

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 26, 2006, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

DEPUTY MAYOR	J. CARBERY
COUNCILLORS	J. CHADI S. CLARKSON L. FLETT S. GERMAIN P. MEAGHER R. REBUS J. VYBOH
REGIONAL MANAGER	B. NEWELL
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	K. GREIG
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR	A. ROGERS

ABSENT:

MAYOR	M. BLAKE
COUNCILLORS	C. SLADE L. WILTZEN

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor Carbery called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER: Deputy Mayor Carbery asked everyone to join him in Prayer.

APOLOGIES: The Deputy Mayor extended apologies on behalf of Mayor Blake, who was attending the Energy Round Table Conference in Calgary, and Councillors Slade and Wiltzen, who were out of town on business.

AGENDA: Resolution # 312/06
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be amended by adding the following, under Delegations: Karen Puga, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Tracey Carnochan, Chair, Communities In Bloom Committee re: National Communities In Bloom ; and that the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

Council Meeting – September 19, 2006

Resolution # 313/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2006 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearing – September 19, 2006

Resolution # 314/06

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on September 19, 2006 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

Ms. Karen Puga, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Ms. Tracey Carnochan, Chair, Communities In Bloom Committee re: 2006 Communities In Bloom Achievements

Councillor Meagher introduced Karen Puga, Community Development Coordinator, and Tracey Carnochan, Chairperson of the Communities In Bloom. Ms. Puga and Ms. Carnochan then provided an overview of the eight criteria used by the National Committee to evaluate municipalities. The presenters also provided a brief synopsis of the Municipality's various initiatives and the final score in each category. Ms. Puga concluded by thanking Mayor and Council for undertaking the Communities In Bloom initiative and presented the 5-Bloom Award recently received at the national awards ceremony.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Take Back the Night Event

Deputy Mayor's Update

Deputy Mayor Carbery reported on the following:

- Leading Change Conference

REPORTS:

2006 AUMA Resolutions – Administrative Analysis

Resolution # 315/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the Administrative Analysis of the 2006 AUMA Resolutions, dated September 20, 2006, be approved and utilized by conference delegates for voting purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A report on the status of AUMA's lobbying efforts, particularly with respect to the Machinery and Equipment Tax initiative put forward by this municipality, was requested. The Chief Legislative Officer indicated that the report is typically produced by the AUMA and he will endeavour to provide Council with a copy.

Tender Award – Fort Chipewyan Fire Hall Expansion

Resolution # 316/06

MOVED by Councillor Chadi:

- THAT Tender No. QU 1832 for the Fort Chipewyan Fire Hall Expansion Project be awarded to Genevieve Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$2,234,889.00 (excluding GST); and
- THAT the shortfall of \$1,532,889.00 (excluding GST) be funded from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

Concern was expressed relative to the cost of the project and it was suggested that there may be partnership opportunities or other initiatives, such as combining the fire hall and arena projects, which may result in some economies of scale being realized. It was noted that the current construction market is such that any delay could result in increased project costs.

CARRIED

For: Carbery, Chadi, Clarkson, Flett,
Meagher, Rebus, Vyboh

Opposed: Germain

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Deputy Mayor Carbery declared a pecuniary interest relative to Bylaws 06/036 and 06/037 in accordance with Sections 170(1) and 170(2) of the Municipal Government Act and excused himself from the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The Chair was then assumed by Acting Mayor Vyboh.

BYLAWS:

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

The Acting Mayor noted that a Public Hearing pertaining to this matter was held on September 19th.

The following motion, as put forward on September 19, 2006, was automatically before Council for consideration:

“MOVED by Councillor Meagher 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 second time.”

Resolution # 317/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/036 be amended by deleting the legal description “Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 30 and 31 of Twp. 90-Rge-9-W4M” and replacing it with “Sections 18, 19, 30 and 31 of Twp. 90-Rge-9-W4M”.

It was noted that the Municipality has received a letter of support from Graymont/Inland indicating their agreement with the proposed change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concern was expressed regarding the potential impacts of limestone extraction, particularly in light of the subject property’s proximity to the newly constructed wastewater treatment plant.

Resolution # 318/06

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 06/036 be further amended by deleting the words “*and limestone extraction*” and the sentence “*Prior to municipal land use or development approval for limestone extraction, appropriate authorizations must be obtained pursuant to the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (AEPEA) and Public Lands Act.*”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 319/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/036, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 320/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 06/036, as amended, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Resolution # 321/06

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that Bylaw No. 06/037, being a Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment to allow sand and gravel extraction within the Parks and Recreation District of the West ½ of Section 31, Township 90, Range 9, W4M, be read a second time.

It was requested that if and when on-site development is approved, that a treed barrier be maintained between this site and the adjacent municipal land to aid in screening the river and wastewater treatment plant, and also to minimize the impact of dust from the site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution # 322/06

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 06/037, being a Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment to allow sand and gravel extraction within the Parks and Recreation District of the West ½ of Section 31, Township 90, Range 9, W4M, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 323/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER