



Mackenzie County

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 29, 2017

10:00 A.M.

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FORT VERMILION, AB**

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

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Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services
Title:	Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Minutes of the March 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

Approved Council Meetings minutes are posted on the County website.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority
 Requires 2/3
 Requires Unanimous

That the minutes of the March 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: CG CAO: _____

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve (left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.)
Lisa Wardley	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor (left the meeting at 2:14 p.m.)
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:13 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor (teleconference)

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
William (Bill) Kostiw	Intergovernmental Relations & Special Projects Coordinator
Louise Flooren	Acting Director of Finance
Reuben Friesen	Finance Controller
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public and the Media
Grade 6 Students – Ridgeview Central School

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 14, 2017 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Fred Kirby's grade six class from Ridgeview Central School

was present to observe the Council meeting.

The students held an election for the position of Junior Reeve. Dimitri Friesen was elected the Junior Reeve and took a seat next to the Reeve.

AGENDA:

2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 17-03-159

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4. b) James Rosenberger – 01-SUB-17 Sewer Easement Request on Plan 142 5000, Block 5, Lot 2
- 9. f) Disaster Forum Conference
- 17. a.) Carry Forward Projects Funding
- 17. a) Wood Supply Negotiations

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the February 28, 2017, Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 17-03-160

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the minutes of the February 28, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) Council Committee Reports

MOTION 17-03-161

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-03-162

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 2, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-03-163

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Public Works Committee unapproved minutes of March 6, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. d) Tompkins Crossing Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-03-164

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Tompkins Crossing Committee unapproved minutes of March 7, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: 6. a) CAO Report

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:13 a.m.

MOTION 17-03-165

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the CAO report for February 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. a) 2017 Ratepayer Meetings

MOTION 17-03-166

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the 2017 annual ratepayer meetings incorporate manned department booths as well as a question and answer period and that they be scheduled as follows:

- La Crete – June 12, 2017
- Fort Vermilion – June 13, 2017
- Rocky Lane/High Level Rural – June 19, 2017
- Zama – June 20, 2017
- Tompkins Landing – June 27, 2017

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-167 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the June 27, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting be held in La Crete beginning at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: **4. a) Grade 6 Students – Ridgeview Central School**

The grade six students were given an opportunity to present questions to Council:

1. How long have you been the Reeve?
For 35 years.

The Reeve thanked the students for attending the meeting.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION: **9. b) La Crete Midget Lumberjacks – Request for Financial Support**

Reeve Neufeld turned over the chair to Deputy Reeve Wardley.

MOTION 17-03-168 **MOVED** by Reeve Neufeld
Requires Unanimous

That Mackenzie County sponsor the La Crete Midget Lumberjacks in the amount of \$500.00 to attend the provincial tournament.

DEFEATED

Reeve Neufeld resumed the chair.

ADMINISTRATION: **9. c) Fairview & District Chamber of Commerce – Highway to a Better Business Conference Sponsorship Request**

MOTION 17-03-169 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Fairview & District Chamber of Commerce – Highway to a Better Business Conference sponsorship request be forwarded to REDI.

DEFEATED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. e) Northern Alberta Development Council

MOTION 17-03-170 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Council support Councillor Braun in his application to sit on the Northern Alberta Development Council.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. f) Disaster Forum (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-03-171 MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk
Requires Unanimous

That the Disaster Forum be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-172 MOVED by Councillor Bateman
Requires Unanimous

That administration contact Alberta Environment regarding the river water levels and potential flooding in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:

10. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

11. a) Insurance and Recognition of Fire Services

MOTION 17-03-173 MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the update on the insurance and recognition of fire services be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. a) Short Term Borrowing Bylaws

MOTION 17-03-174 MOVED by Councillor Bateman
Requires 2/3

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1060-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-175
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1061-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-176
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1062-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. b) Reserve Policies

MOTION 17-03-177

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Policy RESV10 Municipal Reserve be approved as amended to include the proceeds from the sale of Municipal Reserve designated lands.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-178

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the following reserve policies be amended as presented:

RESV01	General Operating Reserve
RESV02	General Capital Reserve
RESV03	Off-Site Levy Reserve
RESV04	Road Reserve
RESV05	Gravel Reclamation
RESV06	Vehicle & Equipment Replacement and Emergency Services Reserve
RESV09	Drainage Reserve
RESV10	Municipal Reserve
RESV14	Gravel Crushing Reserve
RESV18	Water Reserve Fund
RESV19	Street Light Replacement Reserve

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-179

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the following reserve policies be rescinded:

RESV07	Emergency Service Reserve (<i>policy was combined with Policy RESV06 Vehicle & Equipment Replacement</i>)
RESV11	Capital Funding Carry Forward Reserve – Recreation Boards
RESV12	Walking Trail Reserve
RESV13	Water Treatment Plant (<i>policy was combined with Policy RESV18 Water Reserve Fund</i>)
RESV15	Funding to Community Non-Profit Organizations (<i>a new policy will be created for the Grants to Other Organizations Reserve</i>)
RESV17	Bursaries Reserve (<i>Current funds to be moved to the 2017 Bursary budget line</i>)

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-180

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the following transfer of reserve funds be approved:

- \$190,011 from RESV13 Water Treatment Plant be transferred to RESV18 Water Reserve Fund.
- \$20,000 from RESV15 Funding to Community Non-Profit Organizations be transferred to the Grants to Other Organizations Reserve.
- \$9,250 from RESV17 Bursaries Reserve be transferred to 2017 Bursary budget line.
- \$963,469 from RESV07 Emergency Services Reserve be transferred to RESV06 Vehicle & Equipment Replacement and Emergency Services Reserve.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. c) Policy ADM002 Vehicle Usage

MOTION 17-03-181

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy ADM002 Vehicle Usage be amended as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 12. d) Policy FIN024 Electronic Signatures

MOTION 17-03-182 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Policy FIN024 Electronic Signatures be approved as amended.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 12. e) Policy FIN026 Tangible Capital Assets Accounting

MOTION 17-03-183 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Policy FIN026 – Tangible Capital Assets Accounting be amended as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 13. a) Gravel Truck

MOTION 17-03-184 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen
Requires 2/3

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$30,000 to the 2017 Capital Budget for FV – Gravel Truck, with a total budget of \$90,000, with funding coming from the Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 14. b) Fort Vermilion Airport – Wildlife Fence

MOTION 17-03-185 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Fort Vermilion Airport wildlife fence be TABLED to the budget discussion in April.

CARRIED

UTILITIES: 15. a) La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion Study Proposal Award Recommendation

MOTION 17-03-186 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion Study project be awarded to WSP Engineering Ltd. for \$29,184.00 w/o GST as

per proposal based on the results of the matrix used within the Request for Proposals.

Evaluation Criteria	Points available	WSP	MPE Siemens	Helix Engineering
Experience and Qualifications/Project Team	25	19	16	20
Project Understanding & Proposed Methodology	35	25	20	30
RFP Total Bid Price	40	40	29	10
Total points available	100	84	64	60

CARRIED

INFORMATION:

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 17-03-187

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County supports the 11 recommendations in the Alberta Jobs Taskforce Report.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-188

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter be sent immediately to the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister requesting them to ensure that Budget 2017 incorporates the 11 recommendations in the Alberta Jobs Taskforce Report.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-189

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION: 17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 17-03-190

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 12:37 p.m.

- 17. a) Legal
 - Carry Forward Projects Funding
 - Wood Supply Negotiations
- 17. a) Labour
- 17. a) Land
 - Crown Land Negotiations

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-191 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move out of camera at 1:01 p.m.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: **17. a) Legal – Carry Forward Projects Funding**

MOTION 17-03-192 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That administration apply for federal grant funding for the following projects:

- Blue Hills Waterline
- Waterline north of the Peace River

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: **7. a) Bylaw 1059-17 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of C of T SW 11-106-15-W5M from Hamlet Country Residential 1 “HCR1” to La Crete General Commercial “GC1” (La Crete)**

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 1056-16 to order at 1:06 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1059-17 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Municipal Reserve Partial Closure Plan. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, presented the Bylaw Amendment and indicated that first reading was given on

February 14, 2017.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land Use Bylaw Amendment. No questions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1059-17. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1059-17.

George Froese spoke in favor of the proposed bylaw on behalf of the property owner, John Wiebe. He stated that the purpose of the rezoning is to allow them to set up a counselling office. He also stated that the property to the right and left are already zoned Commercial with the exception of one residence. They will be applying for a legal subdivision for the purpose of setting up a counselling office.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1059-17 at 1:10 p.m.

MOTION 17-03-193

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1059-17 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of C of T SW 11-106-15-W5M from Hamlet Country Residential "HCR1" to La Crete General Commercial "GC1" to accommodate the development of a Professional Office.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-194

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1059-17 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of C of T SW 11-106-15-W5M from Hamlet Country Residential "HCR1" to La Crete General Commercial "GC1" to accommodate the development of a Professional Office.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) James Rosenberger - 01-SUB-17 Sewer Easement Request on Plan 142 5000, Block 5, Lot 2

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) 01-SUB-17 Sewer Easement Request on Plan 142
5000, Block 5, Lot 2**

Reeve Neufeld left the meeting at 1:48 p.m. and turned over the chair to Deputy Reeve Wardley.

MOTION 17-03-195

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Mackenzie County accepts the existing infrastructure currently servicing Lot 2, Block 5, Plan 142 5000 in its current condition, subject to applicable easements being obtained.

CARRIED

9. d) Caribou Update

MOTION 17-03-196

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Wardley recessed the meeting at 1:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Discussion regarding meetings scheduled during the AAMDC Spring Convention.

Councillor Derksen left the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

MOTION 17-03-197

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-03-198

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of camera at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA:

17. a) Legal – Wood Supply Negotiations

MOTION 17-03-199

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the wood supply negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. c) Land – Crown Land Negotiations

MOTION 17-03-200 MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the crown land negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES: 19. a) Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 28, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

b) Regular Council Meeting
March 29, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 17-03-201 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on March 29, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
Title:	Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The minutes of the March 16, 2017 Municipal Planning Commission meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

Author: B. Peters Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 16, 2017 be received for information.

Author: B. Peters Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting**

**Mackenzie County Office
Fort Vermilion, AB**

Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: John W. Driedger Chair, Councillor, MPC Member
Jacquie Bateman Councillor, MPC Member
Jack Eccles MPC Member
Beth Kappelar MPC Member (via teleconference)

ADMINISTRATION: Byron Peters Director of Planning and Development
Liane Lambert Planner
Lynda Washkevich Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
Caitlin Smith Development Officer

REGRETS: Erick Carter Vice Chair, MPC Member

MOTION 1. CALL TO ORDER

John W. Driedger called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MPC-17-03-028 MOVED by Jack Eccles

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) Adoption of Minutes

MPC-17-03-029 MOVED by Beth Kappelar

That the minutes of March 2, 2017 Municipal Planning Commission meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

b) Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

MPC-17-03-030 **MOVED** by Jacquie Bateman

That the terms of reference be received for information.

CARRIED

5. **DEVELOPMENT**

- a) **029-DP-17 Ken Harder
Garage-Detached with 11% Size Variance (30'x40')
Hamlet Country Residential 2 "HCR2" (La Crete)
Plan 992 0893, Block 01, Lot 8**

MPC-17-03-031 **MOVED** by Jack Eccles

That Development Permit 029-DP-17 on Plan 992 0893, Block 01, Lot 08 in the name of Ken Harder be APPROVED with the following conditions:

Failure to comply with one or more of the attached conditions shall render this permit Null and Void

1. Minimum building setbacks:
 - a. 15.2 meters (50 feet) front (East) yard;
 - b. 4.6 meters (15 feet) side (North & South) yards; and
 - c. 7.6 meters (25 feet) rear (West) yard; from the property lines.
2. An 11% **Size Variance** for the Garage – Detached is hereby granted. The maximum square footage shall not exceed 1200 ft².
3. **A Secondary Suite is not permitted in this Garage – Detached; should the applicant change the intention of this building a new development permit is required.**
4. **The interior ceiling height of the Garage – Detached shall not exceed than 3.7 meters (12 feet) in height.**
5. **The vehicle entrance doors shall not exceed 3.7 meters (12 feet) in height.**
6. The architecture, construction materials and appearance of buildings and other structures shall be to accepted standards and shall compliment the natural features and character of the site and the aesthetics of the neighbouring residences to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.

7. **The Garage – Detached is approved for residential purposes only and no commercial activity is permitted in this building.**
8. All sewage disposals shall conform to the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2015.
9. This permit approval is subject to the access to the property being constructed to County standards. PRIOR to installation of a new access or changing location of existing access, complete a Request for Access form by contacting the Operational Services Department for Mackenzie County at 780-928-3983. Access to be constructed at the developers' expense.
10. No construction or development is allowed on or in a right-of-way. It is the responsibility of the developer/owner/occupant to investigate the utility rights-of-way, if any, that exist on the property prior to commencement of any construction and to ensure that no construction or development is completed on any utility right-of-way.
11. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighbouring properties.
12. The Developer shall at all times comply with all applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal legislation and regulations and County Bylaws and resolutions relating to the development of the lands.

CARRIED

- b) **031-DP-17 Andrew Teichroeb
Automotive & Equipment Repair, Major (Shop Rebuild)
Agricultural "A" (La Crete Rural)
NW 12-106-15-W5M**

MPC-17-03-032 **MOVED** by Beth Kappelar

That Development Permit 031-DP-17 on NW 12-106-15-W5M in the name of Andrew Teichroeb be APPROVED with the following conditions:

Failure to comply with one or more of the attached conditions shall render this permit Null and Void

1. Minimum building setbacks: 64 meters (210 feet) from center line of Highway 697, 41.15 meters (135 feet) from any road allowances and 15.24 meters (50 feet) from any other property lines.
2. **AN APPROVED ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IS REQUIRED FROM ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION. ALL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS BY ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION SHALL BE MET TO THEIR SPECIFICATIONS**

AND STANDARDS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT. (CONTACT ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AT 1-780-624-6280).

3. **The Shop shall meet all Alberta Safety Code requirements for Commercial/Industrial Buildings and any other requirements specified by Superior Safety Codes. Failure to do so shall render this permit Null and Void.**
4. **This permit approval is subject to approval from the Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council (AMVIC). The developer is required to obtain written approval from the Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council regarding the proposed development prior to commencement of the development. Failure to do so shall render this permit Null and Void.**
5. **All conditions and requirements by the Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council "AMVIC" are to be met to their specifications and standards.**
6. **No vehicle shall be located in such a way that it impedes visibility for vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.**
7. All sewage disposals shall conform to the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2015.
8. **This permit approval is subject to the access to the property being constructed to County standards. PRIOR to installation of a new access or changing location of existing access, complete a Request for Access form by contacting the Operational Services Department for Mackenzie County at 780-928-3983. Access to be constructed to Mackenzie County standards and at the developers' expense.**
9. No construction or development is allowed on or in a right-of-way. It is the responsibility of the developer/owner/occupant to investigate the utility rights-of-way, if any, that exist on the property prior to commencement of any construction and to ensure that no construction or development is completed on any utility right-of-way.
10. Provide adequate off street parking as follows: The minimum parking standards are 1 space per 45 square meters of building area, which in this case is 16 public parking stalls. "One parking space, including the driveway area, shall occupy 27.87 square meters (300 square feet)."
11. If a sign is placed on the property the sign shall be located a minimum of:
 - a. 200 meters from regulatory signs, and
 - b. 3 meters (9 feet) from the outer edge of the road or not less than 1.5 meters from the property line if on private property.
12. The sign shall be a minimum of 1.5 meters to a maximum of 2.5 meters in height above the shoulder of the road.

13. The sight and sign shall be kept in a safe, clean, and tidy condition, or may be required to be renovated or removed.

14. The sign shall:

- a. Not obstruct the orderly and safe flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic,
- b. Not unduly interfere with the amenities of the district,
- c. Not materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring properties, and
- d. Not create visual or aesthetic blight.

15. The total site area shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighbouring properties.

16. The Developer shall at all times comply with all applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal legislation and regulations and County Bylaws and resolutions relating to the development of the lands.

CARRIED

6) SUBDIVISION

a) 43-SUB-16 Derek Friesen REVISION Agricultural "A" (88 Connector Road) SE 13-106-12-W5M

MPC-17-03-033 **MOVED** by Jack Eccles

That Subdivision Application 43-SUB-16 in the name of Derek Friesen on SE 13-106-12-W5M be APPROVED with the following conditions:

1. This approval is for a **Type B** subdivision, Two (2) -10 acre (4.04 hectare) parcels in size.
2. Applicant/developer shall enter into and abide by a Development Agreement with the Mackenzie County which shall contain, but is not limited to:
 - a) Prior to any development on the proposed subdivision, the developer shall obtain a development permit from the Municipality.
 - b) Provision of access to both the subdivision and the remnant of the quarter in accordance with Mackenzie County standards at the developer's expense.
 - c) All sewage disposals shall conform to the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2015.

- d) **Provision of a storm water management plan. Contact Planning and Development staff at 780-928-3983 to discuss the requirements for your subdivision.**
- e) Any outstanding property taxes are to be paid on the land proposed to be subdivided prior to registration.
- f) Provision of municipal reserve in the form of money in lieu of land. Specific amount is based on 10% of the subject land and on the current market value. The current market value for this property is \$5,000.00 per acre. Municipal reserve is charged at 10%, which is \$500.00 per subdivided acre. **10 acres times \$500.00 equals \$5,000.00,**
- g) **The Developer has the option to provide a market value appraisal of the existing parcel of land as of a specified date occurring within the 35-day period following the date on which the application for subdivision approval is made in accordance to the *Municipal Government Act* Section 667 (1) (a).**
- h) Provision of utility right-of-way as required by ATCO Electric, Telus and Northern Lights Gas and others.
- i) Provision of and negotiations for utility rights-of-way and/or easements as required by utility companies. The Developer shall be responsible for any line relocation or correction costs that occur as a result of this development. Responses from utilities companies are shown in Schedule "C" hereto attached.
- j) **Mackenzie County shall not be held liable for any concerns, issues or damages related to and/or resulting from the water tables and any other water problems as a result of any low land levels of the proposed development. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that adequate drainage and other precautions are taken to avoid water seepage into the dwellings/basement and/or flooding of the basement, and/or any ancillary buildings.**

CARRIED

**b) 04-SUB-17 Helen Peters
Agricultural "A" (La Crete Rural)
NE 24-105-14- W5M**

MPC-17-03-034 MOVED by Beth Kappelar

That Subdivision Application 04-SUB-17 in the name of Helen Peters on

NE 24-105-14-W5M be APPROVED with the following conditions:

1. This approval is for a **TYPE B** single lot subdivision, approximately 10 acres (4.04 hectares) in size.
2. Applicant/developer shall enter into and abide by a Development Agreement with the Mackenzie County which shall contain, but is not limited to:
 - a) Prior to any development on the proposed subdivision, the developer shall obtain a development permit from the Municipality.
 - b) Provision of access to both the subdivision and the balance of the lands in accordance with Mackenzie County standards at the developer's expense.
 - c) Dedication by caveat of the most northerly 5.18 meters of the NE 24-105-14-W5M for future road widening.
 - d) All sewage disposals shall conform to the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice 2015.
 - d) **Provision of a storm water management plan. Contact Planning and Development staff at 780-928-3983 to discuss the requirements for your subdivision.**
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CARRIED

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

a) Action List

For Information

8. IN CAMERA

a) None

9. MEETING DATES

- ❖ Thursday, April 6, 2017 @10:00 a.m. in La Crete
- ❖ Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in Fort Vermilion

10. ADJOURNMENT

Beth left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

MPC-17-03-035 MOVED by Jack Eccles

That the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting be adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 6th day of April, 2017.

John W. Driedger, Chair



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Grant Smith, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The minutes of the March 16, 2017 Agricultural Service Board meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

Author: C. Sarapuk Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of March 16, 2017 be received for information.

Author: C. Sarapuk Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday March 16, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT: Josh Knelsen ASB Chair
Bill Neufeld Reeve
Terry Batt Member at Large
David Doerksen Member at Large
Ernie Dyck Member at Large
Eric Jorgensen Council Representative (Via Teleconference)

REGRETS:

ALSO PRESENT: Len Racher Chief Administrative Officer
William Kostiw Intergovernmental Relations & Special Projects
Coordinator
Grant Smith Agricultural Fieldman
Colleen Sarapuk Public Works Administrative Officer (Recording Secretary)

Minutes of the Mackenzie County Agricultural Service Board meeting held on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Chair Knelsen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION ASB 17-03-019 Moved by David Doerksen

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of 7.j) B.C. Bison Update.

CARRIED

PREVIOUS MINUTES 3.a) Minutes of the February 9, 2017 ASB Minutes

MOTION ASB 17-03-020 Moved by Bill Neufeld

That the minutes of the February 9, 2017 ASB meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT
OF THE PREVIOUS
MINUTES**

MOTION ASB 17-03-021

4.a) Shelterbelt Program

Moved by Eric Jorgensen

That the ASB move forward with the Shelterbelt Program as discussed.

CARRIED

ACTION LIST

5.a) Action List

MOTION ASB 17-03-022

Moved by Terry Batt

That the Action List be received for information.

CARRIED

7.a) Alberta Environment Concern (Blue Hills)

MOTION ASB 17-03-023

Moved by Bill Neufeld

That the Alberta Environment Concern (Blue Hills) agenda item be tabled until after the delegation.

CARRIED

7.b) Agricultural Fieldman Report

MOTION ASB 17-03-024

Moved by Terry Batt

That the Agricultural Fieldman Report be received for information.

CARRIED

7.c) Draft Weed Control Policy

MOTION ASB 17-03-025

Moved by Bill Neufeld

That the ASB recommend to Council to approve ASB021 Weed Control Policy as presented.

CARRIED

7.d) Draft ASB014 Pest Control Policy

MOTION ASB 17-03-026

Moved by David Doerksen

That the ASB recommend to Council to approve ASB014 Pest Control Policy as presented.

CARRIED

7.e) Buffalo Head/Steephill Creek Project Update (Discussion)

MOTION ASB 17-03-027 **Moved by** Bill Neufeld

That the Buffalo Head/Steephill Creek Project Update discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

7.f) Organic Alberta Conference Sponsorship

MOTION ASB 17-03-028 **Moved by** David Doerksen

That the ASB become a Silver Sponsor for the Organic Alberta Conference, and request that the Sponsorship also be recognized as a speaker sponsor for Dr. Steve Shirtliffe.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

6.a) Dicky Driedger (arrived 10:57 am)

Mr. Driedger discussed issues with the loss of water on his grazing lease on the SW 29-103-18-W5.

MOTION ASB 17-03-29 **Moved by** David Doerksen

That the delegation be received for information.

CARRIED

7.a) Alberta Environment Concern (Blue Hills)

MOTION ASB 17-03-30 **Moved by** Bill Neufeld

That the County propose to install a permanent ditch block on the SW 29-103-18-W5 as per Alberta Environments request, subject to the landowner providing an sufficient outlet, as per discussion with Mr. Driedger.

CARRIED

7.g) Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Prevalent in Bison within and Surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park Resolution Update.

MOTION ASB 17-03-31

Moved by David Doerksen

That the Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Prevalent in Bison within and Surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park Resolution Update be received for information.

CARRIED

7.h) Crown Land Negotiations

MOTION ASB 17-03-32

Moved by Ernie Dyck

That administration be authorized to negotiate land settlement on the SE 28-105-16-W5.

CARRIED

7.i) Alberta Institute of Agrologist Annual Conference

MOTION ASB 17-03-33

Moved by Bill Neufeld

That Eric Jorgensen be authorized to attend the Alberta Institute of Agrologists Annual Conference.

CARRIED

7.j) B.C. Bison Update

MOTION ASB 17-03-34

Moved by David Doerksen

That the B.C. Bison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

**SET NEXT MEETING
DATE**

9.a) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Mackenzie County office Fort Vermilion.

ADJOURNMENT

9.a) Adjournment

MOTION ASB 17-03-35

Moved by David Doerksen

That the ASB meeting be adjourned at 1:00 PM.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented for approval on April 21, 2017.

Josh Knelsen, Chair

Grant Smith, Agricultural Fieldman

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Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Doug Munn, Director Community Services
Title:	Request for Proposal – Fire Truck Tanker

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

As per the 2017 Capital budget, Council approved the purchase of a Fire Truck Tanker for the Tompkins Fire Hall in the amount of \$385,000.

Administration prepared and advertised the Request for Proposal on the Alberta Purchasing website, with a closing date of 2:00 p.m., March 29, 2017 to be opened that same day during the Council meeting.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

2017 Capital Budget

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

Administration to communicate with all proponents.

Author: _____ Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion 1:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the proposals for the Fire Truck Tanker be opened.

Motion 2:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Fire Truck Tanker proposals be reviewed by administration with a recommendation to be brought back to Council for awarding.

Author: _____ Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	RCMP Trailer Purchase

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

On February 14, 2017, Council passed Motion 17-02-114 “That the County contribute \$5,000 to the Fort Vermilion RCMP for the purchase of a trailer and equipment for their Safety Trailer Program with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.”

After much research, the lowest price the RCMP was able to find for a quality trailer is the attached 2016 7’x14’ enclosed cargo trailer for \$6,650.00.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Unit price	\$6,650.00
Motion 17-02-114	<u>\$5,000.00</u> – from General Operating Reserve 2017-02-14
Amount needed	= \$1,650.00 – request to come from the General Operating Reserve

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

Author: J.Ruskowsky **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** L.R.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$1,650.00 to the Fort Vermilion RCMP towards the purchase of a cargo trailer, as presented, for their safety trailer program with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

Author: J. Ruskowsky Reviewed by: _____ CAO: L.R.

QUAPP EQUIPMENT

Phone: (780) 532-6827

9905 132nd Avenue
Grand Praire, AB T8V4J7

Email: gregquapp@gmail.com



2016 7' x 14' Enclosed Cargo Trailer w/ Ramp

Stock #: CC703501	Exterior: black
VIN #:	Num Axles: 2
Year: 2016	Width: 7.00
Manufacturer: Continental Cargo	Length: 14.00
URL: http://www.quapp.ca/all-inventory?stock=CC703501	

Price \$ 6,650.00

Features

- Manual Top Wind Jack	- 2 5/16 Coupler	- Break away Switch
- Electric Brake(s)	- 5 Hole Wheels	- Spring Suspension
- Hat Channel Uprights	- Wood Floor	- Fenders
- 7-Way Plug	- DOT Approved Lighting	- LED Lighting
- Side Door	- Rear Ramp Door	



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Natural Gas Supply Issues – Letter Sending Status

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

On January 9, 2017, Motion 17-01-008 passed “that a letter be sent to Gas Alberta and the Minister of Energy requesting assistance in locating the issues with our natural gas shortage and work with our suppliers and distributors to resolve the problem.”

Since the motion, the letter was drafted but the natural gas supply shortage issue was taken to the February 1, 2017 Tri-Council Meeting for review and discussion where more decisions were made with how the issue was going to be handled. Administration does not want to contradict a Tri-Council decision with these letters; therefore would like council to review the attached letters for inaccuracies or contradictory information prior to it being sent.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

It would be beneficial (if the letters do not contradict a Tri-Council motion) to begin the conversation with the Minister and Gas Alberta prior to the next Tri-Council Meeting, as the meeting is not until May 3, 2017. The letter requests each their assistance in working with our suppliers and distributors to locate the possible issue and mend the problem. If we connect with the Minister and/or Gas Alberta and begin the conversation prior to the next Tri-Council, we might be exposed to some helpful information to take to the next Tri-Council Meeting for further discussion.

Option 1: Approve the drafted attached letters to be sent to the Minister of Energy and Alberta Gas.

Option 2: Remove Motion 17-01-008 from the Action List as not valid since the involvement of Tri-Council in the natural gas supply issue.

Author: J.Ruskowsky **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** L.R.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

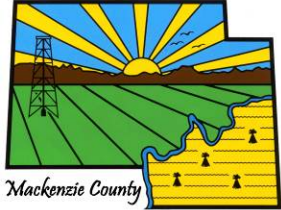
Letter be sent to the Minister of Energy and Gas Alberta to begin the process of finding a solution to the natural gas supply issues.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That administration proceeds with sending the letters to Gas Alberta and the Minister of Energy, as presented, requesting assistance in locating the issues with our natural gas shortage and work with suppliers and distributors to resolve the problems.

Author: J. Ruskowsky Reviewed by: _____ CAO: L.R.



Mackenzie County

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January 16, 2017

Honourable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd
Minister of Energy
408 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB. T5K 2B6

Dear Minister:

RE: NATURAL GAS SHORTAGE IN NORTHERN ALBERTA

December 8 Mackenzie County was contacted by AltaGas and Northern Lights Gas Co-op about dropping pressures in the natural gas lines supplying ratepayers, and by the next morning, 6 customers had lost all natural gas supply to their residences. Lumber mills such as Tolko, Norbord, and La Crete Sawmills were all requested to shut down their kilns and burners to consume less fuel. Schools were closed and thermostats were turned way down to accompany the dropping gas pressures. Mackenzie County maintained emergency standby in the possibility of evacuating senior centers and hospitals in the event they too lost natural gas. With county wide participation, as well as tanker trucks hauling natural gas to supplement the use, gas pressures stabilized.

However, this is not a one-time situation. The following weekend in December, we were faced with another gas shortage that left Mackenzie County once again on emergency standby. Mills continuously leave their burners and kilns off to conserve energy for the residences, but their production is compromised.

Our communities are not being supplied with the natural gas they need to sustain their lives. Our mills are running on miniscule margins and with dry kilns shut down. Homes and businesses are at risk of freezing up as temperatures dip below -30. With these risks and damages to residences and industry, it is hard to maintain the north as a viable place to live.

We strongly urge your assistance in locating the issue with our shortage on natural gas, and working with us and our suppliers and distributors to mend the problem. If you have questions or concerns about the issue, please contact the Mackenzie County Chief Administrative Officer Len Racher on his cell (780) 841-9166 or email lracher@mackenziecounty.com.

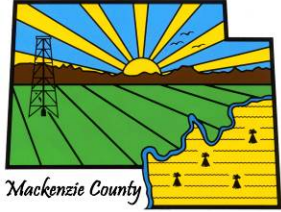
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Honourable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd
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Bill Neufeld
Reeve

c: Debbie Jabbour, MLA Peace River
Dave Symon, President & CEO, Gas Alberta Inc.
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January 16, 2017

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Calgary, AB. T3K 5P3

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Bill Neufeld
Reeve

c: Honourable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, Minister of Energy
Debbie Jabbour, MLA Peace River
Mackenzie County Council
Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer Mackenzie County



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services
Title:	Council Meeting Dates – October 2017

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council holds an Organizational Meeting annually as required by the Municipal Government Act. Since final arrangements have now been made for the Council Orientation, facilitated by our legal firm, administration is requesting that the meeting be changed to Monday, October 23, 2017.

Secondly, we have been notified that the ASB Regional Conference is scheduled for October 25, 2017, which is our regular council meeting date. Administration is recommending that the regular council meeting date be changed to Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion 1

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Council Organizational Meeting scheduled for October 24, 2017 be changed to October 23, 2017.

Motion 2

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for October 25, 2017 be changed to October 24, 2017.

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Doug Munn, Director of Community Services
Title:	Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade – Awarding of Tender

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade Project has a budget of \$1,000,000 with \$510,000 from the County, \$480,000 from a Western Economic Diversification Canada 150 Grant and \$10,000 from the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board. This project is being “fast tracked” so that it can be awarded and completed before the beginning of the 2017-18 skating season so time is of the essence.

The Recreation Board has requested that the County be a Co-Recipient of the grant funds, and once this designation is approved by Western Economic Diversification Canada, the County will be able to act as the financial controller for this project. We expect to receive confirmation of this designation prior to this council meeting. This would be a condition prior to passing the motion and administration would suggest that the recommended motion “Option 2” be selected.

Tenders for this Project will be opened on March 27, 2017 at the Community Services Committee Meeting. The short listed companies are MPE Engineering, Cimco, Cool-line, and Startec. The Project Manager will review these tenders and make a recommendation that will be presented to Council at the March 29, 2017 meeting.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

1. Award the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade Project to (Successful Proponent) for a sum of \$_____ with \$510,000 to come from Mackenzie County 2017 approved budget, \$480,000 from Canada 150 Grant (WEDC) and \$10,000 from the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board.
2. Award the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade Project to (Successful Proponent) for a sum of \$_____ with \$510,000 to come

Author: DM Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

from Mackenzie County 2017 approved budget, \$480,000 from Canada 150 Grant (WEDC) and \$10,000 from the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board. **And Table the motion** until all of the conditions are met.

In the event that the proposed tenders are over the allocated budget (and assuming that all the conditions are met) there are two options:

3. Award the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade Project to (Successful Proponent) for a sum of \$_____ with \$510,000 to come from Mackenzie County 2017 approved budget, \$480,000 from Canada 150 Grant (WEDC), \$10,000 from the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board and \$ (the amount over budget) from the Recreation and Parks Reserve.
4. Direct administration to re-tender the project.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The County plans to fund their share of the project from the 2017 approved budget. If the project is over budget it is possible to draw additional funds from the Recreation and Parks Reserve.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade Project be awarded to _____ for a sum of \$_____ with \$510,000 to come from Mackenzie County 2017 approved budget, \$480,000 from Canada 150 Grant (WEDC) and \$10,000 from the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board.

Author: DM Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Doug Munn, Director of Community Services
Title:	Wadlin Lake Purchase – PLS 160031

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council has directed administration to proceed with the purchase of Wadlin Lake (PLS 160031). Alberta Environment has received this application and responded with the attached letter on February 16, 2017. The Province is currently referring the application to “concerned government agencies” for comment and is advising the County to proceed with a First Nations Consult (FNC). Administration has begun this process.

The County will also be responsible to have a survey completed on the lease area once the FNC and Provincial review is completed. Administration has consulted a survey company and it is estimated that a survey will cost \$15,000, assuming no major changes are made to the boundaries. The Carry Forward Budget for Wadlin Lake has been used up on improvement projects, although we are still waiting for a final invoice on the gravel so there may be some funds remaining. There is a need to establish a budget for the survey in order to expedite the land sale.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

1. The County wait until the Provincial review and the FNC is completed before commissioning the land survey and direct staff to bring this to Council for approval at the appropriate time.
2. The County budget \$15,000 for the land survey so that there is no delay once the FNC and Provincial review is complete. The survey would not be commissioned until the reviews are completed.

Author: Doug Munn Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There are funds available in the Municipal Reserve for the survey.

Until the Province completes an assessment (at their cost) on the land we will not know the purchase price. The survey must be completed before the assessment can be done.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the budget be amended to include \$15,000 for the Wadlin Lake Land Purchase project, for the purpose of completing the land survey, with funding coming from the Municipal Reserve.

Author: Doug Munn Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

PLS 160031

February 16, 2017

Mackenzie County
PO Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB T0H N0

Attention: Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer

RECEIVED
FEB 27 2017

Dear Sir,

MACKENZIE COUNTY
FORT VERMILION OFFICE

RE: Application to Purchase No. PLS 160031

The department has completed its preliminary review of your Application to Purchase form dated **October 21, 2016**, which has been assigned file number, PLS 160031 (the "Application"). Please quote this number on all correspondence with the department concerning this matter.

The parcels indicated on the Application are referred to hereinafter as "the Land".

We acknowledge receipt of \$1,327.50. As a municipality, you are not required to pay an application fee. We will hold the deposit and use \$125.00 towards the mapping fee required to be paid to the department for the purpose of creating an electronic geographical record of your request to purchase land.

Your application has been referred out to all concerned government agencies for comment. You are being advised at this time to conduct your First Nations (FNC) Consultation, as this is a vital process in your application. The department will continue its research to determine if the Province wishes to sell the Land. Throughout the process, it remains the Province's exclusive decision whether or not to sell any public land. Environment and Parks has reviewed the supplied information and has the following comments:

- a) This project was assessed using the *Government of Alberta's Guidelines on Consultation with First Nations on Land and Natural Resource Management, July 28, 2014* and the *Guidelines on Consultation with Metis Settlements on Land and Natural Resource Management, 2016 (Guidelines)*. For more information on the Guidelines and consultation process, please see the following link:
<http://www.indigenous.alberta.ca/policy-guidelines.cfm>.
- b) As such, Environment and Parks recommends Level 2, Standard consultation with:
 - * Tall Cree First Nation
 - * Little Red River Cree Nation
 - * Beaver First Nation

Sale of public land to a local municipality must be authorized by Executive Council through an Order-in-Council.

If either the department or you require a change to the boundary of the Land as indicated on your sketch, you will be required to submit an amendment form with each change request and to pay a mapping amendment fee of \$50.00 for each change.

If the department determines that the Land is available for sale, the department will arrange, at its cost, for an appraisal to establish the value of the Land. You will be informed of the appraised value of the Land and you will be given the opportunity to determine whether you wish to proceed. Once established by the Province, the purchase price is non-negotiable.

Should you wish to proceed with the sale, you will be required to obtain a plan of survey of the Land, at your sole cost, registerable at Land Titles, and to submit the plan to the department for approval. If the department approves the plan of survey, the department will deliver an agreement of purchase and sale to you for your signature. You will also be required to submit the purchase price (less the amount received and allocated) based on the appraisal of the Land and its surveyed area at that time.

All costs incurred by you, including any legal fees, arising from your Application will be borne solely by you without compensation from the department.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact me at the Operations Division, Edmonton, Alberta, telephone: 780-638-4757.

Sincerely,



Jane Dadson
Provincial Approvals Section

cc: Peace Region – Upper Hay District – Attention: Tammy Proulx and Mike Kozij



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Louise Flooren, Acting Director of Finance
Title:	Short Term Borrowing Bylaws

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

On March 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, first readings were given for the following bylaws:

- Bylaw 1060-17 Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade
- Bylaw 1061-17 Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project
- Bylaw 1062-17 Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project

The 2017 capital budget includes the following short term borrowing for the following:

For the Fort Vermilion Ice Plant Upgrade the total estimated cost for the project will be \$1,000,000. The estimated cost to the County is \$510,000, with \$200,000 being funded from our Recreation Facilities Reserve and \$310,000 from a debenture. For the remainder of the project costs, \$480,000 will be funded from the Canada 150 Grant and the Recreation Board contribution will be \$10,000.

For the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 the construction of this will give access to the new lands opened up in the Blue Hills area. The estimated cost to the County for the construction of this bridge is \$390,000, which is just a portion of the projected cost of \$2,000,000. We are anticipating bridge funding from the province from the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) for the remainder.

Author: L. Flooren **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** _____

For the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 the construction of this will give access to the new lands opened up in the Blue Hills area. The estimated cost to the County for the construction of this bridge is \$500,000, which is just a portion of the projected cost of \$1,000,000. We are anticipating bridge funding from the province from the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) for the remainder.

The next borrowing deadline for Alberta Capital Finance Authority is May 15, 2017. The bylaws attached will have to have all 3 readings completed and we cannot make an application for financing until 30 days after the bylaw passed. After applying for the debenture the loan issuance date will be June 15, 2017.

Future borrowing deadlines are as follows:

Loan Issue Date	Municipal and Airport Authorities Application Deadline
December 15, 2016	November 15, 2016
March 15, 2017	February 15, 2017
June 15, 2017	May 15, 2017
September 15, 2017	August 15, 2017
December 15, 2017	November 15, 2017

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) permits a council to borrow funds for capital property as follows:

Capital property - short-term borrowing

257(1) This section applies to a borrowing made for the purpose of financing a capital property when the term of the borrowing is 5 years or less.

(2) The expenditure for the capital property must be included in a budget.

(3) Repealed 1998 c24 s13.

(4) A borrowing bylaw that authorizes the borrowing does not have to be advertised.

1994 cM-26.1 s257;1996 c30 s14;1998 c24 s13

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Validity of borrowings, loans and guarantees

273(1) A borrowing made by a municipality and a loan or guarantee of a loan made by a municipality under section 264 and any legal instrument issued under the borrowing, loan or guarantee is valid and binding on the municipality and is not open to question in any court if the borrowing is authorized by a borrowing bylaw or the loan or guarantee is authorized by bylaw.

(2) A borrowing bylaw or a bylaw authorizing a loan or guarantee is, for the purposes of this section, a valid bylaw if

- (a) no application has been made to the Court of Queen’s Bench to have the bylaw declared invalid within 30 days after the bylaw has been passed, or
- (b) an application has been made to the Court of Queen’s Bench to have the bylaw declared invalid within 30 days after the bylaw has been passed and, on the final disposition of the application and any appeal, the application is dismissed.

1994 cM-26.1 s273

Mackenzie County Policy FIN030 Debt Management, permits borrowing for capital expenses as follows:

- 1. **Business Case** refers to an analysis that demonstrates the necessity for and viability of a new project. A business case will include a financial analysis and a financial plan that identifies and confirms sources of funding to provide for the financing of the capital and operating costs of a new project.

- 10. **Short Term Debt** refers to borrowings from third parties scheduled for repayment for a term of 5 (five) or less years.

The short term borrowing bylaws are being presented for second and third reading.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

Goal E1 That the Region’s transportation system:

- Reduces travel time and increases safe, comfortable and efficient travel between its communities and between the County and major destinations beyond its borders.
- Provides an economically efficient access to business and industrial markets outside of County boundaries.

Strategy E1.1 Maintain a strong and consistent approach with Provincial and Federal governments and other parties (i.e. NADC, NTAC) to request the completion and upgrade of northern transportation corridors:

- To facilitate the safe and efficient movement of goods to, from and within the County.
- To strengthen economically, socially and environmentally sustainable opportunities for the movement of people, as well as agricultural and resource sector goods.

Goal E7 That the East Peace Resource Road from Blue Hills to Peace River be constructed to a two-lane gravel standard.

Strategy E7.1 Work with the province to establish a transportation corridor.

Strategy E7.2 Lobby the province and create partnerships with industry and neighboring municipalities to secure funding for the road construction.

COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion 1

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1060-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade.

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Motion 2

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1060-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade.

Motion 3

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1061-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project.

Motion 4

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1061-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project.

Motion 5

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1062-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project.

Motion 6

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1062-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project.

Author: L. Flooren Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

BYLAW NO. 1060-17

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE
MACKENZIE COUNTY**
(hereinafter referred to as “the County”)
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

This bylaw authorizes the Council of Mackenzie County to incur indebtedness by the issuance of short term borrowing in the amount of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$310,000) for a period not to exceed FIVE (5) years for the purpose of financing the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade project.

WHEREAS, under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 c. M-26, the Council of the County may pass a bylaw to borrow money on a short-term basis for the financing of an operating expenditure and/or capital property expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County has decided to issue a by-law pursuant to Section 257 of the *Municipal Government Act* to authorize a borrowing made for the purpose of financing a capital property when the term of borrowing is FIVE (5) years or less; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade, as approved by Council in capital expenditures; plans and specifications have been prepared and the total cost of the project is estimated to be ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000); and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade project it will be necessary for the County to borrow the sum of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$310,000), which is the projected County cost, for a period not to exceed FIVE (5) years, from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution, by the issuance of debentures and on the terms and conditions referred to in this bylaw; and

WHEREAS, a supplementary application was submitted to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade project for the amount of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$480,000); and

WHEREAS, the estimated lifetime of the project financed under this by-law is equal to, or in excess of thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, the principal amount of the outstanding debt of the County at December 31, 2016 is \$14,657,290 and no part of the principal or interest is in arrears; and

WHEREAS, all required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all *Acts* and *Regulations* of the Province of Alberta.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY DULY ASSEMBLED,
ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That for the purpose of completing the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade the sum of **THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$310,000)** be borrowed from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution by way of debenture on the credit and security of the County at large.
2. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to issue debenture(s) on behalf of the County for the amount and purpose as authorized by this by-law, namely the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade.
3. The County shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely annual or semi-annual equal payments of combined principal and interest instalments not to exceed FIVE (5) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing, and not to exceed TEN (10%) percent.
4. The County shall levy and raise in each year municipal taxes sufficient to pay the indebtedness.
5. The indebtedness shall be contracted on the credit and security of the County.
6. The net amount borrowed under the by-law shall be applied only to the project specified by this by-law.
7. This by-law comes into force on the date it is passed.

READ a first time this ___ day of _____, 2017.

READ a second time this ___ day of _____, 2017.

READ a third time and finally passed this ___ day of _____, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. 1061-17

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE
MACKENZIE COUNTY**
(hereinafter referred to as “the County”)
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,

This bylaw authorizes the Council of Mackenzie County to incur indebtedness by the issuance of short-term borrowing in the amount of THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$390,000) for a period not to exceed FIVE (5) years for the purpose of financing the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project.

WHEREAS, under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 c. M-26, the Council of the County may pass a bylaw to borrow money on a short-term basis for the financing of an operating expenditure and/or capital property expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County has decided to issue a by-law pursuant to Section 257 of the *Municipal Government Act* to authorize a borrowing made for the purpose of financing a capital property when the term of borrowing is FIVE (5) years or less; and

WHEREAS, the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180, as approved by Council in capital expenditures, including all the specifications was prepared with the total cost estimated to be TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000); and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project, it will be necessary for the County to borrow the sum of THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$390,000), which is the projected County cost, for a period not to exceed FIVE (5) years, from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution, by the issuance of debentures and on the terms and conditions referred to in this bylaw; and

WHEREAS, a supplementary application will be submitted to the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) for the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project for the amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the estimated lifetime of the project financed under this by-law is equal to, or in excess of fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS, the principal amount of the outstanding debt of the County at December 31, 2016 is \$14,657,290 and no part of the principal or interest is in arrears; and

WHEREAS, all required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all *Acts* and *Regulations* of the Province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That for the purpose of undertaking the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 (capital project), the sum of **THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$390,000)** be borrowed from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution by way of debenture on the credit and security of the County at large.
2. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to issue debenture(s) on behalf of the County for the amount and purpose as authorized by this by-law, specifically the construction of the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180.
3. The County shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely annual or semi-annual equal payments of combined principal and interest instalments not to exceed FIVE (5) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing, and not to exceed TEN (10%) percent.
4. The County shall levy and raise in each year municipal taxes sufficient to pay the indebtedness.
5. The indebtedness shall be contracted on the credit and security of the County.
6. The net amount borrowed under the by-law shall be applied only to the project/program specified by this by-law.
7. This by-law comes into force on the date it is passed.

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a third time and finally passed this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. 1062-17

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE
MACKENZIE COUNTY**

(hereinafter referred to as “the County”)
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,

This bylaw authorizes the Council of Mackenzie County to incur indebtedness by the issuance of short-term borrowing in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) for a period not to exceed FIVE (5) years, for the purpose of financing the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project.

WHEREAS, under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 c. M-26, the Council of the County may pass a bylaw to borrow money on a short-term basis for the financing of an operating expenditure and/or capital property expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the County have decided to issue a by-law pursuant to Section 257 of the *Municipal Government Act* to authorize a borrowing made for the purpose of financing a capital property when the term of borrowing is FIVE (5) years or less; and

WHEREAS, the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020, as approved by Council in capital expenditures, including all the specifications, was prepared with the total cost estimated to be ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000); and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project, it will be necessary for the County to borrow the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000), which is the projected County cost, for a period not to exceed FIVE (5) years, from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution, by the issuance of debentures and on the terms and conditions referred to in this bylaw; and

WHEREAS, a supplementary application will be submitted to the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) for the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project for the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the estimated lifetime of the project financed under this by-law is equal to, or in excess of forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, the principal amount of the outstanding debt of the County at December 31, 2016 is \$14,657,290 and no part of the principal or interest is in arrears; and

WHEREAS, all required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all *Acts* and *Regulations* of the Province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That for the purpose of undertaking the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 (capital project), the sum of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000)** be borrowed from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution by way of debenture on the credit and security of the County at large.
2. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to issue debenture(s) on behalf of the County for the amount and purpose as authorized by this by-law, specifically the construction of the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020.
3. The County shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely annual or semi-annual equal payments of combined principal and interest instalments not to exceed FIVE (5) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of the borrowing, and not to exceed TEN (10%) percent.
4. The County shall levy and raise in each year municipal taxes sufficient to pay the indebtedness.
5. The indebtedness shall be contracted on the credit and security of the County.
6. The net amount borrowed under the by-law shall be applied only to the project/program specified by this by-law.
7. This by-law comes into force on the date it is passed.

READ a first time this ____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a third time and finally passed this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Dave Fehr, Director of Operations
Title:	Repairing Light Poles – Hamlet of La Crete

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Representatives from ATCO attended the March 6, 2017 Public Works Committee Meeting. They inquired about upcoming projects for this year that may involve street lighting. They also discussed the need to put 18” extensions on some light poles and whole new bases on others. There are 23 identified light poles in the hamlet of La Crete that are rusting because they are buried underground.

Representatives said that a couple years ago a quote was given to the County for repairing the 23 light poles for \$85,000. A possible new quote for this year would be \$50,000 as the work can be achieved using a local crew.

The following motion was made:

MOTION PW-17-03-003 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Administration works with ATCO as per the 2017 summer projects.

CARRIED

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Option 1:

Add ‘Repairing Light Poles’ to the April 2017 budget discussions in the amount of \$50,000.

Option 2:

Bring ‘Repairing Light Poles’ to the 2018 budget.

Author: S Wheeler **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** _____

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

For discussion.

Author: S Wheeler Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning and Development
Title:	La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee – Member at Large Appointment

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The County advertised for public members to sit on the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committees.

Committee Structure:

There will be two committees, one each for Fort Vermilion and La Crete.

The committees will be chaired by a local County Councillor, and be otherwise comprised of community members representing a variety of groups and interests. The goal is to have 7 to 9 community members on the committee, representing diverse interests such as: Business and Industry; Cultural Heritage; Environmental Conservation; Active Living; Universal Accessibility; Public Safety; Stakeholder Engagement.

The following community members are currently sitting on the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee:

La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee
John Acreman Tim Driedger Darryl Friesen Mike Janzen Ray Wiebe

Author: _____ A. O’Rourke **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** _____

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

This individual will be notified of their appointment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That Rob Dyck be appointed to the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee.

Author: A.O'Rourke Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

MACKENZIE COUNTY
La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee

Mackenzie County Office
La Crete, AB

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Peter Braun	Chair, Councilor, Committee Member
	Ray Wiebe	Committee Member
	Mike Janzen	Committee Member
	Darryl Friesen	Committee Member
	Tim Driedger	Committee Member
	John Acreman	Committee Member
REGRETS:	Mike Janzen	Committee Member
ADMINISTRATION	Andrew O'Rourke	Economic Development Officer/Recording Secretary

MOTION

1. Call to Order

Chair Braun called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

LCCSIC-17-03-01

MOVED by Ray Wiebe

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

LCCSIC-17-03-02

MOVED by Tim Driedger

That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Andrew: A request for decision (RFD) was presented to Council on January 23, 2017, with the five names; Ray Wiebe, Mike Janzen, Darryl Friesen, Tim Driedger & John Acreman as members to be appointed to the committee.

Andrew: Mackenzie County advertised vacant positions, but no new applications were received.

Committee: Committee members would like to recommend Rob Dyck from First Fire and Safety to La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee.

Chair Braun: Yes, a Request for Decision (RFD) can be created and sent to Council for his appointment.

Andrew: Introduced and discussed the progress that has been made on creating downtown signage. The package includes aerial photographs with dimensions.

Committee: What are the setbacks for constructing signage along the roadside and next to property lines?

Andrew: I will check with the Mackenzie County Development Officer.

Committee: Does the committee need to talk to the two landowners that might be affected by the new downtown signage?

Chair Braun: Maybe once we finalize our sign design Andrew can approach the affected land owners.

Committee: Prestige Printing and Signs have been tasked with designing a sign. Their staff had pulled together a selection of appropriate questions which required answering to help the design process. Ray Wiebe, on behalf of Prestige Printing and Signs Ltd, passed around a handout with two different proposed designs along with photographic and street plan designs.

Committee: After discussion the committee decided upon the angular sign that would be at a 45 degree angle to both roads entering the intersection. The proposed sign would not have wings on either end.

Committee: Should there be a logo on the sign?

Committee: After some discussion, it was decided that there should not be a logo.

Committee: Decided that the sign reads "La Crete Downtown".

Some committee members are not a fan of cut out letters with lighting behind.

Committee: The sign should be 4-5 ft. high. The sign could have a curved top that would be similar to bench designs proposed by O2 Planning and Design. The sign could be constructed from steel with two pillars either side along with a row of lighting hidden in the ledge pointing down. Background to the sign can be lighter with black lettering. Lettering can be purchased with lifetime warranty. Trim around sign should be black.

Chair Braun: There is a \$17,000 figure that could be assigned from a plant and shrub beautification fund for La Crete. Could this be diverted to the sign project? Andrew to follow up.

Committee: Andrew to get cost estimates for triangle of paving stones on both street corners where signs will be located.

Committee: Andrew to get cost estimate of trenching in a power cable to sign.

Committee: There is a sign owned by the La Crete recreation board that is located on 99 Avenue close to where our proposed 'Downtown Street Sign' is located. Would it be possible to ask them to move it further back from 100St? Or if it was only supposed to be a temporary sign, could it be taken down?

Committee: Once a sign is selected and construction is underway, an article should be written for the County Image articulating the desires of streetscape design and beautification process for La Crete. The suggestion was also made that the article could include a message that no signs for 'Garage Sales' will be allowed at the junctions of 100st and 99th & 101st Ave near new downtown signage.

Andrew: The discussion around tree planting and tree selection started in our last meeting with a particular focus on Linden and Elm trees. This meetings package includes a couple of examples. I've also been in contact with Lorraine Peters of Rustic Roots Greenhouse in the County. She has agreed to assist this committee on tree selection.

Committee: Elm trees are the most desirable; city officials in the City of Brooks have planted Linden trees recently. Could

Andrew talk to a couple of municipalities that have established tree programs and come back to the committee with some suggestions?

Committee: What species of tree would be more resilient to our northern weather conditions? How would it affect visibility of existing businesses? Would the age of the tree contribute to its survival? I.e. would purchasing 8 year old trees be better than 4 year old trees.

Andrew: In speaking with one of the streetscape committee members recently; It was originally understood that while creating the streetscape design a tax incentive could be developed to support existing businesses in our downtown area to upgrade their storefront. I've included three separate programs that are currently in effect as part of existing downtown revitalization programs. I wanted to open this up for discussion.

Committee: Could there be a 50% matching grant up to \$3000 that would contribute to a façade upgrade? Or would it be possible to have three year phased reduction in property taxes?

Committee: Would it be possible to freeze existing taxes for three years after a new façade design has been completed? In that time make an assessment of the increased taxes and inform the business owner that his taxes will be set at this amount thereafter.

Committee: Could brown field lots in town be ordered to clean up and remediate their lots? The one in particular that comes to mind is the Imperial Oil site along 100st next to Knelsen.

4. Adjournment

LCCSIC-17-03-03

MOVED by John Acreman

That the La Crete Community Implementation Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this ___th day of April, 2017.

Peter Braun, Chair



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	March 29, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Information/Correspondence

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The following items are attached for your information, review, and action if required.

- Correspondence – Deputy Minister of Health (Personal Health Care Attendant Position at La Crete Long Term Care)
- Correspondence – Alberta Municipal Affairs (MSI Funding Approvals)
- Correspondence – Industry, Science, and Economic Development Canada (Support for Connect to Innovate Grant)
- Correspondence – Minister of Environment & Parks (Meeting Request – Bistcho Lake Leases)
- Correspondence – Minister of Municipal Affairs (Meeting Request – Bistcho Lake Leases)
- Correspondence – Parks Canada (Disease Risk Bison)
- Correspondence – Minister of Transport (Support for High Level Airport Runway Rehabilitation)
- Correspondence – Prime Minister of Canada (Request for Referendum)
- Correspondence – Special Committee on Electoral Reform (Request for Referendum)
- Correspondence – Office of the Minister of Environment & Parks (Response to Request to Reinstate Tolko Beehive Burner)
- La Crete Recreation Society Meeting Minutes
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Author: CG Reviewed by: CG CAO: _____

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

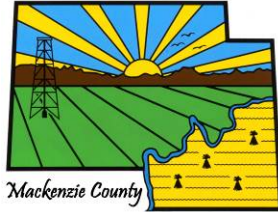
COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

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

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: CG CAO: _____



Mackenzie County

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February 28, 2017

Mr. Carl Amrhein
Deputy Minister
Alberta Health
22nd floor, ATB Place
10025 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5J 1S6

Dear Mr. Amrhein,

**RE: PERSONAL HEALTH CARE ATTENDANT POSITION AT THE LA
CRETE LONG TERM CARE CENTER & MEETING REQUEST**

Mackenzie County Council made a motion on February 14, 2017 about our La Crete Long Term Care Center to request the Personal Care Attendant Position be maintained at the La Crete Long Term Care Center. With the increased demand for health services in our aging community, it is a continuous struggle to maintain a high level of care for the clients in the facility.

To discuss this issue, as well as our other health care needs, Council would like to request a meeting with you in your Edmonton office at your earliest convenience. We will be in Edmonton for the AAMDC Spring Convention and are available to schedule a meeting during this time, or for another date at your discretion. Please contact Carol Gabriel at (780) 927-3718 or email at cgabriel@mackenziecounty.com to arrange a meeting time that suits your schedule.

Should you have any further questions or discussion, please contact our Chief Administrative Officer Len Racher at (780) 927-3718, or email him at lracher@mackenziecounty.com.

Regards,

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Mackenzie County

- c. Dr. Carl Amrhein, Deputy Minister of Alberta Health
Angie Mann, Area 1 - Alberta Health Services
Mackenzie County Council
Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer, Mackenzie County



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March 8, 2017

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PO Box 640
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Dear Reeve Neufeld,

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I am pleased to accept the following eligible project submitted by your municipality under the MSI capital program.

CAP-8583 Fort Vermilion 49 Avenue Waterline Relocation \$250,000

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Hon. Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Honourable Danielle Larivee, MLA, Lesser Slave Lake
 Debbie Jabbour, MLA, Peace River
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March 10, 2017

Ms. Susan Hart
Director General
Industry, Science, and Economic Development Canada
235 Queen Street,
Ottawa, ON. K1A 086

Dear Ms. Hart:

RE: SUPPORT FOR CONNECT TO INNOVATE GRANT

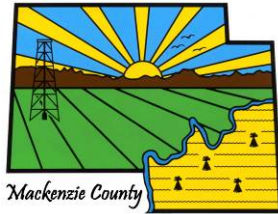
Mackenzie County expresses their support for CCI Wireless and their application for funding through the Connect to Innovate Grant program administered by Industry, Science, and Economic Development Canada. Our county office has received many comments requiring the speed and coverage of the networks throughout our region, and we appreciate this opportunity for one of our local providers to increase their services to our ratepayers.

CCI Wireless currently connects many of our county residents and businesses to the internet. However, with our expanding population, there are many ratepayers that live outside serviceable areas that would benefit from CCI Wireless goal to increase their wireless capacity. As a northern Alberta municipality with a limited wireless system, we grasp at this opportunity to support an Alberta-owned company that provides high speed internet across rural Alberta. This support from us for the CCI Wireless application alongside other municipalities and rural communities validates the need for extended services in the rural areas of Alberta. Mackenzie County appreciates your consideration of funding towards CCI Wireless.

Yours truly,

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer
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c. Mackenzie County Council



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March 15, 2017

The Honourable Shannon Phillips
Minister of Environment & Parks
208 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister:

RE: MEETING REQUEST DISCUSSING REVOKED LAND LEASES

In the fall of 2016, the owners of the cabins have received notice to remove their cabins from their current locations at Bistcho Lake. Attached is the letter addressed to one of the ratepayers in discussion for your reference. We feel this decision is a very heavy handed decision that negatively affects our ratepayers who have already been there and enjoyed these locations for so many years.

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December 9, 2016

File No. MLP 840034



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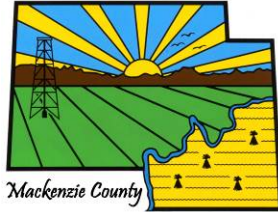
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Yours truly,

Shelly Currie
Provincial Approvals Section
SC/pm

cc: Peace Region-Upper Hay District



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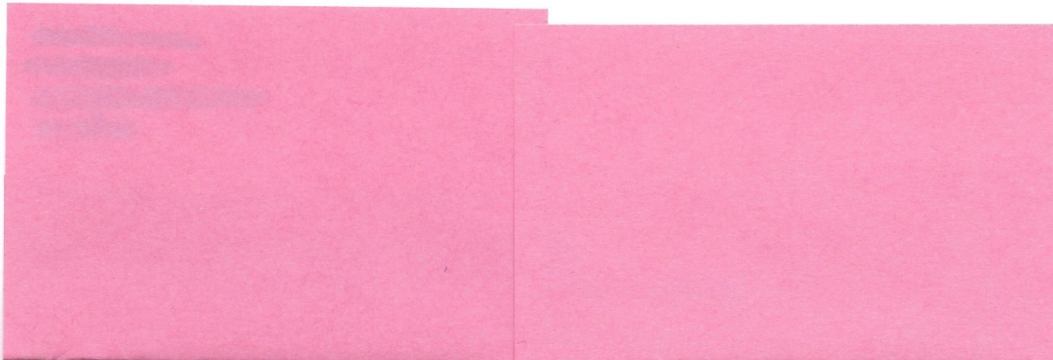
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March 16, 2017

Mr. Daniel Watson
Chief Executive Officer, Parks Canada
30 Victoria Street
Gatineau, Quebec
J8X 0B3

Dear Mr. Watson:

**RE: ERADICATION OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS AND BRUCELLOSIS
PREVALENT IN BISON WITHIN AND SURROUNDING WOOD
BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK**

On behalf of Mackenzie County, I am writing to seek your support in finding an effective solution to the bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis diseases; prevalent in Alberta's free-roaming bison herds, and the local populations of Wood Buffalo National Park (WBNP). At Mackenzie County, we are fully aware of the grave threat that these diseased animals pose to; Alberta's beef industry, wood bison recovery efforts, and to other wildlife and people. To our knowledge, there have been several attempts made by numerous groups to address this wildlife disease reservoir over several years, with very limited success.

Nationally, Wood Bison are listed as *Threatened* under Schedule 1 of the Federal Species at Risk Act, and designated as of *Special Concern* by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). In Alberta, only free-roaming bison that occur within Alberta's Wood Bison Protection Area (west of Highway 35, north of the Chinchaga River and Keg River Metis Settlement) are considered endangered wildlife; and as such are recognized and protected under Alberta's Wildlife Act. The inability of Alberta to formally protect all other free-roaming bison (east of Highway 35, north, northeast and southeast of Fort Vermilion) leaves; these animals vulnerable to year-round unregulated hunting, successful hunters at risk of harvesting wildlife with Zoonotic diseases, and other wildlife and livestock at risk of contracting bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis.

The Government of Alberta (GOA) first initiated an annual regulated hunt of the disease-free Hay-Zama local population; within the Wood Bison Protection Area in 2008. This unique hunt is designed to contain the Hay-Zama herd to the Wood Bison Protection Area, with the goal of maintaining a herd size of 400 – 600

animals. Proving to be a very popular hunt; the 2015/16 Hay-Zama wood bison hunting season received over 12,000 applications for the 100 non-Aboriginal licenses made available. A population survey conducted in February 2016, found 625 bison belonging to the Hay-Zama herd; sufficient enough to continue the hunt and increase license numbers. As such, the GOA has issued 250 Aboriginal licenses and 125 non-Aboriginal licenses provincially for the 2016/17 Hay-Zama bison hunting season.

At Mackenzie County, these Provincial protection measures, regulation processes and large-scale management operations appear somewhat contradictory to the Federal recovery objectives for this species. Moreover, that the GOA allocates a significant amount of public funds and internal resources to continue management operations of this magnitude, annually; with little-to-no evidence of these operations reducing the long-standing concerns of Alberta's beef industry, or benefitting long-term wood bison recovery.

The Alberta First Nations Food Security Strategy, released January 2015, found that northern Aboriginal food security is influenced by factors of both supply and demand. Concluding that; the quality and proximity of food sources, the length of growing seasons, the climate, and ecosystems health are factors affecting the supply side; with gaps in available income and affordable food affecting the demand side. This strategy further concluded that, efforts to increase northern Aboriginal food security; fundamentally include the restoration and increase of sovereignty over local food systems, improved access to local food, including hunting of culturally traditional wildlife such as buffalo.

The recent draft Federal Recovery Strategy for the wood bison, released in 2016, [the strategy hereon in] states the greatest threat to wood bison recovery is the prevalence of bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis. In addition, the greatest limiting factor being a lack of public acceptance, with the loss of genetic diversity as of key concern.

The strategy's short-term population and distribution objective is to; maintain the disease-free status, population size, and home range of all disease-free bison herds. With a long-term population and distribution objective of; ensuring the existence of at least five disease-free, genetically diverse, connected, self-sustaining, free-ranging local populations; distributed across their historic Canadian range, with a minimum size of 1,000 animals per herd.

Though this strategy is in draft form, it is unclear how the recovery of this species can be effectively realized through this strategy. Environment and Climate Change Canada recognize that the diseased WBNP local populations are the most genetically-diverse. Yet, to our understanding the presence of diseased bison will inevitably limit the ability of the strategy's long-term objectives to be

achieved. By mitigating the possibility of; increasing genetically diverse populations and enabling home range expansions, for fear of infecting the disease-free herds outside of WBNP.

Although the GOA maintains that, the threat of bovine tuberculosis transfers from wildlife to livestock, and disease-free wildlife to be low; recent events have further influenced local uncertainty, bringing this long-standing issue to the forefront once again. At the end of October 2016, at least thirty ranches in Southeastern Alberta were put under quarantine after the discovery of a single case of bovine tuberculosis. Thus leaving producers unable to sell their animals and fearful that their income for the year may evaporate.

On January 5, 2017 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) released a statement confirming that 50 premises are currently under quarantine and movement controls, affecting approximately 26,000 cattle, 10,000 of which are set to be tested and destroyed at 18 of those properties. At Mackenzie County we feel that the increased risk posed to wildlife and domestic livestock will remain for as long as the diseased bison exist upon the northern landscape.

Since the completion of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam in 1968; flooding has been largely controlled within WBNP, however this has led to dry meadows and ponds. As a result, the vegetation within the park has converted from sedges, which provided important winter forage for wood bison, to grasses and shrubs, which are thought to be a less suitable food source.

Although, conversion of surrounding lands for agriculture and other development has limited available habitat to the south and southwest of WBNP; directly to the west of WBNP and Caribou Mountains Wildland Park there is an abundance of suitable habitat, which would also allow for connectivity with other disease-free local populations. Inevitably, this possibility is unattainable at present; with the continued existence of diseased bison within and surrounding WBNP.

There are studies which report population size as the primary factor affecting loss of genetic diversity; suggesting that populations need to remain above a minimum population size (i.e.>400-500) to mitigate reduction in heterozygosity. If the success rate of the Hay-Zama hunt unexpectedly increased in any given year, the reduction of heterozygosity within this herd could negatively affect local population growth of Alberta's only verified disease-free herd.

Moreover, there is also a study suggesting that, the historical and sustained availability of debilitated, diseased bison may have and could continue to artificially support a larger population of wolves; which in turn is likely to exacerbate the poor recruitment of all bison calves and other vulnerable species, within close proximity to Wood Buffalo National Park.

Mr. Daniel Watson
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Date: March 16, 2017

This concerns us at Mackenzie County; as the federal woodland caribou recovery strategy highlights exacerbated predation from wolves on caribou as one of the major threats to their recovery, and the impending Provincial caribou range plans are likely to affect the way in which we use the northern landscape. If a major threat, such as sustained higher populations of wolves is set to persist, then woodland caribou recovery could further be limited.

Biologists at the GOA inform us that the Federal Government is considering the down-listing of wood bison; from a *Threatened* species, to a species of *Special Concern*, as recommended by COSEWIC. Despite this, we reason that the existence of bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis indirectly limits local population growth and ultimately the recovery of the species; posing an everlasting threat to surrounding disease-free herds, other wildlife, livestock, and people.

While interim measures such as re-introduced population controls are vital in the short-term recovery, ultimately, eradication of the threat of disease over the long-term is required for effective species recovery, and to mitigate the risks posed to Alberta's beef industry.

Though widely controversial, Environment and Climate Change Canada acknowledge that, at present, the only effective tool to successfully eradicate the threat of both diseases in and around WBNP is by depopulation. At Mackenzie County we ask that you support this course of action as the only effective solution to this long-standing issue; to enable long-awaited certainty to Alberta's beef industry, confidence to Aboriginal harvest efforts, and to instill effective long-term species recovery.

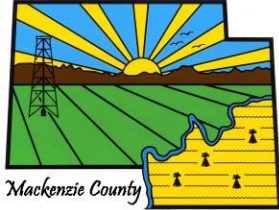
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Yours Sincerely



Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Mackenzie County Council
Dr. Eric B. (Rick) Taylor, Chair, Committee on the Status of Endangered
Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC)



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March 17, 2017

The Honorable Marc Garneau, M.P.
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON. K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

**RE: AIRPORT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION –
HIGH LEVEL AIRPORT RUNWAY REHABILITATION**

Our letter is in support of the High Level Airport Runway receiving funding from the Airport Capital Assistance Program.

The residents of Mackenzie County rely heavily on the High Level Airport for flights both business and pleasure travel. Not only is the High Level Airport used on a daily basis to transport its residents, it is also one of five Wildfire Management Super Bases in Alberta. With the additional in wear and tear to the runway in these emergency management situations, the airport is under increased pressure to maintain its runway surfaces to accommodate the size and weight difference of these planes.

To mitigate potential safety problems for the airport runway, we feel that this program is imperative to their maintenance program. It is of utmost importance to continue to provide safe conditions for both the regular flyers, as well as the emergency response planes during our wildfire season.

Should further clarification for support be necessary, please contact myself at (780) 841-1806, or Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer for Mackenzie County at (780) 927-3718, or email at lracher@mackenziecounty.com.

Regards,

Minister of Transport

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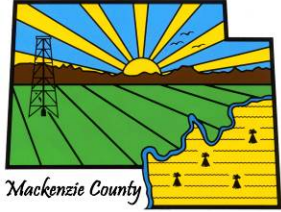
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Bill Neufeld

Reeve

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c: Debbie Jabbour, MLA Peace River
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March 20, 2017

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., B.A., B.Ed.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

RE: REQUEST OF A REFERENDUM

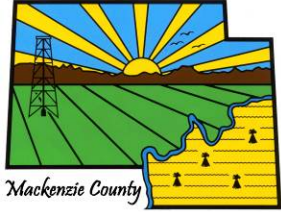
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At the Mackenzie County Council Meeting November 23, 2016, Council voted unanimously in support of a referendum prior to the implementation of any proposed changes to the current first-past-the-post voting system for federal elections. We strongly urge you to consider the suggestion of the Special Committee to hold this referendum prior to making any changes to the current voting system.

Respectfully,

Bill Neufeld
Reeve
Mackenzie County

- c. Special Committee on Electoral Reform
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March 20, 2017

Special Committee on Electoral Reform
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON. K1A 0A6

Dear Committee Members,

RE: REQUEST OF A REFERENDUM

As the Special Committee on Electoral Reform, you were tasked with studying a viable alternate voting system to replace the first-past-the-post system and report back to the House of Commons. Just before Christmas, we heard the committee reported back to the House of Commons with a recommendation of a referendum prior to any changes.

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From: [AEP Minister](#)
To: [Carol Gabriel](#)
Subject: RE: Beehive Burner
Date: March-23-17 12:17:01 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Good afternoon Carol,

On behalf of Minister Phillips, thank you for your correspondence requesting support to temporarily reinstate the beehive burner at the Tolko High Level Sawmill. In reviewing our outstanding correspondence, we realized that a formal response was not provided to Reeve Neufeld on this matter.

I wanted to send a quick note for your records advising you that Andre Corbould, Deputy Minister of Environment and Parks issued a Certificate of Variance to Tolko Industries on December 20, 2016. I will include your letter of support with our records for future reference, but wanted to acknowledge receipt of your letter.

Again, our apologies for not getting in touch sooner and thank you for your understanding.

All the best.

April Bunting

Administrative Assistant
Office of the Minister
Environment and Parks | Climate Change Office



From: Carol Gabriel [mailto:cgabriel@mackenziecounty.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2016 10:53 AM
To: AEP Minister
Cc: Bruce Mayer; Tom Hoffman (Tom.Hoffman@tolko.com); Dave West (Dave.West@tolko.com)
Subject: Beehive Burner

Good morning Minister,

Please find attached a letter of support for the temporary reinstatement of the beehive burner at the Tolko Industries sawmill in High Level.

Thank you.

Carol Gabriel | Director of Legislative & Support Services | Mackenzie County

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LA CRETE RECREATION SOCIETY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2017

Northern Lights Recreation Centre
La Crete, Alberta

Present: Simon Wiebe, Vice President
Wendy Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Dave Schellenberg, Director
John Zacharias, Director
Peter Wiebe, Director
Shawn Wieler, Director
Philip Doerksen, Arena Manager
Shane Krahn, Arena Assistant Manager
Peter F. Braun, County Rep

Absent:
Ken Derksen, President
George Derksen, Director
Keegan Wood, Director

Call to Order: Vice President Simon Wiebe called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

1. Peter Braun moved to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

1. Shawn Wieler moved to accept the December 15th regular meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

Business from the Minutes

1. Water bills came in from the outdoor rinks. Cost was discussed. Philip will look into cost of water for outdoor rinks.

Review of Action Sheet

1. Reviewed items

Financial Report

1. Corrections need to be made to the wages line. (Wages will be higher.)
2. BHP Rink – Caretaker contract is summer amount.
3. Philip will talk to Darlene to find out why swimming pool assets are low.

John Zacharias moved to accept financials as presented.

CARRIED

Manager's Report – Philip Doerksen

1. Arena has been busy with user groups and private rentals.
2. Challenge Cup is being advertised. Interest has been expressed from several teams.
3. Programming is increasing in curling rink. An archery club has been started. Volleyball nets are put up.
4. The water softener from curling rink is being shipped back. The only cost will be shipping.
5. LED bulbs were installed at Buffalo Head Prairie, not Bluehills.
6. Shane has done some painting in the area between lobby and curling rink.

Dave Schellenberg moved to accept Manager's Report as presented.

CARRIED

New Business

8.1 Capital Projects

Discussed approved 2017 capital projects.

Discussed holding off LED lights as there is the likelihood of a government grant. Darlene was going to look into grants for dressing rooms over the holidays. Peter suggested at looking into Canada 150 grant. A subcommittee was formed for capital project tendering. The committee consist of Shawn Wieler, Simon Wiebe & Ken Derksen.

8.2 Splash Park

Shawn talked to Curtis Giesbrecht from PlayQuest (the company who put in Fort Vermilion's splash park.) They put together a proposal for a splash park for \$325 500. This proposal does not include a building to house the equipment or a heater. This company is willing to come up and work with local businesses to set up the splash park. Philip will talk to the County about permits.

Dave Schellenberg moved that Philip Doerksen take charge of the Splash Park project and that Henry Froese remain in charge of fundraising for the leftover portion of funding not being covered by the County.

CARRIED

Wendy Morris moved to go in camera at 7:12 p.m.

Simon Wiebe moved to go out of camera at 7:18 p.m.

Peter Wiebe moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23th, 2017

LA CRETE RECREATION SOCIETY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Northern Lights Recreation Centre
La Crete, Alberta

Present:

Ken Derksen, President
Simon Wiebe, Vice President
Wendy Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Shawn Wieler, Director
John Zacharias, Director
Dave Schellenberg, Director
George Derksen, Director
Keegan Wood, Director
Peter Wiebe, Director
Philip Doerksen, Arena Manager
Shane Krahn, Assistant Arena Manager

Absent:

Peter F. Braun, County Rep

Call to Order: President Ken Derksen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

1. Keegan Wood moved to accept the agenda as accepted.

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

1. Shawn Wieler moved to accept the February 23rd Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

Business from the Minutes

1. Cost of water for outdoor rinks discussed.

Review of Action Sheet

1. Reviewed items

2. Added Philip looking into cost of water for outdoor rinks. Why is it higher than anticipated?

Financial Report

1. Reviewed financials:
 - Donations are coming in for Challenge Cup
 - Aquatics money is low; Philip will look into this.
 - Discussed having meeting to readjust 2017 budget.

Peter Wiebe moved to accept financials as presented.

CARRIED

Manager's Report – Philip Doerksen

1. An ammonia leak was fixed while Philip was gone.
2. Philip talked to Henry Froese about Splash Park finances.
3. 7 teams registered for Challenge Cup already.
4. Sub-committees are necessary for outdoor arenas as there are issues that need to be dealt with by the outdoor rink communities.

Simon Wiebe moved to accept Manager's Report as presented.

CARRIED

New Business

8.1 Capital Projects/Grants

Darlene is currently applying for grants for the lobby renovations and a matching grant for the dressing rooms. The County has previously committed to \$400 000 for lobby renovations and \$100 000 for dressing room addition project.

8.2 Splash Park

Philip talked to Henry about finances. Nothing will be done until finances come through.

8.3 Outdoor Rink Sub-committees

Philip wants outdoor rink sub-committees to be in charge of outdoor rinks. There are lots of issues at the rinks that need to be dealt with by the communities themselves. Discussion as to how this would work.

8.4 Sunday Morning/Early Morning Ice Use

Hockey has requested some 11:00 Sunday morning ice times. Figure skating has been using morning ice on Sundays. Board discussed closing arena on Sunday mornings.

Dave Schellenberg moved that effective June 2017 the La Crete arena will be closed on Sunday mornings until 12:00 pm.

CARRIED

Wendy Morris moved to go in camera at 7:07 p.m.

George Derksen moved to go out of camera at 7:15 p.m.

John Zacharias moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 16th, 2017