

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 24, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers  
Fort Vermilion, AB**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Bill Neufeld	Councillor
	Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
	Peter Braun	Councillor
	Dicky Driedger	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Ed Froese	Councillor
	Greg Newman	Councillor
	Ray Toews	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
	Stuart Watson	Councillor

**ABSENT:**

<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
	Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant
	Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
	Mark Schonken	Director of Public Works

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sgt. Ryan Becker, Fort Vermilion RCMP  
Sgt. Shane Ramteemal, Assumption RCMP  
Barry Sjolie, Brownlee LLP  
Susan McNeil, The Echo

Minutes of the Organizational Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 24, 2007 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

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

William Kostiw called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**AGENDA:                    2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 07-10-883        MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:  
2. b) Voting Procedure

**CARRIED**

## **2. b) Voting Procedure**

### **MOTION 07-10-884**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That all elections during the organizational meeting be held by secret ballot.

**CARRIED**

## **1. b) Chief Administrative Officer Overview**

Mr. Kostiw welcomed the new Council for the 2007–2010 term and provided a brief overview.

### **ELECTION OF REEVE & DEPUTY REEVE:**

## **4. a) Election of Reeve**

Mr. Kostiw called for nominations for the position of Reeve for Mackenzie County for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

First Call: Councillor Newman nominated by Councillor  
Watson  
Councillor Neufeld nominated by Councillor Braun

Second Call: None.

Third Call: None.

### **MOTION 07-10-885**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That nominations cease for the position of Reeve.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Newman was elected Reeve for Mackenzie County for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

## **4. b) Election of Deputy Reeve**

Mr. Kostiw called for nominations for the position of Deputy Reeve for Mackenzie County for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

First Call: Councillor Neufeld nominated by Councillor Froese.  
Declined.  
Councillor Braun nominated by Councillor Toews.

Declined.  
Councillor Sarapuk nominated by Councillor  
Watson.

Second Call: Councillor J. Driedger nominated by Councillor  
Braun. Declined.

Third Call: None.

**MOTION 07-10-886**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That nominations cease for the position of Deputy Reeve.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Sarapuk was acclaimed as Deputy Reeve for  
Mackenzie County for the period October 24, 2007 to October  
2008.

Mr. Kostiw recessed the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened  
the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

**4. c) Oath of Office**

The Oath of Office was administered to the Reeve, Deputy  
Reeve, and Councillors by Sgt. Ryan Becker, Fort Vermilion  
RCMP, and Sgt. Shane Ramteemal, Assumption RCMP.

**TURNOVER OF CHAIR:**

**5. a) Turnover of Chair to the Reeve**

Mr. Kostiw turned over the chair to newly elected Reeve  
Newman.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES  
& TASK FORCES:**

**6. a) Appointment of Council Members to Council  
Committees, Boards and Task Forces**

**MOTION 07-10-887**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Agricultural  
Land – Land Use Planning Committee** for the period October  
24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor D. Driedger  
Councillor Neufeld  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Froese (alternate)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-888**                      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Agriculture Service Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor D. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-889**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Assessment Review Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Wardley (alternate)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-890**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That three County Building Task Forces be created for La Crete, Fort Vermilion, and High Level/Zama consisting of three Councillors and administration.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-891**                      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **La Crete County Building Task Force** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor J. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-892**                      **MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Fort Vermilion County Building Task Force** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.  
Councillor Toews  
Councillor Froese  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-893**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **High Level/Zama County Building Task Force** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Watson  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-894**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Finance Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Braun  
Councillor Toews  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Watson

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-895**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Councillor Neufeld, and the CAO be appointed to the **Highway 88 Task Force** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-896**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the **Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee** be abolished.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

**3. b) Delegation – RCMP Report**

Sgt. Ryan Becker, Fort Vermilion RCMP and Sgt. Shane Ramteemal, Assumption RCMP provided a report to Council regarding services provided throughout the County.

**MOTION 07-10-897**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **Mackenzie Housing Management Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Neufeld

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-898**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Mackenzie Library Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Wardley

Councillor J. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-899**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the **Medical Professional Task Force** be abolished.

**CARRIED**

The following Councillors were nominated for the Municipal Planning Commission and an election was held.

Councillor Froese

Councillor Braun

Councillor Toews

**MOTION 07-10-900**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Municipal Planning Commission** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Froese

Councillor Braun

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-901**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the **Operations Committee** be abolished.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-902**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Regional Water Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Watson  
Councillor Neufeld

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-903**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Rural Water Services Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008 and that the Terms of Reference be amended to change the number of councilors to three.

Councillor J. Driedger  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor D. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-904**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Subdivision & Development Appeal Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Toews  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk (alternate)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-905**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **Upper Hay Recreational Hunting & Fishing Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Reeve Newman

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-906**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Veterinary Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008 and that the Terms of Reference be amended to change the number of Councillors to two.

Councillor J. Driedger  
Councillor D. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-907**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the **Waterfront Development Task Force** be abolished.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-908**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That all Council, with the exception of ASB members, and the Chief Administrative Officer be appointed to the **Weed Control Appeal Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-909**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a Parks and Recreation Committee be established, including four members of Council, and that a Terms of Reference be developed.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-910**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Parks and Recreation Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor J. Driedger  
Councillor D. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-911**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That a First Nations Consultation Committee be established, including four members of Council, and that a Terms of Reference be developed.

**CARRIED**



**MOTION 07-10-912**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **First Nations Consultation Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Toews  
Councillor Watson  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Wardley

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-913**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a Mackenzie Pipeline Ad Hoc Committee be established.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-914**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Pipeline Ad Hoc Committee**.

Councillor Froese  
Councillor Watson (alternate)

**CARRIED**

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

**DELEGATION:**

**3. a) Barry Sjolie, Brownlee LLP**

Mr. Barry Sjolie of Brownlee LLP provided a presentation to Council on their roles and responsibilities.

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**6. b) Appointment of Members at Large to County Boards/Committees**

**MOTION 07-10-915**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the following members at large be appointed to the **Municipal Planning Commission** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Jack Eccles

Manfred Gross  
Beth Keppelar

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-916**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following members at large be appointed to the  
**Mackenzie Housing Management Board** for the period October  
24, 2007 to October 2008.

Dave Neufeld  
Wally Schroeder  
Jim Thompson  
Sharon McLean

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-917**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following members at large be appointed to the  
**Assessment Review Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to  
October 2008.

Wally Schroeder  
Daryl Zielsdorf

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-918**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the members at large positions for the **Subdivision &  
Development Appeal Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to  
October 2008 be readvertised.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-919**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the following members at large be appointed to the  
**Mackenzie Library Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to  
October 2010 and that the remaining position be readvertised.

Beth Kappelar  
Wally Schroeder  
Daryl Zielsdorf  
Jim Thompson

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-920**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the following members at large be appointed to the **Rural Water Services Board** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2010 and that the remaining positions be readvertised.

Beth Kappelar  
Daryl Zielsdorf

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-921**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the following members at large be appointed to the **Upper Hay Recreational Hunting & Fishing Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2010.

Mike Kowal  
Jake J. Wolfe

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-922**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the following members at large be appointed to the **Veterinary Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2010.

Maarten Braat  
Henry G. Friesen

**CARRIED**

**APPOINT  
REPRESENTATIVES:**

**7. a) Appointment of Council Representatives to Other Committees**

**MOTION 07-10-923**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Caribou Mountains Wildland Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Reeve Newman  
Councillor Watson (alternate)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-924**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Hay Zama Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Watson  
Councillor Froese (alternate)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-925**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **High Level Airport Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Toews

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-926**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **High Level Forests Public Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-927**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **High Level & District Recreational Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Watson

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk (alternate)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-928**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor J. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-929**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Mackenzie Regional Waste Management** for the period October 24, 2007

to October 2008.  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Watson

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-930**      **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **Mighty Peace Tourist Association** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Braun

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-931**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Hay Zama Tourism Sub-Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Watson  
Councillor Braun

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-932**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **Northern Lights Forest Education Society** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-933**      **MOVED** by Councillor Froese

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **NAIT Industry Advisory Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor J. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-934**      **MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Northwest**

**Corridor Development Corporation** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Froese  
Councillor Neufeld  
Councillor Wardley

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-935**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Recreation Boards** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Fort Vermilion – Councillor Toews  
La Crete – Councillor Braun  
Zama City – Councillor Wardley

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-936**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the **Regional Airport Study** be abolished.

**CARRIED**

The following Councillors were nominated for the Regional Economic Development Initiative and an election was held.

Councillor D. Driedger  
Councillor Braun  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**MOTION 07-10-937**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Regional Economic Development Initiative** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor D. Driedger  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-938**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the following Councillor be appointed to the **REDI Recreational Study Sub-Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor Braun

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-939**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That Mackenzie County continue to participate in the Regional Health Professional Retention Committee.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-940**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Regional Health Professional Retention Committee** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Councillor J. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-941**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the following Councillors be appointed to the **Veterinary Services Incorporated** for the period October 24, 2007 to October 2008.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

Councillor D. Driedger (alternate)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-942**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the following Councillor be appointed as the County's spokesperson on the Partners in Prevention Committee.

Councillor Wardley

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-943**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That all ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**6. c) FCSS (Structure)**

**MOTION 07-10-944**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the FCSS structure be postponed to the next regular

meeting.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS/POLICIES:**

**8. a) Bylaw 650/07 Honorariums & Expenses**

**MOTION 07-10-945**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 650/07 being a bylaw to provide for honorariums and related expense reimbursement for councilors and approved committee members as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-946**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 650/07 being a bylaw to provide for honorariums and related expense reimbursement for councilors and approved committee members as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-947**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 650/07 being a bylaw to provide for honorariums and related expense reimbursement for councilors and approved committee members, at this time.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-10-948**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That third reading be given to Bylaw 650/07 being a bylaw to provide for honorariums and related expense reimbursement for councilors and approved committee members as amended.

**CARRIED**

**8. b) Bylaw 529/05 Organizational and Procedural Matters  
for Council, Council Committee and Councilors**

**MOTION 07-10-949**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That Bylaw 529/05 be received for information.

**CARRIED**



**OTHER BUSINESS: 9. a) Establish Council Meeting Dates**

**MOTION 07-10-950** **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Regular Council meetings for the period November 2007 to October 2008 be scheduled as follows.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning at 4:00 p.m. to be held in a rotation between the communities with at least two meetings in Zama, High Level, and La Crete.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT: 10. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 07-10-951** **MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the Organizational Council meeting be adjourned at 5:30 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