

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

**Council Chambers of the Provincial Building
High Level, Alberta**

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

PRESENT:

Reuben Derksen	Reeve
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

ABSENT:

Betty Bateman	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary
Roger Borchert	Manager of Public Works
Paul Driedger	Development Officer

GALLERY:

Katrina Wilson	Reporter, for the Echo
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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 in the Council Chambers of the Provincial Building, High Level, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER:

1 a) Call to Order

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

1 b) Adoption of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8 b) Blumenort Waste Transfer Station
- 8 c) Land Fill Site
- 10 d) Fort Vermilion School Division Annual General Meeting
- 10 e) Fort Vermilion Legion - Request Letter of Support
- 10 f) AAMD&C Spring Zone Meeting
- 11 a) E-911
- 11 b) Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation
- 11 c) Footner Forestry Advisory Committee
- 11 d) Tourism

MOTION 97-132

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to adopt the agenda with additions.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

- 2 a) **Minutes of the January 29, 1997 Budget Meeting**
- 2 b) **Minutes of the February 25, 1997 Budget Meeting**

MOTION 97-133

Councillor Peters moved that the Minutes of the January 29, 1997 Budget meeting and the Minutes of the February 25, 1997 Budget meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- 3 a) **Manager's Report**

Manager Litke reported on his activities in February, 1997.

MOTION 97-134

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the manager's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- 3 b) **Water/Wastewater Partnership
Fort Vermilion Water Treatment Upgrade**

This item was received for information.

- 3 c) **Fort Vermilion Library**

MOTION 97-135

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to forgive the 1997 loan payment for the Fort Vermilion Library, due to the ongoing process of completing construction of the building and the 1997 loan payment would be a financial strain on the Fort Vermilion Library Board.

CARRIED

- 3 d) **Northern Municipal Law Seminar
Reynolds, Mirth, Richards & Farmer**

Manager Litke informed Council that Reynolds, Mirth, Richards & Farmer will be holding a Northern Municipal Law Seminar on April 11, 1997 in Falher, Alberta.

MOTION 97-136

Councillor E. Derksen moved that all Councillors for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 attend the Northern Municipal Law Seminar to be held on April 11, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fahler, Alberta.

CARRIED

- 3 e) **Management Appraisal
Performance Review Workshop**

MOTION 97-137

Councillor Rosenberger moved that all Councillors for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 attend the Management Appraisal Performance Review Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 25, 1997, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Mile Zero Motor Inn - Banquet Room in the Town of Grimshaw, Alberta.

CARRIED

3 f) Closing Balances of +/- \$5

The following changes shall be made to the Utility Account Closing Balances Policy: Clause 1 "if it remains unpaid for 60 days" shall be replaced with "immediately". A period shall be placed after "outstanding account".

MOTION 97-138

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that the Utility Account Closing Balances Policy be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3 g) Council Photograph

This item was received for information.

3 h) Reschedule Budget Meeting Date

Manager Litke asked Council to postpone the March 13, 1997 budget meeting due to the fact that the budget has not been finalized at this time and the Manager would prefer to have Council review the finalized budget at the next meeting.

BYLAWS:

4 a) Bylaw No. 064/96 - To Impose Penalties for Nonpayment of Taxes and Tax Arrears

MOTION 97-139
Bylaw 064/96
Third Reading

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that third and final reading be given to Bylaw 064/96 to Impose Penalties for Nonpayment of Taxes and Tax Arrears.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

7 a) Subdivision Application 97MK013 Farmstead Separation - John A. Martens

MOTION 97-140

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that approval be recommended for Subdivision Application 97MK013, being a farmstead separation on SW 27-107-14-W5M.

CARRIED

10 b) Provision of Fire Investigation Services Resolution Town of Fairview and M.D. of Fairview No. 136

MOTION 97-141

MOVED by Councillor Peters that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write letters to the Town of Fairview, and the Municipal District of Fairview No. 136, and that copies of the letters be sent to the Mackenzie Regional Services Agency, supporting the resolution made by the said municipalities "that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association request the Government of Alberta to rescind the unfair and unequitable regulation of invoicing municipalities for their required fire investigation services."

CARRIED

Council agreed with the Fairview municipalities that those departments requesting or needing the fire investigation be invoiced directly for services rendered and not the municipalities.

LAND USE BYLAW REVIEW DATE RESCHEDULED

The date for the Land Use Bylaw Review with Council and the Mackenzie Regional Planning Commission was rescheduled to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 1997 to be held in the Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre in La Crete, Alberta.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8 a) La Crete Sewage Lagoon Outfall and Unlicensed Drainage Ditch

This item was received as information.

8 b) Blumenort Waste Transfer Station

Council instructed the Public Works Manager, Roger Borchert, to continue his investigation into control burning.

Manager Litke informed Council that Administration will be submitting a proposal to Council for contracting out the Waste Transfer Stations.

8 c) Land Fill Sites

Roger Borchert advised that a draft document to pursue opening a land fill site south and east of the river should be available for review on the first day of the next council meeting.

10 c) Hog (Pork) Production Opportunities Mackenzie Region

This item was received for information.

There will be a presentation on the Hog Production Opportunities at the Farm meeting in the La Crete Community Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 1997 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

9 a) MMSA's Status on M.D. 23's Three Year Action Plan 1996-1998

This item was received for information.

9 b) Review M.D. 23's Mission Statement and Three Year Action Plan

Council reviewed the M.D.'s Three Year Action Plan. Manager Litke, Public Works Manager, Robert Borchert, and Senior Development Officer, Paul Driedger, informed Council of the status of the plan.

Council requested that the Contracting or Ownership of Equipment study be presented to council before the budget meeting.

Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Council further discussed the M.D.'s three year action plan after lunch.

Councillor Fedeyko requested that the community services tax exemption list be presented at the next Council meeting.

Katrina Wilson entered the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Roger Borchert and Paul Driedger left the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

9 c) Review the Post Incorporation Review

Council reviewed the Post Incorporation Review document.

NEW BUSINESS:

**10 a) Northwestern Health Services Region
Regional Needs Analysis**

This item was received for information.

10 d) Fort Vermilion School Division Annual General Meeting

This item was received for information.

10 e) Fort Vermilion Legion - Request Letter of Support

MOTION 97-142

Councillor Rosenberger moved that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write a letter to the Royal Canadian Legion in Fort Vermilion supporting their application for funding from the Community Facility Enhancement Program.

CARRIED

10 f) AAMD&C Spring Zone Meeting

This item was received as information.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

11 a) E-911

Councillor Fedeyko advised Council that both the Chairperson, ^{Jerry}~~Larry~~ Chomiak, and Vice-chairperson, resigned from the E-911 Steering Committee. The new Chairperson is Dave Gervais, and the new Vice-Chairperson is Helen Mosser. An ongoing committee will be established to deal with the Call Answering Service and Telus once the E-911 service takes effect.

11 b) Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation

Councillor Fedeyko reported that the Economic Development Corporation is still looking for representatives from Fort Vermilion, La Crete, and High Level.

11 c) Footner Forest Advisory

Councillor Neufeld reported on the public meetings held by the Footner Forest Advisory Committee on the Aspen proposals. Councillor Neufeld stressed that there is an urgent need to upgrade the railroad so products can be transported via railway thereby alleviating the danger of highway transport. Councillor Neufeld suggested that Council discuss the issue of CN Rail with Walter Paszkowski, Minister.

Councillor Neufeld advised that representatives of Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd. (DMI) requested a meeting with the M.D. 23 Council, La Crete Chamber of Commerce, and the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade.

A meeting date with DMI was set for April 9, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. to be held in Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete, Alberta.

The budget meeting was rescheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 1997 to be held in the Fort Vermilion Library Meeting Room, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

11 d) Tourism

Council was informed that representatives from the Land of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association would be invited to attend the April 24 & 25, 1997 Council meeting.

MOTION 97-143

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that all the Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-144

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to go into camera at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-145

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe to come out of camera at 3:10 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-146

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that an ad hoc committee be set up to review revenue sharing with the Town of High Level and that the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the committee: Reeve Derksen, Councillor E. Derksen, Councillor Fedeyko, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Rosenberger.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-147

MOVED by Councillor Peters that an ad hoc committee be set up to review cost shared services with the Town of High Level and that Reeve Derksen, Councillor Fedeyko, and Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Litke, be appointed to serve on the committee.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-148

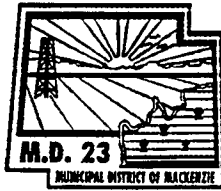
MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 26 day of March, 1997.


Reuben Derksen, Reeve


Dennis Litke, C.A.O.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council
FROM: Dennis Litke
DATE: March 5, 1997
RE: Fort Vermilion Library

We have received a letter from the Fort Vermilion Community Library advising that they are still working to complete the exterior and finish up some other work on the building. While their financial situation has improved over the last year, payment of this year's portion of the loan payment would put a financial strain on the board. The payment now due is \$5,075.25.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council consider forgiving the 1997 loan payment of \$5,075.25.

D. Litke

Dennis Litke, C.E.T., L.G.A.