

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 28, 2004, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. PRAYER

The Acting Mayor asked everybody to join her in the Prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Acting Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT the Agenda be amended by deleting Item 5-A. – Public Hearing re: Bylaw No. 04/040 – Closure of Undeveloped Road Allowances for CNRL Lease, and adding Item 8-E. – Bylaw No. 04/044 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 1, Block 64, Plan 782 2691 (Agenda Bill # 04-149);

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- THAT the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 04/040 – Closure of Undeveloped Road Allowances for CNRL Lease be re-scheduled to take place on November 09, 2004; and
- THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APOLOGIES

Acting Mayor Blake extended apologies on behalf of Mayor Faulkner, who was attending a World Health Organization Conference in Estonia and Councillor Slade who was unable to attend due to illness. The Acting Mayor also read aloud a personal message from Deputy Mayor Germain who was recovering from a recent illness.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. DR. KEN NICKERSON, NORTHERN LIGHTS REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE RE: NADC MEDICAL BURSARY PROGRAM 04/257

Dr. Nickerson advised that the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre has been very active in the recruitment of physicians for this Municipality. Some of the initiatives undertaken include development of new recruitment materials, advertising in various publications throughout the Province and Country, assistance with spousal employment, use of head-hunting firms and generous recruitment packages. The Northern Lights Regional Health Centre expects to have five new family physicians in place by the end of this calendar year.

Dr. Nickerson advised that there is a nation-wide shortage of qualified medical personnel, so it is important to plan ahead. Through the NADC's Medical Bursary Program, the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre, in partnership with the Municipality, could sponsor medical students on a return-for-service basis. If granted a bursary, the student would agree to provide one year of service in the community for each year the bursary is received. Students would be eligible to receive \$10,000 per year - \$5,000 from the NADC, and \$2,500 each from the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Dr. Nickerson indicated that rural students are more likely to return to rural areas to practice; therefore, it is important to find medical students from within the community, as they would be more likely to return here to practice.

3-B. MR. KENN KNIGHT, HARGROUP MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS INC. RE: REGIONAL PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION MASTER PLAN 04/258

Mr. Knight advised that the Regional Parks & Outdoor Recreation Master Plan is the culmination of about eight months of work and is based on a significant public engagement program that included interviews and group discussions throughout the Municipality, site visits, telephone surveys, and public

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web-based surveys. In addition, research was conducted of 17 other municipalities in western Canada to ensure that the recommendations reflect best practices in the area of parks and recreation.

Mr. Knight concluded by advising that the recommendations of the Plan are broad in scope and quite diverse, but can be summarized into the following specific initiatives:

- Improve and upgrade existing outdoor recreation amenities;
- Core outdoor recreation amenities that meet basic needs should be available or accessible in each rural community.
- Park development in new residential communities should provide a range of open space for both passive and active recreation;
- Need for additional competitive level sports fields should be addressed by the full development of Timberlea Athletic Park and upgrading of the fields at MacDonald Island
- Development of a major festival site in the lower townsite
- Thickwood Heights and Horse River Valley sites should be priorities for district and regional park development; and
- Opportunities to utilize non-traditional funding sources be pursued.

3-C. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PRESENTATIONS

I. AGENDA BILL # 04-133 – NADC MEDICAL BURSARY PROGRAM 04/259

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-133, dated September 7, 2004, and prepared by Bev Fedorak, Human Resources, regarding the NADC Medical Bursary Program.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

1. THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo partner with the Northern Lights Regional Health Authority to sponsor a Northern Alberta Development Council Medical Bursary.
2. THAT \$2,500.00 for the bursary program be funded from Council's Civic Grant account annually from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. AGENDA BILL # 04-145 – REGIONAL PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION MASTER PLAN 04/260

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-145, dated September 16, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Community Services, regarding the Regional Parks and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh:

1. THAT the following recommendations, as outlined in the Regional Parks & Outdoor Recreation Master Plan, be supported:
 - Priority should be placed on improving and upgrading the existing outdoor recreation amenities throughout the Municipality, particularly the playgrounds, sports fields and outdoor ice rinks.
 - “Core” outdoor recreation amenities that meet base needs (ie: playgrounds, sports fields and outdoor ice rinks) should be available, or easily accessible, to the residents of each rural community.
 - Park development in new residential communities should provide a range of open spaces for both passive and active recreation, protect and incorporate significant natural features and facilitate the development of a comprehensive path and walkway system.
 - The need for additional “competitive level” sports fields should be addressed by the full development of Timberlea Athletic Park and the upgrade of the fields at MacDonald Island.
 - A festival site capable of accommodating up to 10,000 people should be developed in the lower townsite area of Fort McMurray.
 - Other priorities for new district and regional park development in Fort McMurray are the Thickwood Heights site and the Horse River Valley site.
 - Non-traditional funding sources (ie: corporate sponsorships, advertising in parks, commercial enterprises in parks and off-site development levies) should be aggressively pursued.
2. THAT Administration undertake the planning and budgeting work necessary to implement the Regional Parks and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan and bring forward recommendations for its implementation to Council.

Mr. Knight clarified that the proposed off-site levies would have to be negotiated with the development industry as part of the development agreement process, and would apply to new residential development only. Mr. Knight explained that this type of levy is applied in many communities through Alberta and is very much tied to growth and the subsequent need for the Municipality to provide additional services.

Mr. Knight also explained that the Plan is intended to address all outdoor amenities, including access to rivers for boating and all-terrain vehicle uses. Councillor Weber then proposed a friendly amendment whereby the first bullet under the first recommendation would be changed to read “Priority should be

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placed on improving and upgrading the existing outdoor recreation amenities throughout the Municipality, particularly the playgrounds, sports fields, outdoor ice rinks, ATV staging areas, and boat launches". Councillor Vyboh indicated his concurrence with the proposed friendly amendment.

Voting then took place on the amended Motion, which reads as follows:

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 - "Core" outdoor recreation amenities that meet base needs (ie: playgrounds, sports fields and outdoor ice rinks) should be available, or easily accessible, to the residents of each rural community.
 - Park development in new residential communities should provide a range of open spaces for both passive and active recreation, protect and incorporate significant natural features and facilitate the development of a comprehensive path and walkway system.
 - The need for additional "competitive level" sports fields should be addressed by the full development of Timberlea Athletic Park and the upgrade of the fields at MacDonald Island.
 - A festival site capable of accommodating up to 10,000 people should be developed in the lower townsite area of Fort McMurray.
 - Other priorities for new district and regional park development in Fort McMurray are the Thickwood Heights site and the Horse River Valley site.
 - Non-traditional funding sources (ie: corporate sponsorships, advertising in parks, commercial enterprises in parks and off-site development levies) should be aggressively pursued.
2. THAT Administration undertake the planning and budgeting work necessary to implement the Regional Parks and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan and bring forward recommendations for its implementation to Council.

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4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2004 were submitted for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4-B. PUBLIC HEARING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The Minutes of the Public Hearing held on September 14, 2004 were submitted for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on September 14, 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

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Regular Meeting move into the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECONVENE

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

6. UPDATES

**A. REPORTING OF COUNCILLORS ON VARIOUS BOARDS/COMMITTEES
(COUNCILLORS MEAGHER, RIGNEY & CADDEN)**

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Resignation of Manager of Planning & Development

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- Communities In Bloom Committee
- Community Identification Committee

Councillor Rigney reported on the following:

- Commended Fort Chipewyan Volunteer Fire Department on various initiatives
- Kewatinok Recreation Society Fundraiser for Outdoor Skate and Basketball Park
- Installation of communications technology that will enhance service to residents of Fort Chipewyan and Fort Fitzgerald
- Upcoming renovations to Council Chambers and the need to enhance video capabilities for rural residents

Councillor Cadden reported on the following:

- Meeting with Conklin Community Association re: Rural Policing
- Protective Services Standing Committee
- Construction of Janvier Community Centre
- Formation of Chard Dene Nation Settlement Association
- Southeast Water Regional Supply Line
- Northland School Division proposed school expansion

6-B. ACTING MAYOR'S UPDATE

Acting Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Grand Re-opening of Capital City Savings
- Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation
- Community Services Standing Committee

7. REPORTS

7-A. AGENDA BILL # 04-146 – ALBERTA CENTENNIAL LEGACIES PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM 04/261

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-146, dated September 16, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Community Services, regarding the Alberta Centennial Legacies Per Capita Grant Program.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

1. THAT the Alberta Centennial Municipal Per Capita Grant Guideline Package be approved.
2. THAT staff be directed to implement the promotion and administration of the Alberta Centennial Municipal Per Capita Grant.

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3. THAT up to 50% of the Centennial Municipal Per Capita Grant be allocated to community proposals as per the attached guideline package.
4. THAT the remaining Centennial Municipal Per Capita Grant funds be allocated to projects in the 2005 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7-B. AGENDA BILL # 04-147 – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION 2004-0554 – DATA COMMUNICATIONS TOWER HIGHWAY 63 NORTH (SE 6-90-9-W4M)
04/262

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-147, being Report No. PD-070-2004, dated September 10, 2004, and prepared by Russell Dauk, Planning & Development, regarding the Development Permit Application 2004-0554 – Data Communications Tower Highway 63 North (SE 6-90-9-W4M).

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that a development permit for development permit application # 2004-0554 be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in Attachment 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. BYLAWS

8-A. BYLAW NO. 04/037 – CLOSURE OF UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCES FOR OPTI-NEXEN LEASE (AGENDA BILL # 04-126)
04/263

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-126, being Report No. PD-057-2004, and prepared by Russell Dauk, Planning & Development, regarding the Closure of Undeveloped Road Allowances for Opti-Nexen Lease.

Bylaw No. 04/037, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING AND CREATING TITLE TO UNDEVELOPED GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCES, was presented to receive second and third readings.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 04/037 be given second reading.

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MOVED by Councillor Cadden that Bylaw No. 04/037 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8-B. BYLAW NO. 04/041 – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT – LOT 14, BLOCK 14, PLAN 032 0719 (101 PAQUETTE DRIVE) (AGENDA BILL # 04-142)
04/264

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-142, being Report No. PD-060-2004, dated August 5, 2004, and prepared by Russell Dauk, Planning & Development, regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 14, Block 14, Plan 032 0719 (101 Paquette Drive).

Bylaw No. 04/041, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 99/059, BEING THE LAND USE BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO, was presented to receive second and third readings.

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that Bylaw No. 04/041 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Cadden that Bylaw No. 04/041 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8-C. BYLAW NO. 04/042 – ROADS & TRANSPORTATION BYLAW AMENDMENT – CONFEDERATION WAY SPEED LIMIT (AGENDA BILL # 04-143)
04/265

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-143, being Report No. ER04-25, dated August 20, 2004, and prepared by Wes Holodniuk, Engineering & Public Works, regarding the Roads & Transportation Bylaw Amendment – Confederation Way Speed Limit.

Bylaw No. 04/042, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 02/079, BEING THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION BYLAW, was presented to receive second and third readings.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 04/042 be given second reading.

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MOVED by Councillor Chadi that Bylaw No. 04/042 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8-D. BYLAW NO. 04/043 – ESTABLISHMENT OF KEWATINOK COMMUNITY BOARD
(AGENDA BILL # 04-148)
04/266**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-148, dated September 21, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Community Services, regarding the Establishment of Kewatinok Community Board.

Bylaw No. 04/043, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPERATIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD WHICH WILL IMPLEMENT AND PURSUE RECREATION AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALBERTA, was presented to receive second and third readings.

MOVED by Councillor Chadi

- THAT the existing Fort Chipewyan FCSS Board dissolve in October, 2004;
- THAT the mandated responsibilities of the Fort Chipewyan FCSS program become part of the Kewatinok Recreation Society's portfolio; and
- THAT Bylaw No. 04/043, establishing the Kewatinok Community Board, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8-E. BYLAW NO. 04/044 – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT – LOT 1, BLOCK 64, PLAN
782 2691 (480 & 484 SIGNAL ROAD) (AGENDA BILL # 04-149)
04/267**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-149, being Report No. PD-061-2004, dated September 7, 2004, and prepared by Russell Dauk, Planning & Development, regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Lot 1, Block 64, Plan 782 2691 (480 & 484 Signal Road).

Bylaw No. 04/044, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 99/059, BEING THE LAND USE BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO, was presented to receive first reading.

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that Bylaw No. 04/044 be given first reading and a Public Hearing scheduled to take place on October 12, 2004.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

10. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no New and Unfinished Business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the meeting adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

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MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER

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ABSENT:	MAYOR	D. FAULKNER
	DEPUTY MAYOR	S. GERMAIN
	COUNCILLOR	C. SLADE

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:35 p.m.

- A. PUBLIC HEARING RE: BYLAW NO. 04/040 – CLOSURE OF UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCES FOR CNRL LEASE (AGENDA BILL # 04-132)**
04/268

This item was removed from the Agenda.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING RE: BYLAW NO. 04/041 – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT – LOT 14, BLOCK 14, PLAN 032 0719 (AGENDA BILL # 04-142)**
04/269

2-B. OPENING STATEMENT

MR. RUSSELL DAUK, MANAGER, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO

Mr. Dauk advised that this amendment is brought forward by the Planning & Development Department for the purpose of rezoning the Timberlea Fire Hall site. The Fire Hall is built on land that is currently zoned as UE-Urban Expansion, and since the site has been developed it would now be appropriate to rezone the site to PS-Public Service. Mr. Dauk also noted that the proposed amendment will increase the maximum height for this parcel from 12.2 to 14.7 metres. The Planning & Development Department supports the proposed amendment.

3-B. WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

There were no written presentations.

4-B. ORAL PRESENTATIONS

No requests were received.

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

There were no other requests to address Council.

6-B. CLOSING STATEMENT

The proponent did not wish to make a closing statement.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the Public Hearing adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER