

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, June 25, 2007

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Peter Braun	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor (left at 5:25 p.m.)
	Ed Froese	Councillor
	Jim Thompson	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor (left at 5:25 p.m.)
ABSENT:	Greg Newman	Councillor
	Stuart Watson	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT:	William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
	Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant
	Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
	Paul Driedger	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
	John Klassen	Manager of Utilities & Facilities

Members of the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on Monday, June 25, 2007 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-06-561 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:

11. n) Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station Tender

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the June 12, 2007 Regular Council**

Meeting

MOTION 07-06-562

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the minutes of the June 12, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) None

9. d) Country Residential Subdivisions

MOTION 07-06-563

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 637/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to replace Land Use Bylaw 462/04 Section 7.3 Agricultural District "A1" section "C" and "E" as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 07-06-564

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a moratorium be placed on Rural Country Residential Subdivisions until the Land Use Bylaw Review is completed.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2007

MOTION 07-06-565

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Agricultural Service Board Meeting minutes of March 9, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2007

MOTION 07-06-566

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 24, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

8. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Councillor Braun reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative board and recreation committee meetings, High Level ratepayers meeting, EXH Engineering project meeting, Mackenzie Waste Management teleconference, CAMRIF open house, Municipal Planning Commission meeting, and the County Building Committee meeting.

Councillor Thompson reported on the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board meeting.

Councillor Wardley reported on the High Level ratepayers meeting, Mackenzie Library Board development, Zama Recreation Board meeting and a Zama tour with administration.

Councillor Driedger reported on the County Building Committee meeting and the Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the Ethanol Steering Committee meeting, Northern Lights Forest Education Society meeting and the High Level ratepayers meeting.

Reeve Neufeld reported on the Northern Alberta Reeves and Mayors meeting and government meetings.

MOTION 07-06-567

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County pay the \$100 annual membership fee for the Northwest Alberta Mayors, Reeves, Chiefs, Chairpersons and CAO's group.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-06-568

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Council Committee verbal reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

8. b) CAO & Director Reports

MOTION 07-06-569

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Director of Corporate Services and Manager of Utilities & Facilities reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

MOTION 07-06-570

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County send a letter to the La Crete Golf Course Association indicating permission to use the water from the lagoon, subject to signing an agreement.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. b) Mighty Peace Tourist Association

Presentation by Nicole Halvorson, Executive Director for the Mighty Peace Tourist Association.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

7. a) Bylaw 630/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone SW 15-110-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 (A1) to Rural Country Residential District 1 (RC1) and Rural Country Residential District 2 (RC2) – High Level Rural

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 630/07 to order at 1:02 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 630/07 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on May 8, 2007.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 630/07. Two submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 630/07. Concerns were raised in regards to quality of land for agricultural purposes, mobile homes, decreased value of neighboring property, increased traffic, dust, and noise.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 630/07 at 1:54 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

South La Crete Access Curve Re-Alignment

MOTION 07-06-571
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the tenders be opened for the South La Crete Access Curve Re-Alignment.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

**5. d) Pam McAteer
Water Invoice**

MOTION 07-06-572

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration investigate the water invoice concern presented by Pam McAteer.

CARRIED

**5. c) Hubert & Cathy Lafleur
Request to Reduce Water Invoice**

MOTION 07-06-573

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration investigate the water invoice concern presented by Cathy Lafleur.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-06-574

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Bylaw 630/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone SW 15-110-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 (A1) to Rural Country Residential District 1 (RC1) and Rural Country Residential District 2 (RC2) be tabled until Councillor Watson is in attendance.

CARRIED

8. b) CAO & Directors Reports (cont'd)

MOTION 07-06-575

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the tender for the South La Crete Access curve re-alignment be awarded to the lowest bidder subject to engineer and management approval.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-06-576

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the budget for the South La Crete Access curve re-alignment be amended from \$133,000 to \$390,000 with the additional funding to come from the roads reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-06-577

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Director of Planning & Emergency Services and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Bylaw 636/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Pt. of Fort Vermilion Settlement, Range 2, River Lot 8 from Hamlet Recreational District 1 (REC) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) and Plan 2938RS, Block 3, Lots 1 to 6 from Hamlet Commercial Residential Transitional District 1 (HRCT) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) – Fort Vermilion

MOTION 07-06-578

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That first reading be given to Bylaw 636/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Pt of Fort Vermilion Settlement, Range 2, River Lot 8 from Hamlet Recreational District 1 (REC) to Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) and Plan 2938RS, Block 3, Lots 1 to 6 from Hamlet Commercial Residential Transitional District 1 (HCRT) to Hamlet Residential District (HR1).

CARRIED

9. b) Bylaw 435/04 Dog Control Bylaw

MOTION 07-06-579

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Dog Control Bylaw review be received for information.

CARRIED

9. c) County Building Replacement Schedule

MOTION 07-06-580

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County contract John MacLeod Engineering to provide building assessments in Fort Vermilion and La Crete and that the funding be allocated to each respective community building study project.

CARRIED

9. e) All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) in Back Alleys/Utility Right-of-Way

MOTION 07-06-581

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Bylaw 076/97 Off Highway Vehicles be received for discussion.

CARRIED

9. f) Proposed Revisions to Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice

MOTION 07-06-582

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County support AAMD&C's recommendations regarding the proposed revisions to Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice.

CARRIED

9. g) Safety Codes Accreditation for Corporations

MOTION 07-06-583

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a reply be sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing stating that corporations participating in the Corporate Accreditation Program only be allowed to do their own inspections.

CARRIED

9. h) Outstanding Rent for Plan 882-1687, Block 1, Lot 1 (Zama)

MOTION 07-06-584

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County accepts the offer from Superior Propane Inc. for the outstanding rent for Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 882-1687 in the Hamlet of Zama in the amount of \$2,646.10 and that the balance of Invoice #5702 be cancelled.

DEFEATED

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) RCMP

MOTION 07-06-585

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the RCMP report presented by Staff Sgt. Steve Wright, from the High Level RCMP Detachment, and Staff Sgt. Dale Cox, District Advisory NCO for the Western Alberta District, be received for information.

CARRIED

**9. i) Zama Fire Rescue Fire Chief Appointment
Karrie Bateman**

MOTION 07-06-586

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council appoint Karrie Bateman as the new Fire Chief for Zama Fire Rescue.

CARRIED

9. j) Zama Lots

MOTION 07-06-587

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Zama lots be received for information.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

**10. a) Service Levels of County Campgrounds and
Playgrounds Policy ADM040**

MOTION 07-06-588

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That Policy ADM040 Service Levels of County Campgrounds and
Playgrounds be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

10. b) Dust Control

MOTION 07-06-589

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County extend the deadline for 2007 dust control
applications to August 31, 2007.

CARRIED

10. c) Destination Signage

MOTION 07-06-590

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration along with the local Councillor determine
signage requirements for the purchase of two center panels for
both Fort Vermilion and La Crete with four lines of attractions on
each.

CARRIED

11. g) Community BBQ Purchase

MOTION 07-06-591

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That Mackenzie County purchase five BBQ's and propane tanks
from Rona in High Level to be delivered with a letter of thanks
and recognition to the following community groups at a cost of
\$4,716.47 (incl. GST) with funding coming from the Grants to
Other Organizations Reserve:

Fort Vermilion Recreation Society

La Crete Recreation Society
Zama Recreation Society
Rocky Lane Agricultural Society
High Level Rural Hall Society

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:29 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

10. d) Resource Roads Projects (2008)

MOTION 07-06-592

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration proceed with traffic counts on the identified list of possible resource road projects for 2008.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Bylaw 622/07 Local Improvement Tax for Curb,
Gutter and Sidewalk on 102 Street and 94th
Avenue from Plan 962-3343, Block 1, Lot 1, 2
and 32; Block 2, Lot 2 and 3; Block 5, Lot 1 to 7 in
the Hamlet of La Crete**

MOTION 07-06-593

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 622/07 being a local improvement bylaw for curb, gutter and sidewalks on 102 Street and 94th Avenue from Plan 962-3343, Block 1, Lot 1, 2 and 32; Block 2, Lot 2 and 3; Block 5, Lot 1 to 7 in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-06-594

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 622/07 being a local improvement bylaw for curb, gutter and sidewalk on 102 Street and 94th Avenue from Plan 962-3343, Block 1, Lot 1, 2 and 32; Block 2, Lot 2 and 3; Block 5, Lot 1 to 7 in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

**11. b) Bylaw 635/07 Establishing Times and Locations to
Receive Nomination Papers**

MOTION 07-06-595

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 635/07 for establishing times and locations to receive nominations.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-06-596

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That third reading be given to Bylaw 635/07 for establishing times and locations to receive nominations.

CARRIED

11. c) La Crete 99th Street

MOTION 07-06-597

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the La Crete 99th Street budget allocations be tabled to the August 12, 2007 meeting.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-06-598

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4:53 p.m.

- 12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations
- 12. b) Personnel
- 12. c) Fort Vermilion FCSS
- 12. d) 2005-2006 Municipal EMS Review
- 12. e) Ambulance Service
- 12. f) Mobile Communications Review 2007
(GLENTEL)
- 12. g) Dispatch Services
- 12. h) Fire Services

CARRIED

Councillor Driedger and Councillor Wardley left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

MOTION 07-06-599

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That Council move out of camera at 5:47 p.m.

CARRIED

11. d) Fort Vermilion Airport – Terminal and Site Improvements Project

MOTION 07-06-600
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2007 capital budget be amended by increasing funding for the Fort Vermilion Airport Terminal Building and Site Improvements project to \$40,000 with the additional \$10,000 coming from the Incomplete Capital – Airport Reserve.

CARRIED

11. e) Centralized Phone System

MOTION 07-06-601
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration proceeds with the basic implementation of the centralized phone system with \$17,450 funding coming from the General Operating Reserve (costs to be coded to 2-12-30-266).

CARRIED

11. f) May 31, 2007 Income Statement and Term Deposits Report

MOTION 07-06-602

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the operating revenues and expenditures, term deposits and capital projects progress report for the period ended May 31, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

11. h) RCMP

MOTION 07-06-603
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That Mackenzie County purchase a Taser Gun for the Fort Vermilion RCMP Detachment at an estimated cost of \$1,500 with funding coming from the Enforcement Services Operating budget.

CARRIED

11. i) Council Meetings

MOTION 07-06-604

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That all regular council meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. until further notice.

CARRIED

11. j) Northern Reeves & Mayors

MOTION 07-06-605

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration prepare a new presentation on Highway 88 as soon as possible.

CARRIED

11. k) Mackenzie Housing Subdivision

MOTION 07-06-606

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the funding for the River Road project be redirected to the 45th Street/Mackenzie Housing Subdivision project in Fort Vermilion and that the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP) Supplementary Application be submitted.

CARRIED

11. l) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 07-06-607

MOVED by Councillor Froese

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

CARRIED

11. m) County Building Committee

MOTION 07-06-608

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the County Building Committee structure be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

11. n) Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station Tender

MOTION 07-06-609

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the tenders for the Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station be opened.

CARRIED

12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations

MOTION 07-06-610

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of High Level be tabled to the next meeting for final review by Council and request that the Town of High Level continue service to the end of July 2007.

CARRIED

12. c) Fort Vermilion FCSS

MOTION 07-06-611

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Fort Vermilion FCSS be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

12. g) Dispatch Services

MOTION 07-06-612

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration do due diligence for emergency services.

CARRIED

**12. f) Mobile Communications Review 2007
(GLENTEL)**

MOTION 07-06-613

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the current two-way communications system be upgraded as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 07-06-614

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

Requires 2/3

That the two-way communications upgrade be added to the 2007 capital budget with \$205,000.00 funding to be allocated from the operating reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. h) Fire Services

MOTION 07-06-615

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the apparatus utilized for fire services be charged for on-scene time only.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

13. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

14. a) Adjournment

MOTION 07-06-616

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

(signature on file)
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant