

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

**Seminar Room, Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

Thursday, August 17, 2000

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
John Driedger	Councillor
Pat Kulscar	Councillor
Greg Newman	Councillor
Joe Peters	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Wayne Thiessen	Councillor
Willie Wieler	Councillor

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Harvey Prockiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Executive Assistant
Paul Driedger	Director of Planning, Development, Community and Protective Services
Ivan Perich	Director of Operational Services

Minutes of the regular Council meeting for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Thursday, August 17, 2000, in the Seminar Room of the Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the Council meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

AGENDA:

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

The following additions were made to the agenda:

5b)	Paul Steffanson
5c)	Mike Mihaly – High Level Chamber of Commerce
6c)	Tolko Invitation
11g)	Northwestern Health Services Region
11h)	Fort Vermilion Children's Festival

2. b) Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 00-435

MOVED by Councillor Kulscar

That the agenda be adopted with additions.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) Phillips Petroleum Resources

Reeve Neufeld welcomed Dan Olenick and Ron Hodgkinson from Phillips Petroleum Resources to the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Dan Olenick addressed Council regarding the Assumption Bypass. The road suits Phillips Petroleum Resources the way it is now. There would be some advantages if the M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23 takes over the road but there may be a problem with road bans.

Reeve Neufeld thanked the delegation from Phillips Petroleum Resources, and they left the Council table at 5:52 p.m.

5. b) Paul Steffanson

Reeve Neufeld welcomed Paul Steffanson to the Council meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Paul Steffanson asked that Council pass a resolution that no tires be accepted at waste transfer stations and land fill sites.

Reeve Neufeld requested that the tire issue be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Reeve Neufeld thanked Paul Steffanson and Mr. Steffanson left the meeting table at 5:57 p.m.

5. c) Mike Mihaly - Town of High Level Chamber of Commerce

Reeve Neufeld welcomed Mike Mihaly to the Council meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Mike Mihaly asked Council to declare the High Level Town Coin legal tender. This is a business way for the Chamber of Commerce to make money and promote the entire region.

MOTION 00-436

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger

That the High Level and District Chamber of Commerce Coin be declared legal tender.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
THE PREVIOUS
MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the August 1, 2000 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 00-437

MOVED by Councillor Kulscar

That the Minutes of the August 1, 2000 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**3. b) Minutes of the August 1, 2000
Committee of the Whole Meeting**

MOTION 00-438

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Minutes of the August 1, 2000 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. a) Bylaw 221/00 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Reeve Neufeld called the Public Hearing for Bylaw 221/00 to order at 6:09 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the Public Hearing for Bylaw 221/00 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger answered that Bylaw 221/00 was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline Bylaw 221/00. Paul Driedger presented the Development Authority's submission.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council had any questions of Bylaw 221/00. Councillor Peters asked if this is good agricultural land. Paul Driedger stated that this is good agricultural land however, the M.D. of Mackenzie Land Use Bylaw does allow for this type of development.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency. Paul Driedger read the submission received from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to Bylaw 221/00. There were no submissions received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to Bylaw 221/00. Paul Steffanson asked if this subdivision is approved does the next

subdivision have to be attached to it. Paul Driedger answered yes, but it only applies to subdivisions located on the quarter section that has been rezoned.

Reeve Neufeld closed the Public Hearing for Bylaw 221/00 at 6:35 p.m.

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE AND
CAO REPORTS:**

6. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillors reported on Council Committees as follows:

Reeve Neufeld – Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Zone meeting
Councillor Sarapuk – no meetings
Councillor Driedger – no meetings
Councillor Rosenberger – Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Zone meeting
Councillor Kulscar – Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation
Councillor Bateman – Revenue Sharing Task Force, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Zone meeting
Councillor Peters - no meetings
Councillor Wieler – La Crete Recreation Society
Councillor Newman – Agricultural Service Board
Councillor Thiessen – Agricultural Service Board, Revenue Sharing Task Force

MOTION 00-439

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Council Committee reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. b) CAO Report

Harvey Prockiw reported on the High Level Ball Diamond, Dunvegan Hydroelectric Project, and grants received.

MOTION 00-440

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger

That the CAO report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. c) Tolko Invitation for Tour

MOTION 00-441

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger

That all Councillors be authorized to attend the tour of the Tolko plant on August 24, 2000.

DEFEATED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE
MINUTES:**

7. a)

There were no items under this heading.

**PLANNING AND
EMERGENCY
SERVICES:**

8. a) Bylaw 221/00 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment

MOTION 00-442
Bylaw 221/00
Second Reading

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 221/00 being a land use bylaw amendment to rezone NW 29-106-15-W5M from Agricultural District “A1” to Rural Country Residential District “RC”.

CARRIED

MOTION 00-443
Bylaw 221/00
Third Reading

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That third reading be given to Bylaw 221/00 being a land use bylaw amendment to rezone NW 29-106-15-W5M from Agricultural District “A1” to Rural Country Residential District “RC”.

CARRIED

**PROTECTIVE
SERVICES:**

9. a)

There were no items under this heading.

**AGRICULTURAL
SERVICES:**

10. a)

There were no items under this heading.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

11. a) Council/CAO Covenant

MOTION 00-444

MOVED by Councillor Kulscar

That the following Council/CAO Covenant be adopted as presented in the Corporate Review by George Cuff and Associates Ltd., as amended by replacing “our citizens” in the second bullet in the Council Covenant with “the M.D. as a whole”:

WE, AS MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, WILL:

- carry out our responsibilities as set out in the applicable legislation to the best of our abilities
- make decisions which we believe to be in the best interests of the M.D. as a whole
- review the background information and advice made available to us by the administration prior to rendering a decision
- seek further input when we are unsure of the issues or uncertain as to the preferred course of action
- refer any complaints, either written or verbal, about the decisions of Council or the actions of administration, to the CAO for review, comment and follow-up (as appropriate)
- refrain from making any commitments on behalf of Council to individual citizens or groups other than to take the request up with the Council or CAO and to respond appropriately
- seek to participate actively in the decision-making process
- refrain from any public or private criticism of our administration wherein individual employees are identified
- act as good stewards of the MD and as public servants of our citizens through ethical conduct
- provide effective leadership through guiding the corporation and the municipality through annual or longer term goals and priorities, through the budget approval process and by agreeing to reasonable policies which reflect, in our views, the best interests of a majority of our citizens
- ensure that we formally evaluate the performance of the CAO at least once annually and involve the CAO in this process so as to ensure a full understanding of the Council’s candid assessment.

I, THE CAO WILL:

- adhere to all provisions of the Municipal Government Act and any other applicable legislation
- conduct myself as your chief policy advisor in an honest and ethical manner
- ensure that the Reeve and Councillors are accorded respect in all of my personal and public comments
- provide advice (on all issues) which is professionally sound, ethical, legal and in accordance to the policies and objectives of Council
- guide the actions of the administration so that they are in accordance with the policies and objectives of Council

- act only on the will of Council as a whole as established by the resolutions, policies and bylaws of Council
- forward any complaints or concerns of Council to the appropriate department and individual so that reasonable and prompt follow-up is assured
- ensure that Council is made aware of the full picture with regard to each issue at least to the extent that the administration is aware of such information and ensure that Council has access to the reasonable decision options as well as my recommendation as your CAO
- seek to ensure that Council is aware of any key issues as they arise and thus avoid the problems associated with surprises
- maintain a current understanding of the applicable legislation as well as relevant programs, policies and initiatives of the Provincial and Federal governments
- admit to any mistakes of substance made by myself or my staff and take corrective action
- listen carefully to the concerns of Council vis-a-vis my performance and seek to improve any deficiencies on an ongoing basis
- ensure that all major issues are tracked in sufficient detail so as to advise Council of any progress, anticipated problems or decision points.

CARRIED

11. b) **AAMD&C Fall Convention**

MOTION 00-445

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger

That all Councillors be authorized to attend the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Fall 2000 Convention.

CARRIED

11. c) **Capping School Requisitions**

MOTION 00-446

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That a letter be written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Premier, as well as Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, requesting the province keep the capping program for provincial education.

CARRIED

11. d) **8th IAAF World Championships in Athletics**

MOTION 00-447

MOVED by Councillor Kulscar

That the 8th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Edmonton on August 3 – 12, 2001, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

11. e) **Northern Alberta Premier's Dinner**

MOTION 00-448

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Northern Alberta Premier's Dinner be accepted as information.

CARRIED

11. f) **Enterprise Facilitation Workshop**

MOTION 00-449

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That the Enterprise Facilitation Workshop in Fairview on September 7, 2000, be accepted as information.

CARRIED

11. g) **Northwestern Health Services Region**

MOTION 00-450

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That a letter be written to Northwestern Health Services Region stating that the M.D. of Mackenzie Council does not want to compete with private enterprise and therefore the request for housing is received as information only.

CARRIED

11. h) **Fort Vermilion Children's Festival**

MOTION 00-451

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger

That the M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23 donate \$500 to the Fort Vermilion Community Library for the Fort Vermilion Children's Festival.

CARRIED

OPERATIONAL SERVICES:

12. a) Highway 35 Access Improvements to Footner Forest Products

Councillors Thiessen and Peters declared a pecuniary interest under Section 170(1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act and left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

MOTION 00-452

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That co-funding be approved for the Highway 35 Access to Footner Forest Products in the amount of 25% of the cost up to a maximum of \$103,500, with the funds to come from Road Reserves.

CARRIED

12. b) Footner Forest Products East Emergency Access

MOTION 00-453

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the M.D. of Mackenzie fund one mile of road for the Footner Forest Products East Emergency Access in the amount of \$70,000, to come from Road Reserves.

CARRIED

12. c) Footner Forest Products Invoice

MOTION 00-454

MOVED by Councillor Kulscar

That payment of Invoice 201 from Footner Forest Products be approved in the amount of \$53,268.58, including GST.

CARRIED

Councillor's Thiessen and Peters re-entered the Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

12. d) Water Rationing

MOTION 00-455

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Administration draft a Water Rationing Policy and bring it back to Council.

CARRIED

**IN CAMERA
SESSION:**

13. a) Revenue Sharing

MOTION 00-456

MOVED by Councillor Thiessen

That Council give consideration to go in camera at 7:45 p.m. to discuss issues under Section 23 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

MOTION 00-457

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Council come out of in camera at 8:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Bateman asked for a recorded vote.

MOTION 00-458

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Revenue and Cost Sharing agreements be offered to the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake as presented.

In Favour:

Reeve Neufeld
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Driedger
Councillor Kulscar
Councillor Newman
Councillor Peters
Councillor Rosenberger
Councillor Thiessen
Councillor Wieler

Opposed:

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOTION 00-459

MOVED by Councillor Kulscar

That Administration ask the Assistant Deputy Minister, Brad Pickering, to include the proposed Revenue and Cost Sharing Agreements on the agenda for the meetings between the Assistant Deputy Minister and the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake.

CARRIED

MOTION 00-460

MOVED by Councillor Thiessen

That the proposed Revenue and Cost Sharing Agreements be forwarded to the Councils of the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake as well as the Assistant Deputy Minister, Brad Pickering, with a request that they be kept confidential.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

14. a) Adjournment

MOTION 00-461

MOVED by Councillor Wieler

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Bill Neufeld, Reeve

Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Approved:

Sandra Cross, Official Administrator