

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT: Bill Neufeld Reeve
Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve
Peter Braun Councillor
John W. Driedger Councillor
Greg Newman Councillor
Jim Thompson Councillor
Stuart Watson Councillor

ABSENT: Ed Froese Councillor
Lisa Wardley Councillor

ADMINISTRATION: William (Bill) Kostiw Chief Administrative Officer
Carol Gabriel Executive Assistant
Joulia Whittleton Director of Corporate Services
John Klassen Manager of Utilities & Facilities
Eva Schmidt Planning Supervisor
Jason Gabriel Supervisor of Emergency Operations
Mark Schonken Public Works Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT: Susan McNeil, The Echo
Members of the public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-07-678 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the July 10, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 07-07-679

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the July 10, 2007 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 of May 31, 2007**

MOTION 07-07-680

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Mackenzie Housing Management Board meeting minutes of May 31, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
of June 20, 2007**

MOTION 07-07-681

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 20, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. b) CAO & Director Reports

MOTION 07-07-682

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Director of Corporate Services, Manager of Utilities & Facilities, and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

9. a) Hiring Policy – ADM046

MOTION 07-07-683

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Hiring Policy – ADM046 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

9. c) Zama Trailer

MOTION 07-07-684

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include \$103,458 from the General Capital Reserve for the purchase of the trailer in Zama.

CARRIED

9. d) Request from La Crete & Area Chamber of Commerce

MOTION 07-07-685

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the La Crete & Area Chamber of Commerce be authorized to apply for a grant under the umbrella of the County.

CARRIED

9. e) June 30, 2007 Income Statement and Term Deposits report

MOTION 07-07-686

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the operating revenues and expenditures, term deposits and capital projects progress report for the period ended June 30, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-687

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the delegation regarding ATV use be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) ATV Use

MOTION 07-07-688

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the ATV Bylaw be brought back to the next Council meeting and that administration look at the feasibility of closing the utility right of ways.

CARRIED

9 g) Mighty Peace Tourist Association

MOTION 07-07-689

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County contributes \$750.00 to the Mighty Peace Tourist Association for the cost sharing of the Prospects North Conference in Yellowknife.

CARRIED

9. h) Hamlet Boundaries

MOTION 07-07-690

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the review of hamlet boundaries be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

9. i) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 07-07-691

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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

10. a) Bylaw 641/07 Road Closure West Boundary of NW 25-104-14-W5M and West Boundary of SW 36-104-14-W5M (Savage Prairie)

MOTION 07-07-692

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Developer continue to lease the fragmented land on SE 36-104-14-W5M and NE 26-104-14-W5M and enter into a Road License Agreement with the County to farm the road allowance.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-693

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 641/07 being a Road Closure Bylaw for the closure of that portion of government road allowances lying west of the west boundary of NW 25-104-14-W5M and west of the west boundary of SW 36-104-14-W5M for the purpose of consolidating a portion of SE 35-104-14-W5M with SW 36-104-14-W5M and a portion of NE 26-104-14-W5M with NW 25-104-14-W5M. Further, the applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with the road closure, land purchase, and consolidation of the parcels.

DEFEATED

10. b) Bylaw 642/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW 3-110-18-W5M from Rural Industrial District 1 (RI1) to Agricultural District 1 (A1) (High Level Rural)

MOTION 07-07-694

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 642/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SW 3-110-18-W5M (Plan 922-3304, Block 1, Lot 1) from Rural Industrial District 1 (RI1) to Agricultural District 1 (A1).

CARRIED

10. c) Public Land Sale – NW & NE 8-116-22-W5M (Meander River)

MOTION 07-07-695

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That approval be given to the Public Lands Division for the sale of NW & NE 8-116-22-W5M north of Meander River to Dene Tha' First Nation for the purpose of a Wastewater Treatment Facility.

CARRIED

10. d) Public Land Sale – Section 1-110-20-W5M West of High Level

MOTION 07-07-696

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That approval be given to Public Lands Division for the sale of Section 1-110-20-W5M in Rural High Level to be sold to Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Board for the purpose of expanding the Regional Land Fill.

CARRIED

10. e) Undeveloped Road Allowance – South of SE 1-104-18-W5M (Blue Hills)

MOTION 07-07-697

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Mackenzie County uphold the Road Licensing Agreement, between the County and the Fort Vermilion School Division, and allow the ice rink, sewage lagoon and trees to remain on the road allowances until the time that a road may be constructed on the road allowance.

CARRIED

10. f) Development Statistics Report January to June Comparison (2004 – 2007)

MOTION 07-07-698

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Development Statistics Report January to June Comparison (2004 – 2007) be received for information.

CARRIED

10. g) Aerial Fire Apparatus – High Level Rural

MOTION 07-07-699

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the aerial fire apparatus – High Level Rural be moved in-camera.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-700

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Council move in-camera at 11:47 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-701

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council move out of camera at 12:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) La Crete 99th Street Tender

MOTION 07-07-702

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 99th street base/pave, north and south La Crete access overlay and 94th avenue widening tender Contract No. 1007116 be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-703

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the tender for the 99th street base/pave, north and south La Crete access overlay and 94th avenue widening tender Contract No. 1007116 be awarded to the lowest bidder subject to engineer confirmation and budget amendment.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING:

7. a) Bylaw 636/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of Fort Vermilion Settlement, Range 2, River Lot 8 from Hamlet Recreational District (REC) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) and Plan 2938RS, Block 3, Lots 1 through 6 from Hamlet Commercial Residential Transitional District (HRCT) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) – Fort Vermilion

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 636/07 to order at 2:26 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 636/07 was properly advertised. Eva Schmidt, Planning Supervisor, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Amendment Bylaw. Eva Schmidt, Planning Supervisor, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on June 25, 2007.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Land Use Amendment Bylaw. There were no questions.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 636/07. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 636/07. There was no indication that anyone present wished to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 636/07 at 2:31 p.m.

MOTION 07-07-704

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That second reading be given to Bylaw 636/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Pt of FORTVER, Range 2, River Lot 8 from Hamlet Recreational District (REC) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) and Plan 2938RS, Block 2, Lots 1 to 6 from Hamlet Commercial Residential Transitional District (HRCT) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1).

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-705

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 636/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Pt of FORTVER, Range 2, River Lot 8 from Hamlet Recreational District (REC) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) and Plan 2938RS, Block 2, Lots 1 to 6 from Hamlet Commercial Residential Transitional District (HRCT) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1).

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

9. b) Special Project Development

MOTION 07-07-706

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include \$50,000 Special Projects Development Initiative from General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

10. g) Aerial Fire Apparatus – High Level Rural

MOTION 07-07-707

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That administration be authorized to purchase a used aerial fire apparatus for the High Level Rural Fire Department and that the 2007 capital budget be amended to include an additional \$150,000.00 for the purchase of a used aerial fire apparatus from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

11. b) La Crete 99th Street

MOTION 07-07-708

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2007 capital budget be amended to include an additional \$800,000 from the Public Works Reserve with the total project cost of \$3,300,000 for the construction of the 99th street base/pave, north and south La Crete access overlay and 94th avenue widening.

CARRIED

11. c) Zama Water Treatment Plant Contract Documentation Completion

MOTION 07-07-709

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Zama water treatment plant contract documentation completion be received for information.

CARRIED

11. d) Fort Vermilion Caretaking Contract Tender

MOTION 07-07-710

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That administration be authorized to award the tender for the Fort Vermilion Caretaking Contract to the lowest bidder.

CARRIED

11. e) 102nd Street & 94th Avenue CAMRIF Project Tender Update (La Crete)

MOTION 07-07-711

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 102nd street and 94th avenue CAMRIF project tender update in La Crete be received for information.

CARRIED

**11. f) 100th Street & 99th Avenue Traffic Lights
(La Crete)**

MOTION 07-07-712

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include \$72,800 in additional funding from the Road Reserve with the total approved cost of \$172,800 for the traffic lights installation on 100th Street and 99th Avenue in La Crete.

CARRIED

11. g) Public Works Projects Update

MOTION 07-07-713

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the disaster services radio broadcasting be deleted from the 2007 capital projects.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-714

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Public Works projects update be received for information.

CARRIED

11. h) 24/7 Flashing Beacons

MOTION 07-07-715

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County purchase two 10 watt flashing beacon lights for Fort Vermilion 45th and 50th street to be funded from the General Operating Budget.

CARRIED

11. i) Resource Road Priority List

MOTION 07-07-716

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County accepts the Resource Road priority list as presented.

CARRIED

11. j) County Signage

MOTION 07-07-717

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County proceed with ordering the County signs as amended.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-07-718

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4:07 p.m.

- 12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations
- 12. b) Personnel
- 12. c) County Business Plan (Activation Analysis)
- 12. d) Highway 88
- 12. e) High Level Airport
- 12. f) Forestry
- 12. g) Caribou Resources
- 12. h) Waste Transfer Station Contracts

CARRIED

MOTION 07-07-719

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council move out of camera at 5:39 p.m.

CARRIED

12. c) County Business Plan (Activation Analysis)

MOTION 07-07-720

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council proceed with tasks 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9 as indicated in the proposed Action Plan prepared by Activation Analysis.

CARRIED

12. e) High Level Airport

MOTION 07-07-721

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County Planning Department look into the planning authority and procedures at the High Level airport and report to Council.

CARRIED

12. g) Caribou Resources

MOTION 07-07-722

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Mackenzie County negotiate with Caribou Resources as discussed and recommended by the Finance Department.

CARRIED

12. h) Waste Transfer Station Contracts

MOTION 07-07-723

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the waste transfer station contracts be adjusted as negotiated and recommended by the Utilities Department.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

13. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

14. a) Adjournment

MOTION 07-07-724

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, August 14, 2007.

(signature on file)
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant