

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

**Friday February 15, 1996**

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Deputy Reeve
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Reuben Derksen	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dennis Litke	C.A.O.
Joanne Mitchell	Assistant Manager, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Thursday, February 15, 1996 in the Zama Community Hall, Zama, Alberta.

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. a) Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

b) **Adoption of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6. b) Delegation, Lisa Wardley, Zama Water
- 9. a) High Level Airport
- 10. b) La Crete Recreation Board

**MOTION 96-073**

**MOVED** by Councillor Ernest Dyck to adopt the agenda with additions.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

2. a) **Minutes of January 26, 1996 Council Meeting**

**MOTION 96-074**

**MOVED** by Councillor Peters to adopt the minutes of the January 26, 1996 Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

b) **Minutes of Special Council Meeting, February 2, 1996**

**MOTION 96-075**

**MOVED** by Councillor Ernest Dyck to adopt the minutes of the special Council meeting held on February 2, 1996 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

3. a) **Managers Report**

Manager Litke verbally reported on the following issues:

Councillor Dyck and Manager Litke met with the Assistant Deputy Minister regarding the Alberta Labour Board decision on the A.U.P.E. successorship rights. Council requested the costs involved, including the Manager's time, be tracked so a claim can be made to the Province for re-imbursment of expenses when this question has been settled.

Zama Water Treatment Plant - G.P.E.C. is reviewing the plant and staff are working on ways to increase the capacity. This will be discussed with Lisa Wardley under Delegation item 6.b).

NOVA will be invited to give a presentation to Council on their pipeline activities in Northern Alberta.

Manager of Public Works, Roger Borchert started work on January 29, 1996, and has been working closely with Gary Mayhew. He will eventually move to La Crete. Bernie Berube, La Crete Utility Officer, started work in La Crete on February 5, 1996.

Waste Transfer Station - La Crete - wood has been hauled to the Blumenort site and will no longer be accepted at the La Crete site.

Budget - preliminary discussions will be held at the next Council meeting.

High Level Office - Public Works has taken some measurements of proposed reduced space in the Provincial Building.

Annual Ratepayers Meetings - Suggested dates: April 22 in Zama, April 23 in Fort Vermilion, April 24 High Level Rural and April 25 in La Crete and the regular council meeting be held in La Crete on the 25 and 26. Ratepayers meetings to start at 7:30 p.m. Manager Litke asked the committee chair persons to prepare a report for each committee. Councillor R. Derksen suggested that one report be prepared for the entire Municipal District. The Agricultural Services Board will prepare and give their report, the Reeve will give a report, and each Councillor will have the opportunity to report on any activities or projects in their area.

Council meeting dates for March were set at March 28 and 29 in High Level and April 15 in Fort Vermilion.

Councillor Peters reported on the La Crete Chamber of Commerce meeting and the project they are working on with regard to the lowering of Main Street. Advertisements have been in the paper asking for proposals.

**MOTION 96-076**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger to set the council meeting dates as March 28 and 29 in High Level, April 15 in Fort Vermilion, and the annual Ratepayers meetings as April 22nd in Zama, April 23 in Fort Vermilion, April 24 in High Level and April 25 in La Crete.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

4. a) **Amend Bylaw 036/95, Schedule A, Section 3.2.3.**  
**Term of Appointments to Subdivision Appeal Board**

**MOTION 96-077**

**MOVED** by Councillor Peters to give first reading to amend Bylaw 036/95, Schedule A, Section 3.2.3. to read "Members of the Board may be appointed by Council during Council's Annual Organizational Meeting, or as required, subject to the provisions of this Bylaw. Board Member(s) appointed the previous year may be re-appointed to the Board for the following year at Council's discretion without a formal application."

**MOTION 96-078**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger to table first reading to amend Bylaw 036/95, Schedule A, Section 3.2.3.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL**

5. a) **F.C.S.S. Funding Transferred to Alberta Family & Social Services**

**MOTION 96-079**

**MOVED** by Councillor R. Derksen that we budget \$78,000.00 for La Crete Family and Community Support Services programs operating under the La Crete Support Services Society, \$60,000.00 for Fort Vermilion Family and Community Support Services programs and \$8,000. for Family and Community Support Services programs in Zama and to release up to 50% of the funds to an organization in these communities on receipt of proper documentation.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

8. a) **Tompkins Landing Fire Department**

Councillor R. Derksen reported on progress made by local residents to establish a fire department at Tompkins Landing.

b) **Waste Management Committee Meeting**

Councillor Rosenberger discussed the meeting held on January 19, 1996.

**MOTION 96-080**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger to accept the recommendations made in the Waste Management Report.

**AMENDMENT**

**MOVED** by Councillor Fedeyko to delete item 3 from the Waste Management Report.

**MOTION 96-080 CARRIED**

**MOTION 96-081**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman that the Manager investigate the legalities of changing the wording of contracts after the closing date for accepting bids or contracts.

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

9. a) **High Level Airport**

**MOVED** by Councillor Peters to accept this item as information.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

10. a) **Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties**

- ( i) Workshop Survey Spring '96  
(Please complete the survey form and hand it in to Joanne)
- ( ii) Resolutions passed in Spring 1991 which lapse this year.
- (iii) Reforms to G.S.T.
- ( iv) Letter to Premier from former municipal councillor
- ( v) Membership fee proposal
- ( vi) Bill 51, The Water Act, summary & analysis

**MOTION 96-083**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman to accept all items under 10. a) as information.

**CARRIED**

b) **La Crete Recreation Board**

Councilor E. Derksen requested the La Crete Recreation Board be paid their grant for 1996. He reported the Board was requesting additional funds due to unexpected expenses on the condenser. The request is for 125,000.00 for 1996.

**MOTION 96-084**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Derksen to refer the La Crete Recreation Board request for additional funding to the budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

11. a) **Forestry Liaison Committee**

Economic Development made a presentation to the Forestry Liaison Committee and will meet with the Tallcree Nation. If meetings go well, the Request for Decision will be let out for 650,000 cubic metres of wood.

b) **Mackenzie Housing Management Board**

Councillor Rosenberger reported on the last meeting of the Mackenzie Housing Management Board. The Board has requested the Province surplus 12 houses in Fort Vermilion. Arrears have been reduced by about \$10,000 over the last year. The

Management Board asked that all of the public housing units be re-assessed because there are discrepancies between similar units.

**MOTION 96-085**

**MOVED** by Councillor R. Derksen that all Fort Vermilion public housing units be reassessed as requested by the Mackenzie Housing Management Board.

**CARRIED**

**2:00 p.m.**  
**DELEGATIONS**

6. Jackie Scoular and Lisa Wardley entered the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

b) **Zama Water**

Lisa Wardley, Hi-North Trucking Ltd., discussed the problems experienced related to the short supply of water in Zama. She asked if the M.D. had plans to remedy the problems. Manager Litke replied the the water treatment plant had been constructed to serve a smaller population and the M.D. had not been warned of the large increase in users. The Municipal District is in the process of having production expanded at the water treatment plant however, this process will take time.

Ms. Wardley reported that two drilling companies had hit artesian wells in the Zama area and suggested the M.D. check to see if these wells could be used to ease the shortage. Manager Litke will follow up on this suggestion.

a) **Emergency Medical Responder**

Jackie Scoular attended on behalf of Theresa Wilson, E.M.R. Ms. Scoular requested that the Municipal District hold an Emergency Response Course in Zama for the area residents. She suggested some of the oil companies could contribute to the cost of the course, and enroll their employees as well. Concerns were also raised that there were no supplies in the ambulance.

The Municipal District will write a letter to the minister asking for an exemption under the ambulance act to operate the Zama ambulance with one E.M.R. and a volunteer driver.

Jackie Scouler and Lisa Wardley left at 2:50 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF**  
**THE WHOLE**

12. a)

**ADJOURNMENT**

13.

**MOTION 96-086**

**MOVED** by Councillor R. Derksen to adjourn at 3:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

The minutes were accepted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1996.

  
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Reeve

  
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Manager