

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23
REGULAR COUNCIL**

**Seminar Room, Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
	John Driedger	Councillor
	Pat Kulscar	Councillor
	Greg Newman	Councillor
	Joe Peters	Councillor
	Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
	Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
	Wayne Thiessen	Councillor
	Willie Wieler	Councillor

<u>ABSENT:</u>	Betty Bateman	Councillor
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<u>ALSO PRESENT:</u>	Harvey Prockiw	Chief Administrative Officer
	Eva Schmidt	Executive Assistant
	Paul Driedger	Director of Planning and Emergency Services
	Bill Landiuk	Director of Corporate Services
	Ivan Perich	Director of Operational Services
	Floyd Lafferty	Lead Hand, Special Projects

Minutes of the regular Council meeting for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 held on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, in the Seminar Room of the Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

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

Reeve Neufeld called the Council meeting to order at 12:56 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: **6. a) Gary Friedel, MLA – Peace River**

Reeve Neufeld welcomed Gary Friedel, MLA, to the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Gary Friedel discussed the Caribou Mountains Special Places. The original reports to the province sounded like the Local Committee supported the Caribou Mountains Special Places, then the Department received letters of objection from the Metis Association, Guides and Outfitters and later from the M.D. Council. Mr. Friedel agreed that the specified area is too large but warned there may be a push to bring this issue back after the election. Mr. Friedel promised to work with the M.D. to do what Council wishes regarding the Caribou Mountains Special Places. Wolverine Special Places has been shelved in favour of the Caribou Mountains Special Places.

Gary Friedel acknowledged that Highway 88 is high priority for this Council. Mr. Friedel is pushing for a special budget for the highways in the Mackenzie region, as both Highway 88 and 58 are priorities. He acknowledged that there is a lot of strength in the communities and organizations working together as they are now doing. As long as they were working as separate entities the province received mixed messages.

Council identified the Tompkins Landing west hill as a problem road. Mr. Friedel asked Council for an official request regarding the road.

Council asked why Highway 88 is not being paved. Portions of the road are being upgraded but not paved. There is a concern that the road will deteriorate rapidly if the upgraded portion is not paved. Mr. Friedel stated there are mixed opinions on whether the entire road should be built up prior to paving being started or whether partial building up and partial paving would be more beneficial. Mr. Friedel promised to put a major push on this road. Council questioned the timing of the vehicle count but Mr. Friedel was not sure when the vehicle count was done.

Council discussed the untimely construction of the ice bridge. Mr. Friedel asked if the M.D. would be willing to take the construction of the ice bridge back. A suggestion was made that the ice bridge construction be opened up for bids to give local people with experience a chance to bid on it. Mr. Friedel stated that would not be possible since Alberta Infrastructure has a contract with La Prairie

Group, however Alberta Infrastructure might be open to an M.D. proposal to take it back.

Council asked who would have input into the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding, which is slated for the end of March. Mr. Friedel was not sure how the terms are set up and who is involved. Mr. Friedel explained that a Memorandum of Understanding is not an agreement; it is more general and is probably being used beyond its original intent. It would be fair for the M.D. to request status in future negotiations.

Council informed Gary Friedel that Alberta Infrastructure is treating the La Crete access loop as M.D. responsibility. Originally it was a portion of the secondary highway. The M.D. wants provincial support for the paving and maintenance of the loop. Mr. Friedel stated that usually the road into a community is a secondary highway.

Council asked why the Zama Road is not designated as a secondary highway. Mr. Friedel stated that road is different and was never designated as a secondary highway since there was no access to Zama just a License of Occupation (LOC).

Council discussed the wood supply for local mills saying they would like to have that issue resolved. Mr. Friedel stated that they are working towards this.

Secondary Highway funding was discussed regarding the Blumenort turnout. Mr. Friedel advised the agreement with Bruno Zutautas be verified and then be brought to John Engleder's attention.

Council asked if there was any funding available for the justice portion of Domestic and Sexual Abuse. The M.D. would like provincial support on this issue since there is not a large enough population within the M.D. to operate with only volunteers. Mr. Friedel stated that he was unaware of any major funding network for this issue.

Reeve Neufeld thanked MLA, Gary Friedel, who then left the Council table at 1:51 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

AGENDA:

2. a) Items to Add or Delete from the Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Committee of the Whole Items

- 12a) Request for Construction and Rehabilitation Program
- 12b) Policy PW008 - Axle Loading
- 12c) Road Protection Agreements
- 12d) Tompkins Landing West Hill
- 12e) Blue Hills Recreation
- 8d) High Level Cost Sharing Agreement
- 8e) Permits Statistics
- 8f) Subdivision Application 01MK003
- 10a) Agricultural Land Task Force
- 11g) Student Citizenship Task Force
- 12f) New Road Construction
- 11h) Special Places 2000
- 12g) Regional Landfill

2. b) Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 01-113 **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
THE PREVIOUS
MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the February 16, 2001
Special Council Budget Meeting**

MOTION 01-114 **MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That the minutes of the February 16, 2001 Special Council Budget meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. b) **Minutes of the February 20, 2001
Committee of the Whole Meeting**

MOTION 01-115 **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the minutes of the February 20, 2001 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. c) **Minutes of the February 20, 2001
Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 01-116 **MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That the minutes of the February 20, 2001 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE
MINUTES:**

4. a)

MOTION 01-117 **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Road Construction be adopted as per the attached list with the exception that the new construction Project Number 2 be examined to ensure it falls within the Road Construction to Agricultural Land policy.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: 5. a)

There were no public hearings scheduled.

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE AND
CAO REPORTS:**

7. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillors presented the Council Committee reports as follows:

Councillor Rosenberger reported on the AAMD&C Zone 4 meeting and the Regional Landfill meeting. The Regional Landfill Committee wants to know what has been done in the past regarding a second landfill as well as what is being planned for the future, is the M.D. serious about working towards a second landfill. The M.D. should provide this information to the Committee.

Reeve Neufeld reported on the AAMD&C Zone 4 meeting stating that the resolution regarding lodge requisitions was turned down; however the resolution regarding the formation of a Task Force to review Memorandums of Understanding received excellent support. Walter Paszkowski stated there would be no forced amalgamation. A power point presentation was made regarding the east-west road from Fort McMurray to Peace River.

Councillor Sarapuk reported on Tolko's Detailed Forest Management Plan; they established three working groups on various issues. Councillor Sarapuk sat on the Social and Communications Group and reported that Tolko has developed a list of stakeholders. He also attended a Tolko Public Advisory Committee meeting and the Mackenzie Forest Education Society meeting at which the region was encouraged to start up their own Forest Education Society in this area.

Councillor Newman reported that he attended the Agricultural Service Board meeting but there was no quorum.

Councillor Peters also reported that he attended the Agricultural Service Board meeting but there was no quorum.

Councillor Wieler reported that he had attended no meetings.

Councillor Kulscar reported on the Risk Management workshop; the speaker discussed how far Councils should go regarding risk management, saying they have to balance the cost versus the risk.

Councillor Thiessen reported on the Regional Landfill meeting; they need to know what the direction is from the M.D., the current site is on

the verge of going over the 10,000 tonne limit; the committee is interested in making a second landfill a part of the regional landfill; a private consultant specializing in landfills was present and offered to develop a landfill. Councillor Thiessen also attended the Mackenzie Forest Education Society; there is a need in our school system to educate about forestry; request to develop our own Forest Education Society.

Councillor Driedger reported on the Mackenzie Housing Management Board; they are going ahead with renovating Pioneer Homes. Councillor Driedger also attended the Risk Management seminar where the issue of how much money should be spent on safety was discussed.

MOTION 01-118 **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Council Committee reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7. b) **CAO Report**

Harvey Prockiw presented the CAO report. Mr. Prockiw informed Council that the Memorandum of Understanding meeting that was scheduled for tomorrow, March 7, has been cancelled and will possibly be reschedule for either Wednesday April 4, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. or Monday April 2, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in La Crete. The March 1, 2001 meeting in Zama was only attended by about 15 people.

MOTION 01-119 **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Chief Administrative Officer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**PLANNING AND
EMERGENCY
SERVICES:**

8. a) Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

MOTION 01-120 **MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That Administration be authorized to prepare and negotiate a "Request For Proposal" jointly with Northwestern Health Services Region and North Peace Tribal Council for the provision of ambulance services.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

**8. b) Bylaw 243/01 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment
SW 03-110-18-W5M
Agricultural District 1 "A-1" to
Rural Country Residential District "RC"**

MOTION 01-121 **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger
Bylaw 243/01
First Reading

That first reading be given to Bylaw 243/01 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone SW 03-110-18-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A-1" to Rural Country Residential District "RC".

CARRIED

**8. c) Bylaw 244/01 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment
SE & SW 24-104-16-W5M
Agricultural District 1 "A-1" to
Rural Country Residential District "RC"**

MOTION 01-122 **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger
Bylaw 244/01
First Reading

That first reading be given to Bylaw 244/01 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone SE & SW 24-104-16-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A-1" to Rural Country Residential District "RC".

DEFEATED

8. d) High Level Cost Sharing Agreement

MOTION 01-123 **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That Council give consideration to go in camera at 3:17 p.m. to discuss issues under Section 23(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

MOTION 01-124 **MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That Council come out of camera at 3:28 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 01-125 **MOVED** by Councillor Thiessen

That the \$100,000 paid to the Town of High Level towards the purchase of the fire truck in the year 2000, be a one time payment. That the Cost Sharing offer be amended to include \$20,920 per year be paid to the Town of High Level for Capital Fire costs. All fire services funds to the Town of High Level shall be included in the Fire Service Sharing Agreement.

CARRIED

8. e) Permits Statistics

MOTION 01- 126 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Permits Statistics report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

8. f) **Subdivision Application 01MK003 Recommendation to Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency**

MOTION 01-127 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Planning Department's recommendations to Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency regarding subdivision application 01MK003 be received as information.

CARRIED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

9. a)

There were no items under this heading.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES:

10. a) **Agricultural Land Task Force**

The Agricultural Service Board requires direction from Council regarding the duties of the Agricultural Land Task Force, should the ASB or Council be involved in the Agricultural Land Task Force. Council decided that the Task Force will stay with Council.

CORPORATE SERVICES:

11. a) **Policy FIN017 – Reserve Bid and Conditions of Sale**

MOTION 01-128 **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That Policy FIN017 – Reserve Bid and Conditions of Sale, be adopted as attached.

CARRIED

11. b) Alberta Infrastructure – AAMD&C Spring Convention

Administration will book an appointment for Councillors to meet with Alberta Infrastructure in March 2001, at the AAMD&C Spring Convention to discuss the following issues: ice bridge, Tompkins Landing west hill, Highways 88 and 58, the \$300,000 transition payment, La Crete loop and the Zama road.

11. c) AUMA 2001 Regional Seminars

MOTION 01-129 **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the invitation to attend the AUMA 2001 Regional Seminar in Slave Lake on April 5th, 2001, be received as information.

CARRIED

11. d) Northwest Regional Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Alcohol Related Effects Committee

MOTION 01-130 **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That Councillor Driedger be authorized to attend the Northwestern Regional Fetal Alcohol Syndrome / Fetal Alcohol Related Effects conference at the High Level Public School on March 29th, 30th, and 31st.

CARRIED

11. e) Forum for Young Canadians Funding Request

MOTION 01-131 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That \$100 each be granted to Daniel Friebe and Brenda Doerksen towards funding their trip to Ottawa to participate in the Forum for Young Canadians program and that the funding be taken from the 2001 Community Services Grants budget.

CARRIED

11. f) **National Kids' Day**

MOTION 01-132 **MOVED** by Councillor Kulscar

That Saturday, June 9, 2001 be proclaimed National Kids Day in the M.D. of Mackenzie.

CARRIED

11. g) **Student Citizenship Task Force**

MOTION 01-133 **MOVED** by Councillor Kulscar

That a Student Citizenship Task Force be established to review the Alberta School Boards Association's request for input regarding students and citizenship issues and make recommendations to Council. That Councillor Kulscar, Councillor Thiessen, Councillor Driedger, Reeve Neufeld and Councillor Wieler be appointed to the Student Citizenship Task Force.

CARRIED

11. h) **Special Places 2000**

MOTION 01-134 **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That a letter be written to the Minister of Environment asking for the status on the Caribou Mountains and Wolverine Special Places 2000.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

12. a) Request for Construction and Rehabilitation Program

MOTION 01-135 **MOVED** by Councillor Kulscar

That the Highway and Bridge Priority list be established as follows:

1. Upgrading of Primary Highway 88, including bridge structures and pavement.
 2. Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Highway 697:
 - a) pave Tompkins west hill
 - b) patching and overlay as required
 - c) seal coating
 3. Extension of Primary Highway 58 to Wood Buffalo National Park
 4. Upgrade of bridge File No. 13400 located within Boyer Indian Reserve
 5. Extension of Primary Highway 58 to BC Border
 6. Bridge over the Peace River at Tompkins Landing
- A separate list will be provided for bridges.

CARRIED

12. b) Policy on Axle Loading

MOTION 01-136 **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That Policy PW001 – Road Bans be rescinded; further that Policy PW008 – Axle Loading be adopted as attached.

CARRIED

12. c) Road Protection Agreements

MOTION 01-137 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Policy PW010 – Road Protection Agreement be adopted as attached.

CARRIED

12. d) **Tompkins Landing West Hill**

Administration contact La Prairie as soon as possible informing them that there is very little gravel on the Tompkins Landing west hill.

12. e) **Blue Hills Recreation**

Administration will direct Blue Hills Community School to discuss grants with Hillcrest Community School.

12. f) **New Road Construction**

This item was already covered.

12. g) **Regional Landfill**

Administration was requested to bring information forward regarding tonnage collected at the Waste Transfer Stations. This will be brought to the next Council meeting.

**IN CAMERA
SESSION:**

13. a)

There were no items under this heading.

ADJOURNMENT: 14. a) **Adjournment**

MOTION 01- 138 **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this _____ day of _____, 2001.

Bill Neufeld, Reeve

Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant