

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

Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete, Alberta

Thursday, October 24, and Friday October 25, 1996

OCTOBER 24, 1996

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor (entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.)
Reg Scarfe	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Reuben Derksen	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor (arrived at 1 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary
Paul Driedger	Development Officer
Hugh Dennis	Treasurer
Cameron Donald	Taxation and Assessment Clerk

GALLERY:

Warren Ferguson	Reporter, Northern Pioneer
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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Thursday, October 24, and Friday October 25, 1996 in the Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete, Alberta.

PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER:

1 a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the Public Hearing to order at 10:01 a.m.

2 a) Bylaw 067/96 Road Closure - NW 05-109-13-W5M

Development Officer, Paul Driedger, read the proposed Bylaw 067/96 for a Road Closure between NW 05-109-13-W5M and NE 06-109-13-W5M.

Paul Driedger informed Council that the request for the road closure bylaw was made by Alberta Transportation and Utilities for the title holder of NE 06-109-13-W5M who would like to purchase that piece of property as well as the cut off portion of NW 05-109-46-W5M west of Primary Highway 88.

Councillor Scarfe asked if the road in question was taken off of the title for NW 05-109-13-W5M, and Paul Driedger answered yes it was.

Councillor Fedeyko asked if the land owner of NW 05-109-13-W5M, Robert Schartner, had been notified of this Road Closure Bylaw. Paul Driedger said it was advertised in the local newspaper, but if Council so desired a letter would also be sent to Mr. Schartner. Councillor Fedeyko said a letter should be written to Mr. Schartner.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there were any other submissions in favour or in opposition of the proposed Bylaw 067/96 for a Road Closure on NW 05-109-13-W5M and there were none.

2 b) Bylaw 068/96 Road Closure - NW 04-106-15-W5M

Development Officer, Paul Driedger, submitted the proposed Bylaw 068/96 for a Road Closure on NW 04-106-15-W5M.

Paul Driedger noted there was an error in wording in Bylaw 068/96 and that "Town of Rainbow Lake" should be replaced with "Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23."

Reeve Neufeld asked if there were any other submissions in favour or in opposition of the proposed Bylaw 068/96 for a Road Closure on NW 04-106-15-W5M, and there were none.

MOTION 96-592

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe that the Public Hearing adjourn at 10:12 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Rosenberger entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

1 a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the regular Council meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

1 b) Adoption of Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 3 d) Census
- 9 c) Seniors Snow Plow Flags
- 12 c) Administration
- 8 i) Transfer Station
- 8 j) Trucks Over One Tonne
- 11 a) La Crete East Flood Control Project
- 8 k) Lizotte Drainage
- 7 i) Set Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing date 96MK059
- 7 j) Set Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing date 198-DP-96
- 7 k) Time Extension on Subdivision 95MK023

MOTION 96-593

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to adopt the agenda with additions.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

7. a) Bylaw 067/96 Road Closure NW 05-109-13-W5M

MOTION 96-594
Bylaw 067/96
First Reading

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that first reading be given to Bylaw 067/96 to close portion of the Road Plan No. 2761 IY (NE 06-109-13-W5M), and that portion of the road allowance located on the NW 5-109-13-W5M, lying between the north boundary of the quarter section and the intersection of said road allowance with Highway No. 88.

CARRIED

7 b) Bylaw 068/96 Road Closure NW 04-106-15-W5M

MOTION 96-595
Bylaw 068/96
First Reading

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that first reading be given to Bylaw 068/96 to close all that portion of the Road Plan No. 96622633 and Road Plan 6300 LZ shown as area for road closure on Plan 962-4013 containing 1.49 Hectares, more or less.

CARRIED

7 c) **Subdivision Application 96MK071 - River Lot 7 Range 5
Fort Vermilion Settlement - Farmstead Separation**

Development Officer, Paul Driedger, read the subdivision application for a farmstead separation on River Lot 7, Range 5, Fort Vermilion Settlement. The proposal was to subdivide a two acre parcel out of a 103 acre parcel to accommodate an existing residence.

MOTION 96-596

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe that approval be recommended on Subdivision Application 96MK071 to subdivide a two acre parcel on River Lot 7, Range 5, Fort Vermilion Settlement, to accommodate an existing residence.

CARRIED

7 d) **Subdivision Application 96MK070 SE 27-110-19-W5M
Farmstead Separation**

Development Officer, Paul Driedger, read an outline of subdivision application 96MK070. The proposal is to subdivide a 10 acre parcel to accommodate an existing farmyard.

MOTION 96-597

Councillor Fedeyko moved that Subdivision Application 96MK070 on SE 27-110-19-W5M be reduced from 10 acres to 6.7 acres by moving the north boundary north 40 feet and the west boundary east 243 feet, thereby amending the subdivision size to 700 feet by 417 feet, and that approval be recommended with changes.

CARRIED

Mr. Thiessen's grade six class from Ridgeveiw Central School entered the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Reeve Neufeld welcomed the class to the meeting and Councillors and staff introduced themselves.

7 e) **Sale of Public Lands Pt. SE 14-107-14-W5M**

Paul Driedger informed Council that Alberta Environmental Protection Land and Forest Services, Land Administration Division, have submitted an application for Council's recommendations regarding the sale of Pt. SE 14-107-14-W5M to the Bergthaler Mennonite Church. The proposed use of the land is for a church, school, cemetery, and related buildings.

MOTION 96-598

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 has no objection to the sale of Pt. SE 14-107-14-W5M by Alberta Environmental Protection Land and Forest Services, Land Administration Division, to the Bergthaler Mennonite Church.

CARRIED

7 f) **Time Extension on Subdivision Application 95MK080
43 Lot Subdivision in Zama**

Paul Driedger informed Council that a time extension has been requested on subdivision application 95MK080 due to the subdivision plan being amended as a result of the registration of the settlement plan.

MOTION 96-599

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that a one year time extension to October 18, 1997 be granted on subdivision application 95MK080.

CARRIED

7 g) Subdivision Application 96MK067 SW 14-107-13-W5M

Paul Driedger informed Council that a site inspection was completed on subdivision application 96MK067 as requested by Council at the October 8, 1996 Council meeting and Mr. Driedger passed out pictures of the site.

MOTION 96-600

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that approval be recommended for subdivision application 96MK067 to subdivide 14.2 acres on SW 14-107-13-W5M to accommodate an existing yardsite.

CARRIED

7 h) Airtel Communications Repeater Upgrade

Paul Driedger reported that an access code is required to activate all M.D. No. 23 repeaters, with the exception of the Buffalo Head Repeater. Airtel has indicated they would be prepared to up date all existing repeaters to be activated without an access code. The cost would be approximately \$900 a Repeater. The M.D. has six Repeaters requiring the update, for a total cost of \$5 400. Airtel has offered a 60 day promotional sale splitting the cost 50/50 with the M.D. This would leave the M.D. with a cost of \$2 700.

MOTION 96-601

Councillor Rosenberger moved that the Airtel Repeaters Upgrade proposal be tabled so Administration can provide Council with more information.

CARRIED

7 i) Set a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing Date

MOTION 96-602

MOVED by Councillor Peters that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing, 06-SDAB-96, to hear the appeal on subdivision application 96MK059 on Pt. SW 27-107-14-W5M be held at 10 a.m. on November 7, 1996 in the Meeting Room of the Fort Vermilion Library, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CARRIED

7 j) Set a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing Date

MOTION 96-603

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing, 07-SDAB-96, to hear the appeal against development permit application 198-DP-96 be held at 1 p.m. on November 7, 1996 in the Meeting Room of the Fort Vermilion Library, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CARRIED

7 k) Time Extension on Subdivision 95MK023

Development Officer, Paul Driedger, said a time extension has been requested for subdivision 95MK023 on Pt. NE 06-106-15-W5M as the applicant had not been aware of the legal aspects of subdividing.

MOTION 96-604

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that a time extension to October 18, 1997 be granted to Subdivision 95MK023 on Pt. NE 06-106-15-W5M as the applicant was unaware of the legal aspects of subdividing a parcel of land.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld opened the floor for questions from the grade six class.

Manager Litke explained sections, townships, and meridians to the class, as well as M.D. 23 radios and pagers.

The class asked Council questions concerning the lowering of main street, vandalism at the park, peddlers license, and sidewalks. Discussion followed on those topics.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Mr. Thiessen and the grade 6 class for attending the meeting and showing interest in their local government and the class left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Roger Borchert, Hugh Dennis, and Cameron Donald entered the meeting at 11:31 a.m. and Paul Driedger left the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

BYLAWS:

4. a) Bylaw 061/96 To establish an Energy Disposition Fee

Manager Litke informed Council that Bob Paul of REMCO Land Management Services was unable to attend the Council meeting to answer questions Council has concerning Bylaw 061/96, however, he is available for a teleconference at this time.

Cameron Donald dialed up Bob Paul for a teleconference at 11:34 a.m. and introductions were made.

Bob Paul informed Council that the energy rates for Bylaw 061/96 were comparable to well sites in the Zama area where set rates have already been established. Mr. Paul said he would recommend the bylaw not apply the same rates to the entire M.D. because of land values in Zama being lower than land values in farmland areas of the M.D.

Mr. Paul asked Council to consider having REMCO determine other outstanding revenue the M.D. could access. The cost to the M.D. would be approximately \$1 000.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Bob Paul for the information and Mr. Paul hung up at 11:51 a.m.

Roger Borchert informed Council that the inspections required by the road crossing agreements are no extra work since they are done when the Public Works department is already in the area.

MOTION 96-605
Bylaw 061/96
Third and Final
Reading

MOVED by Councillor Dyck to make the following changes to Bylaw 061/96, that the Road Crossing Agreement, the Access Agreement, and the Utility Crossing Agreement each charge a fee of \$300 and that third and final reading be given to Bylaw 061/96 to Establish an Energy Disposition Fee with changes, at this time.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:11 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting back to order at 1:08 p.m.

GALLERY:

Warren Ferguson, Reporter, Northern Pioneer
Rob Barone, EMT-A, Operations Manager, Aeromedical Emergency Services
Lisa Burnell, Director, Aeromedical Emergency Services

DELEGATIONS:

**6. a) Rob Barone, EMT-A, Operations Manager
Aeromedical Emergency Services**

Reeve Neufeld welcomed Rob Barone and Lisa Burnell to the Council meeting.

Rob Barone made a presentation, with the use of an overhead projector, on Aeromedical Emergency Services within Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

Mr. Barone presented information on the history of Aeromedical Emergency Services and informed Council that their main objective in attending this meeting was to continue to offer ambulance services to the people of Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, to substantiate increased costs, to provide any information required through a question and

answer period, and to secure a three to five year contract with Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

Mr. Barone said Aeromedical have ambulance stations located in both High Level and Fort Vermilion with one ambulance unit per station being fully equipped at the Advanced Life Support level. Staffing per station are two full time Paramedics, two full time EMT-A's, one part time Paramedic, and one part time EMT-A. The following are benefits Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 receives from an agreement with Aeromedical Emergency Services: financial benefits, Advanced Life Support service at a Basic Life Support service cost, cost sharing through combined services, and a state of the art dispatch center.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Rob Barone and Lisa Burnell for their presentation and they left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Hugh Dennis left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.
Councillor E. Derksen entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.
Cameron Donald left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

MINUTES:

2. a) Minutes of Sept. 26, and 27, 1996 Council Meeting

MOTION 96-606

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that the September 26 and 27, 1996 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Mrs. Albert's grade six class entered the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld welcomed the class to the meeting and Councillors and staff introduced themselves.

2 b) Minutes of Oct. 08, 1996 Council Meeting

MOTION 96-607

Councillor Peters moved that the October 8, 1996 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 c) Minutes of Oct. 7, 1996 Wadlin Lake Committee Meeting

Manager Litke informed Council that the second line on the heading of the Wadlin Lake Committee meeting Minutes which reads "Special Council Committee Meeting" should be deleted.

MOTION 96-608

MOVED by Councillor Peters that the Minutes of the October 7, 1996 Wadlin Lake Committee meeting be received as information.

CARRIED

2 d) Minutes of Aug. 21, 1996 Assessment Review Board Hearing

MOTION 96-609

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the Minutes of the August 21, 1996 Assessment Review Board Hearing be received as information.

CARRIED

2 e) Minutes of Aug. 24, 1996 Hutch Lake Committee Meeting

MOTION 96-610

Councillor Bateman moved that the Minutes of the August 24, 1996 Hutch Lake Committee meeting be accepted as information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE:

3. a) Managers Report

3 b) Establishment of a Municipal Office in Zama

Manager Litke informed Council that since Zama does not have a bank the handling of cash in the Zama M.D. office will pose a problem. Councillor Bateman said cash could be handled through the post office.

Manager Litke discussed a proposed wage for an office assistant in Zama.

Manager Litke suggested that Council consider entering into negotiations with the Zama Recreation Board to rent office space in the Zama Community Hall for a lesser rate than \$25 per hour. Councillor Bateman said the proposed \$25 per hour was what the Recreation Board regularly charges for usage.

MOTION 96-611

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the issue of establishing a Municipal Office in Zama be tabled until more information is received by Council.

CARRIED

3 c) Airport Comparison

Manager Litke presented Council with an airport fee comparison. Manager Litke suggested to Council that when airport fees have been established they should be retroactive to January 1, 1996. Administration is still working with Little Red Air to establish an airport agreement.

MOTION 96-612

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that the airport fee comparison be tabled until Council receives more information.

CARRIED

Manager Litke passed out a proposed policy regarding budget and expenditures freeze for Council's consideration.

Manager Litke informed Council there will be an Inter-Municipal executive meeting at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 20, 1996 at the Stardust Motor Inn, for the Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

Manager Litke informed Council that an agreement has been made with High Level Shell Service to sell snowplow flags for Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

Manager Litke read a letter received from Jerry Chomiak regarding E 911.

Council was informed of the Fort Nelson/Rainbow Lake Highway presentations to be made in Fort St. John on November 5, 1996 and in Peace River on November 6, 1996. A committee meeting to organize a proposal for the meetings will be held on October 31, 1996 at 12 noon in the Stardust Motor Inn. This item was presented as information.

Reeve Neufeld opened the floor for questions from the grade six class at 2:22 p.m.

The class asked Council questions regarding how the Reeve and Councillors are elected.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Mrs. Albert and her grade 6 class for attending the meeting and showing interest in their local government and the class left the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Warren Ferguson left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Russell Friesen, entered the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Russell Friesen informed Council that the Infrastructure Brush Program has started, and a faller buncher has been hired to clear out ditches on the Pawlik Road and the Peter Batt Road. Mr. Friesen said the M.D. has spent \$7 000 of the \$10 000 budgeted for flood control and ditch clearing. The Bushe River flood control ditch still needs to be cleared but will require more funds than the \$3 000 that is left in the budget. Therefore, Mr. Friesen asked Council for direction whether to clear the Bushe River flood control ditch this year, thereby going over budget on this item, or wait until next year.

Mr. Friesen said there would be approximately four loads of spruce at the Zama Airstrip and efforts are being made to hire a logging company to harvest the trees and do the clean up. The four loads of spruce would pay for themselves but some funding would be required for clean up work.

Reeve Neufeld suggested Council leave the decision to the Agricultural Fieldmen.

Cameron Donald and Hugh Dennis entered the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Staff and Council Christmas Banquet

Manager Litke informed Council that the Staff and Council Christmas Banquet would be held on Saturday, November 30, 1996 at the Legion in Fort Vermilion.

There was some discussion on the location of the Christmas Banquet and Council agreed that since the Christmas Banquet was held in Fort Vermilion in 1995, it should be in La Crete this year. The decision as to the location in La Crete and details of the banquet are to be made by M.D. staff.

FINANCIAL

5. a) Budget Summary for September 1996
- this item was received as information

5 b) Alberta Treasury Branch, Guarantee Investment Rates

After some discussion, Council asked Administration to check into the procedure and penalties of paying out local improvement debentures.

Councillor R. Derksen stated if Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 paid out any debentures then that should be advertised and the same option should be made available to the ratepayers.

Administration will check into the feasibility of paying out debentures and bring the information back to Council.

5 c) Extra Funds for Recreation Boards

Hugh Dennis advised Council that earlier this year Council budgeted an extra \$18 000 for the Recreation Boards budgets for La Crete and Fort Vermilion to be distributed after the Recreation Board boundaries and budget requests were reviewed.

MOTION 96-613

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that the La Crete Recreation Board be paid \$10 000 and the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board be paid \$8 000 from the Recreation Board budget for 1996.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

9. a) **Blumenort Ice Rink**

Fort Vermilion Recreation Board is concerned that the La Crete Recreation Board has taken over the responsibility of the Blumenort Ice Rink.

MOTION 96-614

Councillor Bateman moved that the La Crete and Fort Vermilion Recreation Boards meet to resolve the operation of the Blumenort Ice Rink.

CARRIED

5 d) **The Old Bay House - Taxation and Local Improvements**

Councillor Fedeyko requested that Council be presented with a list of every non profit organization within Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 boundaries before any such taxes are written off.

Council determined to deal with the Old Bay House request to write off taxes after they have received a list of all non profit organizations.

5 e) **Ernst & Young, 1996 Audit Planning**
- this item was received as information.

5 f) **Letter from Rick Wojtkiw, CMA, Financial Advisor**
Alberta Municipal Affairs - Financial Indicators

Hugh Dennis reviewed the Financial Indicator Charts with Council.

Manager Litke informed Council that the Road Tour that was scheduled for November 1, 1996 should be cancelled as Dave Wiens has been called away due to his mother's sudden passing and the road tour planning has not been finalized.

MOTION 96-615

Councillor Dyck moved that the Council meeting recess at 3:59 p.m. and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 25, 1996.

CARRIED

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Reuben Derksen	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Dianne Pawlik	Recording Secretary
Roger Borchert	Public Works Manager
Chris Kelland	Agricultural Fieldman

GALLERY:

Warren Ferguson	Reporter, Northern Pioneer, AM only
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CALL TO ORDER:

1. a) **Call to Order**

Reeve Neufeld reconvened the council meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Additions to the Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 10 i) Letter Regarding Reinland Park
- 10 j) Joint Letter from the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade and the La Crete Chamber of Commerce
- 12 d) Forestry Liaison Committee

MOTION 96-616

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that the additions to the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

10 a) **Veterinary Agreements**

Chris Kelland advised Council about the Agreements in place with VSI and Dr. Stickney. Councillors then asked questions pertaining to the Agreements which Chris Kelland answered.

MOTION 96-617

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 extend the Mobile Home Rental Agreement for the Veterinary living quarters in Fort Vermilion, with Dr. Stickney to expire December 31, 1998 at a rate of \$150 per month.

CARRIED

There was some discussion on the fees paid to the Veterinary Clinic.

MOTION 96-618

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 continue the provision of Veterinary subsidy and to approve Veterinary Services Incorporated payments to a projected cost of \$20,000.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-619

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 eliminate hoof trimming from the Veterinary Services Incorporated agreement.

DEFEATED

MOTION 96-620

MOVED by Councillor R. Derksen that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 include hoof-trimming to a maximum of \$1,500 in the Veterinary Services Incorporated agreement.

CARRIED

b) **Agricultural Service Board Members at Large**

Manager Litke informed Council that the Agricultural Service Board Members at Large item would be placed on the agenda for the Organizational Meeting.

Chris Kelland left the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. a) **High Level South Flood Control**

Roger Borchert gave an update report on the High Level South Flood Control issue. Mr. Borchert informed Council of a meeting held with Margaret Pietsch and Ernie Lanti. Councillor Fedeyko provided some background information about the area. Roger Borchert advised that the Lanti's will not sign an easement agreement at this time. Reeve Neufeld suggested the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 make another effort to resolve this issue.

MOTION 96-621

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe that the High Level South Flood Control issue be tabled until an agreement can be reached by the landowners involved.

CARRIED

8 b) Tompkins Ice Bridge Contract

Roger Borchert advised Council that approval was received from Alberta Transportation and Utilities to award the Tompkins Ice Bridge Contract to the low bidder, Peter W. Driedger, at a bid price of \$24,500. Roger Borchert recommended that M.D. 23 award the contract under phases 1-5 subject to the M.D. arranging an ice crossing agreement with Alberta Transportation and Utilities.

MOTION 96-622

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 award the Tompkins Ice Bridge contract to Peter W. Driedger for a total cost of \$24,500, subject to an ice crossing agreement with Alberta Transportation and Utilities.

CARRIED

A discussion followed regarding the bid proposal and contract.

8 c) Public Works Shop Rental - La Crete

Roger Borchert presented information regarding the rental of a shop in La Crete for Public Works.

MOTION 96-623

MOVED by Councillor R. Derksen that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 rent the Tuff Line Farm Equipment building and yard for \$1,500 per month from November 1996 to April 1997 and \$1,000 per month from May to October 1997.

CARRIED

**8 d) Miscellaneous Lease MLL 960060
(Mile 19 Stockpile Site) 34.56 Acres**

Roger Borchert gave some backup information on the Mile 19 Stockpile site. Councillor Rosenberger asked that purchase of the lease property be looked into.

MOTION 96-624

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 approve Miscellaneous Lease MLL 960060 on the Mile 19 Stockpile site.

CARRIED

8 e) Phone Line Installation - Wadlin Lake

There was some discussion about cellular phones becoming available in M.D. 23.

MOTION 96-625

Councillor Bateman moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 not install telephone lines to Wadlin Lake at this time.

CARRIED

**8 f) Water Line Replacement along Post Office Loop
Fort Vermilion**

Roger Borchert gave a breakdown of the requirements for the water line. Roger Borchert recommended that the water line be replaced before paving the street. Mr. Borchert

advised that other programs are being re-evaluated and that there should be funds left over to complete some of the projects that were over budget.

MOTION 96-626

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 approve the replacement of the water line in the Post Office loop and that it be funded through the infrastructure program and if there are insufficient funds out of operating reserves if needed.

Councillor Scarfe advised Council that he owns property along the Post Office road and that he must abstain from voting as this would be considered conflict of interest.

Reeve Neufeld asked if everyone was in favour of Councillor Scarfe excusing himself from the vote. All Councillors answered yes.

CARRIED

Councillor Scarfe abstained from voting on Motion 96-626 because of conflict of interest.

8 g) Stop Sign Relocation

Roger Borchert advised Council that he had received letters from both High Level Forest Products and La Crete Sawmills regarding the placement of stop signs and the safety of hauling logs on routes. There was discussion on the placement of stop signs and suggestions as to the best way to deal with the respective requests.

MOTION 96-627

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 move the stop signs located on the road 13 miles east of High Level and 2 miles north of Highway 58 to face East and West and to move the stop signs located on the Buffalo Head Prairie Tower Road to face East and West on a temporary basis to accommodate the logging industry requests.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-628

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 place an advertisement in the local newspaper regarding the changing of the stop signs on the Buffalo Head Prairie Tower Road.

CARRIED

8 h) Grader for Zama Road

Council discussed the bids received for grading the Zama road.

MOTION 96-629

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 award the contract for grading the Zama roads to Marcel's Maintenance for a one year period at the contract bid price of \$82 per hour.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:00 PM.

Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

8 j) Trucks over One Tonne

Councillor Peters asked for a bylaw to restrict access to residential areas of trucks over one tonne. Councillor Peters was advised that the M.D. Land Use Bylaw has this clause but it is not being enforced at this time. Councillor Rosenberger suggested that signs be erected showing the restriction for trucks over one tonne.

8 i) Transfer Station

Councillor Peters asked that the M.D. clean up the transfer station lot and Roger Borchert informed Council that the lot has been cleaned up and looks good now.

Councillor Sarapuk advised that the culverts have not been installed in neither the Rocky Lane Road nor the driveways yet. Dave Wiens advised Councillor Sarapuk that there had been a delay in receiving the culverts which then caused a delay in installation. Councillor Sarapuk advised that the culverts should be installed this year.

Councillor Fedeyko inquired if the work at Hutch Lake has been completed. Roger Borchert said the work was completed.

Councillor Fedeyko inquired about the berm that A.J.A. Friesen erected north of Councillor Dyck's place. Manager Litke said Mr. Friesen had just raised a berm that was there before. Councillor Fedeyko asked if the M.D. required a development permit for erecting berms and Roger Borchert said that most of the work done would require approval from the Department of Environment.

Roger Borchert informed Council that Jim Amireault will be in La Crete on November 7th and will be speaking about flood control.

8 k) Lizotte Drainage

Councillor Scarfe requested an update of the Lizotte drainage project.

Roger Borchert said he brought the Lizotte Drainage forward in budget to do a survey on the program. There are some ramifications as one party wants to keep the water for cattle and another party wants the water removed.

Roger Borchert said there was only \$1 000 allocated for this year. Roger Borchert pointed out the area on a map where the work was required. This was followed by a discussion by the Councillors.

Councillor Bateman asked if Roger Borchert had set up a meeting with Central Peace Contractors and Mr. Borchert said he had made them aware that he wanted to attend their meeting.

Paul Driedger re-entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

9 b) Surplus from 1995 Winter Games

There was some discussion on how the disbursement of the funds should be made.

MOTION 96-630

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the surplus from the 1995 Winter Games held in Grande Prairie be distributed to the La Crete, Fort Vermilion, Zama, and High Level Recreation Boards based on population.

CARRIED

Paul Driedger left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

9 c) Snowplow Flags for Seniors

There was a discussion on rates to be charged for snowplowing driveways for Seniors and whether they should be charged partial fees or have snowplowing done at no charge.

MOTION 96-631

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that M.D. 23 provide free snowplowing services for Seniors on application.

Councillor Fedeyko proposed a friendly amendment to the motion to show that management draft a policy for snowplowing services for Seniors and that it be brought forward for Council's consideration.

**AMENDED
MOTION 96-631**

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that management draft a policy for Council's consideration, for snowplowing services for Seniors on application approval.

CARRIED

5 g) **Budget and Expenditure Freeze**

Roger Borchert informed Council that a budget and expenditure freeze policy would give added control on spending and help prevent departments stockpiling just to use up their budget.

Paul entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

MOTION 96-632

Councillor Rosenberger moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 adopt the Budget and Expenditure Freeze Policy for the last two months of the year.

CARRIED

Roger Borchert left the meeting at 2:00 PM.

6 a) **Aeromedical Emergency Services Agreement**

Paul Driedger distributed a copy of the Ambulance Service Rates to the Councillors.

MOTION 96-633

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 negotiate an agreement with Aeromedical Emergency Services for an amount up to \$45,000 per year to be reviewed annually and that the boundary be determined by the Recreation Boundary; and that there be a penalty charged for taking calls outside the designated area within Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 as outlined in the contract.

CARRIED

Councillor Rosenberger left the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and returned at 2:30 p.m.

Building Lease Agreement With Aeromedical Emergency Services

Paul Driedger informed Council that Aeromedical's lease agreement on the M.D. building ends next summer.

7 g) **Subdivision Application 96MK067 SW 14-107-14-W5M**

Paul Driedger advised that he measured Subdivision Application 96MK067 this morning and the suggested boundary change would not change the amount of acres, which would stay at 14.2 acres. Councillor Rosenberger advised that the boundary change would be all right.

7 h) **Airtel Communications Repeater Upgrade**

There was some discussion about the costs of the Airtel Communication system and why the change to the radios was necessary.

MOTION 96-634

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 approve the upgrade of six Airtel Communications Repeaters at a cost of \$2,700.

CARRIED

Appreciation Plaque for Richard Neufeld

Council advised Paul Driedger that they will present Richard Neufeld with the plaque of appreciation.

- 10 c) **Alberta Transportation & Utilities**
Agreement PMB 017/96 Zama Access Road

MOTION 96-635

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that Council approve the Alberta Transportation and Utilities Zama Access Road agreement, and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign Agreement PMB 017/96 on behalf of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23

CARRIED

- 10 d) **Alberta Transportation & Utilities**
Illumination at West Entrance to Fort Vermilion off Highway 88

MOTION 96-636

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 advise Alberta Transportation and Utilities that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 will assume the ongoing costs of the illumination of the west entrance to Fort Vermilion off of Highway 88 and that Alberta Transportation and Utilities proceed with installations of the lighting.

CARRIED

- 10 e) **Resignation of Fort Vermilion Fire Chief**

MOTION 96-637

Councillor Peters moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 accept the Letter of Resignation from Fort Vermilion Fire Chief, Leon Carmichael, with regret.

CARRIED

- 10 f) **MMSA Letter re Dale Freitag, the New Planner Hired**
- this item was received for information.

- 10 g) **Secondary Highway 697 Road Ban Concern**
Between the Peace River (Ferry) and Highway 35

MOTION 96-638

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write a letter to Alberta Transportation and Utilities requesting that the Road Ban be lifted off of Secondary Highway 697 between the Peace River and Highway 35.

CARRIED

- 3 d) **Census**

Councillor R. Derksen suggested that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 take a census of the M.D. Administration was asked to provide Council with information on costs and timing.

10 i) La Crete Recreation Society

The La Crete Recreation Society is offering to look after Reinland Park for \$5,000 per year. Councillor E. Derksen advised that the Park is a mess and feels that it would cost that much just to clean it up. Manager Litke advised that this item should be included in the Budget prepared for 1997.

MOTION 96-639

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that consideration be given in next year's budget to the La Crete Recreation Society's request for \$5,000 per year to operate and maintain Reinland Park.

CARRIED

10 j) Fort Vermilion Board of Trade and
La Crete Chamber of Commerce

Manager Litke advised that the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade and the La Crete Chamber of Commerce wish to promote the M.D. through publications about the Forestry Industry. They have requested that the M.D. provide some financial assistance to help them continue with their promotions.

MOTION 96-640

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 contribute up to a combined total of \$10,000 to the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade and the La Crete Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of promoting the M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23, and that the funds be taken from Operating Reserves and payment be made directly on invoices submitted to the M.D.

CARRIED

10 j) La Crete East Flood Control

Councillor Dyck advised that construction of the La Crete East Flood Control Project has gone fairly well. There was a problem this spring concerning crossing fields that were in crop but that has been resolved. Meetings have been set up for November 6, 1996 with farmers who signed easements to make plans around cropping. Manager Litke asked if the project would be complete this year and Councillor Dyck advised that there is a 50/50 possibility that Fahler may not go ahead with their plans and therefore more money may be allocated to M.D. 23.

Councillor R. Derksen informed Council that he talked to Mr. Jake Neudorf regarding the bridge and is confident that Mr. Neudorf is ready for negotiations. Councillor R. Derksen was not able to contact the landowner, Henry Friesen.

Roger Borchert entered the meeting at 3:00 PM.

13 a) ZAMA ACCESS ROAD

Roger Borchert gave an update report on the Zama Access Road advising Council that the road construction had progressed 13 km but 7 km were not up to compaction standard yet. The Engineering firm would like to stop the project due to frozen material not being dried to 100% density for gravelling. Mr. Borchert said the Contractor would like Council's approval to continue because the road should be gravelled so it will be passable next spring. The Contractor has stated that the first storm of the season set them back. The Contractor was made aware that they would not be able to go forward once compaction was not possible. The Government will not authorize payment for gravel without 100% compaction. The Contractor does not think he should be shut down and is continuing to work. It is easier to put dirt on now than in the spring and the Contractor wants to put a skiff of gravel on now.

Roger Borchert said he is waiting for the Provincial Government to call him back about the issue of gravelling without proper compaction. Mr. Borchert said that \$8,000 worth of culverts were saved from the old Zama Road. Mr. Borchert advised Council that if any extra costs arise the M.D. must get approval from the Government prior to the work being done. Councillor Rosenberger suggested that reject gravel be put on the road now to be covered later. Councillor Bateman asked Roger Borchert to keep her up to date on how things are proceeding.

Roger left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

3 b) ZAMA OFFICE

There was discussion as to the amount of rent that should be paid for space in the Zama Community Hall.

Councillor Scarfe pointed out that the M.D. is using the Library in Fort Vermilion at no charge because they have an invested interest in the Library.

MOTION 96-641

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 offer the Zama Recreation Board \$15.00 per hour for 28 hours per month more or less, for the use of office space in the Zama Community Hall.

CARRIED.

MOTION 96-642

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk to go in camera at 3:24 PM.

CARRIED

MOTION 96-643

MOVED by Councillor Bateman to come out of camera at 3:52 PM.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

14 a) Adjournment

MOTION 96-644

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 21 day of November, 1996.


Reuben Derksen, Reeve


Dennis Litke, C.A.O.