

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

Greg Newman	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Peter Braun	Councillor
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Stuart Watson	Councillor

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
Ryan Becker	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
Mark Schonken	Director of Public Works & Agriculture
Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant (left at 11:00 a.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 11, 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 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 08-03-172 MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

- 12. a) La Crete Building Committee
- 14. f) Jake & Susanne Wolfe (High Level Rural)
- 10. f) Edmonton City Centre Airport
- 10. g) Trapper's Shack – Historical Designation

- 10. h) Fort Vermilion FCSS Advisory Committee
Vacancies
- 10. i) Ratepayers Meetings

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the February 27, 2008 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 08-03-173

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the minutes of the February 27, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

- 4. a) Atlas Landing Campground**

MOTION 08-03-174

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County pursue securing the lease and associated survey costs for the Atlas Recreation Area and long term agreement with a local non-profit group, subject to a detailed operator's agreement with funding for the survey coming from the parks and recreation budget.

CARRIED

- 4. b) Firesky Golf Club & Estates
Bylaw 669/08 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add Residential Condominium District (RCD)**

MOTION 08-03-175

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 669/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to add Residential Condominium District (RCS) zoning to the Land Use Bylaw as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

- 5. a) RCMP**

No delegation present at the meeting.

GENERAL REPORTS:

- 6. a) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes –**

January 10, 2008

MOTION 08-03-176

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of January 10, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION 08-03-177

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be received for information.

CARRIED

6. c) Mackenzie Library Board Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2007

MOTION 08-03-178

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Mackenzie Library Board meeting minutes of November 12, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Agricultural Service Board and the Agricultural Land Task Force meeting.

Councillor Wardley reported on the off-site levy workshop, RCMP community profile for Zama, and the Mackenzie Library Board.

Councillor Toews reported on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board workshop.

Councillor Watson reported on the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management, inter-municipal negotiations, and the meeting with Firesky Golf Club & Estates.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the meeting with Firesky Golf Club & Estates, La Crete Building Committee, and the Mackenzie Library Board.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the REDI ethanol meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the meeting with Firesky Golf Club & Estates, La Crete Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting, and the Agriculture Land Task Force.

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meetings and the Agriculture Land Task Force.

Councillor Braun reported on the La Crete Recreation Board Annual General Meeting, Parks & Recreation Committee, Finance Committee, Municipal Planning Commission, REDI ski-hill, and the off-site levy workshop.

Councillor Neufeld reported on the Agriculture Land Task Force and the Agriculture Service Board.

MOTION 08-03-179

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the council verbal reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

9. b) CAO & Director Reports

MOTION 08-03-180

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Director of Corporate Services, Director of Public Works & Agriculture, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) Assessment Review Board Workshops

MOTION 08-03-181

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That all Councillors and the ARB members be authorized to attend one of the Assessment Review Board training sessions being held at various locations throughout the province.

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That all Councillors and the ARB members be authorized to attend one of the Assessment Review Board training sessions being held in Edmonton, St. Albert or Grande Prairie.

CARRIED

10. b) Bargaining Committee (Union Negotiations)

MOTION 08-03-182

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the County's Bargaining Committee be comprised of the Finance Committee members as per the Finance Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-03-183

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the following individuals be authorized to sign on behalf of the Bargaining Committee:

Chair of the Finance Committee
Chief Administrative Officer

CARRIED

MOTION 08-03-184

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Collective Agreement following ratification by Council.

CARRIED

10. c) Assessment Services

MOTION 08-03-185

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a request for proposals be prepared and advertised for the assessment services provision for a five-year contract, if possible in conjunction with the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake for Council's perusal.

CARRIED

10. d) Auditing Services

MOTION 08-03-186

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration solicits proposals for the provision of audit services for a three-year period and, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, bring a recommendation to Council for approval.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-03-187

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration research options and costs of auditing the local non-profit organizations that operate the County owned facilities or grounds.

CARRIED

10. e) Tri-Council Meeting (Mackenzie Housing Management Board Requisition)

MOTION 08-03-188

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Tri-Council (Mackenzie Housing Management Board Requisition) meeting be set for April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in High Level.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

10. f) Edmonton City Centre Airport (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-03-189

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to Mayor Mandell and the Edmonton City Council stating our support for the City Centre Airport and continue lobbying for increased service for northern Alberta at the airport (copy to all northern municipalities).

CARRIED

10. g) Trapper's Shack – Historical Designation (ADDITION)

Councillor Toews declared himself in conflict and left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

MOTION 08-03-190

MOVED by Councillor Watson

Requires Unanimous

That administration prepare a bylaw designating the Trapper Shack in Fort Vermilion as a historical site and bring it back to Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Toews rejoined the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 665/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SE 13-106-14-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Direct Control District 1 "DC"1

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 665/08 to order at 1:02 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 665/08 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 12, 2008.

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 665/08. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 665/08. There was no one present to speak to the proposed Bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 665/08 at 1:07 p.m.

MOTION 08-03-191

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That second reading be given to Bylaw 665/08, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SE 13-106-14-W5M from Agricultural District 1 (A1) to Direct Control District 1 (DC1).

CARRIED

MOTION 08-03-192

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That third reading be given to Bylaw 665/08, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SE 13-106-14-W5M from Agricultural District 1 (A1) to Direct Control District 1 (DC1).

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

**5. b) Abe Driedger – 1:15 p.m.
(Bylaw 664/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment)**

Abe Driedger appeared before Council to inquire about proposed Bylaw 664/08 for which first reading was defeated at the February 12, 2008 Council meeting. It was suggested that Mr. Driedger meet with administration to discuss other options/solutions.

Reeve Newman thanked Mr. Driedger for attending the meeting.

**10. h) Fort Vermilion FCSS Advisory Committee Vacancies
(ADDITION)**

MOTION 08-03-193

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That administration advertise for the two vacant positions on the Fort Vermilion FCSS Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

10. i) Ratepayers Meetings (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-03-194

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2007 ratepayers meetings be set for June 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th.

CARRIED

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

12. a) La Crete Building Committee (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-03-195

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the new County Administration Building conceptual design and site location be accepted as amended and that administration be instructed to bring back a revised draft with costs for Council review as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TENDERS:

8. a) 2008 Zama City Critical Infrastructure Protection Project (Fire Guard)

MOTION 08-03-196

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the 2008 Zama City Critical Infrastructure Protection Project tenders be opened at 1:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Jeff Anderson from Sustainable Resource Development provided an update to Council on the Zama Fire Guard Project.

MOTION 08-03-197

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That administration negotiate with the lowest qualifying bidder and Sustainable Resource Development for the 2008 Zama City Critical Infrastructure Protection Project in order to bring this project to completion.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

MOTION 08-03-198

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Zama Fire Guard project budget be amended (increased) by \$50,000 with funds coming from the Emergency Services Reserve.

CARRIED

OPERATIONAL SERVICES:

11. a) No items

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-03-199

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Councillor Toews be authorized to attend the Commuter Air Access Network of Alberta (CAANA) meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-03-200

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration draft a ratepayer satisfaction survey and bring it back to Council.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-03-201

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

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

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-03-202

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 2:31 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Inter-municipal Negotiations
- 14. d) Forestry
- 14. e) Legal
- 14. f) Jake & Susanne Wolfe (High Level Rural)

CARRIED

MOTION 08-03-203

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 3:19 p.m.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 08-03-204

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the two forced roads that have been contemplated south of

Highway 58 be built on the west side of the property adjacent to or on road allowance range road 18-5 south of Highway 58.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE: 15. a) Regular Council Meeting

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

ADJOURNMENT: 16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 08-03-205 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

CARRIED

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

(signature on file)
Greg Newman, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant