

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, OCTOBER 10, 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
REGIONAL MANAGER	B. NEWELL
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	K. GREIG
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR	A. HAWKINS

ABSENT:

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

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

AGENDA: Resolution # 331/06
MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: **Council Meeting – October 3, 2006**
Resolution # 332/06
MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2006 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: **Maggie Mercredi-Wilson re: Various Issues**

Ms. Mercredi-Wilson was not in attendance.

Audrey Rogers, Legislative Coordinator re: Municipal Boards and

Committees

Ms. Rogers came forward and provided information to Council relative to the upcoming recruitment drive for volunteers to sit on municipal boards and committees.

She spoke to the reasons why Council requires volunteer support, the benefits of being a board member, recruitment initiatives undertaken by the Municipality, eligibility criteria and current vacancies.

Ms. Rogers concluded her presentation by noting that the application form can be obtained through the Municipality's website at www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca, at the municipal offices, including rural offices or by contacting Legislative and Legal Services at 743-7005. The deadline for application is November 10th and it is anticipated that appointments will be made in early December.

Ms. Rogers was thanked for her presentation.

Resolution # 333/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the presentation regarding Municipal Boards and Committee be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Deputy Mayor Carbery reported on the following:

- Annual Firefighters Memorial Ceremony
- Meeting of the Stakeholders on Oil Sands Development
- Upcoming official opening of the new airport runway on October 13, 2006
- Thanked the RCMP for keeping Council members apprised of recent events/situations they have been dealing with
- New traffic lights located at the Thickwood Boulevard/Highway 63 intersection

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- AUMA Conference including various events attended
- Annual Firefighters Memorial Ceremony and acknowledged the families behind these individuals

Councillor Chadi reported on the following:

- AUMA Conference including various events attended
- Upcoming Kewatinok Society's Annual General Meeting on October 11, 2006

Councillor Slade reported on the following:

- MacDonald Island Park Corporation
- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation

Mayor's Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- AUMA Conference

REPORTS:

Rural Service Delivery and Aboriginal Relations Policy

Mr. Stephen Clarke, Manager of Community Services, introduced Mr. Thom Stubbs from Headwater Groups Ltd. who came forward and presented the report relative to Rural Service Delivery and Aboriginal Relations Policy.

Mr. Stubbs spoke to the recommendations put forward in the report which were as follows:

- Develop clear policy statements on rural service delivery and aboriginal relations
- Reaffirm and measure service delivery principles in the Rural Service Area
- Establish and review Rural Service Area hamlet criteria
- Develop a municipal organization that is responsive to rural needs
- Develop a specific communications approach for the Rural Service Area
- Develop stronger and more clearly defined partnerships with community organizations
- Develop stronger rural partnership and engage all levels of government
- Advocate municipal interests regarding the effect of industry on rural communities
- Recognize First Nation neighbours and build aboriginal relationships
- Build clear understandings and transparency in Municipal – aboriginal service delivery operating agreements and partnerships
- Develop a recognition of aboriginal culture, history and people in the work of the Municipality.

Resolution # 334/06

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the report entitled “Working Together for Better Service Delivery – Review and Policy Options”, dated June 30, 2006, be accepted as a guiding document for the development of policy for service delivery in the Rural Service Area for building Aboriginal relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS:

None submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Opportunity for All Report - Submitted by Councillor Germain

Mayor Blake indicated this matter would be discussed at the upcoming Strategic Planning Session of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution # 334/06

MOVED by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER