

**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 17, 2006, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

COUNCILLORS	P. MEAGHER C. SLADE
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**REGRETS:** Mayor Blake extended regrets on behalf of Councillors Meagher and Slade, who were absent due to other work commitments.

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

**AGENDA:** Resolution # 335/06  
MOVED by Councillor Carbery that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES:** **Council Meeting – October 10, 2006**

Resolution # 336/06  
MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:**

**Mr. Jerry Metz, representing Markaz Ul-Islam, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, McMurray Gospel Assembly and Northern Lights Health Region re: Land for Future Development**

Mr. Metz was in attendance to speak to an information package which had previously been distributed to Council Members about the need to secure land for two churches, a mosque and long-term care facility. The group has come together, as service providers to the community for families and the aging population. The combined groups have 3,000-4,000 residents using their facilities from Friday to Sunday, and the present facilities are inadequate to meet the demands of the rapidly expanding community.

Mr. Metz indicated that the group has been working together since 2001 in a quest for land and has put together a comprehensive proactive plan which will address the community's needs. Mr. Metz provided an overview of the proposed development, noting that the parcel identified in the Real Martin West Area Structure Plan is the only suitable location. Mr. Metz concluded his presentation by requesting that Council commit to not pursuing further development of the subject property for any purpose other than church development and a seniors facility. Mr. Metz also requested Council's support of the group's request that additional serviced land be set aside for future church and health facility development.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Metz, along with Ms. Lorraine Demers, confirmed that other religious affiliations were involved in discussions regarding the acquisition of land. Should any of the existing properties become available, those groups within the Ministerial Association would have first opportunity to purchase. Mr. Metz also confirmed that it is unknown if the existing facilities would be closed or sold upon acquisition and development of new facilities, largely due to the growth taking place within the community.

The following Motion was presented by Councillor Chadi:

“MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the presentation from the McMurray Gospel Assembly, St. John the Baptist Church, Markaz Ul-Islam and Northern Lights Health Region be received as information, and referred to Administration for preparation of a comprehensive report for Council's consideration.”

It was suggested that a definitive timeline should be established, as the group is waiting for an answer and costs are continuing to escalate.

Resolution # 337/06

MOVED by Councillor Vyboh that the Motion be amended by adding "...by the end of November, 2006."

DEFEATED

For: Flett, Germain, Vyboh

Opposed: Blake, Carbery, Chadi,  
Clarkson, Rebus, Wiltzen

Resolution # 338/06

MOVED by Councillor Clarkson that the Motion be amended by adding "...and that Council be provided with a definitive date relative to completion of the report by October 24<sup>th</sup>."

CARRIED

For: Blake, Carbery, Chadi, Clarkson,  
Flett, Germain, Rebus, Wiltzen

Opposed: Vyboh

Voting then took place on the original motion, as amended:

Resolution # 339/06

MOVED by Councillor Chadi that the presentation from the McMurray Gospel Assembly, St. John the Baptist Church, Markaz Ul-Islam and Northern Lights Health Region be received as information and referred to Administration for preparation of a comprehensive report for Council's consideration, and that Council be provided with a definitive date relative to completion of the report by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Blake thanked the presenters and indicated that the timelines for preparation of the administrative report will be communicated at the Council Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None Scheduled.

**COUNCIL UPDATES:**

**Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees**

Councillor Flett reported on the following:

- Multi Stake-Holder Task Force On Oil Sands Development

Councillor Germain reported on the following:

- Council's Strategic Planning Session – October 13-14
- MacLean's Magazine Top 100 Companies

Councillor Rebus reported on the following:

- Council's Strategic Planning Session – October 13-14

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- Business Revitalization Zone Association
- Future Forward Committee Meeting
- Upcoming Future Forward Forum – October 27-28
- Morning Line - Boards & Committees

### **Mayor's Update**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Resource Development Review Committee
- Canadian Energy Research Institute Dinner
- Ribbon Cutting - Pine Place Subdivision
- Ribbon Cutting – Airport Apron Expansion
- Centre of Hope “KD” United Way Fundraiser
- British Tea United Way Fundraiser
- Stand Up Against Poverty Initiative
- Enhanced Recycling Initiative
- Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards

Councillor Chadi reported on the following:

- Mikisew Cree First Nation By-Election
- Town of Fort Smith, NWT Elections

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Council Expense Summary – Period Ended September 30, 2006**

##### Resolution # 340/06

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Carbery that the Council Expense Report to September 30, 2006 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **BYLAWS:**

None scheduled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None scheduled.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

##### Resolution # 341/06

MOVED by Councillor Wiltzen that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER