

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23
SPECIAL COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING**

Thursday, November 27, 2003

**Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion Municipal Office
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Pat Kulscar	Councillor
Greg Newman	Councillor
Willie Wieler	Councillor
Wayne Thiessen	Councillor
Odell Flett	Councillor

ABSENT:

Joe Peters	Councillor
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ALSO PRESENT:

Harvey Prockiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Barb Spurgeon	Executive Assistant
Bill Landiuk	Director of Corporate Services
Joulia Whittleton	Finance Officer
Paul Driedger	Director Emergency Services and Planning
Michel Savard	Director Operational Services

Minutes of the Special Council budget meeting for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 held on Thursday, November 27, 2003, in the Municipal District of Mackenzie Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the Special Council budget meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Reeve Neufeld turned the floor over to Harvey Prockiw to chair the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 2. a) Grant Updates

Bill Landiuk gave an overview of the grants reviewed and approved at the November 13, 2003 Special Council Meeting.

3. a) Recreation Board Funding

Councillor Kulscar reviewed the process undertaken with the Recreation Boards by the Finance Committee. She highlighted the need for standardized accounting systems for the Recreational Boards.

MOTION 03-571
Requires 2/3 Majority

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the funding for the three Recreation Boards be inserted into the 2004 operating budget as follows:

Fort Vermilion- \$200,656.00

La Crete - \$260,000.00

Zama - \$55,000.00

CARRIED

Policy ADM-043 Capital Equipment/Facilities Funding – Recreation Boards

MOTION 03-572

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That Policy ADM-043 Capital Equipment/Facilities Funding – Recreation Boards be approved as amended; and
That the La Crete Recreation Board Capital Budget be reviewed in February, 2004.

CARRIED

Policy ADM-041 Recreational Capital Projects

MOTION 03-573

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That Policy ADM-041 Recreational Capital Projects be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Other Grant Applications – Review**

High Level Rural Hall

MOTION 03-574
Requires 2/3 Majority

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That funding in the amount of \$10,900 for the High Level Rural Hall be inserted into the 2004 budget.

CARRIED

Mighty Peace Fish and Game

MOTION 03-575

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That the funding request from Mighty Peace Fish and Game be received for information.

DEFEATED

Councillor Bateman requested a recorded vote for the following motion.

MOTION 03-576
Requires 2/3 Majority

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That funding in the amount of \$4000 for the Mighty Peace Fish and Game be inserted into the 2004 budget.

CARRIED

In favor: Reeve Neufeld, Deputy Reeve Sarapuk, Councillor Driedger, Councillor Flett, Councillor Newman, Councillor Kulscar, Councillor Thiessen, Councillor Wieler
Opposed: Councillor Bateman

Zama Children's Playground

A general discussion was held.

MOTION 03-577

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the funding request from the Zama Children's Playground be received for information.

CARRIED

Municipal District of Mackenzie Library Board

MOTION 03-578

Requires
2/3 Majority

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That funding in the amount of \$147,254.00 for the Municipal District of Mackenzie Library Board be inserted into the 2004 budget.

DEFEATED

MOTION 03-579

Requires
2/3 Majority

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That funding in the amount of \$115,000 for the Municipal District of Mackenzie Library Board be inserted into the 2004 budget.

CARRIED

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

5. Organizational Charts

MOTION 03-580

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the organizational chart be approved with the addition of a second Project Services Technician.

CARRIED

6. Code Structure

Bill Landiuk reviewed the Account Code Structure.

7. Debt Limit Worksheet from 2002 Financial Statements

Bill Landiuk reviewed the Debt Limit Worksheet from the 2002 Financial Statements and a general discussion was held.

8. Estimated Reserve Balances at December 31/2003

Bill Landiuk reviewed the estimated reserve balance for December 31, 2003.

Councillor Driedger left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

9. 2004 Budget Summary by Department

10. 2004 Budget Summary by Object Code with Variance Notes

11. 2004 Budgets by Individual Departments

The 2004 budgets were reviewed by department, object code and some individual departments. A general discussion was held.

12. Water/Sewer Rates

A general discussion was held on water/sewer rates.

MOTION 03-581

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That an amendment to the water/sewer bylaw be drafted with rates being changed effective January 1, 2004 to:

Fixed rate for users with 5/8" or 3/4" residential meters	\$20.00
Other meter users	No change
M3 Charge based on usage	0.5727
Sewer Charge based on total water usage	46.13%
Treated water charge for cardlock users	No Change
Raw water charge for cardlock users	No Change

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

6. Adjournment

MOTION 03-582

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That the meeting be adjourned (3:33 p.m.).

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 9th day of December 2003.

"B. Neufeld" (signed)
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

"B. Spurgeon" (signed)
Barb Spurgeon
Executive Assistant