

**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, NOVEMBER 23, 2004, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**1. PRAYER**

The Mayor asked everybody to join her in the Prayer.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Agenda be amended by adding Item 3-A. – Presentation by Ms. Cathy Baker-Morrell, Chairperson, Communities In Bloom Committee re: 2004 Communities In Bloom Award; and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3-A. MS. CATHY BAKER-MORRELL, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE RE: 2004 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM AWARD**

04/311

Ms. Baker-Morrell advised that the Communities In Bloom Committee is very excited to report that it received four blooms this year, in addition to special recognition for the “Nominate Your Neighbour” program. The Committee is definitely on its way to achieving next year’s goal of five blooms. Ms. Baker-Morrell then presented the official certificate to Mayor Blake, who accepted the award on behalf of Council and citizens of the Municipality.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the 2004 Communities In Bloom Award presentation be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**A. REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 09, 2004**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 09, 2004 were submitted for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 09, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4-B. PUBLIC HEARING – NOVEMBER 09, 2004**

The Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 09, 2004 were submitted for consideration.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Chadi that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 09, 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 6:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## RECONVENE

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:17 p.m.

## 6. UPDATES

### A. REPORTING OF COUNCILLORS ON VARIOUS BOARDS/COMMITTEES (COUNCILLORS FLETT, MEAGHER, SLADE, VYBOH & WILTZEN)

Councillor Flett reported on the following

- Public Works & Transportation Standing Committee
- Council Orientation Session
- 2004 Fall Convention – Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
- 2004 Annual Convention – Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Congratulations to MLA Boutilier on his recent re-election
- Community Services Standing Committee
- NHL Oldtimers Hockey Game
- Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Councillor Slade reported on the following:

- Planning & Development Standing Committee
- Audit/Budget Standing Committee

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Public Works & Transportation Standing Committee
- 2004 General Municipal Election

Councillor Wiltzen reported on the following:

- Planning & Development Standing Committee
- Council Orientation Session
- 2004 Fall Convention – Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
- Meeting with Willow Lake Community Association Board Members

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**6-B. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 2004 Annual Convention – Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
- Meeting with Mayor Stephen Mandel, City of Edmonton
- Provincial Policing Funding
- Traffic Delays – Santa Claus Parade

**7. REPORTS**

**7-A. AGENDA BILL # 04-171 – 2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**  
04/312

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-171, dated November 1, 2004, and prepared by Carole Bouchard, Community Services, regarding the 2005 Community Development Funding.

MOVED by Councillor Carbery that \$100,000 of Community Development Funding be allocated as identified on Attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-B. AGENDA BILL # 04-172 – COMMUNITY PLAN ON HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING – OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL FUNDING**  
04/313

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-172, dated November 3, 2004, and prepared by Carole Bouchard, Community Services, regarding the Community Plan on Homelessness and Affordable Housing – Operational and Capital Funding.

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

1. THAT \$220,000.00 be allocated from the Community Plan on Homelessness & Affordable Housing to the Northern Lights Health Region to complete pre-development work on an integrated community care facility seniors and special needs populations in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
2. THAT \$636,260.00 be allocated from the Community Plan on Homelessness & Affordable Housing to the Fellowship Baptist Church to purchase a building for the purpose of operating a drop-in centre for adults through the day and youth in the evenings.
3. THAT \$21,000.00 be allocated from the Community Plan on Homelessness & Affordable Housing to the Salvation Army

to upgrade laundry equipment to commercial grade.

4. THAT \$91,200.00 be allocated from the Community Plan on Homelessness & Affordable Housing to the Fort McMurray Association for Community Living to purchase furnishings for two supportive transitional houses and hire a part-time coordinator for one year to set up the houses.
5. THAT a call for proposals for funding be completed in the spring of 2005 for the purpose of allocating Alberta Seniors and Human Resources Skill Development 2005/2006 funding as well as those funds carried over from this call for proposals.
6. THAT the Municipality continue to partner with the Wood Buffalo Homelessness Initiatives Steering Committee to advocate for ongoing operational funding for projects developed under the Community Plan on Homelessness & Affordable Housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-C. AGENDA BILL # 04-173 – THE CRAZE 2004 FUNDING REQUEST**  
04/314

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-173, dated November 3, 2004, and prepared by Carole Bouchard, Community Services, regarding The Craze 2004 Funding Request.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Chadi:

1. THAT a \$5,000.00 grant from the Joint Initiatives Fund and a \$5,000.00 from the Civic Grant Program be allocated for The Craze 2004.
2. THAT a Community Development Coordinator be assigned to provide 20-30 hours of support for this event.
3. THAT Operations and Maintenance loan available pylons, barricades and safety vests for this event.
4. THAT Operations and Maintenance provide snow removal services on the ball diamond service road and parking lot, for the fireworks display.
5. THAT Parks and Recreation loan available radios for this event.

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The Regional Manager advised that staff have been soliciting applications from the public for the MacDonald Island Park Corporation Board. These applications will be brought forward to the Selection Committee, who will then make recommendations to Council. It is hoped that the Board will be appointed in December.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-D. AGENDA BILL # 04-174 – WOOD BUFFALO COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM  
COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS**

04/315

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-174, dated November 4, 2004, and prepared by Carole Bouchard, Community Services, regarding the Wood Buffalo Communities In Bloom Committee Annual Report/Recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Annual Report be accepted as information.

It was noted that one of the weakest areas in terms of scoring related to overall tidiness, but the report does not identify specific locations. Ms. Bouchard advised that, beginning in 2005, Parks will have a Tidiness Committee, which will focus on issues relating to community neatness.

One of the recommendations suggests developing a great sense of ownership among youth as a means of littering and vandalism; however, it was suggested that adults are probably equally as guilty as youth. It was noted that some clean-up needs to take place, particularly with respect to littering and graffiti. Instilling a sense of ownership and pride, in addition to stronger enforcement of existing bylaws may also be an effective means of combating littering and vandalism issues.

Ms. Samaroden also indicated that the Communities In Bloom Committee is working with Community Services staff to expand into the rural areas. Presentations will be organized in the rural communities to let people know how to get involved. Ms. Samaroden stressed the importance of Communities In Bloom being community driven, as community support is key to implementing the program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-E. AGENDA BILL # 04-175 – OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET GUIDELINES AND  
TIMELINES**

04/316

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-175, dated November 1, 2004, and prepared by Darold Sturgeon, Corporate Services, regarding the Operating and Capital Budget Guidelines and Timelines.

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MOVED by Councillor Slade:

1. THAT the 2006-2008 Operating Budget Guidelines, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved.
2. THAT the 2006-2010 Capital Budget Guidelines, as outlined in Attachment 2, be approved.
3. THAT the Operating and Capital Budget Calendar (and timelines), as outlined in Attachment 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-F. AGENDA BILL # 04-176 – SIGNING AUTHORITY**  
04/317

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-176, dated November 16, 2004, and prepared by Marcel Ulliac, Corporate Services, regarding Signing Authority.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Chadi that the attached “Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers” for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-G. AGENDA BILL # 04-177 – NAMING OF ROADWAY WITHIN STAGE 2 OF TIMBER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION**  
04/318

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-177, being Report No. PD-097-2004, dated November 16, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Planning & Development, regarding the Naming of Roadway within Stage 2 of Timber Heights Subdivision.

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen that the name O’Coffey Crescent be assigned to the roadway located within Timber Heights as shown on Attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7-H. AGENDA BILL # 04-178 – NAMING OF ROADWAYS WITHIN PROSPECT POINTE**  
04/319

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-178, being Report No. PD-091-2004, dated November 15, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Planning & Development, regarding the Naming of Roadways within Prospect Pointe.

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MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the names Pliska Crescent, Peterson Lane, Paulin Bay, Pew Lane and Plamondon Way be assigned to the roadways located within Prospect Pointe, as shown on Attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. BYLAWS**

**8-A. BYLAW NO. 04/049 – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT – LOT 50, BLOCK 14, PLAN 042 5408 (TIMBERLEA COMMERCIAL SITE) (AGENDA BILL # 04-169) 04/320**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-169, being Report No. PD-2004-084, dated October 19, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Planning & Development, regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 50, Block 14, Plan 042 5408 (Timberlea Commercial Site).

Bylaw No. 04/049, 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 Deputy Mayor Chadi that Bylaw No. 04/049 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 04/049 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8-B. BYLAW NO. 04/050 – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT – LOTS 6 & 7, BLOCK 3, PLAN 792 0314 (STONY MOUNTAIN ROAD, ANZAC) (AGENDA BILL # 04-170) 04/321**

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-170, being Report No. PD-085-2004, dated October 21, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Planning & Development, regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, Plan 792 0314 (Stony Mountain Road, Anzac).

Bylaw No. 04/050, 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.



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MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 04/050 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen that Bylaw No. 04/050 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8-C. BYLAW NO. 04/051 – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT – PART OF LOTS 5 & 6, PLAN 982 4820 (AGENDA BILL # 04-179)**  
04/322

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-179, being Report No. PD-094-2004, dated November 15, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Planning & Development, regarding the Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Part of Lots 5 & 6, Plan 982 4820.

Bylaw No. 04/051, 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 Slade that Bylaw No. 04/051 be given first reading and a Public Hearing scheduled to take place on December 14, 2004.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8-D. BYLAW NO. 04/052 – DEBENTURE BORROWING BYLAW – TWINNING ARENA AT MACDONALD ISLAND RECREATION COMPLEX (AGENDA BILL # 04-180)**  
04/323

Reference was made to Agenda Bill # 04-180, dated November 15, 2004, and prepared by Stephen Clarke, Community Services, regarding the Debenture Borrowing Bylaw – Twinning Arena at MacDonald Island Recreation Complex.

Bylaw No. 04/052, 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 FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,600,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MACDONALD ISLAND RECREATION COMPLEX ARENA, was presented to receive first reading.

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MOVED by Deputy Mayor Chadi:

1. THAT the 2005-2009 Capital Budget and Financial Plan be amended by moving forward the twinning of the arena at the MacDonald Island Recreation Complex to 2005 and increasing the project's budget from \$4,000,000.00 to \$5,600,000.00 to be debenture financed.
2. THAT the MacDonald Island Park operating grant be increased by \$183,590.00 for the operation of an additional ice surface, once construction is complete (which includes \$112,000.00 for life cycle maintenance).
3. THAT Bylaw No. 04/052 be given first reading.

It was suggested that it may be timely to pursue other funding avenues for this project, as two years have passed since the last funding application was submitted for consideration.

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 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MAYOR

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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER