

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, AB, on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
M. Allen, Councillor  
D. Blair, Councillor  
M. Byron, Councillor  
S. Clarkson, Councillor  
L. Flett, Councillor  
S. Germain, Councillor  
G. Janvier, Councillor  
P. Meagher, Councillor  
R. Rebus, Councillor  
J. Vyboh, Councillor

**Administration:** K. Kloss, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer  
D. Elliott, Chief Operating Officer  
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer/Recorder  
M. Laing, Legislative Assistant/Voting System Operator

**Call to Order**

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

**Agenda**

Councillor Meagher put forward the following motion: “That the agenda be amended by: adding item #1.1 - Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer; adding new item #4 – Presentation - Mr. Tim Reid, Chief Operating Officer, MacDonald Island Park Corporation and Mr. Andrew Boutilier, President NAAA (Oil Barons) re: Northern Classic Outdoor Hockey Event - November 26, 2010; renumbering item #12 - Business Arising out of Presentation - Northern Classic Outdoor Hockey Event - November 26, 2010 as item #5; renumbering the remaining items accordingly; and that the agenda be adopted as amended.”

10-306 Moved by Councillor Byron that the Agenda be further amended by adding Item #16 – Legal Expenditures under New and Unfinished Business

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Byron,

Flett, Germain, Janvier, Rebus,  
Vyboh  
Opposed: Clarkson, Meagher

Voting then occurred on the original amending motion.

10-307 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

That the agenda be amended by:

- Adding item #1.1 - Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer
- Adding new item #4 – Presentation - Mr. Tim Reid, Chief Operating Officer, MacDonald Island Park Corporation and Mr. Andrew Boutilier, President NAAA (Oil Barons) re: Northern Classic Outdoor Hockey Event - November 26, 2010
- Renumbering item #12 - Business Arising out of Presentation - Northern Classic Outdoor Hockey Event - November 26, 2010 as item #5
- Renumbering the remaining items accordingly; and

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Minutes

### **1. Council Meeting –August 24, 2010**

10-308 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Address by Councillor Janvier**

Councillor Janvier mentioned he would be leaving shortly due to previous commitments and took this opportunity to thank council members and staff for their support during his term of office.

### **1.1 Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer**

10-309 Moved by Councillor Germain that Mr. Glen Laubenstein be appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, effective November 15, 2010 according to the terms and conditions as summarized in Attachment 1 (Summary of Terms and Conditions of the Chief Administrative Officer Employment Agreement, dated September 14, 2010), and that Attachment 1 remain confidential pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of

Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Exit**

Councillors Janvier and Byron left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

### **Delegations**

#### **Deacon Jerry Metz re: Land Sale between the Municipality and Abram's Land Development Corporation**

Deacon Metz came forward and spoke in favour of the report regarding the proposed sale of land between the Municipality and Abram's Land Development Corporation.

10-310 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the presentation made by Deacon Jerry Metz be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Dr. John O'Connor re: Notice of Motion – Proposed closure of Edmonton City Centre Airport (ECCA)**

Dr. O'Connor spoke in support of the Notice of Motion regarding the proposed closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport (ECCA), further suggesting that this is not only an issue of closing down the City Centre Airport, but a matter of providing adequate health care for residents in the northern part of the province.

### **Return**

Councillor Byron returned to the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

10-311 Moved by Councillor Blair that the presentation made by Dr. John O'Connor be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Mr. Dave Kirschner re: Notice of Motion – Proposed closure of Edmonton City Centre Airport (ECCA)**

Mr. Kirschner, resident and representative for the Northern Alberta Development Council suggested that the Municipality may wish to advocate to the Minister of Health for additional services to be provided at the local health care centre. He noted that if Edmonton cannot look after the northern region, Fort McMurray could become the "Gateway to the North".

10-312 Moved by Councillor Rebus that the presentation made by Mr. Dave Kirschner be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mr. Mohammad Dogar, resident re: Notice of Motion – Proposed closure of Edmonton City Centre Airport (ECCA)**

Mr. Dogar came forward to speak in support of the proposed Notice of Motion to be considered by Council later in the meeting.

10-313 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the presentation made by Mr. Mohammad Dogar be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Presentations and related reports**

- 2. Mr. John Stelter, KPMG, re: 2009 Financial Status Presentation and**
- 3. 2009 Financial Information**

Ms. Patty King, Director of Financial Services briefly spoke to the information being submitted to Council this evening, noting that the actual audited financial statement would be forthcoming to Council in November.

10-314 Moved by Councillor Allen that the 2009 Financial Information, as presented by Patty King, John Stelter and Elsie Hutton be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4. Mr. Tim Reid, Chief Operating Officer, MacDonald Island Park Corporation and Mr. Andrew Boutilier, President, NAAA (Oil Barons) re: Northern Classic Outdoor Hockey Event – November 26, 2010**

Messrs. Reid and Boutilier provided background information pertaining to the proposed Northern Classic Event, and the Committee's mission, goals and vision as they relate to the event.

10-315 Moved by Councillor Rebus that the presentation made by Messrs. Tim Reid, Chief Operating Officer, MacDonald Island Park Corporation and Andrew Boutilier, President NAAA (Oil Barons) re: Northern Classic Outdoor Hockey Event - November 26, 2010 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5. Business Arising Out of Presentation - Northern Classic Outdoor Hockey Event – November 26, 2010**

10-316 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- that funding of \$200,000 be utilized from the 2010 Corporate operating surplus toward the Northern Classic Event; and
- that in the event the 2010 Corporate operating surplus is insufficient, the funds are committed from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess**

A break occurred from 7:50 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

**Reports****6. Appointment of WBHDC Chair and Treasurer**

10-317 Moved by Councillor Allen that Mr. Kim Jenkins is appointed Chair and that Mr. Steve Auty is appointed Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Dispute Regarding Contractual Agreement between Rick and Rose Haney And Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation**

Councillor Allen put forward the following recommendation for consideration: That the report “Dispute regarding Contractual Agreement between Rick and Rose Haney and Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation”, dated September 14, 2010, be received as information.”

10-318 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that Council advise Wood Buffalo Housing Development Corporation to refund Mr. Haney the \$30,400.00 that he is seeking in response to the situation.

A lengthy discussion occurred during which other means of dealing with this matter were mentioned.

DEFEATED

For: Blair, Byron, Germain, Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Clarkson,

Flett, Meagher, Rebus

10-319 Moved by Councillor Allen that the report "Dispute Regarding Contractual Agreement between Rick and Rose Haney and Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation", dated

September 14, 2010, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Lease Renewal – REC 850024 (Golf Course Expansion)**

10-320 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- that the lease of 51.89 acres of Crown land shown in red on Attachment 1 (Subject Area Map – REC 850024 within N ½ and SE ¼ Section 12 Township 89 Range 10 W4M dated July 29, 2010) for the Fort McMurray Golf Course operations be renewed based on the terms and conditions referenced in Attachment 2 (Terms and Conditions Recreational Lease Renewal REC 850024 dated August 3, 2010).; and
- that the Fort McMurray Golf Club be issued a sublease for the subject property based on the same terms and conditions as the head lease held by the Municipality on the Crown lands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. Sale of Lot 6, Block 6, Plan 616AO – Lower Townsite Fort McMurray**

10-321 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that the unsolicited Offer to Purchase the property legally described as Lot 6, Block 6, Plan 616AO be approved, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 1 (Summary Land Sale – Terms and Conditions dated August 4, 2010).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10. Lease: Northland School Division – Anzac Municipal Reserve**

10-322 Moved by Councillor Meagher that a lease be granted to the Northland School Division for the land legally described as Plan 0727083, Block 11, Lot 8MR containing 4.19 acres more or less as highlighted in red on Schedule A (Subject Area Map dated August 17, 2010) at the nominal one time payment of one dollar (\$1.00) for a term of twenty-five (25) years with an option to renew for another twenty-five (25) years if in good standing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11. Land Sale between the Municipality and Abram's Land Development Corporation**

10-323 Moved by Councillor Clarkson:

- that Administration is authorized to sell 99.34 acres more or less of raw land as shown on Attachment 1 titled Abram’s Development August 26, 2010, at cost to Abram’s Land Development Corporation (Abram’s) subject to the following conditions:
  1. Abram’s will service and make developable the land;
  2. As part of the servicing, Abram’s will undertake the necessary oversizing of the utilities to facilitate future development of the property west of the Abram’s land;
  3. Abram’s will sell back to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (Municipality) serviced and developable land identified as Parcels 1 and 2 on Attachment 1, at cost;
  4. The cost of oversizing of utilities will be that of the Municipality;
  5. Should Alberta Health Service (AHS) decide not to participate in the Abram’s Development, Parcel 3 on Attachment 1 will be sold back to the Municipality at cost;
  6. An agreement satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- that the 2010 Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 2 – Capital Budget Amendment Request – Abram’s Land servicing and site preparation dated September 14, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**12. Community Identification Committee Recommendations-Roadways in Rickard’s Landing Industrial Park**

10-324 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the roads in Rickard’s Landing Industrial Park be named Rickard Road, Royer Way and Robertson Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. Community Identification Committee Recommendation – Naming of Roadway in the Lower Townsite**

Councillor Meagher put forward the following motion for consideration: “that the road running through the Lower Townsite from the roundabout located at the Highway 63/King Street interchange to Riedel Street, and its future extension, be named Prairie Loop Boulevard”.

A lengthy debate occurred with respect to the name proposed.

10-325 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the road running through the Lower Townsite from the roundabout located at the Highway 63/King Street interchange to Riedel Street, and its future extension, be named Clearwater Boulevard.

DEFEATED

For: Blake, Germain

Opposed: Allen, Blair, Byron,  
Clarkson, Flett, Meagher, Rebus,  
Vyboh

10-326 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the road running through the Lower Townsite from the roundabout located at the Highway 63/King Street interchange to Riedel Street, and its future extension, be named Prairie Loop Boulevard.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Byron, Clarkson,  
Flett, Meagher, Rebus, Vyboh  
Opposed: Blake, Germain

#### 14. Council Inquiries

Councillor Allen brought forward the following motion for consideration: “that the Governance, Agenda and Priorities be delegated the authority to govern Councillor inquiries and to direct the Chief Administrative Officer, as required, specifically related to Councillor inquiries; and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to classify Councillor inquiries as received”.

A lengthy debate occurred regarding the proposed process and how this would affect the ability of Councillors to respond to citizen inquiries. It was questioned whether this Council should be the one bringing this proposal forward at this time as opposed to being left for the newly elected Council.

10-327 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that this matter be deferred to be dealt with following the 2010 municipal election.

DEFEATED

For: Blair, Byron, Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Clarkson,  
Flett, Germain, Meagher, Rebus

10-328 Moved by Councillor Allen:

- that the Governance, Agenda and Priorities Standing Committee be delegated the authority to govern Councillor inquiries and to direct the Chief Administrative Officer, as required, specifically related to Councillor inquiries; and
- that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to classify Councillor inquiries as received.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Clarkson, Flett,  
Germain, Meagher, Rebus  
Opposed: Blair, Byron, Vyboh



**Recess**

A break occurred from 10:13 p.m. to 10:25 p.m.

**15. Notice of Motion – Proposed closure of Edmonton City Centre Airport (ECCA)**

Councillor Vyboh presented the following motion for consideration: “that Administration be directed to draft a letter to Edmonton City Council to reconsider closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport as it would have a negative impact on the citizens of this region who, due to medical emergencies need to be medevac to the closest airport and medical facility; and that the same letter be copied to the Government of Alberta”.

This matter was discussed and it was noted that the provision of health services to northern residents is a bigger issue than the closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport, therefore a letter to the Edmonton City Council may not be what is required at this time. Based on the discussion and concerns raised, the wording of the proposed recommendation was modified as follows:

10-329 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the Mayor be directed to draft letters to the Minister of Health and the Premier of Alberta, the Prime Minister of Canada and the Federal Minister of Health, with a copy to Edmonton City Council, requesting reconsideration of the closure of the Edmonton City Centre airport until such time as mitigating measures can be undertaken, as it would have a negative impact on the citizens of the region who, due to medical emergencies, need to be medevaced to the closest airport and medical facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New and Unfinished Business****16. Legal Expenditures**

This matter was added to the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

10-330 Moved by Councillor Byron that the matter “Legal Expenditures” be withdrawn from the Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Updates****Mayor’s Update**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Canadian Senators visit to the Municipality
- Alberta Water Research Institute
- GAP Committee meeting
- Summer's End event
- United Way Kickoff Breakfast
- MP's visit to the Municipality
- World Suicide Prevention Day
- Saprae Creek Playground Opening event
- Baptist Church Charity Walk Fund Raiser
- Oilsands Trade Show
- Lazy River Beach Ball Drop at MacDonald Island
- Keyano College's Equipped for the Future event
- Thanked outgoing Councillors Clarkson and Rebus for their dedication to the community during their term on Council

### **Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees**

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Annual Fire Fighters' Memorial Service
- Friends of Fort McMurray session
- Submitted to the Chief Administrative Officer a list of names collected in relation to the Rainbow Creek Expansion project
- Acknowledged Councillors not seeking re-election

Councillor Clarkson took this opportunity to thank and bid farewell to everyone who assisted her over the last six years as councillor.

Councillor Germain thanked Councillors Clarkson and Rebus as well as Administration and staff for all their hard work.

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation who evolved from a \$50M corporation to one worth \$313M
- Thanked the Board and its Administration for all their hard work
- Thanked exiting Councillors

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Oil Sands Marathon
- Oil Stand Discovery Centre 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Commended Councillors Clarkson and Rebus for their work and contribution as Council members

Councillor Rebus took this opportunity to express her gratitude to the residents of Ward 3 for their support and encouragement, thanked municipal staff for their assistance and offered

specific thanks to individual Council members.

**Administrative Update**

Interim CAO Kloss thanked Council for the opportunity to serve in the position of Chief Administrative Officer and sent good wishes to all Council members in their respective endeavours.

**Adjournment**

10-331 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer