

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

**May 09, 1995**

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld, Reeve  
Arly Roe, Deputy Reeve  
Edward Froese  
Betty Bateman  
Walter Sarapuk, morning only  
Ernest Dyck  
Jake L. Peters

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Cindy Mazurek, Secretary Treasurer  
Joanne Mitchell, Assistant Manager, Recording Secretary  
Gary Mayhew, Manager of Public Works, Afternoon Only

**ABSENT**

Pauline Flett  
Jay Lanti  
Reuben Derksen

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 held on Tuesday, May 9, 1995 in the Council Chambers, Provincial Building, High Level.

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Reeve, Bill Neufeld, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

2. a) Betty Bateman requested item 7. h) Zama Sewer, be added to the agenda.

**MOTION 95-334**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 adopt the agenda with additions.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

3. a) **Public Hearing, April 27, 1995**

**MOTION 95-335**

**MOVED:** Ernest Dyck

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 adopt the minutes of the April 27, 1995 Public Hearing as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 95-336**

3. b) **Council Minutes, April 27, 1995**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 adopt the minutes of the April 27, 1995 Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 95-337**

3. c) **Special Council Meeting, May 2, 1995**

**MOVED:** Betty Bateman

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 adopt the minutes of the May 2, 1995 special Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL**

**MOTION 95-338**

**5. a) Cheque Listing, April 1995**

**MOVED:** Walter Sarapuk

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 approve the cheque list as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

**4.a) Town of High Level, Revenue Sharing Agreement**

High Level Town Council members, Peter Bjornson, George Schmidt and Robert Walter, as well as Town Manager, Gary Peterson, entered the meeting. Reeve, Bill Neufeld welcomed them to the meeting.

**Fees for Services**

George Schmidt thanked the Council for giving the Town of High Level the opportunity to meet with them and said the Town wished to discuss the M.D.'s plans to lower the cost sharing agreement they have with the Town. Gary Peterson suggested each agreement be reviewed individually.

The following points were raised during the discussion:

- Revenue sharing was initially set up to off set some of the costs of services provided by the Town. Previously half a mill was levied against industry to provide this. The new Act has removed the requirement of Industrial Tax Transfers but allows a Municipality to levy a special tax on specific areas which could be applied for this purpose.
- The recreation agreement is for \$23,607.50 per year and includes a clause for amendments by mutual consent. The Town's cost to provide recreation services, excluding the deficit on the swimming pool, is \$30.00 per capita. The \$23,607.50 paid in 1994 was less than the per capita amount.
- The library agreement also has a clause that stipulates both parties must agree to any amendments. The Library Agreement is for \$4,750.00 per year.
- The fire protection agreement has provisions for the Town to extra bill the M.D. for calls in the M.D. The town has not billed the M.D. because they received the additional funding under the revenue sharing agreement. The fire protection agreement also has a clause which requires notice of 30 days be given if either party wishes to terminate the agreement. The Town does not intend to terminate this agreement but feels it should be discussed. The Fire Protection Agreement is for \$2,000.00 per year.
- Other items that both municipalities are involved in are cemeteries and Hutch Lake. Both groups agreed to update the Hutch Lake project which is a cost recovery agreement.

The Town requested that if the revenue sharing agreement is to be phased out, the M.D. should reconsider their fees for service agreements with the Town.

The different amounts spent by the M.D. on recreation and fire protection in each of the communities was discussed.

Discrepancies could be the result of differing population counts and how much is spent on capital as compared to operating.

50% to 75% of calls responded to by the High Level Fire Department are in the M.D.

The M.D. should consider what it would cost them to provide services to the residents of the rural High Level area.

The Council will study their costs for services in all parts of the M.D. and compare them with the costs of services provided to them by the Town of High Level and then discuss this further with the Town.

**Airports:**

Gary Peterson asked Council if they had reached any consensus on the transfer of the airports. He said he has not received a reply to the Town's proposal dated April 7, 1995. If the M.D. is not in favour of the Town's proposal, they would welcome a counter proposal



**Building Inspections**

Gary Peterson asked if the M.D. Council has reached a decision on the Town's proposal to provide Building Inspection services in the M.D. Gary Mayhew replied this item is on the Council's agenda today. Gary Peterson said the same proposal has been sent to Paddle Prairie and Rainbow Lake and if these other municipalities decide to use the Town's inspector, they need to know soon so they can arrange their manpower requirements. The Town has been accredited under the Safety Codes Council and are working on their Quality Management Plan.

The Town is also considering an agreement between the four municipalities for the provision of fire, electrical and plumbing inspections with a possibility of using a contractor to provide these services. The Province is asking municipalities to prepare to take over these inspections by 1996.

George Schmidt thanked the Council for hearing the Town's presentation and the delegation left the meeting.

**5. b) Cash Reconciliations:**

- i) January, 1995
- ii) February, 1995
- iii) March, 1995  
Bank Reconciliation, March, 1995

**MOTION 95-339**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 move all capital reserve accounts, including the vehicle replacement reserve, into one reserve account.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 95-340**

**MOVED:** Betty Bateman

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 receive the following items as information:  
5. b, c and d.

**CARRIED**

**5. c) N.H.S.R. Letter, No 1995 Requisition**

This item was received as information under motion 95-340.

**5. d) Provincial Education Tax, Letter from Minister, Tom Thurber**

This item was received as information under motion 95-340.

**5. e) Letter from Henry Jay Enns, Request for Compromise on Assessment**

**MOTION 95-341**

**MOVED:** Betty Bateman

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write a letter to Mr. Enns, advising him that if he were to receive a concession on his assessment, all other developer's would expect the same concession.

**CARRIED**

**5. f) Motion to Transfer \$45,000.00 from Capital Reserves  
For Fort Vermilion Council Chambers**

**MOTION 95-342**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 transfer \$45,000.00 from Capital Reserves to operating, for the construction of the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

**CARRIED**

Betty Bateman asked that it be recorded in the minutes, that the Manager of Public Works does not provide information on his agenda items, in advance, for Councils' review and this is not the first time this has happened.

**MOTION 95-343**

**MOVED:** Jake L. Peters

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 receive the following items as information: 7 c, d, e, 8 a, 10 a, i & ii, 10 b, 10 b, 10, c, d, e, g, 11 a and 11 b.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 95-344**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Council meeting go in camera.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 95-345**

**MOVED:** Walter Sarapuk

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Council meeting come out of camera.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 95-346**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. in High Level to do an evaluation on the two CEO's.

**CARRIED**

Council recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Walter Sarapuk did not return to the meeting after lunch.

**DELEGATION**

**4. b) ALL-WIN CANADIAN, Bert Moddejong**

Bert Moddejong entered the meeting and explained the circumstances surrounding his invoice for training sessions and the Council's payment of a lesser amount. Mr. Moddejong clarified his discussions with Clark McAskile, the Manager at that time, and Council agreed that if the Manager had made a commitment to pay a minimum amount, the Council would honor that commitment.

Mr. Moddejong thanked the Council for hearing his presentation and left the meeting.

**MOTION 95-347**

**MOVED:** Jake L. Peters

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 pay ALL-WIN CANADIAN the tuition for three additional staff members who did not attend the second session.

**CARRIED**

**7. g) Verify Allowable Claim for Staff Meals**

Council confirmed the allowable claims for staff meals was changed to equal the amount allowed for Council Members. This change was made through the adoption of the Human Resources Policy.

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**6. a) There were no Planning & Development issues on this agenda.**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**7.a) Building Inspections**

**MOTION 95-348**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 retain Marg Grega for Building Inspections until an individual is hired or she leaves the area and an advertisement for proposals from any one interested in providing this service, be placed in the local newspapers.

**CARRIED**



**7. b) Senior Utility Officer in La Crete & Assistant Utility Officer in La Crete**

Gary Mayhew reported the Assistant Utility Officer in Fort Vermilion, Brad Tourangeau, is filling the vacancy of Senior Utility Officer in La Crete and Dave Friesen has been hired as the Assistant Utility Officer.

Council asked Gary Mayhew to look into the option of contract utility officers and Mr. Mayhew said he would check with other municipalities and report back to Council.

**MOTION 95-349**

**MOVED:** Ernest Dyck

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 change the name of the Blumenort Water Point to the "Wolf Lake Water Point".

**CARRIED**

**7. c) Fort Vermilion Health Centre  
Invitation to Meet with N.H.S.R., on May 23, 1995**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**7. d) Fort Vermilion Board of Trade Letter to Transportation  
Re: Paving Highway #88 Bypass and Reconstructed Portion**

**MOTION 95-350**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and our M.L.A., with a copy to Pearl Callahasen, requesting upgrading and paving from the end of the pavement to Bear Creek on Highway 88.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 95-351**

**MOVED:** Ernest Dyck

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 request the Minister of Transportation pave approximately 3 miles of road from the Fort Vermilion turn-off to the east access to Highway #88 near the Frontier Veterinary Clinic.

**CARRIED**

The Fort Vermilion Board of Trade letter was received as information under motion 95-343.

**7. e) Recycling Update on Cardboard & Used Oil Filters, Northern C.A.R.E.**

Jake L. Peters reported a cardboard recycling bin will be set up at the Co-op store in La Crete and it will be picked up by Northern CARE. Council agreed the Company should be given approval to place cardboard bins at the transfer stations.

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**7. f) High Level & Fort Vermilion Airports, Letter from Keith Helberg**

**MOTION 95-352**

**MOVED:** Edward Froese

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 form a partnership with the Town of High Level for the operation of the High Level airport with the M.D. taking on the role of Unit Authority.

**CARRIED**

Council requested Gary Mayhew arrange a meeting with Keith Helberg on May 17 in conjunction with their special meeting to discuss the ferry and the airports.

7. g) High Level Office Lease

Cindy Mazurek reported the M.D. does not have a lease with Public Works for the High Level Office located in the Provincial Building. Public Works has advised the lease is \$46,866.00 per year for 300 sq. meters. This includes utilities, taxes and custodian services. Any renovations would be at the M.D.'s cost. The minimum term for a lease with Public Works is three years. The lease document should be here by June 1, 1995.

7. h) Zama Sewer

Betty Bateman and Gary Mayhew discussed the problems with the sewer overflow in Zama last week. Bill Neufeld asked Gary Mayhew if he would prepare a report for Council on this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

8. a) Beverly Miller v. Her Majesty et al, Letter from Solicitor, Alberta Justice

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

COUNCILOR'S  
CORNER

9. Bill Neufeld

MOTION 95-353

MOVED: Bill Neufeld

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 issue a cleanup order on Plan 2938RS, Block 1, Lot 4 in Fort Vermilion because of the fire hazard.

CARRIED

Betty Bateman

Betty Bateman asked what the policy is on residents using their 4x4's in the hamlets and wrecking the ditches. Gary Mayhew said there is no policy but the M.D. should be charging them and he suggested a legal opinion be obtained on this question.

Jake L. Peters

Jake L. Peters asked if a date could be set for a Wadlin Lake Committee meeting. Cindy Mazurek reported the advertisement for a caretaker closes on May 19 so the meeting should be held shortly after then. Arly Roe, Bill Neufeld, Jake L. Peters and Walter Sarapuk are on the committee. A meeting was set for Monday, May 22 at Wadlin Lake to leave La Crete at 9 a.m.

Betty Bateman

Betty Bateman asked that a Hutch Lake Committee Meeting be scheduled. Cindy Mazurek will prepare some financial information prior to a date being set. Betty Bateman asked Gary Mayhew to check the road in to Hutch Lake before the meeting.

Jake L. Peters

Jake L. Peters asked how many people have been hired in La Crete for summer temporary positions and Gary Mayhew replied, two.

Edward Froese

Edward Froese asked how the funds were allocated for the key lock in La Crete and Bill Neufeld replied it was a budgeted item.

Ernest Dyck

Ernest Dyck reported he, Jake L. Peters and Bill Neufeld attended the La Crete Chamber of Commerce meeting and concerns were raised regarding the amount of money the M.D. is spending on the Krahn Connector road. The members said they felt that was too much of the infrastructure grant money going to the Krahn Connector when the streets in La Crete are in need of repair work. Gary Mayhew agreed there was a lot of work to do on the streets in the hamlets but there hasn't been any money budgeted for this. He suggested a 3 to 5 year plan be developed for redoing or paving the streets.



There is some repair work in the budget for this year but it's only enough to fill in the holes and not a permanent solution.

**MOTION 95-354**

**MOVED:** Ernest Dyck

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 undertake a GeoTech Study on the streets in the Hamlets of La Crete and Fort Vermilion at a maximum cost of \$8,000.00 and that Gary Mayhew negotiate an agreement for this service with an engineering firm.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. a) A.A.M.D.&C.:**

- i) Bill 32, Municipal Government Act**
- ii) Special Places 2000 Policy**
- iii) A.A.M.D.&C. District Boundaries Review**

Items i) and ii) were received as information under motion 95-343.

**MOTION 95-355**

**MOVED:** Arly Roe

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 select proposal "A" for the A.A.M.D.&C's District Boundaries Review.

**CARRIED**

**10. b) Engineering Trends in Municipal Law**  
**(there are two agenda items marked 10. b)**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**10. b) Deh Cho Letter and Report**

Note - two items were numbered 10 b) on this agenda. This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**10. c) F.C.S.S. Zama Rent**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**10. d) Letter from Hi-Temp Oilfield Services**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**10. e) Summer Events Calendar**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**10. f) Tourism Advertisement**

**MOTION 95-356**

**MOVED:** Betty Bateman

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 decline the offer of placing an ad in the Edmonton Journal.

**CARRIED**

**10. g) Logging on Private Land**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

11 a) **Information Items as Listed**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

11. b) **C.I.B.C. Invitation to Official Opening**

This item was received as information under motion 95-343.

**MOTION 95-357**

**MOVED:** Bill Neufeld

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 appoint Bryce Longard to the Fort Vermilion Housing Committee and ask him to act as Chairman of the committee.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

12.

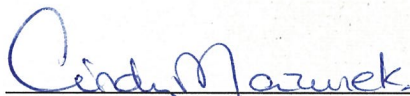
**MOTION 95-358**

**MOVED:** Betty Bateman

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Reeve

  
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Secretary Treasurer



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

The following correspondence has been received for the Advisory Council Meeting of

**MAY 9, 1995**

April 4, 1995	ASB Minutes, April 4, 1994	_____
April 11, 1995	News Release	_____
April 20, 1995	Insight into Government (Vol 9, #30)	_____
April 24, 1995	Manning Diversified Forest Product Info Update Spring 1995	_____
April 25, 1995	AAMD&C Highlights April 19/95	_____
April 25, 1995	Air Ambulance Dispatch Center	_____
April 27, 1995	H.L. Community Working Group Forest Conservation Strategy mtg	_____
April 28, 1995	AB Environmental Protection H.L. Regional Sanitary Landfill	_____
April 28, 1995	National Forest Week May 7-13/95	_____
April 28, 1995	Tom Forgrave retirement	_____
April 28, 1995	Fairview College Foundation Science Fair Support	_____
May 2, 1995	AAMD&C Highlights April 26/95	_____

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