

**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, September 23, 2008, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** R. Rebus, Councillor  
M. Byron, Councillor

**Administration:** K. Greig, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer  
S. Motkaluk, Deputy CAO – Operations  
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer  
B. Broomfield-Andrews, Legislative Assistant  
L.J. Johnson, Legislative Assistant

**Call to Order**

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

**Agenda**

08-227 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes**

1. Council Meeting – September 9, 2008

08-228 Moved by Councillor Blair that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegations**

2. Tracey Carnochan, Chair Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Committee re: 2008 National Communities in Bloom results.

Ms. Carnochan reported that Wood Buffalo received 5 blooms for 2008. The 2008 score was 85% which was a 2% increase since 2007. She stated that Wood Buffalo was recognized for place making in landscape design. She presented the Mayor with the 2008 national communities in bloom award.

Ms. Carnochan responded to questions and provided clarification in response to questions from council.

08-229 Moved by Councillor Meagher THAT the Wood Buffalo 2008 National Communities in Bloom results be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other Delegations**

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident, was in attendance to advise of the Indigenous Homeless, Transient Homeless, and working poor people who arrive in Fort McMurray looking for work but are not able to afford to live here.

Mr. Vaughn Jessome and Chairperson Mr. Loryn Marcellus, Stepping Stones Youth Advisory Committee, were in attendance to encourage Council to meet the request of \$200,000 dollars. Mr. Marcellus thanked Administration for their report and advised that they are looking to surround the people of the community with services for skills that you can receive in a home. In closing Mr. Jessome once again asked for support of their funding request.

**Reports**

3. **Community Plan on Homelessness and Affordable Housing Funding Allocation Report**

08-230 Moved by Councillor Meagher THAT funding for the Community Plan on Homelessness and Affordable Housing be allocated as follows:

- Fellowship Baptist Church - Centre of Hope .....9,000.00
- St. Aidan’s Society .....25,000.00
- Supportive Transitional Housing Team .....25,266.00
- Salvation Army (Awareness Campaign) .....83,465.00
- Salvation Army (MAT and Shelter Enhancement).100,000.00
- Wood Buffalo HIV & AIDS Society .....100,000.00

▪	Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation (Rural Transitional Housing).....	109,186.00
▪	Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation (ID Assistance) .....	<u>74,351.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$526,268.00

Ms. Carol Theberge, General Manager, Community Services, Ms. Kimberly Snow, Coordinator - Homeless Initiatives, and Ms. Carol Bouchard, Superintendent – Family and Community Support Services, responded to questions and provided clarification in response to questions from council.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Clarkson,  
 Germain, Janvier, Meagher,  
 Vyboh  
 Against: Flett

**4. Stepping Stones Request for Funding**

Councillor Meagher read the following Administrative Recommendations:

1. THAT \$100,000 be allocated to Woods Home Society from the Community Initiatives Reserve as seed start-up funding for “Stepping Stones Youth Home” pilot project.
2. THAT Stepping Stones Youth Home Advisory Committee funding request for \$600,000 for three year operational funding for the “Stepping Stones Youth Home” pilot project be denied.
3. THAT Administration be directed to continue providing guidance and advice to the Stepping Stones Youth Home Advisory Committee in securing additional operational funding, capital funding and a local managing agency for the “Stepping Stones Youth Home” pilot project.

Mayor Blake stated that Council would be voting on each recommendation individually. Discussion then occurred relative to recommendation Number 2.

Ms. Carol Theberge reviewed past practices which were used to guide their decision making. She also responded to questions and provided clarification in response to questions from council.

08-231 Moved by Councillor Vyboh THAT pending the “Stepping Stones Youth Home” becoming a legal entity, that their request for \$600,000 in operational funding be reconsidered.

CARRIED

For: Blair, Clarkson, Flett, Janvier,  
 Meagher, Vyboh  
 Against: Allen, Blake, Germain

Recommendation Number 1 was discussed.

08-232 Moved by Councillor Clarkson THAT \$200,000 be allocated to Woods Home Society from the Community Initiatives Reserve as seed start-up funding for “Stepping Stones Youth Home” pilot project.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Clarkson,  
Flett, Janvier, Meagher, Vyboh  
Against: Germain

08-233 Moved by Councillor Meagher THAT Administration be directed to continue providing guidance and advice to the Stepping Stones Youth Home Advisory Committee in securing additional operational funding, capital funding and a local managing agency for the “Stepping Stones Youth Home” pilot project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Exit and Return**

Councillor Janvier stepped out at 7:16 and returned at 7:18pm.

## **5. Strategic Planning**

08-234 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT the Strategic Plan and Vision, Mission, Values and Success Factors documents be received as information.
- THAT Administration prepare a Terms of Reference to guide the Strategic Planning Process in 2009.

Mr. Marcel Ulliac, General Manager, Strategic Initiatives, provided background information on the plans. He then stated that he hopes the Terms of Reference document will provide clarity for what they are working for.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **6. Capital Budget Amendment – Water Main Replacement 2008 and Sewer Main Replacement 2008**

08-235 Moved by Councillor Clarkson:

- THAT the 2008 Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 1 – Capital Budget Amendment Request –

Water Main Replacement 2008; dated September 23, 2008;  
and

- THAT the 2008 Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 2 – Capital Budget Amendment Request – Sewer Main Replacement 2008, dated September 23, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **New and Unfinished Business**

### **Updates**

#### **Mayor's Update**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Kenny's Choice Classic Shootout
- Athabasca Tribal Council 20th Anniversary Celebrations
- Fire Department 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast/Muscular Dystrophy & Local Charity
- SPCA Fur Ball Fundraiser
- Facilitated Session for Airport Issues
- River Watch Tour
- North-Eastern Alberta Business Association NAABA 2008 Annual General Meeting Banquet

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

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- The Hub – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary –Congratulations on the job they are doing to provide support to families in the community.

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- Fire-fighters Memorial
- Syncrude's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Councillor Blair reported on the following:

- Community Services Advisory Committee
- Facilitated Session for Airport Issues
- Fort Chipewyan town hall meeting
- Communities in Bloom
- meeting with Wood Buffalo Housing and Development in regards to housing in Fort Chipewyan

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Oilsands Discovery Centre Committee meeting

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- APEGGA Dinner – attended on behalf of the mayor
- Harvest of Hope Fundraiser at the Sawridge Hotel in support of the Canadian Cancer Society

Councillor Flett reported on the following:

- Meeting in Fort Chipewyan

**Adjournment**

08-236 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

---

Mayor

---

Chief Legislative Officer