

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

**Council Chambers, Provincial Building, High Level, Alberta**

**Tuesday March 3, 1998**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bryan Clark	Official Administrator
John Maine	Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Hardy	Treasurer/Asst. CAO
Eva Schmidt	Executive Assistant to the CAO
	Recording Secretary
Paul Driedger	Manager of Planning/Development and Emergency Services
Dale Freitag	Planner, Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency

Minutes of the special meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, in the Council Chambers of the Provincial Building, High Level, Alberta.

**CALL TO ORDER:**      1      a)      **Call to Order**

Chairperson Bateman called the special Council meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**                      2      a)      **Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 98-059**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Fedeyko that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS:**                      3.      **To Give Third Reading to Bylaw 118/98  
To Authorize Short Term Borrowing for Vehicles  
and Equipment Purchases**

**MOTION 98-060**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Fedeyko that number one (1) on Bylaw 118/98 be amended by replacing "(3) motorgraders" with "two (2) motorgraders".

**In Favour:**  
Councillor Sarapuk  
Councillor Fedeyko  
Chairperson Bateman

**Opposed:**  
Councillor Dyck  
Councillor E. Derksen  
Councillor R. Derksen  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Rosenberger  
Councillor Scarfe

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 98-061**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Fedeyko that third and final reading be given to Bylaw 118/98 –  
Bylaw 118/98                      to Authorize Capital Property – Short Term Borrowing for the Purchase of Eight  
Third Reading                      Vehicles, Three Motorgraders, Two Skid Steers, One Loader, and Two Utility Tractors.

**In Favour:**

Councillor Fedeyko  
Councillor Sarapuk  
Councillor Rosenberger  
Councillor Scarfe  
Chairperson Bateman

**Opposed:**

Councillor E. Derksen  
Councillor R. Derksen  
Councillor Dyck  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Peters

**DEFEATED**

Bryan Clark explained the purpose of this short term borrowing bylaw. At the December 18, 1997 Council meeting Motion No. 97-696 authorized the use of \$445,035.98 in the Vehicle Replacement Reserve fund for the purchase of vehicles and a grader. Also Motion No. 97-697 reallocated \$1.426 million from the Transportation Reserve Fund to the Vehicle Replacement Fund for the purchase of necessary equipment. Both motions were passed by unanimous vote of Council.

Mr. Clark explained that the M.D. has three relatively new graders being operated by M.D. employees – one was purchased and two are being leased. Two other graders namely MG1 is an old unit being operated in La Crete, West La Crete, and Savage Prairie. This unit, according to the Shop Foreman, has a lot of downtime and requires many costly repairs. Downtime on a grader unit does not serve the citizens of this area very well. MG2 has also had a lot of repairs and also a lot of downtime. This unit services the area from Blumenort to and including Fort Vermilion. Graders MG3 and MG4 old units and neither is in running condition and are permanently parked at the Fort Vermilion yard.

Mr. Clark explained that by using the Vehicle Replacement Fund to purchase two new graders you would deplete the fund of about \$460,000 and when it is gone the M.D. would not gain any interest. However if you short term borrow at 5.5% secured three year loan you would replenish the fund and gain 4.3% on this money. Furthermore for any emergency situation this reserve money would be available i.e. road repairs. Heavy equipment units that are required are bought on a three year buy out plan with a five year maintenance plan and a guaranteed trade in price which is about half of the units original price thus when rotating the units the cost is about half. By doing this M.D. residents will get better road maintenance service because the units are operating on the roads plus the M.D. is still receiving interest on its money and is a savings to ratepayers.

Mr. Clark further stated that not all of the vehicles and equipment listed would be purchased until the M.D. restructuring plan has been finalized and accepted by the residents.

Councillor Neufeld stated the M.D. has \$310,000 in the 1997 budget and he is not comfortable with Section 2.75 of the M.G.A.

Councillor Rosenberger asked what equipment the M.D. has as he is in favour of owning half and leasing half of the equipment.

Mr. Maine stated that this is the case and the M.D. philosophy also.

Councillor R. Derksen stated he fails to see why a borrowing bylaw is needed when the money is available. He is against borrowing when there is money in reserves.

Mr. Clark stated that he had already explained what could happen if reserves are depleted and then need to be built up again; at some point the M.D. would have to look at a possible mill rate increase which Council would have to explain to the M.D. residents.

**BUSINESS : 3. a) Zama Fish Pond**

John Maine addressed the issue of the Zama Fish Pond. Mr. Maine stated that the municipality had reviewed various options. Mr. Maine then read the legal opinion received from Brownlee Fryett addressing the liability of erecting a fence around the park.

Dale Freitag of Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency stated that he researched various municipalities regarding how they were addressing safety around ponds in their parks. Mr. Freitag read the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency's submission.

Chairperson Bateman stated that the pond is signed and more child friendly signage should be considered.

**MOTION 98-062**

**MOVED by** Councillor Rosenberger that at the present time nothing be done about the Zama Fish Pond with the exception of putting up child friendly signs.

**In Favour:**

Councillor Bateman  
Councillor E. Derksen  
Councillor R. Derksen  
Councillor Dyck  
Councillor Peters  
Councillor Rosenberger  
Councillor Sarapuk  
Councillor Scarfe

**Opposed:**

Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Fedeyko

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 98-063**

**MOVED by** Councillor Neufeld that the special Council meeting be adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

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Betty Bateman, Chairperson

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John A. Maine, Acting C.A.O.

Approved

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Bryan Clark, Official Administrator