

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 27, 2007, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

MAYOR	M. BLAKE
COUNCILLORS	M. ALLEN D. BLAIR M. BYRON J. CHADI S. CLARKSON S. GERMAIN G. JANVIER P. MEAGHER R. REBUS
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	B. NEWELL
ACTING CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	A. ROGERS
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	W. HAYES

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR J. VYBOH

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRAYER: The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

AGENDA: Resolution # 07-406
MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: **Council Meeting – November 13, 2007**

Resolution # 07-407
MOVED by Councillor Allen that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 13, 2007 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: **Mr. Kim Jenkins, Deputy Superintendent, Fort McMurray Catholic School District re: Proposed Performing Arts Centre Partnership**

Mr. Jenkins presented a plan for a performing arts centre to be constructed as part of the new high school in Timberlea which has a target opening date of September 2010. The proposed performing arts

centre is designed to seat 350 patrons. This size choice is a result of several factors including the space available, the cost, and consultations with Keyano College regarding the needs of various theatre groups in the Municipality. It is the intention of the Catholic School District that this centre would be small enough to be managed by the school, but large and diverse enough to be used by many other groups for performances and private gatherings at a cost that would make the centre self sustaining.

The centre would offer high school students the opportunity to experience the different aspects of performing arts before moving onto college to possibly continue in that vein. It would also serve as an enticement for families moving to Fort McMurray who are interested in cultural activities.

An estimate from ACI Architecture Inc. shows a cost of \$6M for the theatre, above the cost of the school.

The Fort McMurray Catholic School District has secured private funding in the amount of \$2M, which is dependant upon the Municipality matching the contribution. This would be a one time contribution as the centre is to be self supporting. Other contributors for the last \$2M are currently being sought.

In order to meet the opening target date, the design would have to be finalized within the next two to three months.

Resolution # 07-408

MOVED by Councillor Allen that the Fort McMurray Catholic School District presentation regarding the proposed performing arts centre be received as information and referred to Administration for evaluation and preparation of a report outlining the options available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Vaughn Jessome, resident, spoke in support of the Community Plan on Homelessness & Affordable Housing Funding Allocation Report. He is part of a group that includes private industry and the Wood Buffalo Housing Committee who are looking for solutions for youth homelessness. The group has been working for the last ten months and agree that a social safety net is required as well as additional housing alternatives for the youth who are in need in the Municipality.

REPORTS:

Annual appointment of Residents to Various Boards and Committees

Resolution # 07-409

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the following appointments be approved, effective January 1, 2008:

- **Assessment Review Board** – Cameron Donald and Scott Richardson, for the period January 1-December 31, 2008;
- **Communities In Bloom Committee** – Paul Hakim for the period January 1-December 31, 2008; Drew Hebblethwaite for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2009; Jon Tupper, Sara McKinley, and Tracey Carnochan for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010;
- **Community Identification Committee** – Wasim Bhatti and Grace Frey, for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2009;
- **Community Services Advisory Committee** – Rebecca Dunne, Grace Frey, and Justyna Herman, for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2009;
- **Landlord & Tenant Advisory Board** – Paul Jones, Gregory Lucas, Allan Vinni and Gale Williams, for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2009;
- **Library Board** – Jon Tupper for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2009; and Marianne Bruce, Michael Gaulton, and Ron Pelletier for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010;
- **MacDonald Island Park Corporation** – Mike Cachia for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008; Lee Nordbye and Mike Walsh for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2009; and Cameron Donald and Zoe Gulley for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010;
- **Subdivision & Development Appeal Board** – Robert Bengey and Ross Jacobs for the period January 1-December 31, 2008; Atulkumar Desai and Ronald Lewis for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2009, Bob Pattison, Scott Richardson and Roy Williams for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010; and
- **Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation** – Alfred Arbter for the period January 1-December 31, 2008; David Brady, Brenda Erskine and Keith Minaker for the period January 1, 2008-December 31, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Appointment of Executive Members - MacDonald Island Park Corporation

Resolution # 07-410

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson:

- THAT Lee Nordbye be appointed as Chairperson of the MacDonald Island Park Corporation Board of Directors for the term of January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009; and
- THAT Mike Walsh be appointed as Treasurer of the MacDonald Island Park Corporation Board of Directors for the term of January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Plan on Homelessness and Affordable Housing Funding Allocation

Resolution # 07-411

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson:

- THAT the Community Plan on Homelessness and Affordable Housing Funding Allocation of \$505,000.00 be allocated as follows:
 - Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation – Transitional Housing Upgrades \$160,000
 - Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation – Kitchen & Laundry Facilities \$126,000
 - Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation – Youth Shelter/Transitional..... \$101,000
 - Centre of Hope – Supports for Chronic Homeless\$53,000
 - Fort McMurray Association for Community Living – Job Junction Employment\$50,000
 - Salvation Army START Program – Enhanced Capacity for Disabled Persons \$15,000;
- and
- THAT all organizations receive administrative support to access other funding sources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007 Capital Budget Amendment – Real Martin Drive Regional Park

Resolution # 07-412

MOVED by Councillor Rebus that the 2007 Capital Budget be amended by carrying forward \$1 Million for the Real Martin Drive

Regional Park and commencing development in 2008 upon acquisition of the property from the Province of Alberta.

Exit

Councillor Byron left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor Byron returned to the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

MacDonald Island Park Redevelopment Project – Internal, External and Donor Signage Consultation and Fabrication

Resolution # 07-413

MOVED by Councillor Janvier:

- THAT the contract for the MacDonald Island Design Guidelines be awarded to Westwind Design and Display Specialty Ltd. for \$58,500.00;
- THAT \$58,500 be utilized from the Public Services Division 2007 operating budget to fund the signage consultation and the development of Design Guidelines; and
- THAT in the event the entire amount cannot be accommodated within the Public Services Division 2007 operating budget, the balance be funded from a 2007 corporate operating surplus; and
- THAT in the event a 2007 corporate operating surplus is insufficient or non-existent, the funds be committed from the 2007 Emerging Issues Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support Request – Rotary Golf Course Development Project

Resolution # 07-414

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that the Rotary Club of Fort McMurray be provided a letter of support to accompany their Alberta Lotteries Major Community Facilities Program Grant Application.

It was requested that Administration prepare a report which outlines the status of all local/municipal applications for provincial funding, and identifies possible solutions to bridge the funding deficit between this municipality and others.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural Community Enhancement Initiative – Project Extension

Resolution # 07-415

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the Council Community Enhancement Initiatives Grant expenditure deadline be extended to December 31, 2008 for the communities of Anzac, Draper and Janvier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tax Cancellation Request – 110 Farrell Crescent

Resolution # 07-416

MOVED by Councillor Allen that the request for tax cancellation be permitted by reducing the 2007 municipal tax levy for 110 Farrell Crescent in the amount of \$542.62.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tax Accounts Write-Off

Resolution # 07-417

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that the outstanding tax arrears identified in Attachment 2 - Recommended Tax Account Write-Offs, dated November 27, 2007, be written off.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Blair, Byron,
Chadi, Clarkson, Germain,
Rebus, Vyboh

Opposed: Janvier

Recess and Exit

A recess occurred from 7:35 p.m. until 7:50 p.m. Councillor Chadi excused himself at that time to attend to other commitments.

Arrival

Councillor Meagher arrived after the break at 7:50 p.m.

Transit Master Plan

Veronique Rensonnet, resident, came forward offering the following information to Council:

- That she is a regular transit user in Fort McMurray;
- That she has also been employed as a Diversified bus driver;
- That the existing resources are not being properly managed for optimum ridership.
- That holding the open house for the new transit plan at the water treatment plant where there is no bus service was a mistake;

- That there is no route or schedule information posted at the shelters; and
- That the routes do not adequately service grocery stores or the hospital.

To rectify some of the problems she identified, Ms. Rensonnet offered the following suggestions:

- Advertising route changes on the buses;
- Re-route existing buses to improve service to grocery stores and arena; and
- Better reporting of road conditions and cancellations.

It was requested that Ms. Rensonnet provide her documentation, in writing, for review by Administration.

Resolution # 07-418

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Transit Master Plan, dated September 2007, be received as information and approved for use as a guiding document in the development of future business plans.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Blair, Clarkson,
Germain, Janvier, Meagher,
Rebus, Vyboh,

Opposed: Byron

2007 Capital Budget Amendment – Equipment Purchase (Grader Lease Buyout)

Resolution # 07-419

MOVED by Councillor Rebus:

- THAT the 2007 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 1 - 2007 Capital Budget Amendment Request – Leased Grader Buyout, dated November 27, 2007; and
- THAT \$110,000 be utilized from the Public Services Division 2007 Operating Budget to fund the buyout of the grader lease; and
- THAT in the event the entire amount cannot be accommodated within the Public Services Division 2007 Operating Budget, the balance be funded from a 2007 Corporate Operating Surplus; and
- THAT in the event a 2007 Corporate Operating Surplus is insufficient or non-existent, the funds be committed from the 2007 Emerging Issues Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007 Capital Budget Amendment – Equipment Purchase (4x4 truck)

Resolution # 07-420

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT the 2007 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 1 - 2007 Capital Budget Amendment Request – Truck for Fort Chipewyan, dated November 27, 2007; and
- THAT \$40,000.00 be utilized from the Public Services Division 2007 Operating Budget to fund the purchase of a 2008 truck for Fort Chipewyan;
- THAT in the event the entire amount cannot be accommodated within the Public Services Division 2007 Operating Budget, the balance be funded from a 2007 Corporate Operating Budget surplus; and
- THAT in the event that a 2007 Corporate Operating surplus does not exist or is unable to entirely fund the shortfall, funds be committed from the 2007 Emerging Issues Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS:

Bylaw No. 07/068 – Utility Rates Bylaw

Bylaw No. 07/068, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO ESTABLISH UTILITY RATES FOR SEWER, WATER AND SOLID WASTE UTILITIES, was presented to receive second and third readings.

Resolution # 07-421

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 07/068, being the Utility Rates Bylaw, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 07-422

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 07/068 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley – E ½ 19 & NW 20 88-8-W4M

- **Bylaw No. 07/069 – Area Structure Plan Amendment**
- **Bylaw No. 07/070 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment**

Bylaw Nos. 07/069 and 07/070, BEING A HIGHWAY 69/CLEARWATER RIVER VALLEY AREA STRUCTURE PLAN AMENDMENT AND A LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT,

RESPECTIVELY, were presented to receive first reading.

Resolution # 07-423

MOVED by Councillor Rebus:

- THAT Bylaw No. 07/069, being a Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan amendment, be read a first time;
- THAT Bylaw No. 07/070, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment - East ½ 19 & Northwest 20 88-8-W4M, be read a second time; and

- THAT a public hearing be scheduled to take place on January 8, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Janvier reported on the following:

- Anzac Volunteer Firefighter Recognition Awards

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Clearwater River Committee
- Communities in Bloom

Mayor's Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Budget Meetings
- AAMD&C Fall Convention
- Council Team Building Session
- Festival of Trees
- Launch Event - Envision Wood Buffalo: 250K by 2030
- Re-opening of MacDonald Island Park facilities

NEW BUSINESS:

None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 07-424

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER