

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
10:00 am**

**Council Chambers  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Greg Newman	Reeve
	Dicky Driedger	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
	Ray Toews	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
	Stuart Watson	Councillor
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peter F. Braun	Deputy Reeve
	Ed Froese	Councillor
	Bill Neufeld	Councillor
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
	Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
	Ryan Becker	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
	John Klassen	Director of Operations – South
	Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on April 7, 2009 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

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

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

**MOTION 09-04-244 MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That agenda be adopted with the addition of:  
10. n) Forest Industry Shutdown

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the March 26, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 09-04-245**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the March 26, 2009 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF THE  
MINUTES:**

**4. a) None**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**5. a) None**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**6. a) Mackenzie Housing Management Board Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2009**

**MOTION 09-04-246**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Mackenzie Housing Management Board meeting minutes of February 24, 2009 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**8. a) None**

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

**9. a) Council Committee Reports**

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative, the AAMD&C Spring Convention, Tompkins Landing ice bridge, and the meeting with Northern Lakes College representatives.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Zama Recreation Board, and the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Councillor Toews reported on the AUPE negotiations and the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board.

Councillor Watson reported on the AUPE negotiations and the Mackenzie Regional Waste.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Finance Committee meeting, AUPE negotiations, Community Futures, the High Level library grand opening, AAMD&C Spring Convention, Mackenzie Housing Board, Parks & Recreation Committee, and the AHSA conference.

Reeve Newman reported on the AAMD&C Spring Convention, meeting with assessment services, High Level negotiations, meeting with Northern Lakes College representatives, and the La Crete library teleconference.

Councillor Sarapuk reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative, Zama building committee meeting, meeting with Northern Lakes College representatives, and the Grow North meeting.

**MOTION 09-04-247**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the council committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. b) CAO and Directors Reports**

**MOTION 09-04-248**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-249**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to La Prairie Group and the Minister of Transportation on how they plan to maintain the service level with a reduced number of service points.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

**10. a) Bylaw 697/09 Assessing a Manufactured Home  
Community Owner**

**MOTION 09-04-250**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 697/09 being a bylaw authorizing assessing a manufactured home community owner for

the designated manufactured homes located in the manufactured home community.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-251**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That third reading be given to Bylaw 697/09 being a bylaw authorizing assessing a manufactured home community owner for the designated manufactured homes located in the manufactured home community.

**CARRIED**

**10. b) Bylaw 710/09 – Borrowing Bylaw for the Construction of the Zama Multi-Use Cultural Building**

**MOTION 09-04-252**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 710/09 being a borrowing bylaw for construction of the Zama Multi-Use Cultural Building.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

**10. c) Zama Office & Library Building Design and Tender Date**

**MOTION 09-04-253**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council approve the Zama Office & Library building design as presented and have tenders close on May 12, 2009 with an awarding condition on securing grants and donations for the balance of the cost.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. d) Design & Tender for Shops in La Crete and Zama**

**MOTION 09-04-254**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration proceed to secure design build proposals for the La Crete public works shop and the Zama public works shop/fire hall and present them to Council for consideration and final cost allocation.

**CARRIED**

**10. e) Request for Tax Write Off**

**MOTION 09-04-255**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That taxes and penalties charged against tax roll 082004 (MLL960058) in the amount of \$147.44 be written off.

**CARRIED**

**10. i) April 20, 2009 Council Meeting**

**MOTION 09-04-256**

**MOVED** by Councillor D. Driedger

That the April 20, 2009 regular Council meeting time be changed to 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**10. j) Northern Alberta Development Council Letter of Support – Grande Prairie Container Depot**

**MOTION 09-04-257**

**MOVED** by Reeve Newman

That Mackenzie County supports the AAMD&C Zone 4 to send a letter of support for the Grande Prairie Container Depot.

**CARRIED**

**10. k) Northern Lakes College**

**MOTION 09-04-258**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the Northern Lakes College discussion be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**10. f) 2008 Carried Forward Projects**

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**7. a) Bylaw 705/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Vary Minimum Hamlet Country Residential Lot Size for Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3 (Lake Side Estates) (La Crete)**

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 705/09 to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 705/09 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, 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. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on February 25, 2009.

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 705/09. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 705/09. No one was present to speak in regards to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 705/09 at 1:01 p.m.

**MOTION 09-04-259**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 705/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to grant a variance of the minimum lot size for Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3 in order to subdivide the parcel into two lots, each being approximately 1.43 acres in size.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-260**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That third reading be given to Bylaw 705/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to grant a variance of the minimum lot size for Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3 in order to subdivide the parcel into two lots, each being approximately 1.43 acres in size.

**CARRIED**

**7. b) Bylaw 706/09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Multiple Properties (La Crete)**

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 706/09 to order at 1:02 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 706/09 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, 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. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on February 25, 2009.

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 706/09. Two written submissions were received opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 706/09. Mr. Henry Braun, an affected landowner, was in attendance for clarification on how this proposed bylaw would affect him. He also inquired as to any tax changes as a result of this zoning change.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 706/09 at 1:14 p.m.

**MOTION 09-04-261**

**MOVED** by Councillor D. Driedger

That second reading be given to Bylaw 706/09 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone:

Plan 5232TR, Block 6, Lot 3 (being title number: 072 366 443), Plan 942 0787, Block 6, Lots 5 through 7, Plan 2504TR, Block 7, Lots 3 through 8, Plan 3969TR, Block 4, Lots 2 through 6, Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2 (being title number: 022 234 423 and 062 523 892), Plan 962 4008, Block 5, Lot 35, Plan 782 0147, Block 1, Lots 18, 36, and 37, Plan 782 0147, Block 15, Lots 2, 13 and 14, and Part of NE 4-106-15-W5M, and from Hamlet Residential-Commercial Transitional District "HRCT" to Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1", and

Plan 922 3712, Block 1, Lot 1, Plan 982 6116, Lots 1 and 2 from Hamlet Residential-Commercial Transitional District "HRCT" to Urban Reserve District "UR".

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 09-04-262**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That administration bring back a couple of options regarding the rezoning of multiple properties in La Crete.

**CARRIED**

**10. f) 2008 Carried Forward Projects**

**MOTION 09-04-263**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the 2008 carried forward projects be brought back to the final 2009 budget approval as discussed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. g) 2009 Assessment and Municipal Revenue (estimated)**

**MOTION 09-04-264**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the 2009 estimated assessment and municipal revenue be brought back to the final 2009 budget approval.

**CARRIED**

**10. h) Recovery of Taxes by Public Auction – Tax Forfeiture Properties**

**MOTION 09-04-265**

**MOVED** by Councillor D. Driedger

That the reserve bids be set for the tax forfeiture properties offered for sale at the 2009 assessment values.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-266**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the auction date, for the tax forfeiture properties, be set for August 11, 2009 to be held in the Council Chambers at 4511 – 46 Ave, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

**CARRIED**

**10. l) Mackenzie County Charity Golf Tournament**

**MOTION 09-04-267**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That administration be authorized to proceed with the charity golf tournament as planned with the County hosting the event at the Fox Haven golf course.

**CARRIED**

**10. m) Minister and Premier Meetings**

**MOTION 09-04-268**

**MOVED** by Councillor Watson

That the Reeve and two Councillors be authorized to attend the meeting with Minister Renner in Edmonton on April 22, 2009.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-269**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That four additional Councillors be authorized to attend the Premiers Dinner in Edmonton on April 30, 2009.

**CARRIED**

**10. n) Forest Industry Shutdown (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 09-04-270**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council send a letter to Premier Stelmach outlining our concerns regarding the forest industry and requesting a meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-271**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council approve the Reeve meeting with northern municipalities and organizing a strong lobby to help the timber industry in northern Alberta.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:09 p.m. and

reconvened the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

**OPERATIONAL  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) County's Regravelling Program for 2009**

**MOTION 09-04-272**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That administration proceed with the regravelling tender process and that the tender document be accepted as amended with a closing date of May 12, 2009.

**CARRIED**

**11. b) 2009 Equipment Rates**

**MOTION 09-04-273**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That Mackenzie County implements a procedure to pay day labor rates for independent contractors at 75% of the Alberta Roadbuilders rate book.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 09-04-274**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That Mackenzie County continue paying day labor rates for independent contractors according to the Alberta Roadbuilders rate book.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 09-04-275**

**MOVED** by Reeve Newman

That Mackenzie County continue paying day labor at the current rates.

Councillor J. Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:

Councillor D. Driedger  
Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Toews  
Councillor Watson  
Reeve Newman  
Councillor Sarapuk

Opposed:

Councillor J. Driedger

**CARRIED**

**11. c) ASB Farmer Appreciation**

**MOTION 09-04-276**

**MOVED** by Councillor D. Driedger

That the ASB farmer appreciation update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**11. d) Beaver Control**

Reeve Newman declared himself in conflict of interest and left the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Councillor J. Driedger nominated Councillor Sarapuk for the position of chair. Councillor Sarapuk assumed the chair.

**MOTION 09-04-277**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the proposal from the Trapper's Association be accepted to eradicate Beaver from problem areas as per the Agricultural Service Board's Beaver Control Program and budget, at a cost of \$30.00 per beaver tail.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Newman rejoined the meeting at 3:03 p.m. and resumed the chair.

**11. e) Road Bans**

**MOTION 09-04-278**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the road bans discussion be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**11. f) Rural Water Projects**

**MOTION 09-04-279**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration proceed with obtaining a written report from DCL Siemens Engineering on rural water action to date and then decide on further action and project scope.

**CARRIED**

**11. g) Hutch Lake Caretaking Contract**

**MOTION 09-04-280**

**MOVED** by Reeve Newman

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Parks, and Recreation requesting a three year funding agreement for the operation of the Hutch Lake campground as discussed on July 16, 2008 in Calgary.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-281**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Hutch Lake caretaking contract be awarded to the best qualified bidder for a two year period subject to the recreational lease and provincial funding.

**CARRIED**

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

**12. a) Policy FIN019 Lot Sale Agreements with Realtors**

**MOTION 09-04-282**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy FIN019 Lot Sale Arrangements with Realtors be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**12. b) Hutch Lake Lot Advertising Campaign**

**MOTION 09-04-283**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration enters into a contract with Remax (Peace River) to list the Hutch Lake Lots for a period of one year.

**CARRIED**

**12. c) Draft Municipal Development Plan**

**MOTION 09-04-284**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That the draft municipal development plan be received for

information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 3:53 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**INFORMATION /  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**13. a) Information/Correspondence Items**

**MOTION 09-04-285**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That an official census not be conducted this year.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-286**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration review the census procedure prior to the next federal census.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-287**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That June 1 – 7, 2009 be proclaimed as Seniors' Week.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-288**

**MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

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

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA SESSION:**

**MOTION 09-04-289**

**MOVED** by Councillor D. Driedger

That Council move in camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4:12 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Legal
- 14. d) Inter-municipal Relations

- 14. e) CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Negotiations
- 14. f) AUPE Negotiations
- 14. g) Tompkins Landing Ice-Bridge Contract

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-290**      **MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 4:28 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 09-04-291**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the in-camera items be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**    **15. a) Regular Council Meeting**

Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, April 20, 2009  
2:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

**ADJOURNMENT:**      **16. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 09-04-292**      **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved on April 20, 2009.

Original Signed  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Newman  
Reeve

Original Signed  
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William Kostiw  
Chief Administrative Officer