

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, JUNE 13, 2006, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	MAYOR	M. BLAKE
	DEPUTY MAYOR	L. WILTZEN
	COUNCILLORS	J. CARBERY S. CLARKSON S. FLETT S. GERMAIN P. MEAGHER R. REBUS C. SLADE J. VYBOH
	REGIONAL MANAGER	B. NEWELL
	CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	K. GREIG
	LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR	A. HAWKINS
ABSENT:	COUNCILLOR	J. CHADI

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRAYER:

Mayor Blake asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

AGENDA:

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Agenda be adopted as amended by deleting Pages 25 and 26 inclusive – Alberta Energy & Utilities Board Intervention and replacing them with Revised Pages 25 and 26 inclusive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

1. MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 23 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

Community Plan on Homelessness – Rod McDonald and Bruce Taylor, Homelessness Initiative Steering Committee

Mr. Rod McDonald came forward and spoke to the Community Plan on Homelessness, specifically referring to the high levels of homelessness within the Region. He indicated that the existing resources are inadequate to service the current and long term needs.

Pastor Bruce Taylor spoke to the group's long term vision and indicated that their plan needs to be updated in order to access federal funding. It is important that all stakeholders work together in looking at the community's future. Social agencies cannot solve the problem alone. He invited Council members to attend a series of Focus Group meetings which has been set throughout the month of June to increase public awareness in this matter.

Procedure Bylaw – Mike Allen, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Mike Allen came forward to speak to the proposed Procedure Bylaw, putting forward recommended changes which the Chamber feels should be made to the proposed bylaw

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the regular meeting move into a Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECONVENE

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Councillor Carbery reported on the following:

- FCM Conference
- Airport runway and parking extensions

Councillor Slade reported on the following:

- Awards Ceremony for Seniors of the Year (Jean Mandell and Bruce Haxton)

- Progress on MacDonald Island
- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- FCM Conference, including tours taken, speakers heard, information garnered in terms of brochures, videos, etc.

Deputy Mayor Wiltzen reported on the following:

- Conklin Community Association meeting
- Willow Lake Community Association meeting
- Anzac Community Engagement Opportunity
- Ribbon cutting ceremony for bench node in Anzac

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- FCM Conference
- Future Forward Speaker #4
- Conference relative to Investing in Oil Sands
- Ribbon cutting ceremony for bench node in Anzac
- Secure a Cure Run for Diabetes
- Celtic Heritage Celebrations at Heritage Park
- Invited everyone to attend the upcoming Mayor's Picnic to be held at Borealis Park on Sunday, June 18th, between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Resolution 186/06 – G. E. Bussieres Scholarship Fund

MOVED by Councillor Slade:

1. THAT the current unrestricted funds in the G. E. Bussieres Scholarship Foundation Fund above the base amount of \$250,000 and all future annual EI rebates be used for employee programs on the condition that the use of the funds be identified to Council.
2. THAT the interest from 2005 remains in the scholarship fund for 2006 scholarship awards.
3. THAT the current G. E. Bussieres Scholarship Policy PER 260 be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES
COMMITTEE:**

Resolution 187/06 – 2006 Blueberry Festival

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

1. THAT the Blueberry Festival Society obtain a Special Event Permit and a Parade Permit prior to allocation of any municipal contribution.
2. THAT a \$3,000 cash grant be allocated from the Joint Initiatives Fund
3. THAT funding in the amount of \$2,000 be allocated from the Civic Grant Fund.
4. THAT thirty hours of a Community Development Coordinator's time be provided to the Blueberry Festival Society.
5. THAT Operations and Maintenance Department provide garbage cans and barricades, including set up and dismantling and removal of debris and the barricades.
6. THAT the RCMP/Bylaw support traffic control for the parade and Labour Day concert and have members participate in the parade as operational duties allow.
7. THAT the Fire Department provide a truck for the parade and an ambulance at the cabaret/concert.
8. THAT a Park and Ride transportation system via city transit be provided from sites to be determined at a later date for the event.
9. THAT Operations and Maintenance assist with event set up.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 188/06 – Celebrate Canada Day

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

1. THAT the Celebrate Canada Committee obtain a Special Event Permit, Fireworks Permit and a Parade Permit prior to allocation of any municipal contributions;
2. THAT a \$4,500 cash grant be allocated from the Joint Initiatives Fund;
3. THAT Regional Council allocate \$2,500 from the Civic Grant Fund.
4. THAT the Parks Division prepare the fireworks concert site

- with grass cutting and debris cleanup prior to activities, and deliver and return tables from MacDonald Island to Father Mercredi High School;
5. THAT the Community Development Division provide summer staff to organize family crafts and games activity on July 1st;
 6. THAT the Fire Department provides a fire truck and ambulance support at the fireworks concert June 20 and the parade on July 1st;
 7. THAT the Operations and Maintenance Department provide barricades for the fireworks concert site and parade route, grade the area for the stage, provide a street sweeper and hang flags along the parade route.
 8. THAT the Parks Division and Operations and Maintenance Department provide four staff each and two trucks each for extra security on the bridge during the fireworks on June 30 as requested by Alberta Infrastructure and in partnership with the RCMP;
 9. THAT RCMP/Bylaw work in cooperation with the Committee to ensure the safety of all citizens at the fireworks event, and participate in the opening ceremonies and the parade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Resolution 189/06 – MIP Redevelopment Project T8 – Tender Award
– Curling Rink Slab Reconstruction**

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Curling Rink Slab reconstruction contract be awarded to Bry Sand Ice Arena Limited at a cost of \$1,090,695.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Resolution 190/06 – Archie Simpson Arena Redevelopment – Needs
Assessment and Concept Design**

MOVED by Councillor Meagher :

1. THAT the ice arena with concrete pad, youth centre area, fitness/wellness area, computer lab, indoor walking track and indoor playground identified in the Fort Chipewyan Archie Simpson Needs Assessment and Concept Design be approved and incorporated into the facility reconstruction/redevelopment and design.
2. THAT Council approve the funding in the amount of \$5,600,000 which is comprised of \$2,378,570 from the municipal insurer, a

\$160,500 Municipal Infrastructure Grant, a \$1,000,000 debenture (2006), \$800,000 from Capital Infrastructure Reserve, \$75,000 Feasibility Study Reserve (2006) and \$1,260,930 Capital Infrastructure Reserve (2007).

3. THAT Debenture Bylaw No. 06/028 be brought forward through the bylaw process.
4. THAT if additional project funding is received through a donation or a larger than identified insurance settlement, these funds shall reimburse the Capital Infrastructure Fund accordingly.

Discussion occurred relative to installing artificial ice in the new facility. It was confirmed that when tenders are brought forward, the artificial ice component will be included. Once a full cost analysis is received, the decision will be made relative to artificial ice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE:

Resolution 191/06 – Purchase of Two (2) Street Flusher Tankers

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Wiltzen:

1. THAT one additional street flusher tanker be purchased immediately at a cost of \$240,000 for delivery in 2006 with funds drawn from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve; and
2. THAT one replacement street flusher tanker be ordered immediately for delivery in 2007, at a cost of \$240,000 with funds to be obtained from the 2007 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 192/06 – Utility Rate Strategy

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Wiltzen that the Rate Review Utility Analysis Report be adopted as a Guideline to establish utility rates and policies relating to municipal utilities.

An amendment to this motion was put forward:

MOVED by Councillor Germain that an education and conservation program be developed for the use of residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on the motion as amended which will now read:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Wiltzen:

1. THAT the Rate Review Utility Analysis Report be adopted as a Guideline to establish utility rates and policies relative to municipal utilities and
2. THAT an education and conservation program be developed for the use of residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE:**

Resolution 193/06 – Amendment to Municipal Sign Bylaw

MOVED by Councillor Germain that Bylaw No. 06/023, a bylaw to amend the Sign Bylaw, be brought forward through the bylaw process, at the next regular Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 194/06 – Two Additional Staff in 2006 for Strategic Planning and Policy Division

MOVED by Councillor Germain:

1. THAT a Planning I and a Clerk-Typist position, be added to the Planning and Development Department in 2006 at a maximum cost of \$84,000 to be funded from the Planning and Development operating budget; and
2. THAT the future costs for these positions be accommodated in the 2007-2009 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 195/06 – Accommodation Action Plan

MOVED by Councillor Germain:

1. THAT a Project Manager position, Accommodation Services, be added to the Planning and Development Department in 2006 at a maximum cost of \$52,000, to be funded from the Planning and Development Operating Budget; and
2. THAT the future costs be accommodated in the 2007-2009 operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RECESS AND
RECONVENE**

A break occurred at 7:37 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

**PROTECTIVE
SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

Resolution 196/06 – Clean Street Campaign (For Information Only)

The possibility of organizing a campaign to monitor mud tracking equipment was raised.

Resolution 197/06 – Unsightly Premises Bylaw (For Information Only)

Administration was directed to review the Unsightly Premises Bylaw to strengthen its requirements in terms of residential and public properties. These requirements need to be applicable to both the Urban Service Area and the Rural Service Area.

**NEW AND
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

Resolution 198/06 – Alberta Energy & Utilities Board Intervention

MOVED by Councillor Carbery that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo intervene in the Suncor Voyageur Project applications before the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board bearing numbers 1391211 and 1391212 respectively, and subsequently any future application deemed to have an impact on the Region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS:

Resolution 199/06

BYLAW NO. 06/020 – Procedure Bylaw

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF
WOOD BUFFALO TO REGULATE THE PROCEEDINGS OF
COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES.**

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/020 be given second reading.

CARRIED

For: Blake, Carbery, Clarkson, Flett, Meagher,
Rebus, Slade, Vyboh, Wiltzen
Opposed: Germain

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/020 be given third reading.

CARRIED

For: Blake, Carbery, Clarkson, Flett, Meagher,
Rebus, Slade, Vyboh, Wiltzen
Opposed: Germain

Resolution 200/06

BYLAW NO. 06/021 – Amendment to the Anzac Area Structure Plan to Accommodate school site

BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND BYLAW 02/060 BEING THE ANZAC AREA STRUCTURE PLAN.

A Public Hearing was held on this matter earlier in the meeting.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Wiltzen that Bylaw No. 06/021 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/021 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 201/06

BYLAW NO. 06/022 – Amendment to Off Site Levy Bylaws for Wood Buffalo Estates, Wood Buffalo Estates West, Martin Ridge Estates, Timberlea and Lower Townsite East End

A Public Hearing was held on this matter earlier in the meeting.

OFF-SITE LEVY AMENDMENT BYLAW FOR WOOD BUFFALO ESTATES, WOOD BUFFALO ESTATES WEST, MARTIN RIDGE ESTATES, TIMBERLEA AND LOWER TOWNSITE EAST END

MOVED by Councillor Germain that Bylaw No. 06/022 be given first

reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Based on the Public Hearing held earlier, it was agreed an amendment to Bylaw No. 06/022 will be prepared for submission at the next regular Council meeting.

Resolution 202/06

BYLAW NO. 06/028 -- Debenture Borrowing Bylaw for Archie Simpson Arena Construction

BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS BY THE ISSUANCE OF DEBENTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA RECONSTRUCTION.

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 06/028 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the meeting adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER

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ABSENT:	COUNCILLOR	J. CHADI

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blake called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m.

**A. PUBLIC HEARING RE: BYLAW NO. 06/021 – Amendment to the Anzac Area Structure Plan to accommodate school site
Resolution 204/06**

2-A. OPENING STATEMENT

Beth Sanders, Manager of Planning and Development indicated this application is to amend the Anzac Area Structure Plan from Open Space to Public Service in order to accommodate a school site.

3-A. WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

There were no written presentations.

4-A. ORAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no oral presentations.

5-A. OTHER PRESENTATIONS, TIME PERMITTING, WITH APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

Ms. Betty Woodward

A late request for presentation was received from Betty Woodward, but Ms. Woodward was not in attendance this evening.

Following the second Public Hearing held relative to the off site levy bylaw, some residents came forward to address the proposed amendment to the Anzac Area Structure Plan.

Darrol Carelse, Yvette Simon, Karen Janvier and Sherry Seawolt

The above noted came forward and spoke in support of the proposed amendment based on the increase in the local student population and the need for a new school facility.

6-A. QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL

7-A. CLOSING STATEMENT

There was no closing statement presented.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING RE: BYLAW NO. 06/022 – Amendment to Off-Site Levy Bylaws for Wood Buffalo Estates, Wood Buffalo Estates West, Martin Ridge Estates, Timberlea and Lower Townsite East End
Resolution 205/06**

2-B. OPENING STATEMENT

Beth Sanders, Manager, Planning and Development Department explained Bylaw No. 06/022 is proposing to amend three off site levy bylaws. She explained there were two major issues dealt with being timing of payment and ensuring there was no double taxation relative to utilities. Based on the discussions which have occurred with various stakeholders, it has become apparent that some wording in the bylaw needs to be amended. Therefore Administration is recommending second reading be given to Bylaw No. 06/022 with third reading being deferred to the next regular Council meeting, at which time an amendment will be presented to Council.

3-B. WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

There were no written presentations.

4-B. ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Dave Marshall, Wood Buffalo Builders' Association

Mr. Marshall came forward and stated the Association, based on the consultation with Administration,

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has come to a full understanding of the proposed bylaw which they now feel is fair and equitable. He reiterated their main concerns were the timing of payment and ensuring there would be no double taxation on sewage utilities. The Association agrees that parts of the bylaw need to be re-worded.

Mr. Marshall commended everyone for their efforts in developing this bylaw.

5-B. OTHER PRESENTATIONS, TIME PERMITTING, WITH APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

Mr. Jim Rogers

Mr. Rogers expressed his support for the proposed bylaw.

6-B. QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL

There were no questions.

7-B. CLOSING STATEMENT

There was no closing statement presented.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that the Public Hearing be closed at 6:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER