

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Greg Newman	Reeve
Peter F. Braun	Deputy Reeve
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor (left at 12:50 p.m.)
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Stuart Watson	Councillor

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
John Klassen	Director of Operations (South)
Dave Crichton	Director of Operations (North)
Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant
Marion Krahn	Development Officer
Liane Lambert	Development Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 13, 2009 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 09-10-800 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 5. c) Chief Gus Loonskin – Little Red River Cree Nation
- 10. p) Electoral Boundaries Commission

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the September 23, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 09-10-801

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the minutes of the September 23, 2009 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Mackenzie Housing Management Board Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2009

MOTION 09-10-802

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Mackenzie Housing Management Board meeting minutes of August 24, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2009

MOTION 09-10-803

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Parks & Recreation meeting minutes of August 25, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2009

MOTION 09-10-804

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 10, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE,
CAO AND DIRECTORS
REPORTS:**

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the forestry conference, REDI

annual general meeting, Travel Alberta workshop, and the Agricultural Land Task Force.

Councillor Toews reported on the meeting with Minister Morton and MLA Frank Oberle, and the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board hearings.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Safe Community Initiatives committee meetings, Zama Recreation Board, Parks & Recreation Committee meetings, and the Apache emergency response exercise in Zama.

Councillor Watson reported on the forestry conference, and the Apache emergency response exercise in Zama.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders meeting, Mackenzie Housing Board meeting, meeting with MLA Frank Oberle and Footner Forest Products, Mustus Energy, Parks & Recreation Committee meetings, Finance Committee, and the La Crete Building Committee meeting.

Deputy Reeve Braun reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meetings, La Crete Recreation Board meeting, Assessment Review Board hearings, Mackenzie Waste Management meeting, Travel Alberta conference on behalf of REDI, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, Alberta Development Officers Association conference, REDI Tourism teleconference, Travel Alberta workshop, Finance Committee meeting, and the La Crete Building Committee meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the meeting with Minister Morton and MLA Frank Oberle, and the community sustainability plan meeting.

Councillor Sarapuk reported on the Northern Lights Forest Education Society meeting, meeting Minister Morton, and the REDI annual general meeting.

Councillor Froese reported on the meeting with Minister Morton.

Councillor Neufeld reported on the meeting with Minister Morton, meeting with Footner Forest Products, and the La Crete Building Committee meeting.

MOTION 09-10-805

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO & Director Reports

MOTION 09-10-806

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director reports be received for information.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

**10. a) Funding Options for the La Crete Sewer Trunk Main
Construction**

Councillor J. Driedger declared himself in conflict and left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

MOTION 09-10-807
(requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2009 budget be amended to include \$420,400 project for the construction of the sewer main trunk line in the Hamlet of La Crete with funding coming from borrowing.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-808
(requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That first reading be given to Bylaw 742/09 being a borrowing bylaw for the construction of the sewer main trunk line in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-809
(requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That second reading be given to Bylaw 742/09 being a borrowing bylaw for the construction of the sewer main trunk line in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 09-10-810
(requires unanimous)

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 742/09 being a borrowing bylaw for the construction of the sewer main trunk line in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 09-10-811
(requires 2/3)

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 742/09 being a borrowing bylaw for the construction of the sewer main trunk line in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. b) Bylaw 739/09 – Offsite Levy Bylaw for the Sewer Trunk Main

MOTION 09-10-812

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 739/09 being an Offsite Levy Bylaw for installation of sanitary sewer trunk main in the Hamlet of La Crete as amended with the deletion of article 6.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:13 a.m. with all members present.

10. c) Master Property Insurance

MOTION 09-10-813

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the master property insurance revised values be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-814

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That administration be authorized to obtain alternate quotes for insurance and bring back to Council for final decision.

CARRIED

10. d) AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 09-10-815

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the Collective Agreement between Mackenzie County and the AUPE Local 118/08 be ratified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. e) Assessment Services Request for Proposals

MOTION 09-10-816

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the assessment contract with Alliance Assessment Consultants Ltd. be extended until June 30, 2011 with a possibility of one year extension.

CARRIED

10. f) Mackenzie County Four-Step Community Sustainability Plan

MOTION 09-10-817

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Mackenzie County Four-Step Community Sustainability Plan update be received for information.

CARRIED

10. g) Quarterly Finance and Investment Report – September 30, 2009

MOTION 09-10-818

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the quarterly financial and investment report for the period ended September 30, 2009 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. h) Fort Vermilion Support Services Society – Seniors Supper Donation Request

MOTION 09-10-819

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Fort Vermilion Support Services Society donation request be received for information.

CARRIED

10. i) Mackenzie County Revised Organizational Chart

MOTION 09-10-820

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council approve the organizational chart as presented and review additional committee needs in the 2010 budget.

CARRIED

10. j) Inter-municipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board – Member at Large Appointment

MOTION 09-10-821

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Wally Schroeder be appointed to the Inter-municipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board as a Member at Large for a one year term ending October 2010 and that administration re-advertise for the second member.

CARRIED

10. k) Alberta's Water for Life Strategy Conference

MOTION 09-10-822

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Alberta Water for Life Strategy conference be received for information.

CARRIED

10. l) 2010 Growing the North Conference

MOTION 09-10-823

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County become a bronze sponsor at the 2010 Growing the North conference.

CARRIED

10. m) The Honorable Rona Ambrose, MP – Invitation

MOTION 09-10-824

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That two Councillors be authorized to attend the evening with The Honorable Rona Ambrose, MP – Minister of Labour on November 14, 2009 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

10. n) Arctic Gas Symposium

MOTION 09-10-825

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Councillor Froese be authorized to attend the Arctic Gas Symposium on March 2 & 3, 2010 in Calgary.

CARRIED

10. o) 2009 PC Alberta Annual General Meeting

MOTION 09-10-826

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Councillor D. Driedger and Councillor Toews be authorized to attend the 2009 PC Alberta Annual General Meeting and Conference on November 6 – 7, 2009 in Red Deer.

CARRIED

10. p) Electoral Boundaries Commission (ADDITION)

MOTION 09-10-827
(requires unanimous)

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to the Electoral Boundaries Commission stating that we support an MLA for the Mackenzie County region.

Councillor Toews requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:

Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Toews
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Watson
Reeve Newman
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Froese

Opposed:

Councillor J. Driedger
Deputy Reeve Braun
Councillor Neufeld

DEFEATED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:50 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Neufeld.

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) RCMP

Report by Staff Sgt. Shane Ramteemal (High Level RCMP) regarding the crime statistics within the County.

5. b) Safe Communities Innovation Fund Committee

MOTION 09-10-828

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County commit funding for the Crime Reduction Unit and negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding for funding as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 09-10-829

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County send letters of support for the domestic violence units.

CARRIED

5. c) Chief Gus Loonskin – Little Red River Cree Nation

No delegation was present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 731/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the Cancellation and Consolidation of Plan 032 3561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, and 4 (La Crete)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 731/09 to order at 1:28 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 731/09 was properly advertised. Marion Krahn, Development Officer, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed land use bylaw amendment. Marion Krahn, Development Officer, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on August 26, 2009.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land use bylaw amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 731/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 731/09. No one was present to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 731/09 at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION 09-10-830

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 731/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the cancellation of Plan 032 3561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3 and 4 for the purpose of consolidation.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-831

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That third reading be given to Bylaw 731/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the cancellation of Plan 032 3561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3 and 4 for the purpose of consolidation.

CARRIED

7. b) Bylaw 732/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the Cancellation of Subdivision Plan 972 2460, Lot 1 (Part of SE 22-106-15-W5M) (La Crete Rural)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 732/09 to order at 1:31 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 732/09 was properly advertised. Marion Krahn, Development Officer, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed land use bylaw amendment. Marion Krahn, Development Officer, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on August 26, 2009.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land use bylaw amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 732/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 732/09. There was no one present to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 732/09 at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION 09-10-832

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 732/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the cancellation of Plan 972 2460, Lot 1 for the purpose of reverting the lands back into Part of SE 22-1106-15-W5M, from which the subdivision was taken.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-833

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That third reading be given to Bylaw 732/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the cancellation of Plan 972 2460, Lot 1 for the purpose of reverting the lands back into Part of SE 22-1106-15-W5M, from which the subdivision was taken.

CARRIED

7. c) Bylaw 734/09 Road Closure NE 10-109-13-W5M (Fort Vermilion Rural)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 734/09 to order at 1:33 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 734/09 was properly advertised. Liane Lambert, Development Officer, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed land use bylaw amendment. Liane Lambert, Development Officer, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on September 23, 2009.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land use bylaw amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 734/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 734/09. No one was present to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 734/09 at 1:35 p.m.

MOTION 09-10-834

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 734/09 being a road closure bylaw to close and sell (according to County policy and Ministerial approval) a portion of government road allowance adjacent to the north boundary of NE 10-109-13-W5M.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-835

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That third reading be given to Bylaw 734/09 being a road closure bylaw to close and sell (according to County policy and Ministerial approval) a portion of government road allowance adjacent to the north boundary of NE 10-109-13-W5M.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Heritage Centre Signage

MOTION 09-10-836

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the La Crete Heritage Centre signage be referred to the REDI Tourism Committee.

CARRIED

11. b) Alberta Recreation & Parks Association Conference

MOTION 09-10-837

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Parks and Recreation Committee members be authorized to attend the Alberta Recreation & Parks Association Conference in Lake Louise.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Zama Fire Hall & Public Works Shop – 1:30 p.m.

MOTION 09-10-838

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the tenders for the Zama Fire Hall & Public Works Shop be opened.

CARRIED

Tender Results:

Makloc Construction Inc. \$1,319,500.00

Balon Construction	\$1,071,600.00
XPS Contracting	\$1,518,000.00
Atkinson Construction Ltd.	\$2,101,861.00
SteelTech Structures Inc.	\$ 298,800.00
Cormode & Dickson	\$1,677,695.00
Square "D" Carpentry	\$ 895,548.00
UFA Construction	\$ 681,875.00 (conventional stud building)
	\$ 599,855.00 (laminated post)
	\$ 769,745.00 (pre-engineered steel)
A. Hanson & Sons Construction (Camrose) Ltd.	\$1,093,396.00
Ed Harder Construction	\$ 634,800.00
Southwest Steel	\$1,381,174.00

MOTION 09-10-839

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the contract for the Zama Fire Hall and Public Works Shop be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder subject to budget.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

11. c) Rural Water

MOTION 09-10-840

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council select the following options for in-depth review by administration, our consultants and accountants for presentation to Council in November 2009 for final review.

1. County wholly owned utility for transmission and distribution.
2. County owned transmission line and co-operatives formed by users.
3. County create a Regional Water Commission.

CARRIED

11. d) Gravel Summary

MOTION 09-10-841

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the gravel summary be received for information.

CARRIED

11. e) Utility Mutual Aid

MOTION 09-10-842

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the County work towards entering into a formal agreement with the Town of Rainbow Lake and the Town of High Level for utility mutual aid.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 09-10-843

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 2:44 p.m.:

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Legal
- 14. d) Inter-municipal Relations
- 14. e) CO₂ EOR Negotiations
- 14. f) Gravel Agreements

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-844

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 3:26 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 09-10-845

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the personnel update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 09-10-846

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the special projects update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. c) Legal

MOTION 09-10-847

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration proceed to complete the settlement for 30-SUB-04 as per Option 2 and issue a final acceptance certificate.

CARRIED

14. d) Inter-municipal Relations

MOTION 09-10-848

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the executive committee proceed as discussed in regards to capital costs with the Town of High Level.

CARRIED

14. e) CO₂ EOR Negotiations

MOTION 09-10-849

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the CO₂ EOR negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

14. f) Gravel Agreements

MOTION 09-10-850

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That administration be authorized to negotiate for long term gravel supply as discussed.

CARRIED

**PLANNING,
EMERGENCY, AND
ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES:**

12. a) Bylaw 738/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone FORTVER, Range 4, River Lot 12 from Highway Development District "HD" to Rural Country Residential District 1 "RC1" (Fort Vermilion Settlement)

MOTION 09-10-851

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 738/09 being the rezoning of FORTVER, Range 4, River Lot 12 from Highway Development District "HD" to Rural Country Residential District 1 "RC1" to accommodate the development of a residential lot.

CARRIED

**12. b) Bylaw 740/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the
Cancellation of Subdivision Plan 082 9175 (La Crete)**

MOTION 09-10-852

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 740/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the cancellation of Plan 082 9175 for the purpose of reverting the lands back into Part of SW 9-106-15-W5M, from which the subdivision was taken.

CARRIED

**12. c) Bylaw 741/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone
Plan 752 1580, Block 11, Lot 4 from Hamlet Residential
District 1B "HR1B" to Public/Institutional District "HP"
(La Crete)**

MOTION 09-10-853

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 741/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 752 1580, Block 11, Lot 4 from Hamlet Residential District 1B "HR1B" to Public/Institutional District "HP".

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE**

13. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 09-10-854

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County advertise in the Military Service Recognition Book.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-10-855

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2009
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT: **16. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 09-10-856 **MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on October 28, 2009.

Greg Newman
Reeve

William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer