

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, November 6, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:	Greg Newman	Reeve
	Peter Braun	Deputy Reeve
	Dicky Driedger	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Ray Toews	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
ABSENT:	Ed Froese	Councillor
	Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
	Bill Neufeld	Councillor
	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)
	Dave Crichton	Director of Operations (North)
	Mark Schonken	Project Comptroller
	Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant
ALSO PRESENT:	Susan McNeil, The Echo Members of the Public	

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 6, 2008 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 08-11-847 MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:

5. c) Maarten Braat – Friends of St. Theresa Hospital

Society – 11:30 a.m.

- 11. c) Brushing
- 11. d) Alternative Energy Trade Fair
- 11. e) Transportation Proposal (Activation Analysis)
- 14. g) Policing

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the October 29, 2008 Organizational Council Meeting**

MOTION 08-11-848

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the minutes of the October 29, 2008 Organizational Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 3. b) Minutes of the October 29, 2008 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 08-11-849

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the minutes of the October 29, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

- 4. a) None**

GENERAL REPORTS:

- 6. a) None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 7. a) None**

TENDERS:

- 8. a) Wadlin Lake Caretaking Contract**

MOTION 08-11-850

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Wadlin Lake Caretaking Contract tenders be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-851

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Wadlin Lake Caretaking contract be referred to the

Parks & Recreation Committee for an in depth review and a recommendation be brought back to Council.

CARRIED

8. b) Public Works/Utilities Truck Tender (Zama)

MOTION 08-11-852

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Public Works/Utilities Department truck tender for Zama be tabled to the next council meeting.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Agriculture Service Board Regional conference.

Councillor Toews reported on the Fort Vermilion Building Committee and the Fort Vermilion FCSS.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee, County Library Board workshop, Zama Building Committee, and the Hay Zama Bison Advisory Committee.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee, ATCO grand opening in La Crete, La Crete north ditch agreement, budget meeting, Alberta Environment, Committee of the Whole meeting, Organizational and Council meeting, High Level guest speaker session, La Crete Library Society meeting, and the Finance Committee.

Deputy Reeve Braun reported on the Finance Committee meetings, Council meeting, ATCO grand opening in La Crete, Parks & Recreation Committee, La Crete Recreation Society meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meetings, 98th Avenue open house, budget meeting, Mackenzie Regional Waste Management meeting, Committee of the Whole meeting, Organizational and Council meeting, High Level guest speaker session, aquatic centre community meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the meeting with Alberta Health Services.

MOTION 08-11-853

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That administration send a letter to Alberta Agriculture requesting an agricultural extension position for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-11-854

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the council verbal reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO and Director Reports

MOTION 08-11-855

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

11. c) Brushing (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-11-856

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the brushing item be moved to the Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process Policy discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

**10. a) Policy FIN025 Purchasing Authority Directive and
Tendering Process**

MOTION 08-11-857

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Policy FIN025 Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process be tabled to the in-camera session.

CARRIED

**5. c) Maarten Braat – Friends of St. Theresa Hospital
Society – 11:30 am (ADDITION)**

MOTION 08-11-858
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the letter presented by the Friends of St. Theresa Hospital be tabled to the in-camera session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

5. b) RCMP

MOTION 08-11-859

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

5. a) AUMA Energy Aggregate Program – 1:00 pm

Presentation by David Johnson, Director of Planning for AMSC, regarding the Energy for Alberta 2009+ Energy Aggregation Program.

10. c) 2009+ Energy Aggregation Program

MOTION 08-11-860

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County enter into a five-year commitment agreement under the Aggregate Program through the Alberta Municipal Service Corporation for the purpose of acquiring the electrical energy and gas where relevant.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-861

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That administration bring back options to include Community Related Organizations under the County's energy aggregate program.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-862

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That administration investigate the communication issues in

regards to telephone and video conferencing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. b) Tax Forfeiture Properties

MOTION 08-11-863

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the County take ownership of the following tax forfeiture properties:

Plan 2938RS; Block 2; Lot 9
Plan 2938RS; Block 2; Lot 18
Plan 9222231; Lot 14

CARRIED

10. d) Operating Income Statement Report – October 31, 2008

MOTION 08-11-864

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the year-to-date operating income statement report for the month ended October 31, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. e) La Crete Minor Hockey Letter of Support

MOTION 08-11-865

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the La Crete Minor Hockey Association request for a letter of support be received for information.

Councillor J. Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor
Councillor Toews

Opposed
Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Wardley
Councillor J. Driedger
Deputy Reeve Braun
Reeve Newman

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-11-866

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That a letter of support be sent to the La Crete Minor Hockey

Association.

Councillor Toews requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Wardley
Councillor J. Driedger
Deputy Reeve Braun
Reeve Newman

Opposed

Councillor Toews

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Gravel Crushing at Fidler Pit

MOTION 08-11-867

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That administration proceed with the crushing of the 2008 crushing season that will include the Fidler Pit area and that the funds required for the crushing be obtained from the gravel reserves if required.

CARRIED

11. b) Gravel Purchase Tompkins Pit Area

MOTION 08-11-868

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the gravel purchase at the Tompkins pit area be tabled to the in-camera session.

CARRIED

11. d) Alternative Energy Trade Fair (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-11-869
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Alternative Energy Trade Fair be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11. e) Transportation Proposal – Activation Analysis
(ADDITION)**

MOTION 08-11-870

MOVED by Reeve Newman

Requires Unanimous

That the Transportation Proposal prepared by Activation Analysis be deferred to the budget discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-11-871

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to negotiate with the Fort Vermilion School Division for cost sharing in regards to the La Crete Community Library expansion study as per proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

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

12. a) Bylaw 686/08 Fee Schedule

MOTION 08-11-872

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 686/08 being a fee schedule bylaw amendment to revise development permit fees to a flat fee of \$500 for residential/home development and a 1% fee plus appraisal cost of building value for commercial/industrial development and \$100 for other development permit applications made after construction/development has commenced.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-873

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 686/08 being a fee schedule bylaw amendment to revise development permit fees to a flat fee of \$500 for residential/home development and a 1% fee plus appraisal cost of building value for commercial/industrial development and \$100 for other development permit applications made after construction/development has commenced.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-874

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw

686/08.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-11-875

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That third reading be given to Bylaw 686/08 being a fee schedule bylaw amendment to revise development permit fees to a flat fee of \$500 for residential/home development and a 1% fee plus appraisal cost of building value for commercial/industrial development and \$100 for other development permit applications made after construction/development has commenced.

CARRIED

12. b) Bylaw 687/08 Rezoning of Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3MR from MR to HCR1 (La Crete)

MOTION 08-11-876

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 687/08 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3MR; from MR to HCR1.

CARRIED

12. c) Superior Safety Codes Service Agreement

MOTION 08-11-877

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Superior Safety Codes service agreement be received for information.

CARRIED

12. d) Woodland RV Park – Fire Invoice

MOTION 08-11-878

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Woodland RV Park request to waive a fire invoice be received for information.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-11-879

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Woodland RV Park fire invoice be re-issued under the

revised fee schedule as per Bylaw 684/08.

CARRIED

**12. e) Fort Vermilion Settlement; Range 2; River lot 8
(Proposed Greenspace)**

MOTION 08-11-880

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the purchase of Fort Vermilion Settlement; Range 2; River lot 8 for proposed greenspace be received for information.

CARRIED

12. f) Acquisition of Land – La Crete EMS Station

MOTION 08-11-881

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to purchase Plan 042 3120, Block 2, Lot 10 in La Crete from the Seniors Inn Society based on the conditions listed in the acquisition of land agreement as amended for the sum of \$1.00.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-11-882

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the County sponsor the Challenge North 2009 Conference in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-11-883
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Eric Jorgenson be added to the agenda as a delegation to discuss the Fort Vermilion seniors housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-11-884

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

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

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-11-885 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:24 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Legal
- 14. d) Ambulance
- 14. e) Inter-municipal Relations
- 14. f) Gravel
- 14. g) Policing

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-886 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Council move out of camera at 5:22 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 08-11-887 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the personnel update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 08-11-888 **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the special projects update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. c) Legal

MOTION 08-11-889 **MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the legal update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. d) Ambulance

MOTION 08-11-890

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Peace Country Health (PCH) and Alberta Health Services (AHS) for the provision of EMS services as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-891

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the other ambulance correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-11-892

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to the Alberta Health Services Board indicating that Mackenzie County supports St. Theresa General Hospital remaining an active treatment or enhanced service hospital.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. e) Inter-Municipal Relations

MOTION 08-11-893

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the inter-municipal relations update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. f) Gravel

MOTION 08-11-894

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration be authorized to negotiate the gravel purchase in the Tompkins area.

CARRIED

14. g) Policing

MOTION 08-11-895

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That discussion be held with the RCMP at the AAMD&C Convention regarding policing services.

CARRIED

10. a) Purchasing Policy

MOTION 08-11-896

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy FIN025 Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process be brought back to the next council meeting as amended.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 26, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 08-11-897

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

(original signed)
Greg Newman
Reeve

(original signed)
William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer