

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Bill Neufeld	Councillor
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ADMINISTRATION:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services
Ryan Becker	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant

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

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on June 10, 2008 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 08-06-395 MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

- 4. a) Hospitals
- 10. k) High Level Oilmen's Golf Tournament
- 11. g) Gravel Spreaders
- 14. g) Gravel Pit Management

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the May 22, 2008 Regular Council
Meeting**

MOTION 08-06-396

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the minutes of the May 22, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) Hospitals (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-397

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Mackenzie County send a letter of support to the Fort Vermilion Health Council requesting that the St. Theresa Hospital be upgraded to an obstetrical centre for the region.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-06-398

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the municipality take a leadership role and host an invitation only forum on health services and facilities in the region, including local health representation and provincial representation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-399

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health & Wellness requesting that no downgrading or changes be allowed to our medical facilities or services at this time and that we demand consultation on any proposed changes to the system within the Mackenzie region and that the Minister be requested to attend the health forum hosted by Mackenzie County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL REPORTS:

**6. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes –
April 24 & May 8, 2008**

MOTION 08-06-400

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 24 and May 8, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2008

MOTION 08-06-401

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of February 27, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. c) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2008

MOTION 08-06-402

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of March 26, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meetings.

Councillor Braun reported on the Waste Management Commission, drainage meeting with Sameng Inc., Municipal Planning Commission meetings, Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, and the High Level ratepayers meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the Agriculture Service Board meeting, and the Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative, ski-hill study, High Level Ratepayers meeting, and the Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Veterinary Advisory Committee, La Crete Building Committee, and the FCM conference.

Councillor Toews reported on the Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, drainage meeting with Sameng Inc., High Level ratepayers meeting, and the Fort Vermilion Health Council.

Councillor Watson reported on the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management meeting, FCM conference, Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, High Level ratepayers meeting, and the Town of High Level council meeting.

Councillor Wardley reported on the hamlet steel cleanup, AGTL, affordable housing project, Partners in Prevention meeting, Hay Zama welcome supper in High Level, Child & Family Services workshop, High Level ratepayers meeting, Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, and reported that Zama had its first two high school graduates this year.

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Veterinary Advisory Committee, Regional Economic Development Initiative, Agriculture Service Board meeting, meeting with ratepayer regarding road allowance concerns, Agriculture Land Task Force meeting, drainage meeting with Sameng Inc., and the High Level ratepayers meeting.

MOTION 08-06-403

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Mackenzie County take a leadership role in lobbying for upgraded rail service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-404

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That a letter of support be sent for Little Red regarding a traditional medicines study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-405

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter of congratulations be sent to the new Chief and Council of the Tall Cree First Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

MOTION 08-06-406
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter of congratulations be sent to the two graduates of the Zama City School through the High Level Learning Store program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-407
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Premier and the Minister of Tourism, Parks & Recreation indicating that the County is opposed to any additional special places areas within the Mackenzie County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-408

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the council verbal reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO and Director Reports

MOTION 08-06-409

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Councillors be authorized to attend the grand opening of the Phase III of the Heimstaed Lodge on July 11, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-410

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Director of Corporate Services, Director of Public Works & Agriculture, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-411

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the information on the local book release entitled "Wilderness Outpost" be included in the next edition of the

County Image.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) Bylaw 677/08 Borrowing Bylaw for the Construction of the La Crete Office Building

MOTION 08-06-412

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 677/08 being a borrowing bylaw for the construction of the La Crete office building.

CARRIED

10. b) Tax Write Off – Zama Vacant Non-Residential Lots – Tax Rolls 81637, 81638, 81639, 81646, 81649, 81659, 81660, 81661, 81662, 81663, 81664, 81665, 81666, 81667, 81668, 81669, 81670, 81671, 81672

MOTION 08-06-413

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the \$6,696.74 difference in municipal taxes calculated at the 2007 mill rate and calculated at the established minimum of \$400 per vacant non-residential lot for the 81637, 81638, 81639, 81646, 81649, 81659, 81660, 81661, 81662, 81663, 81664, 81665, 81666, 81667, 81668, 81669, 81670, 81671, 81672, tax rolls be written off.

CARRIED

10. c) Tax Write Off – Tax Roll 105991, Plan 2938RS, Block 4, Lot 06

MOTION 08-06-414

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That \$582.48 for the tax roll 105991, Plan 2938RS, Block 04, Lot 06 be rebated.

CARRIED

10. d) Local Improvement Charges to Non-Profit Groups

MOTION 08-06-415

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Policy FIN023 Local Improvement Charge Cancellation be amended as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-416

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the 2008 local improvement charge of \$197.00 for the Fort Vermilion Royal Canadian Legion be cancelled.

CARRIED

10. e) High Level Motocross Association

MOTION 08-06-417

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That a letter of support be sent to the High Level Motocross Association and that the County provide a contribution in the amount of \$3,000.00 with funds coming from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. f) Mackenzie Housing Request – Paving of Parking Lots at the Pioneer Homes (Fort Vermilion) and at the Altenhiem (La Crete)

MOTION 08-06-418

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration inspect the sites and prepare a cost estimate for the paving of the Pioneer Homes (Fort Vermilion) and the Altenheim (La Crete) parking lots and bring it back for Council's perusal.

CARRIED

10. g) La Crete Chamber of Commerce – Letter of Support

MOTION 08-06-419

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a letter of support be sent to the La Crete Chamber of Commerce indicating that they are an official community Visitor Information Centre.

CARRIED

10. h) Fort Vermilion FCSS Advisory Committee

Appointments

MOTION 08-06-420

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Karen Wieler be appointed to the Fort Vermilion FCSS Advisory Committee for the period June 10, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Re-gravelling Tender – 1:00 p.m.

MOTION 08-06-421

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the re-gravelling tenders be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-422

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the re-gravelling tender be awarded to the lowest qualifying tender.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 673/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lot 1 from Hamlet Residential District 1 “HR1” to Hamlet Residential District 3 “HR3” (Hamlet of La Crete)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 673/08 to order at 1:10 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 673/08 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on May 6, 2008.

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

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 673/08. Three written submissions were received in opposition to the proposed Bylaw.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 673/08. An adjacent landowner spoke in opposition to the proposed Bylaw expressing her concerns. The owner of the land spoke in support of the Bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 673/08 at 1:22 p.m.

MOTION 08-06-423

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That second reading be given to Bylaw 673/08, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lot 1 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Residential District 3 "HR3" in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-424

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That third reading be given to Bylaw 673/08, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lot 1 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Residential District 3 "HR3" in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

7. b) Bylaw 674/ 08 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Section 15-109-19-W5M from Agricultural District "A1" to Residential Condominium District (RCD) in Rural High Level

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 674/08 to order at 1:23 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 674/08 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Ryan Becker, Director of

Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on May 6, 2008.

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

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 674/08. One written submission was received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 674/08. The developer was present to speak in support of the proposed Bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 674/08 at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION 08-06-425

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 674/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Section 15-109-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Residential Condominium District "RCD" to accommodate a Condominium and Golf Course Development in Mackenzie County in consultation with the Town of High Level.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-426

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 674/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Section 15-109-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Residential Condominium District "RCD" to accommodate a Condominium and Golf Course Development in Mackenzie County in consultation with the Town of High Level.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

12. b) Subdivision Proposal – Simon Froese (Buffalo Head Prairie)

MOTION 08-06-427

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the subdivision proposal for Simon Froese on SE 23-105-14-W5M for the two (2) fragmented parcels located in the northeasterly portion of the lands be referred to the Municipal Planning Commission for action as a fragmented parcel.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) Alliance Assessment

MOTION 08-06-428

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the report by Randy Affolder, Alliance Assessment Consultants, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. i) Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER)

MOTION 08-06-429

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

10. j) Inter-Municipal Agreement – High Level

MOTION 08-06-430

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level continue to use the current inter-municipal agreement until June 30, 2008 and use the Memorandum of Understanding until December 31, 2008.

CARRIED

10. k) High Level Oilmen's Golf Tournament (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-431

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the County participate in the High Level Oilmen's Golf Tournament on July 11 & 12, 2008 by sponsoring a flight in the amount of \$1,000.00 as well as two registration fees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Municipal Parks Bylaw 671/08 Schedule "B"

MOTION 08-06-432

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Municipal Parks Bylaw 671/08 Schedule "B" be amended as presented.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

11. b) Neufeld Petroleum & Propane Ltd. – Maintenance

MOTION 08-06-433

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration look at different options for the maintenance of equipment and repair of buildings and bring back to Council, including a request for proposals.

CARRIED

11. c) L & P Disposals – Fuel Surcharge

MOTION 08-06-434

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the L& P Disposals fuel surcharge request be referred to the County Finance Committee.

CARRIED

11. d) Loader Replacement

MOTION 08-06-435

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the County purchase a replacement loader for Fort Vermilion from Komatsu at a cost of \$133,000.00 with funding coming from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

11. e) AMA Rural Road Signage Program

MOTION 08-06-436

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County continue with the Alberta Motor Association Rural Road Signage Program and pay the estimated installation and maintenance costs as presented with funding coming from the transportation department operating budget.

CARRIED

11. f) Extension to CAMRIF Project (La Crete)

MOTION 08-06-437

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the extension to the CAMRIF project in La Crete be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

11. g) Gravel Spreaders (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-438

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the gravel spreaders item be tabled to the in-camera section.

CARRIED

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

**12. a) Development Permit 310-DP-06 Plan 962 4275,
Block 19-4 Direct Control 1 "DC1" (Hamlet of
Zama)**

MOTION 08-06-439

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a time extension be granted to June 10, 2009 for Development Permit 310-DP-06 for a Borrow Pit on Plan 962 4275, Block 19-4 in the name of Patmore Oilfield Services Ltd.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-06-440

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to Alberta Transportation requesting an increased level of recognition and support as per request from

the Deputy Minister.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-441

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Commuter Air Access Network of Alberta Association (CAANA) to update their records to Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-442

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County place an 1/8 page advertisement in both the Calgary Herald and the Edmonton Journal for the special feature on July 2, 2008 celebrating the Alberta Fish & Game Association's 100th Anniversary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-443

MOVED by Councillor Toews

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

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-06-444

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:12 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Ambulance
- 14. d) Airports
- 14. e) Graders
- 14. f) AUPE
- 14. g) Gravel Pits Management (ADDITION)
- 14. h) Gravel Spreaders (ADDITION)

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-445

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 08-06-446

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the personnel report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 08-06-447

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the special projects report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

14. c) Ambulance

MOTION 08-06-448

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Request for Proposals for ambulance services be advertised as amended.

CARRIED

14. d) Airports

MOTION 08-06-449

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the airports item be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

14. e) Graders

MOTION 08-06-450

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That gravel spreaders be placed back on the graders.

DEFEATED

14. f) AUPE

MOTION 08-06-451

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the AUPE discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

14. g) Gravel Pits Management (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-452

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the gravel pits management item be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Town of High Level, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 08-06-453

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

(signature on file)
Greg Newman, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant