

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:	Greg Newman	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Peter F. Braun	Councillor (left at 4:41 p.m.)
	Dicky Driedger	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Ed Froese	Councillor
	Bill Neufeld	Councillor
	Ray Toews	Councillor (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
	Stuart Watson	Councillor

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 12, 2010 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 10-01-001 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:
11. d) Road Closure for La Crete Airport Expansion
5. f) Delegation – Mackenzie Applied Research Association

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the December 8, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 10-01-002

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the minutes of the December 8, 2009 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-003

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move in-camera at 10:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Toews arrived at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION 10-01-004

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Council move out of camera at 10:22 a.m.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

5. f) Mackenzie Applied Research Association (MARA)

MOTION 10-01-005

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the County support the Mackenzie Applied Research Association (MARA) Board with their request as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS:

**6. a) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes –
September 21, 2009 and November 3, 2009**

MOTION 10-01-006

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of September 21, 2009 and November 3, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. b) Mackenzie Housing Management Board Meeting
Minutes – November 3, 2009**

MOTION 10-01-007

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Mackenzie Housing Management Board meeting minutes of November 3, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes –
November 24, 2009**

MOTION 10-01-008

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 24, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Neufeld had no items to report.

Councillor Froese reported on the trip to Russia.

Councillor Braun reported on the Municipal Planning Commission, La Crete Agricultural Society, Mustus Energy presentation, meeting regarding the La Crete RV Park road, North Point Business Park lift station, Mackenzie Waste Management, and the Parks & Recreation committee meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the trip to Russia, Town of High Level negotiations, meeting with MARA, and the Fort Vermilion walking trails.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the Mustus Energy presentation and the Equipment Committee meeting.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on Mackenzie Library meeting, equipment committee meeting.

Councillor Watson reported on the Hay Zama Wildland Committee meeting and the ERCB meeting in High Level.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Zama Building Committee

meetings, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, Mackenzie Library Board meeting and the Zama Recreation Board.

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Agricultural Service Board meeting, meeting with Finning, Tompkins ice-bridge, meeting regarding Bison, Blue Hills fire hall, MARA meeting, and the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Councillor Toews reported on the trip to Russia with a slide presentation.

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

MOTION 10-01-009

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO & Director Reports

MOTION 10-01-010

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

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

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) RCMP – 11:30 a.m.

MOTION 10-01-011

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the RCMP report by Sgt. Wade Trottier be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES:

11. a) Municipal Walkways Policy PW033

MOTION 10-01-012

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Municipal Walkways Policy PW033 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**11. b) Solid Waste Transfer Station Collection of Refuse
Policy UT003**

MOTION 10-01-013

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Solid Waste Transfer Station Collection of Refuse Policy UT003 be tabled.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**7. a) Bylaw 744/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone
Plan 872 1101, Lot C from Hamlet Commercial District
1 "HC1" to Hamlet Commercial District 2 "HC2" (La
Crete)**

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 744/09 to order at 1:11 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 744/09 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 land use bylaw amendment. Mary Jo Van Order, Director of Planning and Development, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on November 25, 2009.

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 744/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 744/09. No one was present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 744/09 at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION 10-01-014

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That second reading be given to Bylaw 744/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 872 1101, Lot C from the Hamlet Commercial District 1 "HC1" to Hamlet Commercial District 2 "HC2".

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-015

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 744/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 872 1101, Lot C from the Hamlet Commercial District 1 "HC1" to Hamlet Commercial District 2 "HC2".

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. b) Alberta Health Services – 1:15 p.m.

Randy Pohl, Manager EMS Operations NW and Rob Barone, Supervisor of NE Contract Services with Alberta Health Services were in attendance to discuss EMS services in Mackenzie County.

11. c) 100th Avenue Reconstruction Project (La Crete)

MOTION 10-01-016

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the 2010 budget be amended by transferring \$300,000 from the Resource Road projects (municipal contribution) to the La Crete 100th Avenue reconstruction project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 10-01-017

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 100th Avenue Reconstruction Project tender be awarded as originally tendered.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

5. c) Rural Water Engineer Delegation – 1:30 p.m.

Mike Minshall, Operations Manager with GENIVAR made a presentation to Council regarding the rural water project.

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

DELEGATION:

5. e) Mackenzie Library Board – 2:15 p.m.

Wally Schroeder and Daryl Zielsdorf made a presentation to Council regarding Mackenzie Library Board's request for the payment of utilities by the County for the Fort Vermilion Library.

10. b) Mackenzie Library Board – Fort Vermilion Library Utilities

MOTION 10-01-018

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County transfer the utility accounts from the Fort Vermilion library to the County.

Councillor Toews requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:

Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Toews
Councillor Watson
Councillor J. Driedger
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Braun
Councillor Froese
Councillor Neufeld

Opposed:

Reeve Newman

CARRIED

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

**12. d) Sewer Lift Station for North Point Business Park Ltd.
(NE 10-106-15-W5M – La Crete)**

MOTION 10-01-019

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council authorizes administration to acquire the necessary documents and estimates with respect to the 9.3 meter depth lift station located at NE 10-106-15-W5M (North Point Business Park Ltd.) and prepare draft cost recovery documents.

Councillor J. Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:

Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Toews
Councillor J. Driedger
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

Opposed:

Councillor Wardley
Councillor Watson

Reeve Newman
Councillor Braun
Councillor Froese
Councillor Neufeld

CARRIED

12. a) Bylaw 749/09 Road Closure – Jacob Thiessen SE 13-107-15-W5M (Fort Vermilion Rural)

MOTION 10-01-020

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That Bylaw 749/09 being a road closure bylaw to close and sell a portion of the undeveloped road plan 2106EU, lying on the east side of SE 13-107-15-W5M be tabled.

CARRIED

12. b) Bylaw 753/09 to Amend 618/07 Partial Cancellation of Plan 992 0062, Block 1, Lot 1, (Part of NW 13-106-15-W5M) (La Crete Rural)

MOTION 10-01-021

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 753/09, being a bylaw amending the description in Bylaw 618/07 for the purpose of cancelling and reverting a portion of the subdivided lands back into NW 13-106-15-W5M, from which the subdivision was taken.

CARRIED

12. c) Request to Waive Unauthorized Development Permit Fee for Development Permit 201-DP-09 (La Crete Rural)

MOTION 10-01-022

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the unauthorized Development Permit fee, for Development Permit 201-DP-09 on SW 32-105-14-W5M, in the amount of \$475.00 be waived.

DEFEATED

TENDERS:

8. a) Ward Boundary Review Request For Proposals

MOTION 10-01-023

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the County request a two month variance on the April

deadline from the Minister of Municipal Affairs in order to complete the ward boundary review.

Councillor Neufeld requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:

Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Toews
Councillor Watson
Councillor J. Driedger
Reeve Newman
Councillor Braun
Councillor Froese
Councillor Neufeld

Opposed:

Councillor Wardley
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-024

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration prepare a summary of the Ward Boundary Review Request for Proposals.

CARRIED

8. b) Machesis Lake Caretaking Tender

Councillor Wardley declared herself in conflict of interest.

MOTION 10-01-025

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the tenders for the Machesis Lake Caretaking be opened.

CARRIED

Tender Results:

Leo White	\$4,800.00 / month
Peter & Margaret Peters	\$4,750.00 / month
Ken & Rena Ward	\$4,500.00 / month
Tom & Joan Bridges	\$4,500.00 / month

MOTION 10-01-026

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration be authorized to review the Machesis Lake Caretaking tenders and that a recommendation be brought back to the next meeting.

DEFEATED

MOTION 10-01-027

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the Machesis Lake Caretaking tender be awarded to Ken & Rena Ward.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 4:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:26 p.m. with all members present.

10. d) Mustus Energy

MOTION 10-01-028

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to work with our lawyers to review the power purchase agreement with Mustus Energy and bring it back for signature.

CARRIED

Councillor Braun left the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) Utilities – System Estimates

DELEGATION:

5. d) Andy Flooren

Andy Flooren was present to request that Council waive his additional water invoice due to system estimates.

**10. c) Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta
(FRIAA) Grants**

MOTION 10-01-029

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council approve the Zama Fire Guard Expansion project and instruct administration to proceed with private contractors and supervision within budget and program guidelines.

CARRIED

10. e) Fort Vermilion Building Upgrade

MOTION 10-01-030

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council approve the plan for upgrading the County office in Fort Vermilion and that administration be instructed to proceed to tender.

CARRIED

10. f) ASB Trade Show & Golf Tournament

MOTION 10-01-031

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That administration be instructed to proceed with a charity golf tournament in June 2010.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-032

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Agricultural Service Board and administration be instructed to bring back two options for a trade show including date, place, and location.

CARRIED

10. g) Census

MOTION 10-01-033

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration be instructed to proceed with a new census within the government guidelines using contract services incorporated with the boundary review.

CARRIED

10. h) Peace Regional Fire Chiefs – 2010 Northwest Fire Conference Donation Request

MOTION 10-01-034

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the County sponsor \$500.00 for the Peace Regional Fire Chiefs 2010 Northwest Fire Conference to be funded from grants to other organizations.

CARRIED

10. i) Assessment Review Board

MOTION 10-01-035

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Councillor Wardley's resignation as a member of the Assessment Review Board be accepted.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-036

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Councillor D. Driedger be appointed as the alternate to the Assessment Review Board.

CARRIED

**10. j) Agricultural Land Task Force Ad Hoc Committee
Terms of Reference**

MOTION 10-01-037

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Agricultural Land Task Force Ad Hoc Review Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended.

CARRIED

10. k) Municipal Operations & Standards Manual

MOTION 10-01-038

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the Municipal Operations and Standards Manual be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

10. l) Bison

MOTION 10-01-039

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That a letter of support be provided to the Alberta Beef Producers for the eradication of tuberculosis and bovine brucellosis in the region.

CARRIED

10. m) 2009 Municipal Sponsorship Program

MOTION 10-01-040

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the 2009 municipal sponsorship program application be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. n) Finance and Investment Report – December 31, 2009

MOTION 10-01-041

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the projects progress report and investment report for the period ended December 31, 2009 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

**11. d) Road Closure – La Crete Airport Expansion
(ADDITION)**

MOTION 10-01-042

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That administration proceed with a road closure on the east boundary of the La Crete airport.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE**

13. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 10-01-043

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That the same number of Councillors be authorized to attend the Premier's Dinner as 2009.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-044

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That administration and interested Councillors prepare a submission on rail service and bring back to the next meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-045

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

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

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 10-01-046

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18

(1) at 6:04 p.m.

- 14. a) Footner Forest Products
- 14. b) Town of High Level Arbitration
- 14. c) Grader Negotiations
- 14. d) Enhanced Policing
- 10. a) Utilities – System Estimates

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-047

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council move out of camera at 6:41 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Footner Forest Products

MOTION 10-01-048

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Footner Forest Products update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. b) Town of High Level Arbitrations

MOTION 10-01-049

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Town of High Level arbitration update be received as discussed.

CARRIED

14. c) Grader Negotiations

MOTION 10-01-050

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the County purchase a 2009 Caterpillar, 140M AWD grader with the 4 year/7500 hr guaranteed buy back option.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. d) Enhanced Policing

MOTION 10-01-051

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the additional enhanced policing position be deferred to the April budget deliberations and that administration draft a

Memorandum of Understanding for discussion.

CARRIED

10. a) Utilities – System Estimates

MOTION 10-01-052

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the utilities – system estimated billing remain as per Council's decision on December 8, 2009.

CARRIED

MOTION 10-01-053

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That a mini-strategy meeting be scheduled for February 8, 2010 at 12 noon in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2010
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 10-01-054

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on January 27, 2010.

Original Signed

Greg Newman
Reeve

Original Signed

William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer