

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers  
Fort Vermilion, AB**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Peter Braun	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Greg Newman	Councillor (arrived at 12:56 p.m.)
	Jim Thompson	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
	Stuart Watson	Councillor
 <b>ABSENT:</b>	 Ed Froese	 Councillor
 <b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	 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
	Mark Schonken	Finance Assistant

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on Tuesday, May 8, 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 10:06 a.m.

**AGENDA:                    2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 07-405            MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

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

9. d) Bylaw Enforcement – Garbage & ATV Usage

10. l) Lawn Tractor Replacement – Fort Vermilion

10. m) High Level Drainage

10. n) Zama Drainage

10. o) Farm Access

11. n) High Level Chamber of Commerce – Annual Spring

- Clean Up Donation Request
- 12. f) AUPE Negotiations
- 12. g) La Crete Library

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the April 25, 2007 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 07-406**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the April 25, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

- 4. a) None**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

- 6. a) Action List**

**MOTION 07-407**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- 6. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 14, March 27, and April 16, 2007**

**MOTION 07-408**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 16, 2007 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

- 8. a) Council Committee Reports**

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board hearing and the Northern Alberta Mayors & Reeves meeting.

Councillor Driedger reported on the Mackenzie Housing and zone meetings.

Councillor Watson reported on the Mackenzie Waste Management meeting and the PC annual general meeting.

Councillor Wardley had no items to report.

Councillor Thompson reported on the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board meeting, and the meeting and tour with ISL Engineering.

Councillor Braun reported on the Municipal Planning Commission, Mackenzie Waste Management and Mackenzie Housing meetings, and a meeting with EXH Engineering.

Reeve Neufeld reported on the meeting with EXH Engineering, the Northern Alberta Mayors & Reeves meeting, and the PC annual general meeting.

**MOTION 07-409**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Council Committee verbal reports be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**5. a) Auditors**

Teleconference presentation by Alan Rudosky and Karen Fisher from Ernst & Young regarding the 2006 audit results.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:24 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

**8. b) CAO & Director Reports**

**MOTION 07-410**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Director of Corporate Services, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, Manager of Utilities & Facilities, and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Councillor Newman arrived at 12:56 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**7 a) Bylaw 618/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the Cancellation of a Portion of Plan 992-0062, Block 1, Lot 1 for the Purpose of Consolidation**

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 618/07 to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 618/07 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 April 11, 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 618/07. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 618/07. There was no indication that anyone present wished to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 618/07 at 1:02 p.m.

**MOTION 07-411**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 618/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the cancellation of a portion of Plan 992-0062, Block 1, Lot 1 for the purpose of consolidation with NW 13-106-15-W5M.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-412**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That third reading be given to Bylaw 618/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the cancellation of a portion of Plan 992-0062, Block 1, Lot 1 for the purpose of consolidation with NW 13-106-15-W5M.

**CARRIED**

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

- 9. a) Bylaw 624/07  
Being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to  
Rezone Plan 762-1591, Block A, Lot 1 from Hamlet  
Residential District 1 (HR1) to Hamlet Public District  
(HP) – Fort Vermilion**

**MOTION 07-413**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That first reading be given to Bylaw 624/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 762-1591, Block A, Lot 1 from Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) to Hamlet Public District (HP).

**CARRIED**

- 9. b) Bylaw 625/07  
Being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the  
Cancellation of Plan 052-3965, Block 23, Lot 13 and  
Plan 052-3965, Block 23, Lot 14 for the Purpose of  
Consolidation (La Crete)**

**MOTION 07-414**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 625/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the cancellation of Plan 052-3965, Block 23, Lot 13 and Plan 052-3965, Block 23, Lot 14 for the purpose of consolidation.

**CARRIED**

- 9. c) Bylaw 628/07  
Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW 12-  
106-16-W5M from Agricultural District 1 “A1” to Rural  
Country Residential District 3 “RC3” (La Crete)**

**MOTION 07-415**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 628/07 being a Land Use Amendment to rezone part of SW 12-106-16-W5M from Agricultural District 1 “A1” to Rural Country Residential District 3 “RC3”.

**CARRIED**

- 9. d) Bylaw Enforcement – Garbage and ATV Usage**

Discussion regarding enforcement of unsightly premises and ATV use within the Hamlets.

**5. d) Pat Siliworsky  
Mackenzie Regional Waste Management**

**MOTION 07-416**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the County participate in the household hazardous waste pickup program as presented by the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Commission at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00 per year.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

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

Delegation did not arrive.

**5. c) Ray Toews  
Inner Peace Power Hydro Project**

**MOTION 07-417**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the presentation by Ray Toews on the Inner Peace Power hydro project be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

**OPERATIONAL  
SERVICES:**

**10. a) Hamlet Country Residential Speed Zone**

**MOTION 07-418**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County post speed limit signs in the Hamlet Country Residential subdivisions as per Bylaw 491/04.

**CARRIED**

**10. b) Sale of Crusher Reject from Tompkins Pit**

**MOTION 07-419**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That crusher reject gravel not be sold from County controlled gravel pits.

**MOTION 07-420**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the sale of crusher reject be tabled to the next meeting as further information on private and municipal gravel sources is required.

**CARRIED**

**10. c) Dust Control Rates**

**MOTION 07-421**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That Mackenzie County establish the dust control rates for County ratepayers as follows:

- DL 10-40 at \$1,000.00 for 200 meters at 2 liters per square meter application.
- Calcium at \$500.00 for 200 meters at 2 liters per square meter application.

**DEFEATED**

**10. e) Amendment of Fee Schedule Bylaw 629/07 for Dust Control**

**MOTION 07-422**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 629/07 for the amendment of the fee schedule to include DL 10-40 as an optional dust control.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-423**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 629/07 for the amendment of the fee schedule to include DL 10-40 as an optional dust control.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-424**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw

629/07 for the amendment of the fee schedule to include DL 10-40 as an optional dust control.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-425**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That third reading be given to Bylaw 629/07 for the amendment of the fee schedule to include DL 10-40 as an optional dust control.

**CARRIED**

**10. d) Dust Control Policy PW009**

**MOTION 07-426**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That Mackenzie County adopt Dust Control Policy PW009 as amended.

**CARRIED**

**10. f) Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station Contract**

**MOTION 07-427**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council approve the Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station contract as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-428**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That administration be authorized to advertise the Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station caretaking contract.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-429**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the closing date for the Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station Caretaking bids be set for June 25, 2007 at 12:00 noon and that bids be opened at 1:00 pm on June 25, 2007 at the regular council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**10. g) Equipment Purchase**



Deputy Reeve Sarapuk took over the Chair at 3:16 p.m. as the Reeve stepped out of the meeting.

**MOTION 07-430**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That consideration of the purchase of a mowing/snowblowing unit be tabled for further information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld rejoined the meeting at 3:19 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

**10. h) Grader Purchase**

**MOTION 07-431**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the County purchase a new grader for Ward 9 and eliminate the contract grader.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 07-432**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2007 capital budget include the purchase of a 6-wheel drive John Deere grader at the cost of \$312,000.00 to be funded from the Public Works Reserve.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

**10. i) Fuel**

**MOTION 07-433**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Mackenzie County fuel purchase be split between Petro Canada, United Farmers of Alberta, and Co-op and that the County purchase storage tanks as necessary.

Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:  
Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Thompson

Opposed:  
Councillor Driedger

Councillor Watson  
Reeve Neufeld  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Newman

**CARRIED**

**10. j) Tompkins Ferry**

**MOTION 07-434**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Tompkins Ferry update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**10. k) Agricultural Service Board 2006/2007 Grant Program**

**MOTION 07-435**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Agricultural Service Board 2006/07 grant program be received for information and be referred to the Agricultural Service Board.

**CARRIED**

**10. l) Lawn Tractor Replacement – Fort Vermilion**

**MOTION 07-436**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the 2007 capital budget include replacement of the current lawn tractor with a John Deere Front Mount 60" mower at a net cost of \$8,500.00 with funding from the vehicle equipment reserve.

**CARRIED**

**10. m) High Level Drainage**

**MOTION 07-437**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That administration and the Agriculture Service Board look into the High Level drainage project.

**CARRIED**

**10. n) Zama Drainage**

Discussion was held regarding the drainage issues in Zama.

**10. o) Farm Access**

**MOTION 07-438**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That administration investigate the feasibility of a forced road between the east half and west half of 31-109-18-W5M and NE and NW 30-109-18-W5M or other options.

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) 2006 Audit Results and Financial Statements**

**MOTION 07-439**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2006 Financial Statements be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**11. b) 2007 Operating & Capital Budget**

Councillor Driedger left the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

**MOTION 07-440**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2007 Operating and Capital Budgets be approved as amended with the following additions to be funded from the operating fund:

- La Crete South Access Turning Lane - total cost \$133,000.00
- Zama Surface Water Drainage Management – total cost \$120,000.00
- High Level Drainage Project – total cost \$50,000.00
- Project Costing Software - \$60,000.00

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-441**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the proceeds from the sale of the Mustus Lake Centre go to the general capital reserve.

**CARRIED**

**11. c) Bylaw 627/07 – 2007 Tax Rate Bylaw**

**MOTION 07-442**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That first reading be given to Bylaw 627/07 being a tax rate by-law for the Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-443**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That second reading be given to Bylaw 627/07 being a tax rate by-law for the Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-444**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That consideration be given go to third reading of Bylaw 627/07 being a tax rate by-law for the Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-445**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 627/07 being a tax rate by-law for the Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

**11. d) Notice to the County Residents – Unauthorized Connections to Utilities**

**MOTION 07-446**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the unauthorized connections to utilities notice be mailed to the County residents.

**CARRIED**

**11. e) Municipal Sustainability Initiative Funding**

**MOTION 07-447**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That the Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding be received for information

**CARRIED**

**11. f) CAANA Annual General Meeting – Commuter Air Service**

**MOTION 07-448**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Councillor Watson or designate be authorized to attend the Commuter Air Access Network of Alberta (CAANA) Annual General Meeting on May 16, 2007 in Edmonton.

**CARRIED**

**11. g) RCMP**

**MOTION 07-449**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County lobby the federal government and Assistant RCMP Commissioner in regards to the member shortage.

**CARRIED**

**11. h) Ratepayers Meetings**

**MOTION 07-450**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Ratepayers meetings be changed as follows:

- Fort Vermilion - June 7, 2007
- La Crete - June 8, 2007

**CARRIED**

**11. i) Mackenzie Region CD ROM**

**MOTION 07-451**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That Mackenzie County participate in the Mackenzie Region CD ROM being created by Camary Consulting Ltd. at a cost of \$1,000.00 from the operating fund.

**CARRIED**

**11. j) Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry**

**MOTION 07-452**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the letter from the Minister of Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry regarding their 2007-2010 business plan be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**11.k) Apache Canada Ltd. Well Proposal  
ACL 102 Zama 16-12-117-5-W5M**

**MOTION 07-453**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County approve Apache Canada's well proposal on LS 16-12-117-5-W6M in Zama, subject to meeting EUB regulations.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Driedger rejoined the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

**11. I) Northwest Mayors & Reeves**

**MOTION 07-454**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County continue to participate in the Northwest Mayors & Reeves meetings.

**CARRIED**

**11. m) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 07-455**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

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

**CARRIED**

**11.n) High Level Chamber of Commerce – Annual Spring  
Clean Up Donation Request**

**MOTION 07-456**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County sponsor one kilometer as requested by the High Level Chamber of Commerce for their annual spring clean up at a cost of \$150.00 from the operating fund.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

**IN CAMERA SESSION:**

**MOTION 07-457**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 5:41 p.m.

- 12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations
- 12. b) Communications
- 12. c) Fitler Pit Negotiations
- 12. d) Zama Trailer Offer to Purchase
- 12. e) Zama Accommodations
- 12. f) AUPE Negotiations
- 12. g) La Crete Library

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 07-458**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That Council move out of camera at 7:14 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations**

**MOTION 07-459**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the letter to the Town of High Level be sent as amended.

**CARRIED**

**12. c) Fitler Pit Negotiations**

**MOTION 07-460**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Reeve Sarapuk continue to negotiate as discussed in-camera regarding the Fitler properties.

**CARRIED**

**12. d) Zama Trailer Offer to Purchase**

**MOTION 07-461**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County accept the offer to purchase the County's house trailer in Zama as discussed.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 13. a) Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 07-462**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the May 23, 2007 Regular Council meeting begin at 1:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**14. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 07-463**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved on Wednesday, May 23, 2007

(signature on file)  
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

(signature on file)  
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant