

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 5, 2006, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

MAYOR	M. BLAKE
DEPUTY MAYOR	J. CARBERY
COUNCILLORS	J. CHADI S. CLARKSON 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. HAWKINS

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA: Resolution # 293/06
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: Resolution # 294/06
MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 295/06
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Carbery that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on August 8, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

MacDonald Island Report – Mr. Todd Jurak, General Manager, MacDonald Island Park and Mr. Stephen Clarke, Manager, Community Services

Mr. Todd Jurak, General Manager, MacDonald Island Park, came forward to update Council on the construction of MacDonald Island Park. He mentioned the 2006 capital improvements which included tennis resurfacing, racquetball and squash court restoration, fitness equipment upgrade, golf shuttle cart and golf equipment.

ARRIVAL

Councillor Wiltzen joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The Park enjoyed successes with its Spring Trade Show, Kid's Summer Camp and Rock Island Concert, and is getting ready to hold the Oil Sands Trade Show and Suncor Energy barbecues over the next couple of months. One major challenge faced is with the parking area.

In terms of health and safety, Mr. Jurak indicated that a new emergency evacuation plan has been implemented, weekly update meetings are being held with the construction company and communication is ongoing with users and staff members in regards to potential hazards.

Revenues are down slightly as some events, i.e. weddings, proms, are not being booked at the park, due to it being a construction zone at this time. Revenue from Project Accommodation is used to balance some of the revenue loss.

Mr. Stephen Clarke, Manager of Community Services, then came forward and spoke to the project timelines. There have been 49 contracts awarded to date. The majority of the design work has been completed. Designs for the library and the aquatic centre are being finalized. The team is always looking for cost reduction possibilities and looking at providing the same quality at a lower cost. The next major tenders coming out will be for the library and the aquatic centre.

Progress will soon be seen onsite from the ground up as the underground services are 90% completed. The parking lot is behind schedule due to rainfall, but it is anticipated that it will be completed by October 6th. It is expected that the arena frame will be erected over an 8 to 10 day period.

Mr. Clarke then introduced Mr. Rolando Inzunza, Fundraising Manager, who is currently working on a fundraising strategy for Council approval.

Direction was given to Administration to provide Council with figures in terms of savings realized with the establishment of project accommodation.

Mr. Clarke mentioned the intention to set up a webcam, enabling the public at large to view the progress being made on the site.

In terms of advertising tenders, Mr. Clarke confirmed they are currently working with the Chamber of Commerce to see how RedLink can be used.

Mr. Jurak and Mr. Clarke were thanked for their presentation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Deputy Mayor Carbery reported on the following:

- Commended public for the courtesy demonstrated on the highway #63 last evening during paving
- Congratulated Airport Manager for his work at the airport – runway extension paving will begin soon, airport will be able to accommodate planes which may be diverted from the satellite runways in the region, and working with the Fire Department to ensure proper protection at the airport, because of the new regulations for larger aircrafts
- Resource Development Review Committee (RCDC) meetings with Shell and Suncor
- Appointment to the Oil Sands Consultation Multi-Stakeholders Committee
- Meeting with conservative candidate Mark Norris.

Councillor Chadi reported on the following:

- Extended his appreciation to Council and staff for their support during his medical leave
- Meeting between Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation, Nunece Health Authority and the Provincial Government relative to building a seniors' facility overlooking the lake front in Fort Chipewyan
- Meeting between Information Technology representatives and Fort Chipewyan residents regarding additional technology that may become available in the community
- ATCO Gas representative meeting in Fort Chipewyan to review options relative to the power plant.

Councillor Slade reported on the following:

- Update received on MacDonald Island Park
- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation Annual General Meeting
- Thanked the people who supported the First Annual Justin Slade Memorial Golf Tournament.

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- RCMP Superintendent Peter Clark leaving the community
- Expressed appreciation to all volunteers in the community for their work in events such as Heritage Day, Interplay and Blueberry Festival
- Meeting with various provincial leadership candidates

Mayor's Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Tour of Birchmont Site – limestone facility
- Communities in Bloom – congratulations to volunteers
- Various bench node ribbon cutting events
- Speaking to Calgary Rotary Club
- Homelessness workshop
- Attendance at the Homelessness Standing Policy Committee - Edmonton
- Opening of Centennial House
- Meeting with provincial FCSS representatives
- Northern Alberta Regional Health District recruitment strategy session for a 5-10 years period
- Quality of Life Conference
- Blueberry Festival
- Tom Hudson, guest speaker for Future Forward – Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Quality Hotel.

REPORTS:

Tender Award – Anzac Community Centre Parking Lot (QU#1796)

Resolution # 296/06

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen:

- That the contract for the construction of Anzac Community Centre Parking Lot be awarded to H. Wilson Industries Ltd. for the amount of \$764,770 + GST.
- That the funding shortfall of \$477,000 (excluding GST) be funded from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tender Award – RCMP Timberlea Detachment (QU #1812)

Resolution # 297/06

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson

- That the current budget for the RCMP Timberlea Detachment and the Downtown Cell Blocks be amended from \$30,000,000.00 to \$51,823,934 and that all these funds be allocated to the Timberlea Detachment with the exclusion of \$509,934 that is already contractually allocated for the consultant fees for the Downtown Cell Blocks.
- That the project cash flow and the funding sources be amended to the following:

Year	Provincial Grants (AMIP)	Debenture	Others	Total Cost
2006	\$8,984,745	\$500,000	\$216,124	\$9,700,869
2007	\$29,528,260	\$10,270,903	-	\$39,799,163
2008	\$2,323,902	-	-	\$2,323,902
Totals	\$40,836,907	\$10,770,903	\$216,124	\$51,823,934

That the contract for the construction of the RCMP Timberlea Detachment be awarded to Marshall-Lee for the amount of \$43,648,000 + GST.

CARRIED

For: Blake, Carbery, Clarkson, Flett,
 Meagher, Rebus, Slade, Vyboh, Wiltzen
 Opposed: Chadi, Germain

Community Engagement – Cancellation of Fort Chipewyan Date and Revision of Model

The following motion was put forward by Councillor Chadi:

“That the Community Engagement Meeting scheduled for September 20, 2006 in Fort Chipewyan be cancelled.

That the Community Engagement Model be amended from three meetings to two meetings per year in a schedule to be established on an annual basis.”

Resolution #298/06

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen to strike out “That the Community

Engagement Model be amended from three meetings to two meetings per year in a schedule to be established on an annual basis” from the above motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on the motion as amended:

Resolution #299/06

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the Community Engagement Meeting scheduled for September 20, 2006 in Fort Chipewyan be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was agreed that Community Engagements will be reviewed as part of Council’s annual Organizational meeting.

EXIT

Councillor Chadi left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Cancellation of Meeting – September 12, 2006

Resolution # 300/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Council meeting scheduled to take place on September 12, 2006 be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

Issuing Invitation to Peter Lougheed

Resolution # 301/06

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Carbery that an invitation be sent to Peter Lougheed, to come to Fort McMurray and speak at a public forum on the issue of oil sands development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was agreed Council would be informed of the cost involved before proceeding with this invitation.

BYLAWS:

Bylaw No. 06/033 – Debenture Borrowing Bylaw – Keyano Area Access (Clearwater Drive)

Resolution # 302/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/033, being a borrowing bylaw to construct the Keyano Area Access, Clearwater Drive, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RETURN

Councillor Chadi returned to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Bylaw No. 06/036 – Text Amendment to Highway 63 North Area Structure Plan – Graymont

Resolution # 303/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that Bylaw No. 06/036, being a bylaw to amend the Highway 63 North Area Structure Plan (ASP) to allow natural resource extraction within the Industrial Land Use Policies section, within Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 30 and 31 of Twp 90-Rge 9-W4M and NE 36 of Twp 90-Rge 10-W4M, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw No. 06/037 – Text Amendment to Land Use Bylaw – Graymont

Resolution # 304/06

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen that Bylaw No. #06/037, being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to allow sand and gravel extraction within the Parks and Recreation District prescribed in Section 114.3 of the LUB, within West ½ of Section 31, Township 90, Range 9, W4M, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 305/06

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Carbery that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER