

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

**Wednesday, November 29, 2006**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Peter Braun	Councillor
	Jim Thompson	Councillor
	Willy Neudorf	Councillor
	Greg Newman	Councillor
	Ed Froese	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Stuart Watson	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

Members of the media and the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

**CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order**

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

**MOTION 06-898 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:  
11. o) Budget Reporting

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the November 9, 2006 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 06-899 MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the minutes of the November 9, 2006 Regular Council

Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) **No items**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

6. a) **No items**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

7. a) **Bylaw 588/06 Road Closure  
West Boundary of SW 28-110-19-W5M North of High  
Level**

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 588/06 to order at 6:05 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 588/06 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 Road Closure Bylaw. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on July 26, 2006.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Road Closure Bylaw. Discussion followed.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 588/06. A submission was received by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 588/06. There was no indication that anyone present wished to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 588/06 at 6:15 p.m.

**MOTION 06-900**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Bylaw 588/06 Road Closure West Boundary of SW 28-110-19-W5M north of High Level be tabled.

**CARRIED**

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

**8. a) Council Committee Reports**

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the RCMP official opening, and the Veterinary Services Incorporated annual meeting.

Councillor Driedger reported on the Mackenzie Housing appreciation day and board meeting, budget meeting, and AAMD&C fall conference.

Councillor Froese reported on the AAMD&C fall conference, budget meeting, and Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Councillor Neudorf reported on the Agriculture Service Board, Veterinary Advisory Committee, and budget meetings, and the AAMD&C fall convention.

Councillor Wardley reported on the budget meeting, and the Zama Recreation Board meetings.

Councillor Thompson reported on the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board, RCMP official opening, and budget meetings.

Councillor Newman reported on the AAMD&C fall conference, and the Agriculture Service Board meeting.

Councillor Braun reported on the AAMD&C fall conference, budget meeting, Municipal Planning Commission, and Mighty Peace Tourism meetings.

Reeve Neufeld reported on the AAMD&C fall conference.

**MOTION 06-901**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Council Committee verbal reports be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION 06-902**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Reeve or designate and the local Councillor attend the Highway 58 Town of Rainbow Lake to the BC Border Functional Planning Study open house on December 6, 2006 in Rainbow Lake, and the Highway 35 & 58 Town of High Level Functional Planning Study open house on December 7, 2006 in High Level.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-903**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Municipal District inform local groups and play a supporting role in the Community Incentive Fund program designed to help communities take local action on family violence and bullying.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-904**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the Chief Administrator Officer report be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-905**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the Director of Corporate Services report be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING,  
EMERGENCY, AND  
ENFORCEMENT:**

**9. a) 2007-08 Provincial Funding – Ground Ambulance Services**

**MOTION 06-906**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That administration send a letter to the Minister of Alberta Health & Wellness regarding the funding for ground ambulance services.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-907**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Councillor Newman be authorized to attend the discussion

on the Peace/Upper Hay Area Access Planning Guidelines on December 12, 2006 in Peace River.

**CARRIED**

**9. b) AUMA – Discussion Paper on a Provincial Land Use Framework**

**MOTION 06-908**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the AUMA draft Discussion Paper on a Provincial Land Use Framework be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONAL SERVICES:**

**10. a) Tompkins Landing Ice-Bridge**

**MOTION 06-909**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the update on the Tompkins Landing Ice-Bridge be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**10. b) Gravel**

**MOTION 06-910**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the gravel discussion be postponed to the December 12, 2006 Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 6:58 p.m.  
Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

**10. c) Bel-MK Engineering Ltd.  
Tank Site Remediation Program**

**MOTION 06-911**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the letter of introduction from Bel-MK Engineering Ltd. regarding the Tank Site Remediation Program be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**10. d) Regional Water**

**MOTION 06-912**

**MOVED** by Councillor Froese

That the discussion on regional water be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**10. e) Resource Roads & Secondary Highways**

**MOTION 06-913**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the letter prepared by administration to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, regarding resource road program applications and secondary highways, be sent as amended.

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Capital Projects 2006 Progress Report and Year to  
Date Income Statement**

**MOTION 06-914**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the capital project progress report and the year-to-date operating income statement be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**11. b) Bylaw 602/06 Amending Bylaw to the Community  
Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw 569/06**

**MOTION 06-915**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 602/06 being a bylaw to amend the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw 569/06 as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-916**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That Bylaw 602/06 being a bylaw to amend the Community

Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw 569/06 be amended as follows:

4. That the following definition be added:

All operators in the municipality are not required to report and will not be charged with the gravel levy on gravel sold as per contracts entered into prior to November 29, 2006.

That clause number 4 be renumbered to clause 5.

Councillor Newman requested a recorded vote.

In favor:

Councillor Driedger  
Councillor Froese  
Councillor Neudorf  
Councillor Braun  
Reeve Neufeld

Opposed:

Councillor Newman  
Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Thompson  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 06-917**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That third reading be given to Bylaw 602/06 being a bylaw to amend the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw 569/06 as amended.

**CARRIED**

**11. c) Husky Oil Operations Limited – A New Acid Gas Injection Line Proposal**

**MOTION 06-918**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That the Husky Oil Operations Limited – A New Acid Gas Injection Line Proposal be accepted for information and that any Councillor available may attend the open house on November 30, 2006 in Rainbow Lake.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 8:14 p.m.  
Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**5. a) Marilee Toews, Coordinator  
Fort Vermilion Heritage Centre**

**MOTION 06-919**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That administration proceed with a historic resource survey and apply for funding under the Municipal Heritage program.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-920**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That administration send out a request for proposals to all organizations with a heritage interest within the municipality with a closing date of December 22, 2006.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 9:25 p.m.  
Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

**11. d) Royal Canadian Legion in Fort Vermilion**

**MOTION 06-921**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That the 2005 levy of \$197.00 and 2006 levy of \$197.00 for local improvements for curb, gutter, and sidewalk totaling \$394.00 levied to the Royal Canadian Legion be written to expenditure code 922 – Tax Cancellation/Write Offs.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-922**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the penalties levied in 2005 of \$23.62 and in 2006 of \$61.94 be forgiven and written off.

**CARRIED**

**11. e) New Logo for Mackenzie County**

**MOTION 06-923**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the current logo remain the same with the exception of changing Municipal District of Mackenzie to Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

**11. f) Bylaw 604/06 Honorariums and Related Expense**



**Reimbursement for Councillors and Approved  
Committee Members**

**MOTION 06-924**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That first reading be given to Bylaw 604/06 Honorariums and Related Expense Reimbursement for Councillors and Approved Committee Members as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-925**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That second reading be given to Bylaw 604/06 Honorariums and Related Expense Reimbursement for Councillors and Approved Committee Members as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-926**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 604/06 Honorariums and Related Expense Reimbursement for Councillors and Approved Committee Members at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 06-927**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That third and final reading be given to Bylaw 604/06 Honorariums and Related Expense Reimbursement for Councillors and Approved Committee Members as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-928**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy ADM026 Signing Authority for Reeve and Councillor's Expense Claims and Honorariums be rescinded.

**CARRIED**

**11. g) Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI)**

Discussion was held.

**11. h) Intermunicipal Airport Meeting**

**MOTION 06-929**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That an Operations Committee meeting be held on January 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Fort Vermilion to review the airport study.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-930**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the REDI intermunicipal airport meeting be held on January 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Fort Vermilion.

**CARRIED**

**11. i) 2009 Alberta 55 Plus Winter and Summer Games**

**MOTION 06-931**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the 2009 Alberta 55 Plus Winter and Summer Games be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**11. j) NADC – Attraction Packages**

**MOTION 06-932**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That administration send the information requested by the Northern Alberta Development Council.

**CARRIED**

**11. k) Mighty Peace Country 2007 Visitor Guide Rates**

**MOTION 06-933**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the Municipal District of Mackenzie sponsor a full page advertisement in the 2007 Mighty Peace Country Visitor Guide.

**CARRIED**

**11. l) Office Closure – Christmas Break**

**MOTION 06-934**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That all Municipal District of Mackenzie offices be closed on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**CARRIED**

**11. m) Strategic Plan**

**MOTION 06-935**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neudorf

That the draft strategic plan and cursory system review prepared by Touchstone Resources dated November 2006 be tabled for review by Council at a later meeting and be added to the action list.

**CARRIED**

**11. n) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 06-936**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Information/Correspondence items be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-937**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Municipal District of Mackenzie become a Patron of Pitch-in Alberta at a cost of \$325.00.

**CARRIED**

**11. o) Budget Reporting**

**MOTION 06-938**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That the budget reporting request be tabled for further information.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA SESSION:**

**MOTION 06-939**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That consideration be given to move in Camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 10:27 p.m.

- 12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations
- 12. b) Health Services
- 12. c) Personnel & Contracts

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 06-940**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thompson

That Council move out of camera at 10:43 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**12. b) Health Services**

**MOTION 06-941**

**MOVED** by Councillor Froese

That the Municipal District of Mackenzie upfront the costs of \$5,250.00 to bring up two doctors for a meeting with the Chief of Medical Staff in High Level and Fort Vermilion, with funds coming from the general operating budget, and recover the travel costs from Northern Lights Health Region of approximately 5,000.00 and that the primary focus be to recruit for the Fort Vermilion area.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**13. a) Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 12, 2006  
10:00 am  
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**14. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 06-942**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

(signature on file)  
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

(signature on file)  
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant