

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23**

**ANNUAL RATEPAYERS MEETING**

**HIGH LEVEL RURAL HALL**

**April 16, 1997**

**PRESENT:**

Reuben Derksen	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Deputy Reeve
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary
John Maine	Manager of Corporate Services
Roger Borchert	Manager of Public Works
Gerald Loewen	Financial Consultant
Paul Driedger	Development Officer
Kevin Smith	Development Officer
Chris Kelland	Agricultural Fieldman
Approximately 55 Ratepayers	

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**1 a) Call to Order**

Councillor Fedeyko called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**1 b) Introductions**

All Council members and M.D. staff introduced themselves.

**MINUTES:**

**2 a) Election of a Chair for this Meeting**

Councillor Fedeyko called for nominations for a chairperson for this meeting.

1st call: Sandy Williams nominated Kevin Quist  
Kevin Quist accepted.

2nd call: There were no further nominations.

3rd call: There were no further nominations.

**MOTION RP97-24**

**MOVED** by Debbie Brewster that nominations cease.

**CARRIED**

Kevin Quist took the Chair.

Kevin Quist asked if there are any additions to the agenda:

**MOTION RP97-25**

**MOVED** by Carol Bieraugle that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Second:** Rodney Steffen

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**3. Minutes of 1996 Ratepayers Meeting**

The Chair asked for a show of hands if the minutes should be read, voted by the majority show of hands not to have the minutes read. The Chair gave the ratepayers a few minutes to review the minutes of the 1997 Annual Ratepayers Meeting.

**3 b) Adoption of Minutes**

The Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions from the 1996 minutes.

**MOTION RP97-26**

**MOVED** by Sandy Williams that the Minutes of the 1996 High Level Rural Ratepayers meeting be adopted as presented.

**Second:** Pat Kulscar

**CARRIED**

**MOTION RP97-27**

**MOVED** by Pat Kulscar that the reports from the Reeve, C.A.O. and Financial Consultant be summarized by each in a brief oral report. That the reports from Public Works, Planning and Development and Agricultural Services be accepted as information.

**Second:** Beth Kepplar

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

**4. Annual Reports**

**4 a) Municipal District Report - Reuben Derksen, Reeve**

Reeve Derksen read the Municipal District Report noting the beginning of construction of the Zama access road, the agreement made with the Town of High Level for the operation of the High Level Airport and the agreement made with the Province for the Municipal District to operate the Tompkins Landing Ferry. The Reeve reported that a Development Appeal Board Hearing had been held in regard to a liquor store in La Crete, this matter appears to have been stalled at this time, a meeting was held in Zama regarding the development of lots advising that the lots would have to be presold before development would take place and to date no lots have been presold. Reeve Derksen reported on road construction and flood control projects, paving project in the hamlets of La Crete and Fort Vermilion, and the success of the brush control project.

**MOTION RP97-28**

**MOVED** by Reeve Derksen that the Municipal District Report be accepted as presented.

**Second:** Elmer Derksen

**CARRIED**

**4 b) Council Member Reports**

The Chair asked Council members to present their individual reports.

Councillor Sarapuk reported on the progress of Flood Control projects in his ward stating that the Machesis Flood Control Project design is complete and construction is scheduled for 1997, four miles of road was upgraded in 1996 with another seven miles are scheduled for 1997, brush control project to continue, and rocks to be cleaned out of the ditches.

Councillor Fedeyko reported that it has been a trying year for him. It is his opinion that constructive criticism is good for government. Councillor Fedeyko stated that he was against the 75/25 split funding of the Zama road but he was not against the Zama road. The closing of the High Level office was not a friendly procedure, and he did instigate it to a certain extent and apologized for that. Councillor Fedeyko called a meeting for Ward 9 in February because of frustration. From the meeting a group that later called themselves the Mackenzie ratepayers was formed and stated that those people are probably the reason he is still on council, they were his support group. Councillor Fedeyko thanked Pat Kulscar, Patty Williams, Debbie Brewster, and Beth Kappeler. The La Crete Chamber of Commerce asked Council to participate in a study together with the

Chamber, Councillor Fedeyko thought it was very good idea but Council did not wish to participate with them. Then there was the issue of the \$10,000 loan guarantee but the Premier and the Minister did not act on it. In October 1996 Council had an Organizational meeting, at that meeting Councillor Fedeyko was taken off of the Forestry Liaison Committee, and all members were appointed from south of the river. Councillor Fedeyko is not happy with what is happening with the M.D. staff: When the High Level office closed the Assistant Manager as well as others staff quit. Kevin Morrison quit, the Treasurer quit, one Senior Utility Officer was terminated and two days after that Council was asked to redo the organizational chart, after that a Manager of Corporate Services was hired, we had two more people resign one being the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, and the other was the Road Supervisor, Dave Wiens. Councillor Fedeyko states that he was not going to opinionize but that ratepayers can find out for themselves why these things happened.

**MOTION RP97-29**

**MOVED** by Beth Kappeler that the Council reports be accepted as presented.

**Second:** Layman Brewster

**CARRIED**

**c) Manager's Report - Dennis Litke, C.A.O.**

Manager Litke read the Manager's report noting the change in administration in 1996, closure of the High Level office, Wadlin Lake campground, reduced time spent "winging" winter roads, and the Amateur Sport Grant that was distributed to the various recreation boards.

**MOTION RP97-30**

**MOVED** by Carol Bieraugle that the Manager's report be accepted as presented.

**Second:** Vic Daraduk

**CARRIED**

**f) Financial Report - Gerald Loewen, Financial Consultant  
1995 Audited Financial Statement  
1996 Draft Financial Statement**

Gerald Loewen presented highlights of the financial report.

**MOTION RP97-16**

**MOVED** by Wendy Phillips that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

**Second:** Vic Daraduk

**CARRIED**

**5. Snowplow Flags for Seniors  
From December 10 & 11, 1996 Council Meeting**

Roger Borchert explained the portion of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Bylaw 065/96 pertaining to the Senior and Handicapped Snowplow Flag service and requested public input.

Q: If there is a senior as well as able bodied people living at the same place, does the Senior Snowplow service still apply?

A: The service only applies if there are no younger people living on the yard.

Q: Why is this policy before us?

A: It is for feedback to see if there is objection to this policy.

A ratepayer stated that there was no objection to the policy.

**MOTION RP97-32**

**MOVED** by Sandy Williams that the Senior/Handicapped Snowplow program be continued through the 1997 fiscal year.



**Second:** Vick Daraduk

**CARRIED**

**6. Proposed Bylaw 053/96 - To Regulate and Set Business License Fees for Non Resident Hawkers and Peddlers Engaged in any Business in the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23**

Councillor Fedeyko explained that the proposed Bylaw 053/96 - to regulate and set business license fees for non-resident hawkers and peddlers engaged in any business in the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, is being brought forward for public input. He explained that this is basically a tax on peddlers coming into the M.D. Councillor Fedeyko pointed out that a lot of other municipalities have such a bylaw and peddlers do not object to paying the fee.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: It is in the back of the minutes.

Q: In fairness to the businesses, it is not fair to them to have their products sitting on the shelf while the peddler is making sales. Am in favour of the bylaw.

Q: Is there a business license fee for residents?

A: No.

Q: If you get involved in licensing, then you must enforce it.

Q: Are you saying farm dealers don't have business licenses?

A: They have taxes, not business licenses.

**7. Annual General Ratepayer's Meeting Format**

The Reeve explained that the issue of changing the format of the Annual Ratepayers meeting to an open house format was discussed at the Council level and was being brought forward for public input.

Q: The format should stay the same, it gives the ratepayers a chance to ask questions in public. Changing the format would isolate Councillors.

**MOTION RP97-33**

**MOVED** by Beth Kulscar that the Annual Ratepayer's meetings be continued in the present format.

**Second:** Carol Bieraugle

**CARRIED**

The Chair recessed the meeting for coffee break at 8:02 p.m.

**COFFEE BREAK**

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

**QUESTIONS**

**6. Question Period  
Questions and discussion on all reports are welcomed**

The Chair asked for a show of hands of those ratepayers in favour of the Hawkers and Peddlers license and then a show of hands for those that were opposed.

The Chair deemed the majority of the ratepayers were in favour of the proposed Hawkers and Peddlers Bylaw.

Layman Brewster presented a letter signed by Reuben Derksen, Elmer Derksen, and Bill Neufeld to the Footner Forestry Advisory Committee withdrawing their support for the Ainsworth project. Mr. Brewster stated that the Footner Forest Advisory Committee had tried to put something together, it was approved by everybody on the committee and now these three Councillors were withdrawing their support.



Q: Is it the intention of the M.D. Council to withdraw this letter?

A: The letter was signed with the intent that the money be sent to the Footner Forest Products and it is the Councillor's intent to bring it to Council.

Q: Mr. Fedeyko, were you not aware of this?

A: It was quite clear what we were responsible for.

Councillor Neufeld said that in December Edmonton Bureaucrats decided who was the one getting the timber. Councillor Neufeld said he was not aware that Ainsworth was awarded the incidental wood until the meeting that was held with Diashowa Marubeni Inc. on April 9, 1997.

Q: Last year we asked for breakdown of costs for each ward, what has been done about it?

A: We discussed whether we wanted to change the system, but it is too big a change and would be very expensive, we did some breakdown to divisions.

Q: Reeve, did you write the Reeve's report by yourself or did someone write it for you? In your report it states that 15 mile road and the other roads were reconstructed but couple of pages over in the Public Works report, they are not all there.

A: Those were major projects, would Roger elaborate.

A: The table in the Public Works Report was done after the Reeve's report, you can do a comparison of the two.

Q: The Mackenzie Ratepayer Committee was made aware of the letter written to the Forestry Advisory Committee a few hours ago. The Mackenzie Ratepayer Committee wrote a letter to Ms. Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, that it is imperative for the government to step in immediately because of the withdrawal to sabotage \$150,000,000 project. The letter is on the table in the back of the hall, please sign the letter if you are in support.

A: Is there a motion on the books to sign the letter of support to start with or was it left to the discretion of the committee members representing the M.D.?

Rebuttal: As the Reeve you would know which motions are made, have you checked and is there no motion authorizing you to sign such a letter?

Q: Is this an action sanctioned by Council?

A: This letter was received in our office and this will be presented at the next Council meeting. Four Councillors signed the previous letter to support the mill. There is no motion on either letter.

Q: When was Bill Fedeyko asked to step down from this committee?

A: Bill Fedeyko said in October. There are a lot of groups involved, High Level, La Crete, Fort Vermilion, the Native Bands, and a Metis Settlement. This is a fragile group to work with but they did reach a consensus. When you are put on a committee you are given the authority to act on behalf of the Council. They could have called a meeting when they found out about the incidental wood. Is this letter going to jeopardize the project? This is completely out of line, it should have had vote of council to determine if they approve. This project would create about 400 jobs. This letter is detrimental.

Q: Does Mr. Litke believe this was the appropriate way to go about it?

A: The Committee is appointed by Council and they have the authority to act on behalf of Council, the issue will be looked at the next Council meeting.

Q: Councillor Bateman, are you for or against the letter?

A: I was not aware of this until tonight but will make my decision at Council. As the Deputy Reeve I am surprised that I was not informed.

Q: Councillor Dyck, are you for or against the letter?

A: When we selected these people we did this in full confidence that they will act in the best interest of the M.D.

Q: Councillor Neufeld, are you for or against the letter?

A: There is nothing wrong with it, Layman Brewster knew about this decision in December, why did he not bring this forward? We have a possible deletion of smaller sawmills in the area.

Q: Councillor E. Derksen, are you for or against the letter?

A: We will deal with this at the Council level.

Q: Councillor Rosenberger, are you for or against the letter?

A: The Mill is important, we will look at this in Council.

Q: Councillor Scarfe, are you for or against the letter?

A: We will deal with this in Council.

Q: Councillor Sarapuk, are you for or against the letter?

A: I am not in favour of the letter at this point, I would have liked to be consulted.

Q: Councillor Fedeyko, are you for or against the letter?

A: The procedure is backward but the letter might not be wrong.

Q: Is there a chance this letter will be withdrawn?

A: If Council so wishes.

A ratepayer pointed out that the letter could have been written after the Council meeting.

Q: Thanked Council for taking the time to answer a question that they have no information on, unfortunately they don't always take this stance. On the issue of moving staff to La Crete, a lot of money was spent to move the staff to Fort Vermilion, and now to La Crete. The Council bylaw states that Council must have 2/3 vote on anything dealing with monetary issues.

A: No.

Q: Eric Jorgensen read the portion of the Council Procedural Bylaw on conducting meetings. This has created a problem for the Council and he can see them changing this bylaw to 5/5 tie vote.

Q: Was this bylaw followed on the motion to move staff to La Crete, how much backup information was presented and how much will the move cost?

A: In the Bylaw there are two 2/3 items. On the addition to the agenda, the chair asked if there were objections, there were no objections so the item was added. On the financial issue, the Bylaw states that if an item is not in the budget it needs a 2/3 vote. Was this a financial item? The financial item was referred to the 1997 budget.

Q: Does this mean this was not a financial issue?

A: No issue.

Q: Will the move of the staff require any financial backing?

A: Can't predict what will come out of the budget meeting, the budget has not been approved.

Q: Can we have an estimate?

A: If there will be any cost involved, we don't know. The High Level staff did not move, so was there a cost? Will the staff move now, I don't know. We do have a policy that the M.D. will fund up to \$2,500 per each staff member that is requested to move.

Q: Have you contacted a lawyer on the 2/3 vote on motions, could we have a progress report?

A: That motion was made at Fort Vermilion Ratepayers meeting last night. I have been tied up in budget meetings all day and have not had a chance to talk to a lawyer, yet.

Q: Pat Kulscar said she had contacted a lawyer on the issue, who took it to a senior lawyer. The bylaw is a poor bylaw, the budget item did not make sense, and the motion for moving the staff from Fort Vermilion to La Crete does require a 2/3 vote.

Q: What Capital expenditures were approved in 1996 and what is planned for the 1997 year?

A: Manager Litke said that a final budget for 1996 was presented to Council which was approved. He stated that he has a copy of that budget with him but it is 10 or 12 pages long and he asked if the public wanted him to go through it in detail.

The Manager went through the 1996 budget in detail at the ratepayers request.

Q: The ratepayers also want the 1997 projected capital expenditures.

A: We are in the budget process at this time, the final budget has not been prepared or completed at this point.

Q: What are the recommendations of the auditors and are they available at this time?

A: A letter was received from the auditors letter and you are welcome to it at any time.



Q: Will taxes increase in 1997?

A: I don't think they will, hopefully the municipal taxes will stay the same, but the M.D. is not responsible for the school taxes.

Q: On the topic of wages, last year one of the Councillors stated that he did not make enough money to answer the questions, how much work goes into being a Councillor?

A: Councillor Fedeyko stated that when the honorarium was set Councillor Sarapuk and himself had wanted to amend the amount but it was left unchanged, we are the highest paid Council in the province.

Q: On average how many hours a month are spent on Council business?

A: Last year I attended approximately 110 meetings, take the honorarium and figure half of the meetings for \$100 and half for \$200.

Q: Councillor Bateman, on the 2/3 vote issue, it looks like we have a consensus that we need 2/3 vote. If this bylaw comes up for changes to have the 2/3 vote changed to 5/5 split will you vote against that change?

A: Councillor Bateman answered that at 5/5 vote would be redundant because it would have to have a majority vote.

Q: I will rephrase the question, in your opinion is it necessary to change the 2/3 vote?

A: I will consider that when it comes up on the agenda.

Q: Councillor Rosenberger, when the office was moved from High Level to Fort Vermilion, for what reason did you vote in favour of the move?

A: We were consolidating offices.

Q: Your intent was to consolidate offices, but you added an office in Zama?

A: Zama is a long way off and will not be a full time office.

Q: Most of the ratepayers from Zama go to High Level quite often and High Level has a large farming area. I don't understand why the office was moved out of High Level, even if you had just maintained a one secretary office.

Q: Zama is entitled to have an office but why are we moving a trailer to Zama, better use would be made of the trailer to leave it in Fort Vermilion for office space. Zama's office could be set up in the Fire Hall.

A: There is no office space available in Zama, the Zama Community Library can't find space, our current office is located upstairs in the Zama Hall. The old Treasury Branch was bought for \$1. Paul Driedger is involved in Protective Services and can attest the fact that the Fire Hall has no space.

Q: Is it your intent to move the Library into the same building?

A: This has been discussed but not finalized.

Q: Mr. Litke, is it possible to receive Councillor expense claims at this time?

A: I will get the information to you.

Q: Is there a policy on Councillor expense claim forms at this time?

A: That could be dealt with under two different items, some items are not public information. Council fees must be given to the public once a year.

Q: Last night in Fort Vermilion I asked the Councillors if they were in favour of making their expense claims available to the public but I missed asking Betty Bateman.

A: No problem, Zama has a post office now so I can mail it to you.

Q: Last night all Councillors, except one, said they were in favour of having their expense claims made available to the public. There is no other way to police the Councillor's expenses. Ratepayers must be able to get that information freely. Mr. Litke is using tax payer's money to find out if we have a right to that information.

A: Councillor Neufeld said one item was highlighted on his expense claim and that was for attending meeting in Fort Vermilion which he charged for because he attended on behalf of the ratepayers.

Q: On the issue of the 1996 monthly honorarium, there are 11 examples in Dennis Litke's memo to the Councillors regarding what the honorarium covers. The manager was asked to clarify the memo.

A: The manager said this memo was addressed to Council in preparation for the Organizational meeting in 1996.



Q: The Reeve submitted an expense claim for February 7, 1997 for the purpose of signing cheques, was Mr. Derksen paid for the expense claim?

A: This memo that was written to the Councillor's was not adopted.

Q: So Councillors make expense claims at their own discretion?

A: Yes, Councillors are elected, you them.

Q: So there is no policy stating what Councillors can charge for?

A: No adopted policy, it is at their discretion.

Q: Councillor Neufeld, when you were the Reeve was it your practice to submit a claim for every time you signed cheques?

A: No, I coincided it with regular business in town.

Q: Reeve Derksen, were you not able to coincide the cheque signing of February 7, 1997 with the business of February 8, 1997.

A: Whenever I can I coincide cheque signing with other business.

Q: Councillor Elmer Derksen, your February 21, 1997 expense claim, what was it for?

A: I don't have the agenda with me, but I could look on my calendar it may have been a sensitive issue.

Q: The Reeve also had an expense claim for that date.

A: I will have to check.

Q: At the March 1 meeting in La Crete, management change overs was discussed and it was said that the former manager was too costly to the MD by not applying for grants at the proper time.

A: Councillor Dyck said he did make that comment, the former manager did not apply for grants when they should have been applied for.

Q: How much was the quote on what it cost the MD that he did not apply?

A: I am not prepared to state a number, but it was a significant amount, it was an assessment grant.

Q: Councillors are charging for GST on meals and mileage do you have GST numbers for all Councillors?

A: We have a policy in place and GST is on that policy. We do not have a GST number for each Councillor but the MD has a number and can claim back from the government.

Q: If you charge GST you have to claim back.

A: There is an allowance for GST in our policy, when you pay GST you can claim it back.

Q: In a normal place of business if you charge for GST you send in a remittance, I am concerned about the Councillors getting it.

A: GST is part of life. The MD had GST auditors in the office and they did look at it.

Q: Meals claims, are they exact?

A: Meals are claimed at a flat rate.

Q: Reeve Derksen, does the MD have a position of Manager of Corporate Services?

A: Yes.

Q: Was this position on an approved organizational chart prior to being filled?

A: We could not fill the Treasurer position, it was advertised once but we did not get an appropriate response, so we re-advertised again and got no response. Then it was changed to Manager of Corporate Services and advertised. Council was kept advised at all times and an organizational chart was presented at various meetings. We have to continue our operations and Council was aware of what was being done.

Q: I am asking the Reeve to summarize the position of Manager of Corporate Services, and was this position approved?

A: That is an administrative issue and therefore I will let the Manager answer.

A: The Manager gave a summary of the position of the Manager of Corporate Services. The Council was aware of what we were doing, the actual job description as well as all other job descriptions are presented to Council for adoption.

Q: What are the financial qualifications of the Manager of Corporate Services?

A: Staff issues will not be disclosed.

Q: If you will not disclose the qualifications then I take it he does not have training, why then, was he given a financial position?

A: Mr. Litke said he informed Council that they were not able to hire a Treasurer, and therefore had to change the job description.

Q: Winging was to be reduced to save snowplowing costs. I live in a bush line and this was winged last winter. Aaron's grader broke down last winter and when he got it repaired he did not have a job to go to. A short while ago, High Level had a snow storm and I put out a snowplow flag. I waited a couple days and no grader showed so I phoned the office. I had a flag out there for two weeks and talked to Mr. Litke, and still no grader showed. I have a six year old son in school.

A: The Manager said that he did receive a phone call from Mr. Hirt and checked into the situation. Mr. Hirt's place is located on one of the farther out roads. I checked this out with Floyd Lafferty and the grader did take two days before it went down that way. Mr. Hirt lives six miles down the road the closer way and ten miles the longer way, it costs a lot of money to sent the grader all that way to clear one driveway.

Q: I was reading in the Financial report that the MD bought a new grader, why are we doing this when we are contracting out? If you want to send the kid to school then get that grader out there!

A: We spent \$300,000 in the purchase of the graders, we have better service when we have our own graders on the roads.

Q: The MD leased 2 graders and bought a snowplow truck, where are the lease payments coming from?

A: Out of the MD budget.

Q: The Direct Control Bylaw gives Council a final say in development requiring a Direct Control District and there is no appeal. A meeting on this issue is scheduled for next Tuesday evening at the High Level Rural Hall. Why is there not a no appeal process for a grocery store?

A: With this bylaw in place the people at large will have a say in their area. Ask the residences in Fort Vermilion about what they think of the location of the morgue.

A: In a rezoning, the public gets a chance to have input before the development permit is issued. So the public has a chance to direct Council.

It is important to come to the meeting next Tuesday. Paul Driedger has copies of the draft Land Use Bylaw.

A: The Funeral Home in Fort Vermilion is set up outside somebody's bedroom window. With a Direct Control District Bylaw the public will have a say as to where a Funeral Home should be located.

Q: I would like to ask the new Manager of Corporate Services what his qualifications are?

A: John Maine answered that if the manager wants me to answer, I will.

Q: The question is to you.

A: John Maine gave the ratepayers a summary of his background and experience.

Q: Ernest Dyck, at the May 31 1996 Council meeting you expressed surprise at the tax increase, what is the mill rate set on and what are the ramifications of this?

A: Taxes paid are to cover the MD budget and the Fort Vermilion School Division requisition, the mill rate is set accordingly. The ramification for this is the same for you as it is for me which is more dollars.

Q: Elmer Derksen, at the same meeting you also expressed surprise at the increase in taxes, what is the mill rate set on and what are the ramifications of this?

A: The mill rate is based on assessment. Councillor Dyck touched on the rest of the questions.

Q: A question to the Reeve, at the February 27 and 28, 1997 Council meeting the MD Council made a motion to invite the Minister of Municipal Affairs to a Council meeting, can you tell us how the Minister responded?

A: He refused.

Q: When is the bridge at Tompkins being built?

A: The Reeve said he would like to pursue it but there is no plan to build a bridge.

Q: Manager Litke, will you present the organizational charts to the public?



A: Almost all information is available to the public. The Manager quoted Section 217 of the Municipal Government Act and asked the public to redirect questions on information to the manager.

Q: Considerable amounts of money have been spent in Hotels and Motels, who stayed there and for how long?

A: Reviewing the expenses of the 1996 unaudited financial statement, the Hotel and Motel expenses would be for Councillor Bateman since she has three hours to travel one way from Zama, the MD put up Roger Borchert last summer before he got a house to rent, and also Hugh Dennis and Dennis Litke were put up in Hotels or Motels for awhile.

Q: Councillor Rosenberger, what services will be offered at the Fort Vermilion office after the staff has been moved and when is the move scheduled?

A: At this time I can't say because nothing has been decided. We are awaiting the finalizing of the budget. The move is not scheduled at this time.

Q: Where will the meetings be held in La Crete?

A: There are no plans at this time as to a move or where things would be located.

Q: Regarding the list of non-profit Organizations, has the High Level golf course been approved or when will it be on the agenda?

A: It has not been approved at this point but is at the Council level.

A: At the November 24, 1995 meeting, Councillor Fedeyko asked for a review and that still has not been done, some organizations have to pay the school tax portion and the MD picks up the MD portion. Exempting societies from taxes is all right, but having to pay the school tax is not good.

A: This is a provincial issue and a big issue for all non profit organizations.

Q: Asked for a breakdown of legal fees, point out the ones that are over \$5,000.

A: La Crete Liquor Store, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, Neufeld Petroleum, Bill Fedeyko, General Legal advice, High Level office closure staff terminations.

Q: What is the rundown of current legal advice sought?

A: What is your interest, AUPE, the 2/3 vote issue, those are some issues.

Q: Apparently there is a case at the Labour Standards Board, could we have an update on the issue?

A: That is correct but we cannot give an update at this time.

Q: When does the clock start ticking on the four hour fee period for Councillors?

A: From the time I leave home to the time I return home.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTIONRP97-34**

**7. Adjournment**

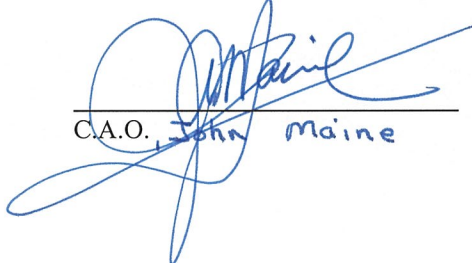
**MOVED** by Bill Hayday that the meeting adjourn at 10:44 p.m.

**Second:** Vick Daraduk

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this 9th day of June, 1998.

  
Chairperson, Pat Kulsear

  
C.A.O. John Maine