

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

4:00 pm

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

Greg Newman	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Peter Braun	Councillor
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Raymond Toews	Councillor
Stuart Watson	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services
Eva Schmidt	Planning Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Susan McNeil, The Echo
Members of the public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 28, 2007 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-11-1064 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

- 5. d) ISL Engineering
- 5. e) Java Investments
- 12. b) VSI Funding
- 13. c) High Level Negotiations

- 13. d) Mackenzie Housing
- 13. e) Footner Forest Products

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the November 13, 2007 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 07-11-1065

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the minutes of the November 13, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Froese arrived at 4:15 p.m.

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

- 4. a) None**

DELEGATIONS:

- 5. a) Urban Systems**

Presentation by Kristie Peter, Planning Consultant, and Dave Johnson, Senior Planner, with Urban Systems regarding the Municipal Development Plan.

- 5. b) RAP Presentation**

Presentation by Sharon McLean, Vice-Principal and Karen Smith, Counselor, from Fort Vermilion Public School regarding the Registered Apprenticeship Program.

MOTION 07-11-1066

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration investigate the opportunities of the Registered Apprenticeship Program.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

- 8. a) Mackenzie Housing Subdivision and 45th Street Reconstruction Project**

MOTION 07-11-1067
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the tender be awarded to the lowest tender and that the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include the additional \$1,255,000 with \$143,369 coming from the AMIP grant and

\$1,111,631 from the Roads Reserve for completion of the Mackenzie Housing Subdivision and 45th Street Reconstruction project.

CARRIED

8. b) Transfer Station Waste Hauling Contract (5:00 pm)

MOTION 07-11-1068

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Transfer Station Waste Hauling Contract tenders be opened.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

5. c) Mustus Energy Ltd. (In-Camera)

MOTION 07-11-1069

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move in-camera at 5:24 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1070

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Council move out of camera at 6:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Watson left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

7. a) Bylaw 654/07 Municipal Reserve Closure Part of Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot 10MR and Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot11MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M) (La Crete)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 654/07 to order at 6:05 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 654/07 was properly advertised. Eva Schmidt, Planning Supervisor, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the

proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Eva Schmidt, Planning Supervisor presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on October 25, 2007.

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

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 654/07. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 654/07. There was no indication that anyone present wished to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 654/07 at 6:08 p.m.

MOTION 07-11-1071

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 654/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to close part of Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot 10MR and Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot 11MR.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1072

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That third reading be given to Bylaw 654/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to close part of Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot 10MR and Plan 052 0560, Block 5, Lot 11MR.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

5. d) ISL Engineering

5. e) Java Investments

MOTION 07-11-1073

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Council move in-camera at 6:39 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1074

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION 07-11-1075

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the capital budget be amended by \$250,000.00 to come from the General Capital Reserve for the purchase of three quarters of property (470 acres) located at SW 7-109-19-W5M, NW 6-109-19-W5M and SW 6-109-19-W5M plus legal survey documents from Java Investments and Jake & Eva Elias.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 07-11-1076

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Transfer Station Waste Hauling Contract tender be awarded to the lowest qualifying tender, L & P Disposal.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1077

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration send a letter of support for Precision Lumber and Ridgeview Mills for their Aspen quota in F1.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) None

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

9. a) None

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) **Policy FIN023 Local Improvement Charge Cancellation Policy**

MOTION 07-11-1078

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That FIN023 Local Improvement Charge Cancellation Policy be

tabled for further information.

CARRIED

10. b) Mackenzie Housing Subdivision Local Improvement

MOTION 07-11-1079

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 658/07 being a bylaw to approval a local improvement charge for curb, gutter, and sidewalk within the Mackenzie Housing Subdivision (52nd and 50th Avenue from 45th to 43rd Street, 43rd Street from 52nd to 50th Avenue, 44th Street north of 50th Avenue and 51st Avenue northwest of 43rd Street) in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

10. c) Financial Update per October 31, 2007

MOTION 07-11-1080

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the operating revenues and expenditures, term deposits and capital projects progress report for the period January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007 and the variance list be received for information.

CARRIED

10. d) Action Plan

MOTION 07-11-1081

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the action plan prepared by Activation Analysis be tabled to the planning session.

CARRIED

10. e) Council Planning Session

MOTION 07-11-1082

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That a Council planning session be held on July 3 & 4, 2008 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

10. f) Public Land Auction

MOTION 07-11-1083

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Mackenzie County leave the property located at Plan 902 2917, Block 2A, Lot 24 (Meander River) in the current owners name and continue to attempt to sell the property.

CARRIED

10 g) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 07-11-1084

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County sponsor the Small Business of the Year Award for the High Level Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION 07-11-1085

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That an amendment be made to motion 07-11-1084 as follows:

That the County sponsor the Small Business of the Year Award for all Chambers of Commerce within the County.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1084

That the County sponsor the Small Business of the Year Award for all Chambers of Commerce within the County as amended by motion 07-11-1085.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1086

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

CARRIED

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

11. a) Bylaw 657/07 Fee Schedule

MOTION 07-11-1087

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That third reading be given to Bylaw 657/07 being a fee schedule

bylaw to amend development permit application fees for application made after construction has commenced to one percent of construction value.

CARRIED

11. b) Bylaw 394/03 West La Crete Closed Road

Councillor Neufeld declared himself in conflict of interest and left the meeting.

MOTION 07-11-1088

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration continues with the consolidation process, according to Road Closure Bylaw 394/03, through an alternative surveyor, and that the County pay the consolidation fees.

CARRIED

Councillor Neufeld rejoined the meeting.

11. c) Development Statistics Report January to September Comparison (2004-07)

MOTION 07-11-1089

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the development statistics report for January to September for the years 2004-2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

11. d) MRES Office Lease Agreement Renewal

MOTION 07-11-1090

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration be authorized to renew the lease agreement for the Mackenzie Regional Emergency Services office building until December 31, 2008.

CARRIED

11. e) Fire Smart Community Grant - Zama

MOTION 07-11-1091

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the capital budget be amended to include an additional amount of \$65,000.00 with \$15,000.00 from the general operating

reserve and \$50,000.00 from the Provincial grant for the completion of the Zama Fuel Break project.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1092

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration investigate the Fire Smart Community Residents Grant funding available by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

CARRIED

OPERATIONAL SERVICES:

12. a) Mustus Lake Subdivision Watermain Oversizing Payment

MOTION 07-11-1093

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That authorization be given for payment of \$28,506.03 to Henry Fehr for watermain oversizing along 95th Street in NE 10-106-15-W5M in La Crete, to be funded from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

12. b) VSI Funding

MOTION 07-11-1094

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the County's Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) funding remain at the 50% support level.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-11-1095

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 8:47 p.m.

- 13. a) Personnel
- 13. b) Special Projects
- 13. d) High Level Negotiations
- 13. e) Mackenzie Housing
- 13. f) Footner Forest Products

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1096

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move out of camera at 10:04 p.m.

CARRIED

13. f) Footner Forest Products

MOTION 07-11-1097

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to meet with appropriate forestry companies and government officials.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-11-1098

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Councillor Neufeld and the Chief Administrative Officer meet with government to secure the Footner mill.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

14. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

15. a) Adjournment

MOTION 07-11-1099

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

(signature on file)
Greg Newman, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant