

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23
COUNCIL MEETING
AT THE MUSTUS LAKE CENTRE IN LA CRETE**

Thursday, April 25, 1996 and Friday, April 26, 1996

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	C.A.O.
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary

GALLERY:

Debbie Brewster
Beth Kappelar

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Thursday, April 25, 1996 in the Council Chambers, Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA:**

b) Adoption of Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 7. b) Zama Ambulance
- 7. i) Graders
- 8. b) Delegation at 1 p.m. - Isaac Dyck
- 8. c) 8. b) Margaret Pietsch will be in for Flood Control Issue
- 8. h) Zama Road Report
- 11 a) High Level Office

MOTION 96-201

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to adopt the agenda with additions.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-202

MOVED by Councillor Elmer Derksen to go in camera at 10:10 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-203

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk to go come out of camera at 11:03 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld called a short recess at 11:03 a.m.

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting back to order at 11:10 a.m.

MINUTES:

2. a) **MINUTES OF MARCH 28 & 29, 1996 COUNCIL MEETING**

MOTION 96-204

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to adopt the March 28 and 29, 1996 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-205

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to adopt the April 15, 1996 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Reuben Derksen said he did not want itemized contract prices included in the Minutes.

MOTION 96-206

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that only the total amount in the budget for the road projects be included in the minutes.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE:

3. a) **MANAGERS REPORT**

b) **TALLCREE PLANS, FORT VERMILION**

Manager Litke reported that Tallcree is planning on building eight houses and a service station/convenience store this year, on the reserve land adjoining the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion. Because it is on reserve land they will not need Development Permits.

Reeve Neufeld said that there has been some talk of building the police barracks on reserve land. We would advise the barracks remain in the Fort Vermilion Hamlet.

MOTION 96-207

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that Manager Litke write a letter to the RCMP stating the M.D.'s preference for the barracks to stay in the hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

3. c) **M.D. OF BIRCH HILLS**
CHOOSE MEETING DATE FOR AAMD & C ZONE MEETING

Manager Litke said that the M.D. of Birch Hills is asking for Council's choice of a date for the AAMD & C summer meeting.

The Councillors agreed to a preferred meeting date of Friday, August 16, 1996.

Reeve Neufeld asked for a report on the anticipated flood disaster.

Manager Litke gave a report on the river monitoring and compared the water levels to the 1990 flood levels. On Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 a.m., the water had risen to 1.5 meters from the 1990 flood levels. A Disaster Committee meeting was called for at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. At 6:30 p.m. the ice started flowing. People were on duty all night long,

monitoring the river. At 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, the Disaster Committee activated red alert to all members of the Committee, the Reeve, and the Fort Vermilion Councillor. The river crested at .96 meters below the 1990 flood level. Manager Litke called in all the male office staff to fill sand bags, including Kevin Morrison and the equipment operators. The Manager hired La Prairie to haul sand. By 6:30 a.m. they called off red alert, but stayed on standby until 9 a.m. By then the river had receded by a few inches.

Reeve Neufeld said that the La Crete Utility Officer had monitored the river at the Well. The La Crete Maintenance Supervisor was monitoring the ferry. Alberta Power and AGT were called. The staff did a good job in working together.

Councillor Rosenberger praised the M.D staff for a job well done.

Councillor Sarapuk asked if gates could be installed to prevent future flooding.

Councillor Rosenberger said it would be too expensive, a potential flood only occurs once every five years.

Manager Litke said there is still an ice jam at Carcajou, so there is still some concern.

BYLAWS:

4. a) **BYLAW NO. 040/96**

MOTION 96-208

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk to give first reading to Bylaw No. 040/96 being a bylaw to authorize the borrowing of funds from time to time, as may be necessary to meet the operating expenditures and obligations of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-209

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to give second reading to Bylaw No. 040/96.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-210

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to give unanimous consent to go to third reading of Bylaw No. 040/96 at this meeting.

NOT UNANIMOUSLY

DEFEATED

Kevin Morrison entered the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

MOTION 96-211

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to go in camera at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION: 96-212

MOVED by Councillor Reuben Derksen to come out of camera at 12:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. by Reeve Neufeld.

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting back to order at 1:08 p.m.

GALLERY:

Debbie Brewster
Beth Kappelar
Margaret Pietsch

Isaac Dyck entered the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

**8. b) LA CRETE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OFFER FOR STREET STUDY**

Isaac Dyck thanked the M.D. Council for this time on behalf of the La Crete Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dyck stated that the Main Street issue is not the main issue. The La Crete Chamber of Commerce wants a comprehensive plan for La Crete, this includes residential, commercial, and industrial areas. Do not want main street lowered and have people complain about something else. We must set priorities:

Do preliminary engineered plans, drainage, street development. Based on engineered studies create a plan phase by phase. This will help determine the cost. The Chamber of Commerce is not looking for handouts, they want to cooperate with the M.D. Council. The Chamber has received three engineered proposals. The best proposal was received from Torchynsky at \$28,000. The Chamber of Commerce has \$10,000 to contribute to the study and are asking the M.D. to contribute \$18,000. Set up phase by phase plan that could, hopefully, get started in 1996. We want to seek ways of funding, residents will have to come up with some money. We need the study first, this will set real costs and options.

The Manager of Public Works, Roger Borchert, said he would like to compliment the Chamber on this issue. Mr. Borchert said the Chamber has a very energetic proposal, but there are also inadequacies in the sewer system, development, this package has not dealt with all issues. One concern that was brought forth at the Development meeting was not to hold up development for this year. Other concerns are for infra structure, how workable is it.

Isaac Dyck said that at the Development meeting the question was asked how will curb and gutter tie into the rest of the town. We can't do that without a study. It will set forth a cost, there might be certain areas in town that don't need it.

Councillor Dyck asked if it would be up to the developer if they want to install curb and gutter?

Isaac Dyck said that would be up to the M.D. We don't want the M.D. to do something on their own and we think it is foolish.

Councillor Rosenberger pointed out that at the meeting on development, the people indicated that they could not afford to install curb and gutter. Why are we spending money on a study if people can't afford it anyway?

The Reeve said he thought the Chamber jumped the gun on doing a study without coming to the M.D. first.

Councillor Rosenberger pointed out that Fort Vermilion needs three streets looked after.

The Reeve noted this could have been included in the study.

Isaac Dyck said he does not believe the Chamber jumped the gun, last year the study on main street was a wild guess that's what the engineer said. We don't want that. We don't want to spend \$1.6 million on a street, asked for a proposal on the entire Hamlet of La Crete.

Manager Litke said that if it is possible, there should be a financial plan along with the engineered plan.

Roger Borchert, Manager of Public Works, said that what he was hoping for is to consolidate the studies you presently have, you may save money.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Isaac Dyck and Isaac Dyck left the meeting at 2 p.m.

MOTION 96-213

MOVED by Councillor Peters that we refer this to the staff.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. c) **FLOOD CONTROL**
HIGH LEVEL EAST & HIGH LEVEL SOUTH

Reeve Neufeld asked Mrs. Pietsch if she had a presentation.

Mrs. Pietsch said she was just here as an observer, she understood that Council is dealing with this issue here.

Roger Borchert, Manager of Public Works, said we have agreed to two flood control proposals, High Level South and High Level East. Studies have been given to Council, these were dealt with at meetings one year ago. I recommend that you forward both studies to Environment. The Engineering has been recently completed.

MOTION 96-214

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that we forward these studies to the proper authorities.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Pietsch said Environment in Peace River approved this flood control in 1990, she has the letter at home.

Councillor Fedeyko said that High Level South is not a big project so this might be done in the near future because it does not need much funding.

Manager Litke said let's not raise any false hopes.

Reeve Neufeld said we can keep the pressure on Environment to speed up this project.

Councillor Fedeyko asked Mrs. Pietsch, now that you have this study are you happy with this?

Mrs. Pietsch said she was happy with this, the only thing is she wants it done this year. Is Council prepared to take care of it this week?

Reeve Neufeld assured Mrs. Pietsch this will be forwarded this week.

The Reeve called for a short recess at 2:10 p.m.

The Reeve called the meeting back to order at 2:16 p.m.

FINANCIAL

5. a) **FORT VERMILION COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

The Manager addressed the Chairman with a request from the Fort Vermilion Library for forgiveness of the current year's loan payment in the amount of \$5,000, a deferral, or forgiveness of the entire loan. Loan payment was due early this year.

Councillor Bateman requested recorded vote.

MOTION 96-215

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that since the library is providing a service for the community, and they don't have money this year, the M.D. will forgive this year's loan payment in the amount of \$5,075.25.

Question:

IN FAVOUR: Reeve Bill Neufeld, Councillor Elmer Derksen, Councillor Reuben Derksen, Councillor Bill Fedeyko, Councillor Jake Peters, Councillor Frank Rosenberger, Councillor Walter Sarapuk, Councillor Reg Scarfe.

OPPOSED: Councillor Betty Bateman and Councillor Ernest Dyck.

CARRIED

5. a) REQUEST FOR 1996 GRANT

Manager Litke said that a second letter has been received from the Fort Vermilion Library Board requesting a grant for 1996.

MOTION 96-216

MOVE by Councillor Sarapuk to table the grant request from the Library Board until budget time.

CARRIED

5. b) RECOMMENDATION TO SET AN ASSESSMENT
CERTIFICATE FEE

MOTION 96-217

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that the M.D. establish a \$25 fee for assessment certificates.

CARRIED

PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:

7. a) REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OF ROAD ALLOWANCE
LANDS & FORESTS, FORT VERMILION

Manager Litke said that Lands & Forest are proposing that we cancel the road allowance, Mr. Litke proposed that the M.D. close it, not cancel it.

MOTION 96-218

MOVED by Councillor Elmer Derksen that the road allowance request from Lands and Forest be tabled.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

9. a) APPOINTMENT OF METIS NATION MEMBERS TO THE
FORT VERMILION HOUSING COMMITTEE

Manager Litke proposed to table this for the next meeting.

9. b) MESSAGE FROM M.L.A. GARY FRIEDEL
RE: HIGHWAY #58 DESIGNATION

MOTION 96-219

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to receive the letter from M.L.A. Gary Friedel as information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

10. a) AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

i) **Annual Appointments to A.S.B.**

Councillor Reuben Derksen said the A.S.B. needs the appointments made earlier on in the year so they can attend the conference.

ii) **Annual Appointments to Seed Cleaning Co-op**

Reeve Neufeld asked that Manager Litke find out more information and bring it back to Council.

iii) **Appointment to Vet Advisory Committee**

Councillor Reuben Derksen said this item should not be on the Agenda. This is an A.S.B. item.

10. b) **PROPOSED TO LEASE LOT 4, BLOCK 3, PLAN 3383 ET**

Manager Litke said that this item should not be on the agenda at this time.

Council agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

10. c) **WADLIN LAKE CARETAKER CONTRACT**

Manager Litke reported that only one application was received and this was from the same couple that had the contract last year. Their contract is for \$2,500 per month excluding fire wood.

MOTION 96-220

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that M.D. 23 enter into a contract with Fred and Marge Thompson for the caretaking at Wadlin Lake Park for the 1996 season at a rate of \$2,500 per month.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

11. a) **THE HIGH LEVEL OFFICE USAGE REPORT**

A request was made to put this item on the agenda for 2 p.m. on the May 14, 1996 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

13.

MOTION 96-221

MOVED by Councillor Reuben Derksen to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. to Friday, April 26, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

Recorded vote was requested for adjournment by Councillor Sarapuk.

IN FAVOUR: Reeve Neufeld, Councillor Bateman, Councillor Elmer Derksen, Councillor Reuben Derksen, Councillor Ernest Dyck, Councillor Jake Peters, Councillor Frank Rosenberger, and Councillor Reg Scarfe.

OPPOSED: Councillor Bill Fedeyko and Councillor Walter Sarapuk.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AT THE MUSTUS LAKE CENTRE IN LA CRETE

Friday, April 26, 1996

Continuation from April 25, 1996

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	C.A.O.
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary

GALLERY

Beth Kappelar

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Friday, April 26, 1996 in the Council Chambers, Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete, continuation of April 25, 1996.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Reeve Bill Neufeld called the meeting back to order at 10:02 a.m.

Chris Kelland and Roger Borchert entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Councillor Betty Bateman thanked Councillor Ernest Dyck for taking her to see the east flood control area. Councillor Bateman said when she was out there yesterday, she could not believe the amount of water that there is in that area. She suggested that any Councillor that has not been to see the area should go look at it. Torchynsky has done a good job on erosion control in the area. She sympathizes with the farmer where she saw that the water is backed up to his barn and is almost up to his house.

Councillor Ernest Dyck responded that in the past a lot of roads were being washed out, we are saving maintenance costs with the east flood control project. Over the last couple of years we have done a lot of work with the east flood control. Jim and I have discussed this and we need one more easement on one quarter section of property. All the other farmers have signed easements over for a dollar. He has had no problems with farmers except for this one.

Councillor Walter Sarapuk came into the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. a) AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD

iii) Appointment to Vet Advisory Committee

Manager Dennis Litke addressed the Chair, asking if they could return to item 10. a) iii). It seems that we may have misunderstood the Appointment to the Vet Advisory Committee.

After some discussion, Chris Kelland was given direction to appoint representatives to the Vet Advisory Clinic at the A.S.B. level.

Chris Kelland said he has a problem with paying mileage for beaver blasting.

There was some discussion on if beaver blasting should be put to tender.

MOTION 96-222

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that beaver blasting go out to tender.

CARRIED

Chris Kelland left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. a) **AGREEMENT WITH ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION
OPERATION OF THE LA CRETE FERRY**

Manager Litke said there was an adjustment to be made to this document. On page three the second paragraph from the top, want to add the following clause: to allow for start up work in and above the contract cost up to \$20,000.

A second change as suggested by our lawyer on page 6, add a clause to exempt normal wear and tear from the tools and equipment being returned.

MOTION 96-223

MOVED by Councillor Peters that these changes be made and approved as requested.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-224

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that M.D. 23 write a letter to Alberta Transportation to remodel the boarding ramp hump off the ferry.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

10 d) **GRAVEL POLICY**

Roger Borchert, the Manager of Public Works, said that the Tompkins and West La Crete gravel pits are the only ones that the M.D. has a license on.

The Gravel Policy will be revised and brought back to Council.

Roger Borchert left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Paul Driedger and George Bueckert entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**EMERGENCY
SERVICES:**

7. b) **ZAMA AMBULANCE**

Paul Driedger gave an inspection report on the state of disrepair of the Zama Ambulance. Mr. Driedger said the following items need to be repaired: brakes, tune-up, electrical, oil leak, exhaust leak, fog lights, compression test, initial cleaning inside, heater fan, motor mount, about \$2,500 plus parts. Fixing the ripped bench seat, tires and wheel alignment, windshield, body work and paint job is about \$7,300. A total of approximately \$9,800 plus tax will be needed to repair the Zama Ambulance.

Gulf has said that they will initially supply the equipment for the ambulance if the M.D. supplies an ambulance.

George Bueckert said that \$39,000 was paid for the La Crete Ambulance.

A discussion followed on buying an ambulance unit for Zama.

George Bueckert said he would strongly recommend not to spend money into this unit.

Council requested that George Bueckert price out new and used ambulances and report back to Council when this information is compiled.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Paul Driedger and George Bueckert and they left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Roger Borchert re-entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. e) **1996 GRAVELLING PROGRAM**

The Manager of Public Works, Roger Borchert, showed Council maps for discussion on roads that need gravelling.

Councillor Rosenberger noted that school bus routes have to be given priority.

Jake Froese entered the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

David Peters entered the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

DELEGATION:

6. a) **JAKE FROESE AND DAVID PETERS
DEVELOPMENT AND SEWAGE LIFT STATION**

Reeve Bill Neufeld welcomed Jake Froese and Dave Peters to the meeting.

Jake Froese said that the last time he came to the meeting he was told he would get an answer today. I have to know now.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Jake Froese will make a commitment to develop this year?

Jake Froese asked what kind of a commitment do you want?

Reeve Neufeld said the M.D. wants a commitment that development of a number of lots will take place this year. Not just one or two.

Jake Froese said he was in here last year and has not received an answer yet, what do you want, money?

Reeve Neufeld said no, we just want a commitment that you will develop this year.

Councillor Sarapuk asked how many lots are you planning to develop this year?

Jake Froese answered that he wants to develop 16 lots this year, as long as he gets an answer today.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Jake Froese and Dave Peters and they left the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. e) **1996 GRAVELLING PROGRAM**

Discussion on gravelling policy. There was some concern about too much gravel on the roads. Last year too much money was budgeted for the gravelling program and there was some waste as a result. Roads must be graveled according to need.

The consensus was that the Manager of Public Works will try to get the Maintenance Supervisors to cut the budget down to \$300,000.

8. f) AFTER HOURS PHONE NUMBERS

Manager Litke brought to Council's attention that after hours phone numbers were included in their package.

10 g) WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

This was received as an information item.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. by Reeve Neufeld.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:02 p.m. by the Reeve.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. h) ZAMA ROAD REPORT

Roger Borchert, the Manager of Public Works, gave a report on the various engineers prices for the Zama Access Road project.

Some discussion took place concerning this report.

MOTION 96-225

MOVED by Councillor Bateman to enter into a contract with UMA Engineering Ltd. for the engineering on the Zama road.

CARRIED

Roger Borchert said this project will all be discussed with Alberta Transportation.

7. i) GRADERS

Councillor Sarapuk said that the M.D. grader has a gravel spreader, he would like the contract graders to have gravel spreaders as well.

There was some discussion on this subject.

MOTION 96-226

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk to install gravel spreaders on all graders in Ward 8.

CARRIED

6. a) SEWER LIFT STATION

Manager Litke asked Council how they want to deal with 101st Ave.

MOTION 96-227

MOVED by Councillor Reuben Derksen to go in camera at 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-228

MOVED by Councillor Bateman to come out of camera at 2:29 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-229

MOVED by Councillor Reuben Derksen that the Municipal District start construction of the Lift Station No. 5 and sewer main to Jake Froese' property when the subdivision is approved and providing that the Municipal District receives \$20,000 from the developer, Jake Froese, as a deposit against a future proportional cost of Lift Station construction contribution. The off site levy would be due and payable as a separate item.

CARRIED

8. g) **WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS**

Roger Borchert asked for direction in regards to the regional land fill site.

Councillor Dyck suggested that Mr. Borchert bring a report to the M.D. for information item for the next Council meeting.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Fedeyko.

MOTION 96-230

MOVED by Betty Bateman to move the May 14 Council Meeting from High Level to Zama to consider planning and zoning issues for Zama.

Question:

IN FAVOUR: Deputy Reeve Betty Bateman, Councillor Elmer Derksen, Councilor Reuben Derksen, Councillor Ernest Dyck, Councillor Reg Scarfe, and Councillor Frank Rosenberger.

OPPOSED: Reeve Bill Neufeld, Councillor Bill Fedeyko, Councillor Walter Sarapuk, and Councillor Jake L. Peters.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-231

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to go in camera at 2:50 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-232

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to come out of camera at 2:55 p.m.

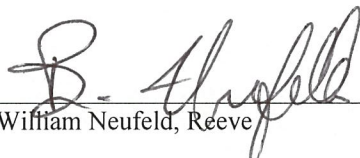
CARRIED

MOTION 96-233

MOVED by Councillor Bill Fedeyko to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED

The minutes were adopted this 30th day of May 1996.


William Neufeld, Reeve


Dennis Litke, Manager