

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

WATER MANAGEMENT, ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, January 9, 2002

**Meeting Room, Fort Vermilion Community Library
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Pat Kulscar	Councillor
Michael Nanooch	Councillor
Greg Newman	Councillor
Joe Peters	Councillor
Wayne Thiessen	Councillor
Willie Wieler	Councillor

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Harvey Prockiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Executive Assistant
Ivan Perich	Director of Public Works

Minutes of the Special Council meeting with Alberta Environment for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 held on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, in the Meeting Room of the Fort Vermilion Community Library, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the Special Council meeting with Alberta Environment to order at 1:01 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Items to Add or Delete from the Agenda

MOTION 02-017 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the agenda be adopted as amended by adding:
3b) EXH Delegation.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: 3. a. Water Management, Alberta Environment

Reeve Neufeld welcomed Terry Sawchuk and Nico Wyngaarden from Alberta Environment as a delegation to the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Terry Sawchuk discussed the Administrative Guide for Approvals to Protect Surface Water Bodies Under the Water Act. Mr. Sawchuk informed Council that Alberta Environment has basically scrapped their policies to drain wetlands. Whenever wetlands are drained alternate wetlands need to be established or other mitigation approved. Alberta Environment does not do any engineering for drainage projects anymore, however they need to approve projects. There has been a gradual shift by Alberta Environment not to promote or fund draining wetland.

Nico Wyngaarden discussed water management and erosion control project funding programs. Funding for drainage projects have been frozen for the 2000/01 fiscal year. Alberta Transportation has taken over rehabilitation projects.

The meeting was recessed at 2:20 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

3. b. EXH Engineering

Reeve Neufeld welcomed Bud Norris, Bill Carson, Ray Kerber and Willie Froese from EXH Engineering to the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Bud Norris discussed licensed drainage ditches and their obligations for erosion control and the Codes of Practice. Where necessary EXH is ensuring that Alberta Environment is aware of road projects. The MD is not bound to provide drainage programs for their constituents.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Alberta Environment and EXH Engineering for their presentation at 3:05 p.m.

The Agricultural Service Board will prioritize drainage ditches and bring them back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION 02-018 **MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 5th day of February, 2002.

"B. Neufeld" (Signed)
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

"E. Schmidt" (Signed)
Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant