

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 28, 2006, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

MAYOR	M. BLAKE
DEPUTY MAYOR	S. CLARKSON
COUNCILLORS	L. FLETT S. GERMAIN P. MEAGHER R. REBUS C. SLADE J. VYBOH L. WILTZEN
REGIONAL MANAGER	B. NEWELL
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	K. GREIG
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR	A. ROGERS

ABSENT:

COUNCILLORS	J. CARBERY J. CHADI
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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

AGENDA: Resolution # 371/06
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: **Council Meeting – November 14, 2006**

Resolution # 372/06
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Clarkson that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be approved as presented.

It was noted that the start time of the meeting should be 6:04 p.m., as opposed to 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearing – November 14, 2006

Resolution # 373/06

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Clarkson that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 14, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

There were no requests to address Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled.

REGRETS:

Mayor Blake extended regrets on behalf of Councillor Carbery, who was attending an out-of-town meeting, and Councillor Chadi, who was absent due to the passing of an elder in the community.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Slade reported on the following:

- MacDonald Island Park Corporation
- Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation
- Northern Lights Health Authority “Festival of Trees”

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Northern Lights Health Authority “Festival of Trees”
- Snow removal efforts by municipal staff
- Meeting with Federal Liberal leadership candidate, Hon. Stephane Dion

Mayor’s Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Opening of St. Martha’s School
- Annual Santa Claus Parade
- Municipal Employee Recognition Event
- Resource Development Review Committee
- Presentation to Natural Resources Committee in Ottawa
- Meeting with NDP leader, Jack Layton to discuss homelessness initiatives
- Upcoming Foundation Laying Event for new RCMP Facility

REPORTS:

The Craze 2006 Funding Request

Resolution # 374/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT a \$6,000.00 grant from the Joint Initiatives Fund and a \$5,500.00 grant from the Civic Grant Program be allocated for “The Craze 2006”;
- THAT Parks and Recreation provide 8 hand held radios for this event;
- THAT Parks and Recreation provide use of a tractor for the sleigh rides;
- THAT Operations and Maintenance provide pylons and barricades for the event; and
- THAT Operations and Maintenance provide snow clearing services to ensure the roadways and parking lots are accessible for the event and the fireworks display.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disposition of Real Martin West Land

Resolution # 375/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh:

1. THAT the proposed development concept prepared by St. John the Baptist Parish, Markaz-Ul-Islam, McMurray Gospel Assembly and the Northern Lights Health Region dated November 14, 2006, be supported in principle, subject to:
 - a) Confirmation that the land requirements for a recreational facility can be suitably accommodated in the Real Martin West area;
 - b) Confirmation that the development concept can support a transportation link from Thickwood/Timberlea to the west;
 - c) Approval of an amendment to the Municipal Development Plan to adjust the Urban Service Area boundary;
 - d) Approval of an amendment to the Real Martin West Area Structure Plan to accommodate expansion of institutional land uses.
2. THAT Administration begin the process to evaluate the site for the purposes of a recreation complex and begin discussions with the Government of Alberta to acquire land for a recreation complex in the Real Martin West area.

The Manager of Planning and Development provided an overview of activities that have taken place since the group addressed Council on

October 10th. All parties have an interest in expediting the process; however, a common understanding is needed of how the groups will work together and the lands west of the subject property needs to be assessed as there are some development challenges associated with it. The Municipality also has an interest in establishing a specific site for a recreational facility. Although there are no definite dates available, all organizations are experiencing stresses and have a definite interest in moving ahead quickly. In addition, each stakeholder also has to allocate funds, and determine how much land is needed so that a site design can be prepared.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS:

Bylaw No. 06/042 – Community Services Advisory Committee Bylaw

Bylaw No. 06/042, BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, was presented to receive all three readings.

Resolution # 376/06

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 06/042, being a bylaw to establish the Community Services Advisory Committee, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 377/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/042 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 378/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that Bylaw No. 06/042 be considered for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 379/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/042 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

None scheduled.

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 380/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER