

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, July 8, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

**County Office
La Crete, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Greg Newman	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (arrived at 10:15 a.m.)
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

ABSENT: Stuart Watson Councillor

ADMINISTRATION:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
Mary Jo Van Order	Director of Planning & Development
John Klassen	Director of Operations South
Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the media and the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on July 8, 2010 at the County Office in La Crete, Alberta.

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

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

MOTION 10-07-556 **MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 5. c) Delegation – Cornie Unrau
- 12. d) Review Response – Town of High Level Draft
Municipal Development Plan
- 6. d) Airport Committee Meeting Minutes

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the June 23, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 10-07-557

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the minutes of the June 23, 2010 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended to show Motion 10-06-552 as being carried.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS:

**6. a) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes
– February 22 & April 23, 2010**

MOTION 10-07-558

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of February 22 and April 23, 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. b) Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
– April 28, 2010**

MOTION 10-07-559

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of April 28, 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. c) Mackenzie Housing Management Board Meeting
Minutes – May 31, 2010**

MOTION 10-07-560

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Mackenzie Housing Management Board meeting minutes of May 31, 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-561

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That item 11. e) Airport Property be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE, CAO AND DIRECTORS REPORTS:

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Wardley reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, Regional Economic Development Initiative tourism committee, Zama Building Committee meeting, and the Airport Committee meeting.

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Tompkins Campground meeting, La Crete office grand opening, ASB road tours, and the meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development.

Councillor Sarapuk arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Councillor Braun reported on the Fort Vermilion, Zama, Blue Hills ratepayer meetings, La Crete Recreation Society meeting, County charity golf tournament, La Crete office grand opening, FCSS, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, Finance committee meetings, REDI tourism teleconference, and the 2 mile north road inspection.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the hog barn meeting, County charity golf tournament, La Crete office grand opening, ratepayers meeting, Municipal Planning Commission, meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, and the 2 mile north road inspection.

Councillor Froese reported on the Blue Hills ratepayers meeting.

Councillor Toews reported on the Mackenzie Housing Management Board.

Councillor Neufeld reported on the ASB tours, ratepayer meetings, La Crete office grand opening, meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, and the Airport Committee meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the ratepayers meetings, La Crete office grand opening, County charity golf tournament, Fort Vermilion Building Committee meetings and the meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the RCMP funding announcement, County charity golf tournament, ratepayer meetings, Equipment Committee, Finance Committee meetings,

and the meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development.

MOTION 10-07-562

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO and Director Reports

MOTION 10-07-563

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the County sign the letter of intent with Corridor Communications Inc. for a wireless telecommunications tower facility at the Tompkins Water Point site as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-564

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be instructed to amend Bylaw 137-98 Unsightly Premises for review by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 10-07-565

MOVED by Councillor Froese

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

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) Bylaw 763-10 Off site Levy Bylaw (La Crete Lift Station to Serve NW 11-106-15-W5M and SW 11-106-15-W5M)

MOTION 10-07-566

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 763-10 being an Offsite Levy Bylaw for the Lift Station Construction to serve *NW 11-106-15-W5 and SW 11-106-15-W5* in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-567

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That third reading be given to Bylaw 763-10 being an Offsite Levy

Bylaw for the Lift Station Construction to serve *NW 11-106-15-W5 and SW 11-106-15-W5* in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

10. b) Bylaw 765-10 La Crete 100th Avenue Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk Local Improvement Tax

MOTION 10-07-568

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 765-10 being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax to the benefiting properties for the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk on 100th Avenue from Plan 7821076, Block 12, Lots 6-13; Plan 7521580, Block 8, Lots 1-5; Plan 3969TR, Block 4, Lots 4-6; and Plan 2504TR, Block 7, Lots 3 & 4, in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-569

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That third reading be given to Bylaw 765-10 being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax to the benefiting properties for the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk on 100th Avenue from Plan 7821076, Block 12, Lots 6-13; Plan 7521580, Block 8, Lots 1-5; Plan 3969TR, Block 4, Lots 4-6; and Plan 2504TR, Block 7, Lots 3 & 4, in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

10. c) Tax Roll 105941 – Tax Forfeiture Property

MOTION 10-07-570

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County obtain the title to 4711 River Road in Fort Vermilion, AB, Tax Roll 105941 pursuant to Municipal Government Act, section 424.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-571

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the properties acquired through tax forfeiture be advertised for sale by sealed tender with a closing date of August 25, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. d) Minimum Tax for Vacant Hamlet Properties

MOTION 10-07-572

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minimum tax analysis for the 2007-2010 taxation period be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

10. e) Lubricants Products – Draft Request for Proposals

MOTION 10-07-573

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the draft request for proposals for the lubricant purchases be accepted as amended and that administration proceed with advertising.

CARRIED

10. f) Crown Property Purchase

MOTION 10-07-574

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County continue to work with the government to obtain crown lands for municipal purposes and industrial development.

CARRIED

10. g) Ministers Meeting Update

MOTION 10-07-575

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the ministers meeting update be moved in-camera.

CARRIED

10. h) Envision Edmonton

MOTION 10-07-576

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the consideration to donate \$5,000.00 to Envision Edmonton to help raise public awareness and support for the Edmonton City Centre Airport be moved to the budget discussion.

CARRIED

10. i) Finance and Investment Report – June 30, 2010

MOTION 10-07-577

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the financial reports for the period ended June 30, 2010 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. j) La Crete 100th Avenue Reconstruction

MOTION 10-07-578

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the additional \$98,360 towards the La Crete 100th Avenue Reconstruction project be referred to the budget discussion.

CARRIED

10. k) La Crete Recreational Society – La Crete Ball Park Request for Funding

MOTION 10-07-579

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the La Crete Recreational Society request for funding be referred to the budget discussion.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Rural Waterline Application Charges

MOTION 10-07-580

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration prepares a utility connection bylaw for the rural water line within the following guideline:

1. the connection fee for the rural water line connections made as part of the construction of the project be set at \$12,000;
2. the connections made subsequent to the rural water line construction be charged at the standard connection charge, adjusted for inflation, plus \$5,000;
3. the long distance connections exceeding 300 meters from the rural water line will be cost shared between the County and the applicant on an equal basis with the County's portion for such connections will be limited to \$2,500 per connection;
4. the minimum upfront payment for participation in the rural

water line project by applicants will be set at \$1,200 per connection;

5. the payment period for County supplied financing not to exceed 10 years with interest as fixed from time to time by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority at the time of the hook up agreement signing;
6. if a ratepayer chooses to finance the hook up through the County, the total outstanding amount inclusive of interest as calculated at the time of the hook up shall be applied to the ratepayer's tax roll (monthly or yearly);
7. a ratepayer shall have an option of early payout at which time the interest be recalculated based on the payout date and adjusted accordingly with no other penalties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

5. b) Mike McMann – 12:00 p.m.

Mike McMann presented the Fort Vermilion School Division BLAST program to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 764-10 Road Closure – Maree Vervoort (High Level Rural)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 764-10 to order at 1:02 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 764-10 was properly advertised. Mary Jo Van Order, Director of Planning and Development, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed road closure bylaw. Mary Jo Van Order, Director of Planning and Development, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on June 8, 2010.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed road closure bylaw. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 764-10. One submission was received from SRD indicating they had no concerns.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 764-10. There was no one present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 764-10 at 1:04 p.m.

MOTION 10-07-581

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That administration move forward with the road closure Bylaw 764-10, being a request to close a portion of government road allowance between NW 4-109-17-W5M and NE 5-109-17-W5M for the purpose of consolidating a fragmented parcel of land onto a quarter section.

CARRIED

7. b) Bylaw 766-10 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 902 0600, Block 15, Lots 13 through 17, Plan 902 0600, Block 19, Lots 1 through 5, Plan 912 2041, Block 15, Lots 18 through 22 and 24, Plan 912 2041, Block 19, Lots 6 through 8, Plan 912 3390, Block 19, Lots 10 through 16, Plan 932 0276, Block 15, Lots 25 through 27, and Plan 932 0276, Block 19, Lot 9 from Mobile Home Subdivision District 2 "MHS2" to Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" (La Crete)

MOTION 10-07-582

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the public hearing for Bylaw 766-10 be tabled to the August 10, 2010 Regular Council Meeting due to improper advertising.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Fort Vermilion Administration Building Addition & Renovation – 1:00 p.m.

MOTION 10-07-583

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the tenders for the Fort Vermilion Administration Building Addition & Renovation be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received:

Foothills Carpentry	\$1,589,700.00
Phoenix	\$1,875,000.00

Mountain Gate \$1,789,770.00
Piche Bros. Contracting \$1,679,000.00

MOTION 10-07-584

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Fort Vermilion Administration Building Addition & Renovation tender be awarded to the lowest qualified tender.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-585

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Fort Vermilion Administration Building Addition & Renovation tender be awarded to the lowest tender.

CARRIED

**8. b) 2010 Recreation Sites Firesmart Program Project –
July 13, 2010**

MOTION 10-07-586

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Finance Committee be authorized to open and award tenders for the 2010 Recreation Sites Firesmart Program Project

CARRIED

10. I) Budget Amendments – Capital Projects

MOTION 10-07-587

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the 2010 capital budget be amended by adding the following:

- \$61,759 – La Crete Ball Diamonds (Municipal Reserve)
- \$5,000 – Envision Edmonton (Grants to Other Organizations Reserve)
- \$130,000 – Fort Vermilion Administration Building Addition & Renovation (Engineering) (General Capital Reserve)
- \$200,000 – La Crete 100th Avenue Project Addition (Roads Reserve)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. b) Beaver First Nation – Request for Culverts & Dust Control

Reeve Newman left the meeting at 1:22 p.m. and Deputy Reeve Sarapuk acted as Chair.

MOTION 10-07-588

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration work with Alberta Transportation under the current maintenance agreement to assist the Beaver First Nation.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman resumed the Chair at 1:24 p.m.

11. c) Tompkins Crossing - Hoverbarge

MOTION 10-07-589

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That Council instruct the Tompkins Crossing Committee to follow up on the proposal from Hovertans Solutions with a site inspection and meeting with Alberta Transportation.

CARRIED

6. d) Airport Committee Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2010

MOTION 10-07-590

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the draft Airport Committee meeting minutes of July 7, 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**12. a) Bylaw 768-10 Road Closure Part of Range Road 15-0
Lying East of La Crete Airport (La Crete Rural)**

MOTION 10-07-591

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 768-10, being a Road Closure Bylaw for the closure of that portion of Range Road 15-0 lying east of SE 1-106-15-W5M, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**12. b) Bylaw 769-10 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to
Rezone Part of NE 34-105-15-W5M, Part of SE 34-105-
15-W5M, Part of NW 35-105-15-W5M, Part of SW 35-
105-15-W5M, Plan 012 1774, Lot 1, Plan 992 3997,
Block 1, Lot 1 and Plan 072 7239, Block 2, Lot 2 from
Agricultural District 1 “A1” to Rural Country
Residential District 1 “RC1”
(La Crete)**

MOTION 10-07-592

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 769-10 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of NE 34-105-15-W5M, Part of SE 34-105-15-W5M, Part of NW 35-105-15-W5M, Part of SW 35-105-15-W5M, Plan 012 1774, Lot 1, Plan 992 3997, Block 1, Lot 1 and Plan 072 7239, Block 2, Lot 2 from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Rural Country Residential District 1 "RC1".

CARRIED

11. d) Gravel Purchase & Pit Lease

MOTION 10-07-593

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the Gravel Purchase & Pit Lease be moved to the in-camera portion of the agenda.

CARRIED

11. e) Airport Property (ADDITION)

MOTION 10-07-594

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the airport properties be sold and that administration bring back a process for sale and development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 10-07-595

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That administration bring back a bylaw for rezoning the airport property in Fort Vermilion and La Crete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. c) Quality Management Plan

MOTION 10-07-596

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Quality Management Plan be received for information and that administration bring back options of accreditation.

CARRIED

12. d) Review Response: Town of High Level Draft Municipal Development Plan (ADDITION)

MOTION 10-07-597

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Town of High Level in response to stating our concerns to the Municipal Development Plan.

CARRIED

**EMERGENCY &
ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES:**

13. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE**

14. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 10-07-598

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County advertise and help the Mackenzie Little League where possible to a maximum of \$500.00 to be funded from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 10-07-599

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That all Council be authorized to attend the Premiers Dinner in Grande Prairie on October 7, 2010.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-600

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Zama City School be added to the agenda as an in-camera item.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-601

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

5. c) Cornie Unrau (ADDITION)

MOTION 10-07-602

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the delegation by Cornie Unrau regarding subdivision concerns be received for information.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 10-07-603

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 2:11 p.m.

- 15. a) Tall Cree Negotiations
- 15. b) Mackenzie Housing Management Board
- 15. c) Mackenzie Housing Management Board
- 15. d) Safety Codes Interpretation and Enforcement
- 15. e) Personnel
- 15. f) Ministers Meeting Update
- 15. g) Zama City School
- 11. d) Gravel Purchase & Pit Lease
- 5. a) John Szumlas, Activation Analysis (CAO Recruitment Project)

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-604

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move out of camera at 5:06 p.m.

CARRIED

15. a) Tall Cree Negotiations

MOTION 10-07-605

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the draft agreements with Tallcree First Nations (Fire Protection Services Agreement, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Agreement) be accepted subject to review by legal counsel.

CARRIED

15. b) Mackenzie Housing Management Board

MOTION 10-07-606

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to the Town of High Level regarding the administrative review of the Mackenzie Housing Management Board.

CARRIED

15. c) Affordable housing in the Hamlet of Zama – Sale of Trailers to Mackenzie Housing Management Board

MOTION 10-07-607

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration proceed with Option 3 regarding arranging for the lands to set up affordable housing units in the Hamlet of Zama.

CARRIED

15. d) Safety Codes Interpretation and Enforcement

MOTION 10-07-608

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the safety codes interpretation and enforcement be received for information.

CARRIED

15. e) Personnel

MOTION 10-07-609

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the personnel update be received for information.

CARRIED

15. f) Ministers Meeting Update

MOTION 10-07-610

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That administration be authorized to proceed with negotiations with Sustainable Resource Development to convert the specified green zone lands to white zone classifications.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-07-611

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That administration be authorized to immediately prepare viable options regarding the soon to be acquired white zone lands.

CARRIED

15. g) Zama City School (ADDITION)

MOTION 10-07-612

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the budget be amended to include \$50,000 per year for two years to assist in the provision of high school services within the Zama City School with funding coming from the general operating reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. d) Gravel Purchase & Pit Lease

MOTION 10-07-613

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the County purchase 10,000 tonnes of crushed gravel from Smith Bros. Cattle Co. at the negotiated price.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

**5. a) John Szumlas, Activation Analysis
(CAO Recruitment Project)**

MOTION 10-07-614

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the CAO recruitment project be received for information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

16. a) Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 28, 2010
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

17. a) Adjournment

MOTION 10-07-615

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Council Meeting be adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on July 28, 2010.

(original signed)

Greg Newman
Reeve

(original signed)

William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer

