

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

**Council Chambers of the Provincial Building  
High Level, Alberta**

**Wednesday, October 14, 1998**

**PRESENT:**

Betty Bateman	Chairperson
Ernest Dyck	Vice-Chairperson
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Reuben Derksen	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

**ABSENT:**

Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
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**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bryan Clark	Official Administrator
John Maine	Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Hardy	Treasurer/Assistant C.A.O.
Eva Schmidt	Municipal Secretary
Paul Driedger	Manager of Planning and Emergency Services
Marco Braat	Superintendent of Utilities, Parks and Playgrounds
Willie Froese	Superintendent of Road Operations

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Wednesday, October 14, 1998, in the Council Chambers of the Provincial Building, High Level, Alberta.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

1. a) **Call to Order**

Chairperson Bateman called the Council meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**AGENDA:**

2. a) **Adoption of Agenda**

The following addition was made to the agenda:

8j) Roads

**MOTION 98-301** **MOVED** by Councillor Scarfe that the agenda be adopted with additions.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MINUTES AND  
BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

3. a) **Minutes of the September 15, 1998 Council Meeting**

**MOTION 98-302** **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger that the Minutes of the September 15, 1998 Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**DELEGATIONS:**

4. a) **Mike Davenport - Fort Vermilion School Division**

Chairperson Bateman welcomed Mike Davenport to the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Mike Davenport reported that a new school will be built in High Level. The new school was largely granted because of the Ainsworth OSB plant that is scheduled to be built in the High Level area. Statistics obtained from Stats Canada estimate that with the opening of

the Plant approximately 600 new students will be enrolling in K-12 in High Level. The new school project will be just over 6 million dollars. The Provincial Grant is for a 400 pupil school and is intended to open September, 2000. The planning process has already begun. Mr. Davenport stated that he is encouraged with the community input.

Mr. Davenport informed Council that there are three separate funds for building schools. There is funding for new construction, reconstruction, and block funding for modernization. The department has granted the Fort Vermilion School Division \$271,000 in block funding per year. The Division has two modernization projects (La Crete Public School and Buffalo Head Prairie School) for an estimated amount of \$2.4 million. There are not enough funds for both projects. The three highest priorities right now are the new school for High Level and the modernization for La Crete Public and Buffalo Head Prairie schools. The latter two will be funded by the Building Quality Restoration Program (BQRP) block funding.

In the Buffalo Head Prairie and La Crete Public schools no major expansion is foreseen. Buffalo Head Prairie School is operating at 85% capacity and La Crete Public School at 80% capacity. Ridgeview Central School is operating at 90% capacity.

There is every reason to believe that the Ainsworth OSB Plant is a definite go ahead. Ainsworth had three items that had to be met: decent rail transportation, reasonable financing (grant part of Ainsworth major funding grant has been signed) and OSB marketing value. All three items have been met and marketing value of OSB is at it's highest prices ever right now. The fact that the provincial government has granted funding for a new hospital as well as a new school for High Level are strong indications that the mill is a go. The Mill will generate approximately 450 jobs while another 200-300 jobs will be created in truck hauling plus another couple hundred for harvesting. Mr. Davenport stated that he expects the Mill will impact all local areas.

Chairperson Bateman thanked Mike Davenport and Mr. Davenport left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**4. b) Jana Clarke - Mighty Peace Tourist Association**

Chairperson Bateman welcomed Jana Clarke to the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Jana Clarke gave an overview of the big picture of Travel Alberta and discussed how Alberta North fits in. Ms. Clarke showed overheads on tourism in Alberta. A Strategic Tourism Marketing Council is to be in place by October 30, 1998. The provincial government has doubled their funding for tourism to a \$16.5 million budget from \$8.5 million.

Ms. Clarke informed Council that 40,000 copies of the Visitor's Guide have been produced and will go to places in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and the United States.

In 1999 tourism staff will be more extensively trained. Alberta North will fund the money to hire a half time person to work in High Level however the money has not been received yet.

Chairperson Bateman thanked Jana Clarke and Ms. Clarke left the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Chairperson Bateman recessed the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Chairperson Bateman reconvened the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Call to Order:**

**1. a) Call the Public Hearing to Order**

Chairperson Bateman called the Public Hearing to order at 11:32 a.m.

**Bylaws:**

**2. a) Bylaw 145/98 – Road Closure, Fort Vermilion Airport**

Chairperson Bateman asked if the Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw 145/98 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger, Manager of Planning and Emergency Services, stated Bylaw 145/98 was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Chairperson Bateman asked the Development Authority, Paul Driedger, to present his submission. Paul Driedger presented his submission. **(Schedule A)**

Chairperson Bateman asked the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency's representative to present their submission. Paul Driedger stated that no submission was received from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency.

Chairperson Bateman asked if Council had any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw.

Councillor Rosenberger asked where the boundaries would be. Paul Driedger explained where the boundaries would be.

Chairperson Bateman asked if any further submissions were received. Paul Driedger stated that no further submissions were received.

Chairperson Bateman asked if there was any one else present who would like to speak to proposed Bylaw 145/98. There was no indication that anyone else wished to speak.

Chairperson Bateman closed the Public Hearing for Bylaw 145/98 at 11:37 a.m.

**STAFF/COMMITTEE/  
DEPARTMENTAL  
REPORTS:**

**5. a) C.A.O.'s Report**

John Maine read the C.A.O.'s report.

**MOTION 98-303**

**MOVED** by Councillor Dyck that the Chief Administrative Officer's report be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**3. b) Councillor's Committee Reports**

Councillor Neufeld reported on the Agricultural Service Board meeting.  
Councillor Peters reported on the Family and Community Support Services meeting.  
Councillor E. Derksen reported on the La Crete Recreation Board meeting.  
Councillor Rosenberger reported on the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board meeting.  
Councillor Dyck reported on the Mackenzie Housing Management and Agricultural Service Board meetings.  
Chairperson Bateman reported on the Zama Recreation Board meeting.  
Councillor Scarfe reported on Tourism.  
Councillor R. Derksen and Councillor Sarapuk had no meetings to report.

Councillor E. Derksen asked why the Recreation Boundaries were eliminated. Bryan Clark explained that boundaries were discussed at a joint Recreation Board meeting and there was no opposition voiced to this move because all Boards were going to receive increased funding. This major meeting was not attended by Councillor E. Derksen.

Bryan Clark explained to Council that the Recreation Board boundaries were not working and that is the reason they were eliminated. Councillor E. Derksen asked how the elections for the Recreation Board will take place now. Bryan Clark stated that Board members may be appointed and questioned the need for Councillors on these Boards. Mr. Clark stated that both La Crete and Fort Vermilion Recreation Boards got \$110,000 for operations and Zama got \$50,000 plus they all got \$60,000 for capital projects. Furthermore the Recreation Boards themselves set their priorities for capital projects not the M.D.

Councillor R. Derksen asked why Fort Vermilion got as much funding as La Crete.

Bryan Clark asked if the La Crete Recreation Board would be happy with what they got last year as long as Fort Vermilion Recreation Board got less than La Crete. Councillor R. Derksen answered yes, that would be more fair as La Crete services a larger part of the municipality. Bryan Clark answered that both service a major facility and were getting more money for operating and capital expenditures, something they should both be happy with.

**MOTION 98-304**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger that the Councillor's reports be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Chairperson Bateman recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Chairperson Bateman reconvened the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION  
OF BYLAWS:**

**6. a) Bylaw 092/97 – Hawkers and Peddlers Bylaw**

The following amendments were made to Bylaw 092/97 Hawkers and Peddlers Bylaw:

Section 5.1 shall be changed from "Council" to "C.A.O."

Section 7.3. "hear" shall be changed to "heard".

Wherever "licensing officer" is mentioned it shall be changed to "Bylaw Enforcement Officer".

Section 8.1 shall be changed from "the \$100" to "be \$100".

**MOTION 98-305**

Bylaw 092/97

Third Reading

**MOVED** by Councillor Peters that third reading be given to Bylaw 092/97, Hawkers and Peddlers Bylaw.

**In Favour:**

Councillor Dyck  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Rosenberger  
Councillor Sarapuk  
Councillor Scarfe

**Opposed:**

Chairperson Bateman  
Councillor R. Derksen  
Councillor E. Derksen

**CARRIED**

**6. b) Bylaw 145/98 – Road Closure (Fort Vermilion Airport)**

Paul Driedger explained the Bylaw 145/98 must be signed by the Minister prior to receiving second and third reading.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**7 a) Investigation of Liquor Outlet and Adult Entertainment Banned from Community of La Crete**

Paul Driedger read a letter received from Brownlee Fryett regarding the request to ban Liquor Outlet and Adult Entertainment from the community of La Crete.

Bryan Clark informed Council that one of the things the Municipal Area Restructuring Committee looked at was dividing the M.D. into specialized districts. Then the community of La Crete may be able to restrict this as the initial intent was to give some authority to meet the needs of each community. It was one of the suggestions being discussed by the Mackenzie Area Restructuring Committee.

**MOTION 98-306**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld that the report on the investigation of banning liquor outlet and adult entertainment from the community of La Crete be accepted as information.

**In Favour:**

Chairperson Bateman  
Councillor R. Derksen  
Councillor Dyck  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Rosenberger  
Councillor Sarapuk  
Councillor Scarfe

**Opposed:**

Councillor E. Derksen

**CARRIED**

Chairperson Bateman recessed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Chairperson Bateman reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**8. a) Update on Highway 88 Connector and the Zama Road**

Willie Froese reported that UMA will fix the culverts on the Zama Road Phase 1. UMA is of the impression that the M.D. widened the road. Sideslopes on Phase 1 are not right at all.

Bryan Clark reported that Alberta Transportation and Utilities should take some responsibility for the road. Mr. Clark stated that the Zama Road Phase 1 needs \$200,000 worth of gravelling.

John Maine stated that the municipality received a letter from Alberta Transportation and Utilities stating that Highway 88 Connector does not have the vehicle count to qualify for secondary status. The M.D. is requesting a recount to be done during the winter months.

**8. b) Update on Bridges – Bear River, Machesis, and Juneau**

**MOTION 98-307**

**MOVED** by Councillor R. Derksen that a letter be written to Alberta Transportation and Utilities stating that the Bear River Bridge be considered a high priority for repairs/replacement, and be fixed in 1999.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Willie Froese reported that repairs to the Machesis bridge will not commence before the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. Alberta Transportation and Utilities has informed the M.D. that the Juneau Bridge is the M.D.'s responsibility.

Bryan Clark stated that he will try to ensure that Alberta Transportation and Utilities repairs both the Machesis and Juneau bridges this year.

Willie Froese will check the Boyer bridge for loose boards.

**8. c) Feasibility Report for River Road Erosion**

**MOTION 98-308**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Derksen that the feasibility report for River Road Erosion be tabled to the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8. d) Second Hookup of Water from Raw Water Transfer Line to SW 12-106-16-W5M (La Crete)**

**MOTION 98-309**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Council approve the request for a second hookup of water to SW 12-106-16-W5M from the Raw Water transfer line in La Crete subject to the following conditions:

- a) A cistern be installed.
- b) Water is to be metered on a separate account number (two billings to this legal land description).
- c) All costs incurred for construction and materials used will be the responsibility of the owner, Mr. Fehr.
- d) All materials including a backflow prevention device shall be in accordance to the Plumbing and Drainage Act.
- e) A representative (Utilities Officer) of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 will inspect the connection to our Raw Water Transfer line prior to back filling.
- f) The inside diameter of the water service line will not exceed one inch (1”).
- g) All damages to the water meter will be the responsibility of the occupant.
- h) Any other conditions that may be imposed from time to time by the Superintendent of Utilities.

**In Favour:**

**Opposed:**

Chairperson Bateman  
Councillor Dyck  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Rosenberger  
Councillor Scarfe

Councillor R. Derksen  
Councillor E. Derksen  
Councillor Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 98-310**

**MOVED** by Councillor R. Derksen that the Water Rate Bylaw be brought back to Council to determine if establishing a commercial raw water rate would be feasible.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8. e) Emergency Services Equipment Reserve**

**MOTION 98-311**

**MOVED** by Councillor R. Derksen that the Emergency Services Equipment Reserve be tabled.

**In Favour:**

Councillor E. Derksen  
Councillor R. Derksen  
Councillor Dyck  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Rosenberger  
Councillor Scarfe

**Opposed:**

Chairperson Bateman  
Councillor Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

**8. f) Subdivision Time Extension Request (97MK030)**

**MOTION 98-312**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld that the time extension for subdivision application 97MK030 for Plan 942-0728, Block 17, Lot 09 be granted to November 20, 1998 and that the fee be waived due to the delay in the Developer's Agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8. g) Subdivision Time Extension Request (97MK034)**

**MOTION 98-313**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk that the time extension for subdivision application 97MK034 for Plan 942-0728, NW 19-106-13-W5M be granted to November 20, 1998 and that the fee be waived due to the delay in the Developer's Agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8. h) Policies**

Item 8.h)23) Policy No. UT002 shall include replacement lines where the lines have outlived their life expectancy and will not be adopted at this time.

**MOTION 98-314**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk that the following policies be adopted as presented:

ADM001 – Vehicle Maintenance and Operation  
ADM002 – Vehicle Usage  
ADM003 – Vehicle and Equipment Replacement  
ADM005 – Cemetery Maintenance Grant  
ADM006 – Allocation of Keys and Locks  
AMR002 – Disaster Services  
EMR003 – Ambulance Service  
FIN002 – Accounts Receivable Collection  
FIN003 – Auditors  
FIN004 – Operating Budget

FIN005 – Petty Cash  
FIN006 – Unbudgeted Expenditures  
FIN007 – Investment of Surplus Funds  
FIN008 – Capital Budget  
FIN009 – Payment, Refund and Cancellation of Taxes  
FIN011 – Utility Collection  
FIN012 – Purchasing Authority Directive  
PW001 – Road Bans  
PW003 – Road Fencing  
PW006 – Land Acquisition for Municipal Works  
PW011 – Log Hauls  
UT001 – Utility Locates and Planning

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8. i) Veterans Week 1998**

**MOTION 98-315**

**MOVED** by Councillor Scarfe that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 declare November 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998 as Veterans' Week.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8. j) Roads**

Councillor Dyck noted that the street going west past the La Crete Post Office has a rut on the south side of the road. Willie Froese will check it out and report back to Council.

Councillor Dyck also expressed a safety concern regarding the Wolfe Lake Road in the location of the La Crete East drainage ditch. Willie Froese will check out this concern and report back to Council.

**INFORMATION**

**ITEMS:**

9. a) **AT&U – Designating of the Highway 88 Connector as a Secondary Highway**
- b) **Ridgeveiw Central School**
- c) **Peace Region Waste Reduction Action Committee**
- d) **Family and Social Services**
- e) **Bill Smith, Mayor of Edmonton**
- f) **Canadian Firearms Centre**
- g) **AAMD&C – Discussion Paper on Farm Property Assessment & Taxation**
- h) **AAMD&C Executive Meeting Highlights, August 27, 1998**
- i) **AAMD&C – Pictures Required for 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- j) **AAMD&C – Executive Meeting Highlights September 24, 1998**
- k) **Contact! – September 9, 1998**
- l) **Contact! – September 16, 1998**
- m) **Contact! – September 23, 1998**
- n) **Contact! – September 9, 1998**

**MOTION 98-316**

**MOVED** by Councillor Peters that items 9a) to 9n) be accepted as information.

**CARRIED      UNANIMOUS**

The next Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 1998 to be held in Zama at 1:00 p.m.

**MOTION 98-317**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk that the meeting be adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

**CARRIED      UNANIMOUS**

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

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Betty Bateman, Chairperson

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Eva Schmidt, Municipal Secretary

Approved

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Bryan Clark, Official Administrator