Motkaluk, Deputy CAO, indicated that a dredging program is recommended from all parties involved in the Project, no matter what other actions are taken.

Resolution #08-076

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the main motion be amended by adding the following: “THAT Administration meet with local federal and provincial representatives to address the capital needs of the rehabilitation of the Snye Channel”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A brief discussion occurred as to whether further clarification or direction be given to Administration as to the information contained in the Snye Channel Rehabilitation Project Preliminary Design Report.

Voting then occurred on the main motion, as amended, which reads as follows:

Resolution #08-077

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT the Snye Channel Rehabilitation Project Preliminary Design (2007) report be received as information.
- THAT the 2008 Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 3 – Capital Budget Amendment Request – Snye Channel Rehabilitation Project, dated March 25, 2008.
- THAT \$50,000 from the current remaining capital budget be utilized for the bathymetric survey, analysis of the results, and establishing costs estimates to budget for the dredging program.
- THAT Administration meet with local federal and provincial representatives to address the capital needs of the rehabilitation of the Snye Channel.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Byron, Clarkson,
Germain, Janvier, Rebus, Vyboh

Against: Meagher

NEW BUSINESS:

None scheduled.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- PetroCanada Sustainability Display
- Leadership Wood Buffalo
- Business Revitalization Zone
- AUMA Building Communities Meeting

Councillor Blair reported on the following:

- AAMDC Convention
- Keyano College Community Careers Cooperatives

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- Recreation Meeting in Fort Chipewyan

Councillor Byron reported on the following:

- AAMDC Convention
- MacDonald Island Meeting

Acting Mayor's Update

Acting Mayor Allen reported on the following:

- Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
- Fort McMurray Sustainable Resource Committee

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 08-078

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER