

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, April 20, 2009
2:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT: Greg Newman Reeve (arrived at 2:25 p.m.)
Peter Braun Deputy Reeve
Dicky Driedger Councillor (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)
John W. Driedger Councillor
Ed Froese Councillor
Bill Neufeld Councillor
Walter Sarapuk Councillor (arrived at 3:06 p.m.)
Ray Toews Councillor
Lisa Wardley Councillor

ABSENT: Stuart Watson Councillor

ADMINISTRATION: William (Bill) Kostiw Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton Director of Corporate Services
Ryan Becker Director of Planning & Emergency Services
John Klassen Director of Operations (South)
Carol Gabriel Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on April 20, 2009 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Braun called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 09-04-293 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of:
10. i) Fortune Minerals

CARRIED

Introductions were made.

DELEGATIONS:

- 5. a) Sheila Young, Assessment Services Branch (Municipal Affairs) and Randy Affolder, Alliance Assessment – 2:00 p.m.**

Presentation by Sheila Young and Donna Graham from Assessment Services with Alberta Municipal Affairs and Randy Affolder from Alliance Assessment.

Reeve Newman arrived at 2:25 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Braun recessed the meeting at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:02 p.m. and turned the chair over to Reeve Newman.

Councillor D. Driedger arrived at 3:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the April 7, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 09-04-294

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the minutes of the April 7, 2009 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

- 4. a) Hutch Lake Caretaking Contract (Motion 09-04-281)**

Councillor Sarapuk arrived at 3:06 p.m.

MOTION 09-04-295

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County proceed with the development of the Hutch Lake campground.

CARRIED

- 4. b) 2009 Equipment Rates (Motion 09-04-275)**

MOTION 09-04-296

MOVED Deputy Reeve Braun

That administration investigate the equipment rates of other municipalities and bring it back to the May 12, 2009 Council

meeting.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Equipment Committee Meeting Minutes – December 11 and 17, 2008

MOTION 09-04-297

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Equipment Committee meeting minutes of December 11 and 17, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – January 21 and February 3, 2009

MOTION 09-04-298

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 21 and February 3, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. c) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2009

MOTION 09-04-299

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes of February 26, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. d) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2009

MOTION 09-04-300

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 16, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Fort Vermilion River Road Tender

MOTION 09-04-301

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That administration proceed with tendering the Fort Vermilion River Road project as presented.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE,
CAO AND DIRECTORS
REPORTS:**

9. a) None

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) Bylaw 712/09 – Bylaw to Adopt the Inter-Municipal Development Plan between the Town of High Level and Mackenzie County

MOTION 09-04-302

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 712/09 being a bylaw to adopt the Inter-Municipal Development Plan between the Town of High Level and Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

10. b) Bylaw 713/09 – Bylaw to Establish an Inter-Municipal Planning Commission

MOTION 09-04-303

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That first reading be given to Bylaw 713/09 being a bylaw to establish an Inter-Municipal Planning Commission with the Town of High Level for the Inter-Municipal Development Plan Area.

CARRIED

10. c) Bylaw 714/09 – Bylaw to Establish an Inter-Municipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

MOTION 09-04-304

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 714/09 being a bylaw to establish an Inter-Municipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for the Inter-Municipal Development Plan Area.

CARRIED

10. d) Auditing Services

MOTION 09-04-305

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the presentation by Assessment Services be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-04-306

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the following approach be taken with respect to auditing the non-profit organizations that operate County owned facilities:

Request an audited financial statement from a Board once in three years and incorporate this requirement into the current operating agreement with an increase to the board's annual funding accordingly.

MOTION 09-04-307

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Motion 09-04-306 be tabled.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-04-308

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That administration solicits proposals for the provision of audit services with an additional schedule for the auditing of the recreation boards, for a three-year period with a deadline of Friday, May 22, 2009 and, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, bring a recommendation to Council for approval.

CARRIED

10. e) County Facility Agreement

MOTION 09-04-309

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the County Facilities Agreement, Section 5.1 be amended as follows:

5.1 The Board shall provide the general public with reasonable access to the County Facility during such hours of operations and for such admission or user fees as set by the Board, which from time to time may be requested and reviewed by the County.

CARRIED

10. f) Mustus Energy

MOTION 09-04-310

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the Mustus Energy item be moved in-camera.

CARRIED

10. g) La Crete Ferry Operation

MOTION 09-04-311

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That a letter be sent to Alberta Transportation requesting a direct contact number with the operator of the Tompkins Ferry.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-04-312

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That administration and local Councillors work on a Task Force Terms of Reference for the Tompkins Ferry issues.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 4:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

10. h) AAMD&C Member Visit

MOTION 09-04-313

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Council's preferred meeting date with AAMD&C representatives be set for June 25, 2009 or July 22, 2009.

CARRIED

10. i) Fortune Minerals (ADDITION)

MOTION 09-04-314

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That a letter of support be sent to the Regional Economic Development Initiative for the Fortune Minerals Limited proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) La Crete Ferry Campground Society Sublease

MOTION 09-04-315

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the La Crete Ferry Campground Society sublease be received for information.

CARRIED

**PLANNING,
EMERGENCY AND
ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES:**

12. a) Mackenzie County Administration Building – La Crete

MOTION 09-04-316

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Council approve the funding and allow the La Crete Administration Building project to proceed with the shortfall to come from reserves.

Councillor Toews requested a recorded vote:

In Favor:

Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Wardley
Councillor J. Driedger
Deputy Reeve Braun
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Froese
Councillor Neufeld

Opposed:

Councillor Toews
Reeve Newman

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 708/09 Subdivision Plan Cancellation Part of NW 1-106-15-W5M (Plan 082 1385, Block 1, Lot 1) (La Crete)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 708/09 to order at 4:54 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 708/09 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed land use bylaw amendment. Ryan Becker, Director of

Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on March 26, 2009.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land use bylaw amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 708/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 708/09. No one was present to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 708/09 at 4:55 p.m.

MOTION 09-04-317

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 708/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the cancellation of Plan 082 1385, Block 1, Lot 1 for the purpose of reverting the lands back into NW 1-106-15-W5M from which the subdivision was taken.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-04-318

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That third reading be given to Bylaw 708/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment for the cancellation of Plan 082 1385, Block 1, Lot 1 for the purpose of reverting the lands back into NW 1-106-15-W5M from which the subdivision was taken.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 09-04-319

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That administration be instructed to set up a meeting with northern municipalities and the Premier in regards to the northern forestry sector economic crisis.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-04-320

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the County send a letter of support for the Grande Prairie Young Offender Centre to the Minister of Public Security.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-04-321

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 09-04-322

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 5:12 p.m.

- 10. f) Mustus Energy
- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Legal
- 14. d) Inter-municipal Relations
- 14. e) CO₂ EOR Negotiations
- 14. f) AUPE Negotiations
- 14. g) Forestry

CARRIED

MOTION 09-04-323

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Council move out of camera at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

10. f) Mustus Energy

MOTION 09-04-324

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the County enter into an energy purchase contract with Mustus Energy as discussed.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 09-04-325

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Chief Administrative Officer be offered a new one year contract with the option to renew for another year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 09-04-326

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Reeve and Deputy Reeve hire legal advice for the Chief Administrative Officer's new contract.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 09-04-327

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the special projects update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. c) Legal

MOTION 09-04-328

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the legal update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. d) Inter-municipal Relations

MOTION 09-04-329

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Inter-Municipal Negotiating Committee incorporate the items as discussed.

CARRIED

14. e) CO₂ EOR Negotiations

MOTION 09-04-330

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the CO₂ EOR negotiations update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. f) AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 09-04-331

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the AUPE Negotiating Committee proceed as discussed.

CARRIED

14. g) Forestry

MOTION 09-04-332

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the forestry discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 09-04-333

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the council meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on May 12, 2009.

Original Signed

Greg Newman
Reeve

Original Signed

William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer