

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, October 25, 2007

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT: Greg Newman Reeve
Peter Braun Councillor
Dicky Driedger Councillor
John W. Driedger Councillor
Ed Froese Councillor
Bill Neufeld Councillor
Raymond Toews Councillor
Stuart Watson Councillor
Lisa Wardley Councillor

ABSENT: Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve

ADMINISTRATION: William (Bill) Kostiw Chief Administrative Officer
Carol Gabriel Executive Assistant
Joulia Whittleton Director of Corporate Services
Mark Schonken Director of Public Works
Jason Gabriel Supervisor of Emergency Operations
Eva Schmidt Planning Supervisor
Grant Smith Agricultural Fieldman

ALSO PRESENT: Susan McNeil, The Echo
Members of the public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 25, 2007 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-10-952 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:
4 a.) Fort Vermilion FCSS
10. h) La Crete Support Services
13. g) Redistricting Challenge

- 13. h) Mustus Energy Ltd. Funding Request
- 13. i) Emergency Response

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the October 10, 2007 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 07-10-953

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the October 10, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

- 4. a) Fort Vermilion FCSS**

MOTION 07-10-954

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a Fort Vermilion FCSS Steering Committee be appointed by Council for the 2008 operations.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

- 5. a) None**

GENERAL REPORTS:

- 6. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September 18, 2007**

MOTION 07-10-955

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 18, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

- 6. b) Mackenzie Housing Management Board Minutes September 5 and 24, 2007**

MOTION 07-10-956

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Mackenzie Housing Management Board meeting minutes of September 5th and 24th, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING:

7. a) None

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Neufeld reported on the meeting with EnCana representatives, and the Premier's Dinner.

Councillor Braun reported on the La Crete Recreation Board meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meetings, and the Loggers and Camps meeting regarding sewage and waste.

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the Special Council meeting, and the meeting with EnCana representatives.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Special Council meeting, and the Loggers and Camps meeting regarding sewage and waste.

Councillor Watson reported on the Hay Zama Committee meeting, and the Premier's Dinner.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Partners in Prevention meeting, and the Zama Recreation Board budget meeting.

Councillor Toews reported on the drainage project, and the meeting with EnCana representatives.

Councillor D. Driedger had no items to report.

MOTION 07-10-957

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Council Committee verbal reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO & Director Reports

MOTION 07-10-958

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Chief Administrative Officer follow up with the Emergency Services communications network.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

MOTION 07-10-959

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Councillor Froese and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to attend the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation Annual General Meeting on November 15, 2007 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-960

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Director of Corporate Services, Director of Public Works, Planning Supervisor, Supervisor of Emergency Operations, Agricultural Fieldman, and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

**10. a) Bylaw 655/07 Repeal Cold Mix Local Improvement
Bylaws 556/06 and 565/06**

MOTION 07-10-961

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 655/07 being a bylaw authorizing to repeal the local improvements Bylaws 556/06 and 565/06.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-962

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That second reading be given to Bylaw 655/07 being a bylaw authorizing to repeal the local improvements Bylaws 556/06 and 565/06.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-963

Requires unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That consideration be given to go to third reading and final reading of Bylaw 655/07 being a bylaw authorizing to repeal the

local improvement Bylaws 556/06 and 565/06.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 07-10-964

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 655/07 being a bylaw authorizing to repeal the local improvements Bylaws 556/06 and 565/06.

CARRIED

8. c) Blumenort Intersection

MOTION 07-10-965

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council move in-camera at 11:58 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-966

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-967

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include the additional \$297,010 for the Hill Crest School intersection improvement from Public Works Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 07-10-968

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Hill Crest School Intersection improvement project be awarded to Knelsen Sand & Gravel at the amended price.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

MOTION 07-10-969

Requires unanimous

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board be added to the

agenda.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Tompkins Landing Ice-Bridge

MOTION 07-10-970

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Tompkins Landing Ice-Bridge Tenders be opened.

CARRIED

10. b) La Crete Recreation Board – Request for Emergency Funding

MOTION 07-10-971

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That \$36,271 capital funding be granted to the La Crete Recreation Board as per the 2007 budget.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-972

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the following be granted to the La Crete Recreation Board with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve:

- \$2,399 plus GST for supply and installation of the Ammonia Detection System and the two pressure release valves
- \$18,426 plus GST for rebuilding ice plant compressors

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. c) Medtronic Invoice

MOTION 07-10-973

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That \$23,342.27 be paid to Medtronic Canada with funding coming from Emergency Services Reserve.

CARRIED

10. d) September 30, 2007 Income Statement and Term Deposits Report

MOTION 07-10-974

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That operating revenues and expenditures, term deposits and capital projects progress report for the period ended September 30, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. e) Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum

MOTION 07-10-975

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That all Council be authorized to attend the Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum on November 9, 2007 in High Level.

CARRIED

10. f) Northern Alberta Job Find

MOTION 07-10-976

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Northern Alberta Job Find be received for information.

CARRIED

10 g) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 07-10-977

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

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

CARRIED

10. h) La Crete Support Services

MOTION 07-10-978

Requires unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the area hamlet Councillor be appointed to their respective FCSS boards.

CARRIED

Tompkins Landing Ice-Bridge

MOTION 07-10-979

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Tompkins Landing Ice-Bridge tender be awarded to the lowest bidder.

CARRIED

8. b) Zama Access Road and Bear Paw Crescent

MOTION 07-10-980

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Zama Access Road and Bear Paw Crescent tenders be opened.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

MOTION 07-10-981

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Zama Access Road and Bear Paw Crescent tender be awarded to the lowest bidder, Knelsen Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$3,298,450.00, plus engineering.

CARRIED

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

11. a) Bylaw 654/07 Municipal Reserve Closure Part of Plan 052-0560, Block 5, Lot 10MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M) (La Crete)

MOTION 07-10-982

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 654/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to close part of Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot 10MR and Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot 11MR.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

12. a) Road Projects

12. b) Utility Projects

MOTION 07-10-983

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the road and utility projects be received for information.

CARRIED

11. b) County Buildings

MOTION 07-10-984

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That all County building inspections be completed before the end of the year.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-10-985

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 2:53 p.m.

- 13. a) Inter-municipal Negotiations
- 13. b) Personnel
- 13. c) Organizational Chart
- 13. d) Special Projects
- 13. e) Regional Water (ISL)
- 13. f) Land Purchase
- 13. g) Redistricting Challenge
- 13. h) Mustus Energy Ltd. Funding Request
- 13. i) Emergency Response
- 13. j) Fort Vermilion Recreation Board

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-986

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council move out of camera at 4:39 p.m.

CARRIED

13. a) Inter-municipal Negotiations

MOTION 07-10-987

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County proceed with inter-municipal negotiations as discussed.

CARRIED

13. d) Regional Water (ISL)

MOTION 07-10-988

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That regional water be received for information.

CARRIED

13. e) Land Purchases

MOTION 07-10-989

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That land purchases be received for information and wait for the completion of the heritage study.

CARRIED

13. f) Highway 88

MOTION 07-10-990

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Highway 88 be received for information.

CARRIED

13. g) Redistricting Challenge

MOTION 07-10-991

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration instruct Brownlee LLP to respond as discussed in-camera.

CARRIED

13. h) Mustus Energy Ltd. Funding Request

MOTION 07-10-992

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administrative support be provided to Mustus Energy Ltd. to investigate funding sources from municipal, provincial, and federal entities and bring back options to Council.

CARRIED

13. i) Emergency Response

MOTION 07-10-993

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That a response be sent to the Zama letter received and other

action initiated as discussed in-camera.

CARRIED

13. j) Fort Vermilion Recreation Board

MOTION 07-10-994

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board letter be received for information

CARRIED

MOTION 07-10-995

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the budget meeting scheduled for November 13, 2007 be moved to November 14, 2007.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

14. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

15. a) Adjournment

MOTION 07-10-996

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

(signature on file)
Greg Newman, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant