

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

Greg Newman	Reeve
Peter Braun	Councillor
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor (left at 2:30 p.m.)
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Stuart Watson	Councillor

ABSENT:

Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Ed Froese	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:

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 14, 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 10:10 a.m.

AGENDA:

2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 08-10-683

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

- 10. I) Alberta Health Services Board Dinner
- 14. h) Library

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the September 24, 2008 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 08-10-684

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the minutes of the September 24, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

- 4. a) None**

GENERAL REPORTS:

- 6. a) Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2008**

MOTION 08-10-685

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of August 26, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

- 6. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2008**

MOTION 08-10-686

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 8, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 7. a) None**

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

- 9. a) Council Committee Reports**

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Agriculture Land Task Force Phase II, library facility meeting, Veterinary Advisory Committee, Assessment Review Board training, and the Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI).

Councillor Toews reported on the Commuter Air Access Network

of Alberta (CAANA), Finance Committee, and Fort Vermilion FCSS meeting.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Zama Recreation Board, Apache follow up meeting, and the Parks & Recreation committee meeting.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI), Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), polystyrene open house, AJA Friesen Road & 98th Avenue tender openings, Town of High Level Negotiations, library facility meeting, Parks & Recreation Committee, Seniors Lodge Study, and the La Crete Building Committee.

Councillor Watson reported on the Town of High Level Negotiations, Alberta Forest Conference, and the Finance Committee meetings.

Reeve Newman reported on the Agricultural Land Task Force Phase II, library facility meeting, Town of High Level negotiations, and the Emergency Public Warning System training.

Councillor Braun reported on the Finance committee, Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Annual General Meeting, Assessment Review Board training, polystyrene open house, FCSS meeting, 98th Avenue Tender Opening, La Crete Recreation Board, Leisure Centre meeting, library facility meeting, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meetings, Mighty Peace Tourist Association meeting, La Crete Building Committee meeting, PC Annual General Meeting, and the Mackenzie Waste – recycling conference.

Councillor Neufeld reported on the Alberta Forest Products conference, and the High Level Trade Show.

MOTION 08-10-687

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the council verbal reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO and Director Reports

MOTION 08-10-688

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

MOTION 08-10-689

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Kathryn Haydn from Pilgrim Films be added to the agenda as a delegation.

CARRIED

5. d) Kathryn Haydn, Pilgrim Films (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-10-690

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the presentation by Kathryn Haydn, Segment Producer with Pilgrim Films, regarding the Discovery Channel documentary on ice roads and winter logging be received for information with a formal plan to follow.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) La Crete Recreation Board – Request for Assistance

MOTION 08-10-691

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That \$2,498 be granted for the La Crete Recreation Board to cover the 2007 accounting bill overage with funding coming from the General Operating Fund.

CARRIED

10. b) Tax Write Off – Zama Vacant Non – Residential Lots

MOTION 08-10-692

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the \$9,038.76 difference in municipal taxes calculated at the 2008 mill rate and calculated at the established minimum of \$400 per vacant non-residential lot for the 81637, 81638, 81639, 81646, 81649, 81659, 81660, 81661, 81662, 81663, 81664, 81665, 81666, 81667, 81668, 81669, 81670, 81671, 81672 tax rolls be written off.

CARRIED

10. c) Golf Courses and Property Tax Exemptions

MOTION 08-10-693

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the golf courses and property tax exemptions be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TENDERS:

8. b) 4 Mile Road

MOTION 08-10-694

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 4 Mile Road tenders be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-695

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the 4 Mile Road tender/proposal be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.

CARRIED

8. a) Fort Vermilion Storm Drainage 47th Street

MOTION 08-10-696

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Fort Vermilion Storm Drainage 47th Street tenders be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-697

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Fort Vermilion Storm Drainage 47th Street tender be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.

CARRIED

8. c) Fort Vermilion South Drainage

MOTION 08-10-698

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Fort Vermilion South Drainage tenders be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-699

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the budget be amended to include a maximum of \$90,000 from the general operating reserve for the Fort Vermilion South Drainage project.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-700

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Fort Vermilion South Drainage tender be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) RCMP

Presentation by Sgt. Wade Trottier from the Fort Vermilion RCMP Detachment regarding the August and September 2008 crime statistics.

5. b) Al Dumouchel – DMI General Development Plan

Presentation by Al Dumouchel, Forest Resources Supervisor with DMI Peace River Pulp Division, regarding the DMI General Development Plan.

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-10-701

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 1:45 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Legal
- 14. d) Ambulance
- 14. e) Inter-municipal Relations
- 14. f) AUPE Negotiations

- 14. g) Gravel Pit Negotiations
- 14. h) Library
- 14. i) Bidding

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-702

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 2:29 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 08-10-703

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the personnel update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 08-10-704

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the special projects update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. c) Legal

MOTION 08-10-705

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the legal update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. d) Ambulance

MOTION 08-10-706

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County enter into a formal agreement with Alberta Health Services to begin the ambulance transition process to their system.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-707

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration advise Aaron Paramedical that the County will not be entering into an agreement with them for the delivery of ground ambulance at this time.

CARRIED

14. e) Inter – municipal Relations

MOTION 08-10-708

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

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

CARRIED

14. f) AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 08-10-709

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the AUPE negotiations update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. g) Gravel Pit Negotiations

MOTION 08-10-710

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the gravel pit negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Neufeld left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

5. c) ATB Financial

Presentation by Dave Mowat, President and CEO, and Gil Sonnenberg, District General Manager, with ATB Financial.

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

10. d) Draft 2009 – 2011 Business Plan

MOTION 08-10-711

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the draft 2009-2011 Business Plan for Mackenzie County be

deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-712

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled for October 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

10. e) Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Information Session

MOTION 08-10-713

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) information session in Peace River be received for information.

CARRIED

10. f) Organizational Meeting Agenda

MOTION 08-10-714

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the draft Organizational Meeting agenda be received for information.

CARRIED

10. g) Remembrance Day/AAMDC

MOTION 08-10-715

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) in regards to scheduling conventions during Remembrance Day.

CARRIED

10. h) Historic Street Signs (Fort Vermilion)

MOTION 08-10-716

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Council support the installation of Historic Street Signs in Fort Vermilion as presented.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-10-717

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration bring back a proposal/policy on naming streets within the County.

CARRIED

10. i) Mighty Peace Tourist Association Municipal Membership Increase

MOTION 08-10-718

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County remain a member of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association for 2009 and that we serve notice of our dissatisfaction with the current level of service.

CARRIED

10. j) Tompkins Ferry Traffic Survey

MOTION 08-10-719

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That a letter be sent to Wayne Franklin, Alberta Transportation, expressing a lack of response to our concerns with the Tompkins Ferry level of service.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-720

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That administration explore the options and cost of a study on the transportation and commodity movements in the region, including the Tompkins Ferry.

CARRIED

10. k) Zama Housing

MOTION 08-10-721

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration investigate options for incentives for permanent housing in Zama.

CARRIED

10. I) Alberta Health Services Board Dinner

MOTION 08-10-722
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Reeve Newman and Councillor Toews be authorized to attend the Alberta Health Services Board Dinner in Fort McMurray on October 15, 2008.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) ADM040 Recreational Area Policy

MOTION 08-10-723

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the revised Recreational Area Policy ADM040 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

11. b) PW019 Road Construction Policy

MOTION 08-10-724

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy PW019 Road Construction be approved as amended.

CARRIED

11. c) Blue Hills Drainage Survey

MOTION 08-10-725

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That administration be authorized to proceed with the Blue Hills Drainage Survey at a cost of \$79,730.00 with funding coming from the Blue Hills Drainage Project (6-63-30-58).

CARRIED

11. d) Rural Water Study

MOTION 08-10-726

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration be authorized to engage an engineering firm to do a rural water study, which will incorporate the scope of work as presented.

CARRIED

11. e) BF 75877 Boyer River Bridge

MOTION 08-10-727
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the budget be amended to include \$100,000 (County portion) for BF 75877 Boyer River Bridge with funding coming from the general capital reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-728

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration be authorized to tender BF 75877 Boyer River Bridge upgrade as an emergent project.

CARRIED

11. f) BF 9041 Gull Creek (Fort Vermilion)

MOTION 08-10-729

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the replacement of BF 9041 over Gull Creek be deferred to the 2009 budget.

CARRIED

11. g) BF 86211 Adair Creek (Zama)

MOTION 08-10-730
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the budget be amended to include \$300,000 (County portion) for the BF 86211 Adair Creek with funding coming from the general capital reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-731

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to proceed with tendering BF 86211 Adair Creek (KM 17 on Zama Access Road).

CARRIED

11. h) BF 78318 & BF 75877 Engineering Assessments

MOTION 08-10-732

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration be authorized to proceed with the completion of the engineering assessments for BF 78318 and BF 75877 to be funded from the general operating budget.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

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

12. a) Bylaw 682/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 9926294, Lot 1 (NE 7-109-19-W5M) from Agricultural District "A1" to Rural Industrial District (RI1)

MOTION 08-10-733

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That first reading be given to Bylaw 682/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 992 6294, Lot 1 from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Rural Industrial District 1 "RI1" to accommodate rural industrial development.

CARRIED

12. b) Bylaw 683/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add High Density Country Residential District 1 (HDCR1)

MOTION 08-10-734

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That first reading be given for Bylaw 683/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to add a High Density Residential District 1 (HDCR1) zoning to the Land Use Bylaw.

DEFEATED

12. c) Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS)

MOTION 08-10-735

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a joint letter be sent with the Town of High Level and the Town of Rainbow Lake expressing our interest to be early adopters of the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS).

CARRIED

12. d) Aerial Photography – Sharing with Outside Agencies

MOTION 08-10-736

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration provide the aerial photographs available free of charge to the RCMP subject to an agreement with the understanding that the photographs are to be used for Search & Rescue (SAR) purposes only.

CARRIED

12. e) Fire Services Bylaw/Fire Services Policy Review

MOTION 08-10-737

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Fire Services Bylaw/Fire Services Policy review be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-10-738

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That all Council be authorized to attend the Challenge North 2009 conference on April 22 – 24, 2009 in Cold Lake.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-10-739

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

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

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Organizational Council Meeting

Organizational Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 29, 2008
1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

15. b) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT: **16. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 08-10-740 **MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Wednesday, October 29, 2008.

(Signature on file)
Greg Newman
Reeve

(Signature on file)
William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer