

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

6:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Peter Braun	Councillor (teleconference)
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Greg Newman	Councillor
	Jim Thompson	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
	Stuart Watson	Councillor
ABSENT:	Ed Froese	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT:	William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
	Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant
	Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
	Paul Driedger	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
	John Klassen	Manager of Utilities & Facilities

Members of the media.

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

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-169 MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:
10. a) Fort Vermilion Lift Station
12. e) Emergency Response – Motor Vehicle Collision Invoices
11. g) Councillor Resignation
11. h) Appointments to Boards
9. f) La Crete Volunteer Appreciation Supper

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the February 13, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 07-170

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

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

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS:

**6. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2007**

MOTION 07-171

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 31, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) None

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

8. a) Council Committee Reports

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the REDI Management, REDI Airport Study, Northern Lights Forest Education Society, and budget meetings.

Councillor Driedger reported on the Health Retention Committee, budget, Minister of Health and Mackenzie Housing Management Board meetings.

Councillor Watson reported on the Health Retention Committee, Mackenzie Waste Commission interviews, and Mackenzie Housing Management Board meetings.

Councillor Wardley reported on the REDI Airport Study, budget, and Mackenzie Housing Management Board meetings, and upcoming benefit for fire victims and the annual snowmobile poker rally.

Councillor Thompson reported on the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board annual general meeting, budget meeting, and meeting with Mackenzie Housing Management Board.

Councillor Newman reported on the budget meeting, meeting with Ministers, and Mackenzie Housing Management Board.

Councillor Braun reported on the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law session in Calgary, and the budget meeting.

Reeve Neufeld reported on the Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' meeting, MHMB, meeting with consultants regarding negotiations, and meeting with the Minister of Health.

MOTION 07-172

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Council Committee verbal reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

8. b) Chief Administrative Officer & Director Reports

MOTION 07-173

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

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

CARRIED

MOTION 07-174

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Director of Planning & Emergency Services report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-175

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the Manager of Utilities & Facilities report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-176

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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

9. a) Anti-Bullying Policy ENF002 and Bylaw 573/06

MOTION 07-177

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Policy ENF002 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-178

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to bylaw 573/06, being a bylaw on Anti-Bullying within Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

**9. b) Bylaw 612/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Amend
the Minimum Lot Size of the Rural Country
Residential Districts**

MOTION 07-179

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That consideration of Bylaw 612/07 be tabled pending a complete review of rural country residential districts.

CARRIED

**9. c) Bylaw 615/07 Amendment to the Fee Schedule to
Include Development Permit Extensions and Legal
Counsel Intervention Costs**

MOTION 07-180

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 615/07 for the amendment of the fee schedule as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-181

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 615/07 for the amendment of the fee schedule as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-182

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 615/07 at this meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-183

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 615/07 for the amendment of the fee schedule as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-184

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Mackenzie County does not provide sanding on private property.

DEFEATED

**9. d) Rural Country Residential Districts
Results from Open House**

MOTION 07-185

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration incorporate the survey results from the rural country residential districts open houses into the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw review and take into consideration what other municipalities have incorporated.

CARRIED

**9. e) MD Waterfront Development Task Force Terms of
Reference**

MOTION 07-186

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the MD Waterfront Development Task Force Terms of

Reference be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

9. f) La Crete Volunteer Appreciation Supper

MOTION 07-187

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the County cover the cost of the meat for the La Crete volunteer appreciation supper up to a maximum of \$500.00 to be funded from the Grants to Non-Profit Groups Reserve.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

10. a) Fort Vermilion Lift Station

MOTION 07-188

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the discussion regarding the Fort Vermilion Lift Station be received for information.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Residential Tenancy Agreement with the La Crete
Municipal Nursing Association**

MOTION 07-189

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Residential Tenancy Agreement with the La Crete Municipal Nursing Association be moved in-camera.

CARRIED

11. b) Request for Taxes Write Off

MOTION 07-190

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That Council authorize writing off outstanding taxes in the amount of \$1,766.50 for tax roll 076711, \$866.70 for tax roll 106094 and \$79.40 for tax roll 313865 totaling \$2,712.60.

CARRIED

11. c) Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation and Assessment Complaints and Appeals Amendment Regulations

MOTION 07-191

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulations and Assessment Complaints and Appeals Amendment Regulations be accepted for information.

CARRIED

11. d) Municipal Elections – Appointment of Returning Officer

MOTION 07-192

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Chief Administrative Officer be appointed as Returning Officer for Mackenzie County for the municipal election to be held in October 2007 and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to appoint Deputy Returning Officers as required.

CARRIED

11. e) Tompkins Ferry Capacity Study

MOTION 07-193

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Tompkins Ferry Capacity Study be received for information.

CARRIED

11. f) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 07-194

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County cost share the Historic Mackenzie Highway Park signage with the Town of Grimshaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-195

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the County cover the cost of the meat for the Fort Vermilion volunteer appreciation supper up to a maximum of \$500.00 to be funded from the Grants to Non-Profit Groups Reserve.

CARRIED

11. g) Councillor Resignation

MOTION 07-196
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council accept the resignation of Councillor Neudorf with regret and that the County continue operating without a by-election as recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

11. h) Appointments to Boards

MOTION 07-197
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the appointments to boards for positions previously held by Councillor Neudorf be tabled to the March 13, 2007 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-198

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That consideration be given to move in Camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 8:52 p.m.

- 12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations
- 12. b) Health Services
- 12. c) Personnel & Contracts
- 12. d) Wadlin Lake Caretaking Contract
- 12. e) Emergency Response – Motor Vehicle Collision Invoices
- 12. f) Residential Tenancy Agreement with the La Crete Municipal Nursing Association

CARRIED

MOTION 07-199

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Council move out of camera at 10:31 p.m.

CARRIED

12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations

MOTION 07-200
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That administration proceed with pump testing and that the estimated cost of \$40,000 be funded from the general operating reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-201

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration prepare a draft response to the Town of High Level on the service sharing proposal and bring back to Council.

CARRIED

12.b) Health Services

MOTION 07-202

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the health services discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

12. c) Personnel & Contracts

MOTION 07-203

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the union discussions be tabled to the March 13, 2007 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

12. d) Wadlin Lake Caretaking Contract

MOTION 07-204

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That administration prepare a tender package for caretaking of the Wadlin Lake campground and bring back to Council for review.

CARRIED

12. e) Emergency Response – Motor Vehicle Collision Invoices

MOTION 07-205

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration proceeds with recovery of costs for motor vehicle collision responses as per the Municipal Fire Services Bylaw.

CARRIED

12. f) Residential Tenancy Agreement with the La Crete Municipal Nursing Association

MOTION 07-206

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration give notice to cancel the residential tenancy agreement with the La Crete Municipal Nursing Association as per contract.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

13. a) Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

10:00 am

Council Chambers – Fort Vermilion, Alberta

ADJOURNMENT

14. a) Adjournment

MOTION 07-207

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

(signature on file)
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant