

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009
10:00 am**

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:	Greg Newman	Reeve
	Peter Braun	Deputy Reeve
	Dicky Driedger	Councillor
	Ed Froese	Councillor
	Bill Neufeld	Councillor
	Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
	Ray Toews	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
	Stuart Watson	Councillor
ABSENT:	John W. Driedger	Councillor
ADMINISTRATION:	William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
	Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
	Ryan Becker	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
	Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT:

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 10, 2009 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 09-03-165 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of :
10. f) Letter of Support for Grant Application (Fort Vermilion Agricultural Society)
11. c) Beaver Control

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the February 25, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 09-03-166

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the minutes of the February 25, 2009 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE
MINUTES:**

4. b) Airports

MOTION 09-03-167

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Deputy Reeve Braun be added to the airport committee established in motion 09-02-160.

CARRIED

4. a) Regional Service Sharing Agreement Between Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level

MOTION 09-03-168

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council approve the Regional Service Sharing Agreement between Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level in principle and authorize the committee to finalize the negotiations on the Schedules.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2009

MOTION 09-03-169

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes for January 19, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Mackenzie Housing Management Board Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2009

MOTION 09-03-170

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Mackenzie Housing Management Board meeting minutes of January 26, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. c) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes –
January 29, 2009**

MOTION 09-03-171

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of January 29, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. d) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes –
February 9, 2009**

MOTION 09-03-172

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 9, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) None

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Neufeld reported on regional water meeting and the Agriculture Service Board meeting.

Councillor Froese reported on AAMD&C zone meeting, Arctic Gas Symposium and the Emerging Trends Law Seminar.

Councillor Sarapuk reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative, Community Futures 20th Anniversary, and the Northern Lights Forest Education Society.

Reeve Newman reported on regional water meeting and the meeting with Tolko.

Deputy Reeve Braun reported on the Emerging Trends Law Seminar and the Regional Economic Development Initiative Needs teleconference.

Councillor Watson reported on regional water meeting and the Town of High Level negotiations.

Councillor Wardley reported on the insurance workshop, Partners in Prevention, Parks & Recreation Committee, Zama Recreation Board, meeting with Apache, and final inspection of Zama water treatment plant.

Councillor Toews reported on the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board hearing, Parks & Recreation Committee, meeting with Alberta Health Services (Rural and Community Health).

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Emerging Trends Law Seminar, Regional Economic Development Initiative and the Agriculture Service Board.

MOTION 09-03-173

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Council verbal reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

9. b) CAO and Directors Reports

MOTION 09-03-174

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Directors reports be received for information.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) 2008 Capital Projects

MOTION 09-03-175
(requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That administration be authorized to fund the \$250,000 overage for the Fort Vermilion 45th Street and Mackenzie Housing Project from the 2008 AMIP grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 09-03-176
(requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration be authorized to fund the \$49,426 overage for the La Crete 109 Avenue Storm Sewer project from the 2008 SIP (\$35,148) and the Road Reserve (\$11,778).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 09-03-177
(requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to fund the \$157,378 overage for the Zama Access Road Project from the Road Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 09-03-178

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the 2008 capital projects summary be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) RCMP – 1:10 p.m.

MOTION 09-03-179

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the RCMP report by Sgt. Wade Trottier be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 701/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Vary Minimum Hamlet Country Residential Lot Sizes of SE 10-106-15-W5M (La Crete)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 701/09 to order at 1:05 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 701/09 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 February 10, 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 701/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 701/09. Frank Goertzen, landowner, was present and spoke in support of the proposed Bylaw. Mr. Goertzen indicated that the proposed design was part of the Area Structure Plan and the water and sewer servicing was designed using this lot layout.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 701/09 at 1:12 p.m.

MOTION 09-03-180

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That second reading be given to Bylaw 701/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment granting a variance of the minimum lot sizes within SE 10-106-15-W5M in order to allow the subdivision of lots smaller than 2 acres (0.81 hectares) in size, as shown in the La Crete Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 508/05), with the understanding that the Municipal Planning Commission will make the decision on the subdivision application(s) after review of all pertinent subdivision information.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-181

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 701/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment granting a variance of the minimum lot sizes within SE 10-106-15-W5M in order to allow the subdivision of lots smaller than 2 acres (0.81 hectares) in size, as shown in the La Crete Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 508/05), with the understanding that the Municipal Planning Commission will make the decision on the subdivision application(s) after review of all pertinent

subdivision information.

CARRIED

7. b) Bylaw 702/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NE 17-106-15-W5M, Plan 012 1021, Block 1, Lot 1 and Plan 0420507, Block 1, Lots 3 through 9 from Rural Country Residential District 2 “RC2” to Rural Country District 1 “RC1” (La Crete Rural)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 702/09 to order at 1:13 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 702/09 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 February 10, 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 702/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 702/09. No one was present to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 702/09 at 1:16 p.m.

MOTION 09-03-182

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 702/09 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NE 17-106-15-W5M, Plan 012 1021, Block 1, Lot 1 and Plan 042 0507, Block 1, Lots 3 through 9 from Rural Country Residential District 2 “RC2” to Rural Country Residential District 1 “RC1”.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-183

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That third reading be given to Bylaw 702/09 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NE 17-106-15-W5M, Plan 012 1021, Block 1, Lot 1 and Plan 042 0507, Block 1, Lots 3 through 9 from Rural Country Residential District 2 "RC2" to Rural Country Residential District 1 "RC1".

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) County's Infrastructure Plan

MOTION 09-03-184

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the infrastructure plan be tabled to the planning session.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-185

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Building Canada Fund be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

11. b) County's Regravelling Program for 2009

MOTION 09-03-186

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That administration bring back the regravelling contract as discussed.

CARRIED

11. c) Beaver Control (ADDITION)

MOTION 09-03-187

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That administration look into beaver control in other municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. b) La Crete Community Library

MOTION 09-03-188

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That a letter of support be sent for the La Crete Community Library Major Community Enhancement Program application and that the County's financial contribution be determined upon reviewing of all options.

CARRIED

10. c) March 26, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 09-03-189

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the March 26, 2009 Council meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

10. d) Ratepayer Meetings

MOTION 09-03-190

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2009 annual ratepayer meetings and barbeque be held as follows:

- June 9, 2009 – Fort Vermilion
- June 17, 2009 – High Level Rural
- June 18, 2009 – La Crete
- June 23, 2009 – Zama

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-191

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Zama Water Treatment Plant grand opening be held on June 23, 2009 and that appropriate Ministers be invited.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. e) La Crete Agricultural Society – Letter of Support Request

MOTION 09-03-192

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Agricultural Society in order to assist in obtaining provincial financial assistance for reducing the Society's debt.

CARRIED

10. f) Letter of Support for Grant Application (Fort Vermilion Agricultural Society) (ADDITION)

MOTION 09-03-193

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Mackenzie County nominate the Fort Vermilion Agriculture Society for the Aboriginal Quality of Life Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

10. g) Building Canada Fund (ADDITION)

MOTION 09-03-194
(Requires Unanimous)

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County submit an application under the Building Canada Fund program for the Zama Access road project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING,
EMERGENCY, AND
ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES:**

12. a) Urban Development Standards Policy (DEV001)

MOTION 09-03-195

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Policy DEV001 Urban Development Standards be tabled for further review by administration.

CARRIED

12. b) 10-SUB-05 Abe U. and Susan Banman (Buffalo Lake Estates)

MOTION 09-03-196

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 10-SUB-05 Abe U. and Susan Banman be received for information.

CARRIED

12. c) Zama Residential Subdivision Development

MOTION 09-03-197 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council adopts the East Zama City Outline Plan as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-198 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Braun

That a request for proposals from interested developers for the Zama Residential Subdivision Development be issued.

CARRIED

12. d) Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw Project

MOTION 09-03-199 **MOVED** by Councillor Froese
(requires 2/3)

That the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw 2008 carried forward project funding be amended as follows:

CURRENT (already in budget):	
Municipal Sponsorship Grant	\$ 52,900
Reserves	\$ 44,400
Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)	\$ 47,100
ADDITIONAL PROPOSED (add to the budget):	
Apply unused 2008 MSI funds	\$ 29,877
Transfer from: Country Residential Study(reserves)	\$ 20,700
	(2008 code 6-61-30-51-***)
Transfer from: Zama Subdivision project (reserves)	\$ 26,758
	(2008 code 6-61-30-01-***)
Total New Budget	\$221,735

CARRIED

**INFORMATION /
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 09-03-200 **MOVED** by Councillor Watson

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

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-201 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Council representatives discuss with REDI the possibility of

them taking over the tourism promotion for the region.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-202

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County meet with AAMD&C representatives on May 27, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 09-03-203

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:26 p.m.

- 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) Doctor Recruitment & Retention
- 14. h) Municipal Accreditation – Contract

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-204

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move out of camera at 4:06 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

14. b) Special Projects

14. d) Inter-municipal Relations

14. e) CO₂ EOR Negotiations

MOTION 09-03-205

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the personnel, special projects, inter-municipal relations, and CO₂ EOR negotiations updates be received for information.

CARRIED

14. c) Legal

MOTION 09-03-206

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the legal update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. f) AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 09-03-207

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Finance Committee negotiate with the AUPE as discussed.

CARRIED

14. g) Doctor Recruitment & Retention

MOTION 09-03-208

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the doctor recruitment and retention be received for information.

CARRIED

14. h) Municipal Accreditation – Contract

MOTION 09-03-209

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Mackenzie County take over responsibility for receiving money for all safety codes permits effective April 1, 2009.

CARRIED

MOTION 09-03-210

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That administration enter into contract negotiations with Superior Safety Codes to provide safety code inspections to Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE: 15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2009
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT: 16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 09-03-211 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on March 26, 2009.

Original Signed

Greg Newman
Reeve

Original Signed

William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer