

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

**Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre
La Crete, Alberta**

Thursday, October 30, 1997

PRESENT:

Betty Bateman	Chairperson
Ernest Dyck	Vice-Chairperson
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Reuben Derksen	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	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	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Municipal Secretary, Recording Secretary
Gerald Loewen	Financial Consultant
Paul Driedger	Acting Public Works Manager
Dale Freitag	Planner, Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (12:00 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.)
Chris Kelland	Agricultural Fieldman (2:42 p.m. to 3:16 p.m.)

GALLERY:

Warren Ferguson	Reporter, Northern Pioneer (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)
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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Thursday, October 30, 1997 in the Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER:

1 a) **Call to Order**

Chairperson Bateman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chairperson Bateman asked the Official Administrator, Bryan Clark, to address Council at this time.

Bryan Clark explained how the Council meeting would be run.

Councillor Bateman thanked Council for their show of confidence by electing her to the position of Chairperson.

1 b) **Adoption of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

5	f)	Balance Sheet as at September 30, 1997
8	g)	Boyer Bridge - (item put on agenda during the meeting)

MOTION 97-572

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

2 a) Minutes of the September 30 and 31, 1997 Council Meeting

Replace "Arthur Lizotte" with "Arthur Mercredi" in the two places this error appears in the Public Hearing item 2a) on page 6.

Motion 97-533 "to the east hamlet boundary" shall be replaced with "from 45th street east to the hamlet boundary".

MOTION 97-573

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Minutes of the September 30 and 31, 1997 Council Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

3 b) Minutes of the October 17, 1997 Meeting with La Crete Residents South of 94th Avenue

This item was received for information.

3 c) Minutes of the October 20, 1997 Wolfe Lake Flood Control Committee Meeting

This item was received for information.

3 d) Minutes of the October 22, 1997 Council Organizational Meeting

Bryan Clark informed Council that he will allow the adoption of the Minutes of the October 22, 1997 Council Organizational meeting, however they might later be amended by bylaw.

John Maine informed Council of the changes made to the draft copy of the Minutes as follows:

Motions 97-541, 97-542, 97-544, 97-547, and 97-558 should read Carried Unanimous and the signature was changed from "Reuben Derksen, Reeve" to "Betty Bateman, Chairperson".

MOTION 97-574

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that the Minutes of the October 22, 1997 Council Organization meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

ADMINISTRATIVE:

3 a) Acting C.A.O.'s Report

John Maine gave an oral report on his activities of the past month. He informed Council that he and Paul Driedger attended an informational meeting with representatives of Diashawa Marubini Incorporated. Mr. Bryan Clark, Official Administrator, arrived from Edmonton on Monday, October 22, 1997. Mr. Clark held staff meetings both in La Crete and Fort Vermilion on Tuesday, October 23, 1997.

3 b) Recognition of Employee Years of Service

MOTION 97-575

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that for the purpose of recognition of employee years of service full years of service will be calculated as follows: employees hired prior to January 1, 1995 the date of hiring by Improvement District No. 23, or in the case of employees transferred from Alberta Transportation and Utilities on December 1, 1993, the date of hiring by Alberta Transportation and Utilities. Employees hired on or after January 1, 1995 the date of hiring by the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

3 c) **Staff and Council Christmas Banquet**

John Maine informed Council that the Staff and Council Christmas Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 13, 1997 at the Fort Vermilion Legion. Council will be notified regarding the time.

BYLAWS:

4 a) **Bylaw 100/97**
Tax Exemption for the La Crete Support Services

MOTION 97-576

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that third reading on Bylaw 100/97, Tax Exemption for the La Crete Support Services be postponed to provide Administration the time to present more background information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

John Maine asked for items 4b), 4c) and 4d) be deferred until after this afternoon's Public Hearing.

FINANCIAL

- 5 a) **Cheque Listings for September, 1997**
b) **Monthly Statement for the Month Ending August 31, 1997**
c) **Monthly Statement for the Month Ending September 30, 1997**
e) **Letter from Bruno Zutautas, P. Eng., Regional Director Alberta Transportation and Utilities**
f) **Balance Sheet as at September 30, 1997**

Gerald Loewen presented Council with the September 30, 1997 Balance Sheet as requested at the September Council meeting.

Council entered into discussion concerning the balance sheet.

MOTION 97-577

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that items 5a), 5b), 5c), 5e), and 5f) be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Councillor Bateman asked for a consensus from Council to move item 6a) the Martin Wieler delegation to this time. Council had no objections.

Councillor Rosenberger left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

6 a) **Martin Wieler, President**
La Crete East Flood Control Committee

Councillor Bateman welcomed Martin Wieler to the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Councillor Rosenberger re-entered the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Martin Wieler informed Council that the reason the La Crete East Flood Control Committee was established was in an effort to prevent farmers from digging ditches all over the place. Mr. Wieler reported that the Committee prefers to have the central sector of the project completed before any other work is done. **(Schedule A)**

Martin Wieler asked that Frank W. Wiebe, President of the Wolfe Lake Flood Control Committee be placed on the agenda as a delegation at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Bateman thanked Martin Wieler for his presentation and Mr. Wieler left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

MOTION 97-578

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that the priorities for the La Crete East Flood Control Project be accepted as presented by the La Crete East Flood Control Committee as follows:

1. Complete the central sector
2. Complete the southeast sector

and that these priorities be forwarded to Alberta Environmental Protection.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Council asked Administration to send Martin Fehr a letter thanking him for his years of service.

5 d) Bank Account Signing Authorities

Bryan Clark advised that he alone, or he and John Maine, or he and Councillor Frank Rosenberger would have signing authority.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**7 a) Subdivision Application 97MK087
Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M (Abraham & Susanna Peters)**

Paul Driedger informed Council that if Subdivision Application 97MK087 is approved, the developer will be allowed to install a sewer holding tank until spring at which time they will have to tie in with the municipalities utilities.

This item was deferred until after this afternoon's Public Hearing.

**7 b) Subdivision Application 97MK061
NE 28-110-19-W5M (Margaret Macmillan)**

This item was received for information.

7 c) Carcajou Settlement

This item was deferred until after lunch.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8 a) Rural Water Points

MOTION 97-579

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that all rural water points be changed to operate by timer only and that signs be posted stating the change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

**8 b) Zama Access Road Improvements Project I
Old Borrow Sites Adjacent to Zama Road and Ditch Erosion**

MOTION 97-580

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the "Zama Access Road Improvements Project I Old Borrow Sites Adjacent to Zama Road and Ditch Erosion" issue be tabled until more information is made available by Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

**8 c) Zama Access Road Improvements Project III
Engineering Proposals**

This item was received for information.

8 d) **Ditch Clean Out Request**
Between SE 28 & SW 27-104-17-W5M

MOTION 97-581

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that Alberta Environmental Protection be asked to review and evaluate the ditch clean out request between SE 28 and SW 27-104-17-W5M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

8 e) **Purchase Request for Lot 3 & 4, Block 6, Plan 832-3083**
Within the Town of High Level

Paul Driedger informed Council that considering the municipal review and the appointment of the Official Administrator that it is inappropriate to discuss purchasing requests at this time.

MOTION 97-582

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the recommendation by the Public Works Manager be accepted not to sell Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Plan 832-3083 within the Town of High Level, at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

8 f) **Shop Rental in La Crete**

MOTION 97-583

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 enter into an agreement with Sonny's Trucking to rent a shop for two (2) years at the negotiated price of \$1 800 per month for the shop and \$200 per month for the office (if required) commencing November 1, 1997.

In Favour:

Chairperson Bateman
Vice-Chairperson Dyck
Councillor E. Derksen
Councillor R. Derksen
Councillor Neufeld
Councillor Peters
Councillor Sarapuk

Opposed:

Councillor Rosenberger
Councillor Scarfe

CARRIED

Councillor Rosenberger asked Council if he could add another item to the agenda. Council had no objections. Councillor Rosenberger then placed the following item on the agenda: 8g) Boyer Bridge.

DELEGATION:

6 b) **Ed Dyck, Principal, Ridgeview Central School**
Richard Albert, Principal, Sandhills Elementary School
La Crete Residents

Councillor Bateman welcomed the delegation to the meeting.

Paul Driedger gave some background information on the proposed lights at the crosswalk on 94th Avenue in La Crete.

Ed Dyck stated that the school administration and staff are desperately concerned that the children may get hurt crossing 94th Avenue. Mr. Dyck suggested that there is a need to re-educate the people that use the road. About 60 % of the drivers are exceeding the speed limit. There have been some close calls between students and vehicles already. Mr. Dyck suggested that a set of lights would go a long way in educating the public.

Mr. Dyck went on to say that the south subdivision is growing and therefore the crosswalk lights will be needed even more in the future. The road also needs better street lighting.

Richard Albert stated that he was speaking on behalf of the students at Sandhills Elementary School. Mr. Alberta stated that there are not many students as yet that are crossing 94th Avenue. However, if the number of students is multiplied by the number of times during the school year that they cross that road, the number becomes astronomical. Every time a child crosses that 94th Avenue there is a potential for tragedy. Mr. Albert concurred with Mr. Dyck's comments and urged Council to act on this issue.

Sergeant Asp stated that the RCMP cannot patrol the area all the time. He agreed that better street lighting in the area would be an asset. Parent patrol would also be an asset.

Bryan Clark suggested that a policy be looked at that lights be installed at school crosswalks within all the hamlets in Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, in order to protect the kids. Then it would become an Administrative/Public Works policy matter.

MOTION 97-584

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the issue of crosswalk lights be brought back to the next council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Councillor Bateman thanked the delegation and they left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 9 a) **AAMD&C - Upcoming Reeve's Meeting
in Conjunction with Fall Convention**
(Tabled at the September 25, 1997 Council Meeting)

John Maine stated that this item is redundant since it was tabled at the September 25, 1997 Council meeting.

- 9 b) **Mustus Road Society**

This item was deferred to 11a).

MOTION 97-585

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the meeting be recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvene at 12:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC HEARING

GALLERY:

Raymond Knelsen

CALL TO ORDER:

- 1 a) **Call to Order**

Chairperson Bateman called the Public Hearing to order at 1:05 p.m.

- 2 a) **Bylaw 104/97
Land Use Bylaw Amendment
Lot 37, Block 1, Plan 782-0147**

Chairperson Bateman asked if the Public Hearing for Bylaw 104/97 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger stated that the Public Hearing was advertised as per the Municipal Government Act.

Chairperson Bateman asked Paul Driedger to read proposed Bylaw 104/97. Paul Driedger read proposed Bylaw 104/97, Land Use Bylaw Amendment on Lot 37, Block 1, Plan 782-0147 in La Crete.

Chairperson Bateman asked if the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency had any comments. Dale Freitag, Planner Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, read the agency's submission.

Chairperson Bateman asked if Council had any question of Paul Driedger or Dale Freitag. There were no questions.

Chairperson Bateman asked Paul Driedger if any submissions had been received on the proposed Bylaw 104/97. Paul Driedger stated that no submissions were received.

Chairperson Bateman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak to the proposed Bylaw 104/97. There was no one present who wished to speak to Bylaw 104/97.

Chairperson Bateman announced that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 104/97 was now closed.

**2 b) Bylaw 105/97
 Land Use Bylaw Amendment
 Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M (La Crete)**

Chairperson Bateman asked if the Public Hearing for Bylaw 105/97 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger stated that the Public Hearing was advertised as per the Municipal Government Act.

Chairperson Bateman asked Paul Driedger to read proposed Bylaw 105/97. Paul Driedger read proposed Bylaw 105/97, Land Use Bylaw Amendment on Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M.

Chairperson Bateman asked if the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency had any comments. Dale Freitag, Planner Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, read the agency's submission.

Chairperson Bateman asked if Council had any question of Paul Driedger or Dale Freitag. There were no questions.

Chairperson Bateman asked Paul Driedger if any submissions had been received on proposed Bylaw 105/97. Paul Driedger stated that no submissions were received.

Chairperson Bateman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak to proposed Bylaw 105/97. There was no one present who wished to speak to Bylaw 105/97.

Chairperson Bateman announced that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 105/97 was now closed.

**2 c) Bylaw 106/97
 Land Use Bylaw Amendment
 Lot 12 Block 1, Plan 509RS (La Crete)**

Chairperson Bateman asked if the Public Hearing for Bylaw 106/97 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger stated that the Public Hearing was advertised as per the Municipal Government Act.

Chairperson Bateman asked Paul Driedger to read proposed Bylaw 106/97. Paul Driedger read proposed Bylaw 106/97, Land Use Bylaw Amendment on Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 509RS in La Crete.

Chairperson Bateman asked if the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency had any comments. Dale Freitag, Planner for Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, read the agency's submission.

Chairperson Bateman asked if Council had any question of Paul Driedger or Dale Freitag. There were no questions.

Chairperson Bateman asked Paul Driedger if any submissions had been received on proposed Bylaw 106/97. Paul Driedger answered yes, a copy of the letter that was submitted was handed out to Council at this meeting.

Chairperson Bateman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak to the proposed Bylaw 106/97.

Raymond Knelsen stated that he had submitted a document regarding proposed Bylaw 106/97 according to the legal requirements. Mr. Knelsen informed Council that he lives on lot 14 of the same block regarding the proposed bylaw.

Paul Driedger read the submission as received from Raymond Knelsen. **(Schedule B)** Raymond Knelsen stated he is concerned that the practice of zoning lots for parking might become a trend in the neighbourhood. The church requesting the rezoning doesn't require extra parking on a regular basis. The church has sufficient parking for any regular function. The only time the church has insufficient parking is when there is a large funeral. In the case of a large funeral, the extra parking space acquired by using the lot in question would be insufficient.

Mr. Knelsen raised a concern with the potential noise of having a parking lot on two sides of a residential lot. Mr. Knelsen asked Council to investigate if there is a need for the extra parking. If there is a need then the rezoning should be granted but if there is no need there is no point to it.

Bryan Clark asked who made the application. Paul Driedger answered that the church made the application. Bryan Clark asked if the church was represented at this meeting, to which Paul Driedger stated they were not.

Chairperson Bateman announced that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 106/97 was now closed.

MOTION 97-586

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the Public Hearing close at 1:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Raymond Knelsen left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**4 b) Bylaw 104/97
Land Use Bylaw Amendment
Lot 37, Block 1, Plan 782-0147**

MOTION 97-587
Bylaw 104/97
First Reading

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that first reading be given to Bylaw 104/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Lot 37, Block 1, Plan 782-0147 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Commercial District 2 "HC-2".

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Council entered into a discussion period regarding Bylaw 104/97.

MOTION 97-588
Bylaw 104/97
Second Reading

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that second reading be given to Bylaw 104/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Lot 37, Block 1, Plan 782-0147 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Commercial District 2 "HC-2".

In Favour:
Chairperson Bateman
Councillor Peters
Councillor Scarfe
Councillor Rosenberger
Councillor R. Derksen

Opposed:
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Dyck
Councillor Neufeld
Councillor E. Derksen

CARRIED

MOTION 97-589

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld to go to third reading of Bylaw 104/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Lot 37, Block 1, Plan 782-0147 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Commercial District 2 "HC-2", at this meeting.

In Favour:
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Scarfe
Councillor Rosenberger
Councillor Neufeld

Opposed:
Councillor Peters
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Dyck
Councillor R. Derksen
Councillor E. Derksen

DEFEATED

4 c) **Bylaw 105/97**
Land Use Bylaw Amendment
Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M (La Crete)

MOTION 97-590
Bylaw 105/97
First Reading

MOVED by Councillor R. Derksen that first reading be given to Bylaw 105/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Hamlet Country Residential District 1 "HCR".

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOTION 97-591
Bylaw 105/97
Second Reading

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that second reading be given to Bylaw 105/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Hamlet Country Residential District 1 "HCR".

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOTION 97-592

MOVED by Councillor Peter to go to third reading of Bylaw 105/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Hamlet Country Residential District 1 "HCR", at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOTION 97-593
Bylaw 105/97
Third Reading

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that third reading be given to Bylaw 105/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Hamlet Country Residential District 1 "HCR", at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

4 d) **Bylaw 106/97**
Land Use Bylaw Amendment
Lot 12 Block 1, Plan 509RS (La Crete)

MOTION 97-594
Bylaw 106/97
First Reading

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that first reading be given to Bylaw 106/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 509RS in La Crete from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Public/Institutional District "HP".

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Council entered into a discussion period regarding Bylaw 106/97.

Councillor Neufeld stated that he might be considered biased because he is a member of the church making the rezoning application.

Councillor Bateman asked Councillor Neufeld if he was a member of the church board, to which Councillor Neufeld answered in the negative. Council determined that Councillor Neufeld would not be considered biased.

MOTION 97-595
Bylaw 106/97
Second Reading

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that second reading be given to Bylaw 106/97, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 509RS in La Crete from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Public/Institutional District "HP".

In Favour:
Councillor Bateman
Councillor E. Derksen
Councillor R. Derksen
Councillor Neufeld

Opposed:
Councillor Peters
Councillor Scarfe
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Dyck
Councillor Rosenberger

DEFEATED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

MOTION 97-596

*Amended by
Motion 98-019*

**7 a) Subdivision Application 97MK087
Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M (Abraham & Susanna Peters)**

MOVED by Councillor Peters that approval be recommended on subdivision application 97MK087, Pt. NW 03-106-15-W5M, be approved subject to the following; the Developer will enter into a Developer's Agreement with Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 with the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall pay to the Municipality, prior to the signature of this Agreement on each lot, the rate of \$500 per lot for the construction of off-site cost of municipal services.
2. Provision of access to both parcels shall be provided at the Developer's expense and to Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 standards:
 - a) Prior to installation of a new access or any work to the existing access contact the Maintenance Supervisor with Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 at 928-3983, so a survey can be conducted to determine appropriate size and location of the culvert for drainage purposes.
 - b) The Developer shall pay to the Municipality, prior to construction of any new access(es) or modifications to any existing access(es) onto the paved road, the rate required at that time by the Municipality for future basecourse and paving consideration.
3. The Developer shall connect both lots to the Municipal water and sewer system prior to registration of title and the cost of all connection fees will be borne by the Developer.
4. Prior to any development on the proposed subdivision, the Developer shall obtain a development permit from the Municipality.
5. All outstanding taxes shall be paid in full prior to registration of title.
6. The Developer agrees to meet all conditions of the Subdivision Approving Authority imposed on this proposed subdivision.
7. Municipal reserve be provided in the form of money in lieu in the amount of 10% of assessed property value prior to registration of title.
8. Negotiations for easements if required by the utility companies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

7 c) Carcajou Settlement

Paul Driedger informed Council that he wrote a letter to Public Lands addressing the issues that were set forth by Council in 1991.

This item was received for information.

9 c) Recreation Area Closures and Privatization Opportunities

This item was received for information.

**9 d) Letter from the Minister of Transportation
RE: Proposed Turn-off Lane on Highway 88 North of the
Peace River Bridge**

This item was received for information.

- 9 e) **Letter from the Minister of Transportation**
RE: Pavement Breakup of Secondary Highway 697

This item was received for information.

- 9 f) **Beaver Flood Control**

John Maine asked to have the Beaver Flood Control issue deferred until Chris Kelland arrives at the meeting.

- 9 g) **Notikewin Veterinary Hospital**
Dr. Dewey Stickney

MOTION 97-597

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Notikewin Veterinary Hospital issue be tabled to the next Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- 9 h) **Reconsider Motion 97-533**
In Reference to the 30 km\hr zone

Councillor R. Derksen left the meeting at 2:26 p.m. and returned at 2:29 p.m.

MOTION 97-598

MOVED by Councillor Peters that Motion 97-533, regarding the reduced speed limit on 45th Street and River Road in Fort Vermilion, be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Chairperson Bateman recessed the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Chairperson Bateman reconvened the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

- 9 f) **Beaver Flood Control**

Chris Kelland informed Council that, with Council's consent, he hoped to dispose of some of the problem beavers either by shooting or trapping.

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10 a) **The Alberta Society of Engineering Technologists**

This item was received for information.

- 10 b) **Fort Vermilion Community Library**
Request for Quarterly Schedule of Meeting Times/Dates

Administration will write a letter to the Fort Vermilion Community Library informing them that in the future Council meeting dates will be set further in advance of the meeting, thereby making it possible to give the Library more advanced notice.

- 10 c) **Proposed Amendments for 1998 to the**
Municipal Government Act

John Maine advised Councillors that they contact him at the Fort Vermilion office regarding their recommendations on the proposed amendments for 1998 to the Municipal Government Act. Mr. Maine asked that all recommendations be made by Friday, November 7, 1997.

10 d) Community Lottery Boards

This item was received for information.

10 e) Fort Vermilion Heritage Centre
Naming of Streets and Avenues in Fort Vermilion

Administration will write a letter to Marilee Toews, Fort Vermilion Heritage Centre, informing her that the Fort Vermilion addressing bylaw was passed a number of years ago. At that time public hearings were held regarding the bylaw.

10 f) Haying Road Allowances - Permits

This item was received for information.

10 g) Snow Removal Contract Request at
Veterinary Clinic/Mobile Home

Paul Driedger read clause 2.b)2. of the Veterinary Agreement with the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

MOTION 97-599

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the proposal received from Dale Quist regarding snow ploughing at the Veterinary Clinic and Veterinarian's Mobile Home, be denied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

10 h) Appointments of Members at Large to
Agricultural Service Board

This item was received for information.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

11 a) Highway 58 (Mustus Road Society)

This item was dealt with in conjunction with 9b) Mustus Road Society.

Councillor Scarfe stated that he was disappointed with the last meeting of the Mustus Road Society in Garden River. Pearl Calahasen, Minister, informed the Society that the reason the road was not built was the fault of Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

Councillor Scarfe stated that he spoke with Jim Webb about giving consideration to make Garden River a town site. Jim Webb was not in favour of this proposal stating that the property is the First Nation's traditional hunting ground.

Councillor Scarfe asked Council to support his recommendation to the Mustus Road Society that Highway 58 be constructed all the way to Fort Smith, NWT.

The Mustus Road Society meeting in Ottawa was deferred to such a time as Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 is advised when the meeting is to take place.

10 b) V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.

Councillor Sarapuk asked Council if they were in favour of a fee increase for Veterinarian Services Incorporated.

This item was deferred until the November Council meeting. Councillor Sarapuk will attempt to get a dollar amount prior to the next Council meeting.

10 c) Mighty Peace Tourist Association

Councillor Scarfe reported on the Mighty Peace Tourist Association meeting held at Fantasy North Golf Course in Fort Vermilion in October.

The Mighty Peace Tourist Association is cooperating with Tourism Destination Region and Alberta North by exchanging advertisements. A bus tour of the region is being planned for next summer. The tour will try to coordinate all communities along the Mackenzie Highway. The Mackenzie Highway will have its 50th anniversary next year. The RCMP will celebrate their 100th anniversary next year as well. A ~~RCMP~~ Musical Ride is being planned for the Town of Peace River.

The Mighty Peace Tourist Association is contemplating promoting cooperation in advertisements with businesses. They are trying to get business to realize the spin off from tourism.

INFORMATION
ITEMS:

15 Under Separate Cover

MOTION 97-600

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that the information items under agenda item 15, as well as all other information items in the agenda package be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

8 g) Boyer Bridge (Blue Bridge)

MOTION 97-601

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that Administration write a letter to Alberta Transportation and Utilities in High Level with a copy sent to La Prairie Group, asking them to investigate and repair the emergency situation on the Boyer Bridge, i.e. rising planks and nails sticking up out of the planks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOTION 97-602

MOVED by Councillor Peters that the next Council meeting be scheduled for Thursday, November 27, 1997 commencing at 5:00 p.m. to be held in the Meeting Room of the Fort Vermilion Community Library, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

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MOTION 97-603

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the regular scheduled Council meetings for Tuesday, November 11, Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, 1997 commencing at 10:00 a.m., be cancelled.


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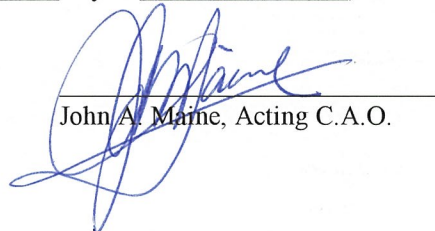
MOTION 97-604

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe that the meeting be adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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These minutes were adopted this 27th day of November, 1997.


Betty Bateman, Chairperson


John A. Mame, Acting C.A.O.

Approved


Bryan Clark, Official Administrator