

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

**Fort Vermilion Library Meeting Room  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

**Thursday, September 25, and Friday September 26, 1997**

**PRESENT:**

Betty Bateman	Deputy Reeve
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor

**ABSENT:**

Reuben Derksen	Reeve
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John Maine	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Municipal Secretary/Recording Secretary
Paul Driedger	Acting Manager of Public Works
Gerald Loewen	Financial Consultant
Dale Freitag	Planner, Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency

**GALLERY:**

Janet Kanters	Reporter, Northern Pioneer
John Krahn	Chairperson, Veterinary Advisory Committee
John W. Driedger	Vice-President, La Crete East Flood Control Committee
Julius Driedger	
Lana Nanooch	
Valerie Ward	
Beth Winsor	
Nancy Friebel	
Shelley Braat	
Ilene Lizotte	
Arthur Mercredi	

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**1 a) Call to Order**

Deputy Reeve Bateman called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1 b) Adoption of Agenda**

The following additions, deletions, and changes were made to the agenda:

**Deletion:**

5 b) Intermunicipal Revenue Sharing with the Town of High Level

**Additions:**

5 c) Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures  
10 f) Appointment to the Mackenzie Housing and Management Board  
6 a) Move 11:00 a.m. delegation to 10:30 a.m.  
8 h) Site Cleanup - Vehicles / Metal / White Metal  
8 i) Zama Access Road  
8 j) La Crete Water Treatment Upgrade  
7 c) Referred to item 10c)  
12 a) Cuff Review

**MOTION 97-514**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger that the agenda be adopted with additions and deletions.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MINUTES:**                    2            a)            **Minutes of the August 27 and 28, 1997 Council Meeting**

Immediately following Motion 97-483 "Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m." shall be replaced with "Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting at 10:50 a.m. for the signing of the Footner Forest Agreement."

Motion 97-504 "1997" shall be replaced with "1998."

**MOTION 97-515**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Dyck that the Minutes of the August 27 and 28, 1997 Council meeting be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED            UNANIMOUS**

Councillor Sarapuk informed Council that he will leave the meeting after the Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m. Council decided to work through lunch to finish the majority of the agenda since there will not be a quorum if a Councillor leaves.

**MOTION 97-516**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger to go into camera at 10:20 a.m.

**CARRIED            UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-517**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk to come out of camera at 10:40 a.m.

**CARRIED            UNANIMOUS**

John Krahn entered the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**                    6            a)            **John Krahn, Chairperson**  
**Veterinary Advisory Committee**

Deputy Reeve Bateman welcomed John Krahn to the meeting and Mr. Krahn addressed the proposed lane closure at the Veterinary Clinic in Fort Vermilion. (**Schedule A**)

Paul Driedger stated that he would negotiate an agreement with Dr. Stickney and bring report back to Council.

Dale Freitag entered the meeting at 10:55 am.

John Krahn went on to discuss the privatization of the veterinary service.

Councillor Neufeld informed Mr. Krahn that Council was unable to deal with this issue until after the municipal review is complete.

Mr. Krahn asked that the M.D. send copies of all letters pertaining to veterinary services to the Veterinary Advisory Committee. Acting C.A.O., John Maine, assured John Krahn that they would receive copies of those letters.

Deputy Reeve Bateman thanked John Krahn and Mr. Krahn left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**                    3            a)            **Acting C.A.O.'s Report**

John Maine gave an oral report on his activities for the month of September. He informed Council that he attended the Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association conference in Edmonton which gave him the opportunity of networking with other Chief Administrative Officer's and Treasurers. The legal firm Brownlee and Fryett

did a session on tendering and contracts. He attended a Local Government Administration seminar on September 20, and will be attending another one on September 27. Mr. Maine informed Council of his meeting with Councillor Bateman in Zama as well as his daily meetings with Acting Public Works Manager, Paul Driedger.

**FINANCIAL**

**5 a) Cheque Listings for August, 1997**

**MOTION 97-518**

**Councillor Neufeld moved** that the cheque listings for August 1997 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**5 c) Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures**

Councillor Neufeld requested that Council be presented with a balance sheet for the end of September, 1997.

**MOTION 97-519**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger that the Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**7 a) Subdivision Application 97MK078  
SE 11-107-14-W5M (Abe Dyck)**

**MOTION 97-520**

**Councillor Neufeld moved** that approval be recommended on subdivision application 97MK078 on SE 11-107-14-W5M, subject to moving the west boundary west 45 meters as well as placing a joint access easement along the east end of the subdivision.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**7 b) Subdivision Application 97MK079  
SE 25-110-19-W5M (E. Fritsch)**

**MOTION 97-521**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger that approval be recommended on subdivision application 97MK079 on SE 25-110-19-W5M, subject to the proposed parcel size be reduced to 11.81 acres by moving the north boundary south 110 feet and the east boundary west 50 feet.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**7 d) La Crete Fire Department Elections**

This item was received for information.

John W. Driedger and Julius Driedger entered the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

**4 c) Bylaw 093/97 - Land Use Bylaw**

Paul Driedger informed Council that the changes to Bylaw 093/97 that were made at the last Council meeting had been made.

The following amendments were made to Bylaw 093/97, Land Use Bylaw:

1. Section 4.6(3) shall read "No private airstrips shall be permitted to locate within the legal boundaries of any Hamlet in the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23."
2. Section 4.6(5) shall read "Heliports may not locate in any Hamlet unless they are for emergency services."

**MOTION 97-522**  
Bylaw 093/97  
Third Reading

**MOVED** by Councillor Peters that third and final reading be given to Bylaw 093/97 Land Use Bylaw.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**6 b) John W. Driedger, Vice President**  
**La Crete East Flood Control Committee**

Deputy Reeve Bateman welcomed John Driedger and Julius Driedger to the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

John Driedger asked that Motion 97-487 be rescinded due to the motion not being in the best interest of the La Crete East Flood Control Committee. **(Schedule B)**

**MOTION 97-523**

**Councillor Sarapuk moved** that Motion 97-487, that the La Crete East Flood Control Project priorities be split to allow the construction of a one and a half mile of drainage ditch to the south boundary of section 25-106-13-W5M, be rescinded.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-524**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld that a letter be written to the La Crete East Flood Control Committee requesting that they make a decision on the priorities of the La Crete East Flood Control and report back to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Deputy Reeve Bateman called a recess at 11:55 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Bateman reconvened the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**8 a) Hamlet of Zama, Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**

This item was received for information.

**8 b) La Crete East Flood Control Project**

This item was covered under 6 b).

**8 c) Machesis Flood Control Project - Tenders**

**MOTION 97-525**

**Councillor Neufeld moved** that a letter be written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Iris Evans, requesting that the Machesis Flood Control Project be awarded to the low bidder, Peters Excavating Ltd. for \$191 339.50.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-526**

**8 d) Secondary Highway 697 - 3 Year Program**

**MOVED** by Councillor Dyck that the priorities for the Secondary Highway 697 three year program be recommended as proposed, namely, that the portion of highway from Tompkins Landing to Blues Creek receive final pavement in 1998; from La Crete Access north of La Crete receive an overlay in 1998; north of La Crete to Highway 88 receive an overlay in 1999; and Blues Creek to the La Crete Access north of La Crete receive an overlay in the year 2000. (**Schedule C**)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8 e) Vet Clinic - Lane Closure in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion**

This item was addressed under 6 a).

**8 f) Change of Hours - Blumenort Waste Transfer Station**

This item was received for information.

**8 g) La Crete Polar Cats - Snowmobile Trails**

**MOTION 97-527**

**Councillor Sarapuk moved** that a letter of support be written to the La Crete Polar Cats and that the grant request be placed on the agenda for the 1998 budget review.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**8 h) Site Clean-up**

This item was received for information.

**8 i) Zama Access Road**

Paul Driedger gave Council an oral update on the Zama Access Road. The final inspection took place on August 26. A total of four soft spots were located, in some places there was a bit of erosion on the shoulders, and a few signs had to be changed. The asphalt used for the intersection was refused.

**MOTION 97-528**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld that a letter be written to Alberta Transportation and Utilities requesting that the Zama Access Road be designated Secondary Highway status.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

Lana Nanooch, Valerie Ward, Beth Winsor, and Nancy Friebe entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**8 j) La Crete Water Treatment Plant**

This item was received for information.

Shelley Braat entered the meeting at 1:05 p.m.



**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**1 a) Call to Order**

Deputy Reeve Bateman called the Public Hearing to order at 1:05 p.m.

**2 a) Bylaw 101/97 - To Regulate Truck Route  
Traffic in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion**

Deputy Reeve Bateman asked if the Public Hearing for Bylaw 101/97 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger stated that the Public Hearing had been advertised as per the Municipal Government Act.

Paul Driedger read the proposed Bylaw 101/97, to regulate truck route traffic in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

Ilene Lizotte entered 1:09 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Bateman asked if any of the public wanted to address the bylaw.

Lana Nanooch stated that it was a good thing that Council was addressing the issue of a truck route in Fort Vermilion. However, the proposed route on 45th street has just as many pedestrians and cyclists as does main street, and has a hill as well. Ms. Nanooch suggested that Council take this one step further and designate Smith Road allowance as the designated truck route. A short distance of road would have to be built to allow the truck route, but that is a small price to pay to save a life.

Valerie Ward stated that she is afraid for her children because of trucks speeding past residential and playground areas.

Arthur <sup>Mercredi</sup>~~Lizotte~~ entered the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Shelley Braat stated that trucks are passing each other on this route.

Arthur Mercredi stated that he lives just inside the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion east boundary on River Road and there is a speeding problem past his place.

Councillor Neufeld asked for clarification as to which part of road would have to be constructed for Lana Nanooch's proposed truck route. Paul Driedger clarified where that road allowance is located.

Ilene Lizotte stated that speeding has been a long standing problem in Fort Vermilion. It is very discouraging when the RCMP do not respond to calls reporting speeding.

Beth Winsor stated that her granddaughter boards the bus by the Old Bay House and the trucks are speeding past the bus stop.

Nancy Friebel stated that they are not trying to be unreasonable, but rather that they wanted to work out a better truck route with Council. Ms. Friebel asked if there were several different companies in the area that had trucks driving through the hamlet. Councillor Rosenberger said there could be subcontractors.

Deputy Reeve Bateman clarified that what she was hearing was that the citizens of Fort Vermilion are in favour of a truck route but that they were suggesting an alternate route from the one suggested in the proposed bylaw. The ladies answered that was correct.

Arthur Mercredi suggested that the speed limit be changed to 20 km/hr. in the residential areas.

Ilene Lizotte stated that the 30 km/hr. speed zone at St. Mary's School is not being adhered to.

Deputy Reeve Bateman stated that Council would be looking at two issues, for the interim she would suggest that they go with Arthur <sup>Mercredi's</sup>~~Lizotte's~~ proposal and decrease speed

limits and for the long term, that an alternate road be constructed for a designated truck route.

Deputy Reeve Bateman thanked the members of the gallery for their concern.

**MOTION 97-529**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld that the Public Hearing close at 1:34 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

All the people in the gallery (with the exception of Janet Kanters) left the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Councillor Peters left the meeting at 1:34 p.m. and the meeting had to be stopped until his return since there was no longer a quorum.

Councillor Peters re-entered the meeting at 1:40 p.m. and the meeting continued.

**4 b) Bylaw 101/97**  
**Regulate Truck Traffic in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion**

Administration will write a letter to the Fort Vermilion RCMP detachment requesting that they address the speeding problem in Fort Vermilion.

**MOTION 97-530**  
Bylaw 101/97  
Second Reading

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger that second reading be given to Bylaw 101/97, regulate truck traffic in the hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-531**

**MOVED** by Councillor Peters to go to third reading of Bylaw 101/97, to regulate truck traffic in the hamlet of Fort Vermilion, at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-532**  
Bylaw 101/97  
Third Reading

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk that third and final reading be given to Bylaw 101/97, to regulate truck traffic in the hamlet of Fort Vermilion, at this time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-533**

**Councillor Peters moved** that the speed limit in the hamlet of Fort Vermilion be reduced to 30 kilometers per hour from 46th Avenue on 45th Street to River Road, <sup>from 45th street</sup> to the east hamlet boundary.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-534**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk that Bylaw 100/97 be tabled to the next Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-535**

**Councillor Rosenberger moved** that items 9a), 9b), 9c), 9d) and 9e) be tabled to the next Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

10 a) **Brownvale North Agricultural Museum Association**

Councillor Neufeld reported that the elevator that the Brownvale North Agricultural Museum Association were proposing to save as a historical site has been demolished.

10 c) **Donation to the Zama Fire Department  
Re: Firefighter Trials at Vancouver**

Paul Driedger stated that he would advise the Zama Fire Department to submit an expense claim for training taken during their trip to the Western Canadian and International Extrication Competition in Vancouver in September, 1997.

10 d) **Appointment of a Committee for "Special Places 2000"**

Councillor Neufeld reported that the Minister recommended that Special Places 2000 Committee's not be established yet.

10 f) **Appointment to the Mackenzie  
Housing and Management Board**

**MOTION 97-536**

**MOVED** by Councillor Neufeld that William Fehr be appointed to the Mackenzie Management Housing Board to replace Henry Froese.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-537**

**Councillor Neufeld moved** that items 10b) and 10e) be tabled until the next Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-538**

**Councillor Dyck moved** that the regular scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, be cancelled and that the next Council meeting be scheduled for Thursday, October 30, and Friday, October 31, 1997, to be held in the Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete, Alberta.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 97-539**

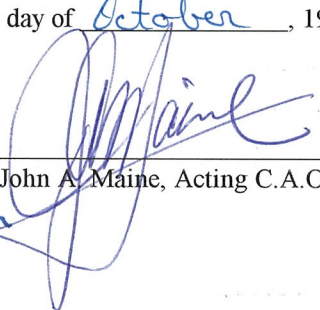
**MOVED** by Councillor Peters that the meeting be adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**


These minutes were adopted this 30th day of October, 1997.

  
~~Reuben Derksen, Reeve~~

Betty Bateman, Chair person

  
John A. Maine, Acting C.A.O.

Approved

  
Bryan Clark, Official Administrator



Vet Advisory Committee ;  
Box 46  
Buffalo Head Prairie, Alta  
September 25, 1997

M.D. Council  
M.D. MacKenzie No. 23  
Box 640  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta  
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## Schedule A

Dear Council Members;

In addressing Council as chairman of the Veterinary Advisory Committee (V. A. C.) I am attempting to prevent a return to the days of inadequate veterinary service that existed prior to Dr. Stickney taking over responsibility for the Fort Vermilion veterinary clinic in 1990. Previous to this, service was erratic and unsatisfactory and this lack of full time dependable service is what prompted the establishment of the V.A.C.. The role of the V.A.C. has become less important over the years as the committee along with the veterinarians involved were able to identify and solve problems encountered in providing effective service to livestock producers and the community as a whole.

Unfortunately privatization of government clinics, combined with phase out of the accompanying government assistance grants has created a situation where there is no financial incentive for the veterinarians involved. The veterinary service has been forced to make staff reductions and this in turn is reducing the level of service at the clinics from full time to part time.

The V.A.C. requested Dr. Stickney meet with the M.D. Council to request at least partial compensation to offset discontinued provincial funding in order to maintain local veterinary service at its historic level. To date Council has not taken any action other than requesting the province reinstate funding which the province has declined to do in a letter from the Minister of Agriculture dated April 8, 1997.

It is obvious that if support for veterinary service is going to be provided it will have to be done at the local (not provincial) level and that is why the V.A.C. approached Council and not the province. As a committee we would like a clear indication as to whether or not local funding can be implemented to alleviate the problem.

At present the veterinary service (through the province's clinic sale agreement) is required to provide 40 hours of service a week with allowance for 6 weeks vacation leave annually as well as closure on statutory holidays. This means it is legally required to have service available for roughly 200 days a year with no after hours, weekend or holiday service required.

For the last seven years they have provided 24 hour service 365 days a year and the V.A.C. thinks it unwise to expect the veterinary service to bear the full cost of privatization and still expect they will be able or willing to provide the excellent level of service we have become accustomed to and take for granted.

It should also be noted that in a little over 2 years time the service caveat will no longer be in effect. It would be unfortunate if the region had to start all over again attempting to establish a service that is essential to area livestock production and the public in general.

The V.A.C. and the veterinary service have promptly responded to request from Council for information. We would request the same consideration from Council including the following:

1. the issue of the elimination of the alley between the 2 vet clinic lots needs to be resolved as it has been over 2 years since this request was initially put forward,
2. formal response from Council regarding letters from Dr. Stickney on behalf of the V.A.C. dated March 13, 1997 (at Council's request) and April 18, 1997 (at Council's request).

Sincerely,

John Krahn, Chairman,  
Veterinary Advisory Committee

b) QUALIFICATION OF AFSC TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT

The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the completion of the transactions contemplated by it have been authorized by all necessary corporate action by AFSC.

c) VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of AFSC, enforceable against AFSC in accordance with its terms, subject to limitations imposed by law in connection with insolvency, reorganization or other laws affecting creditors' rights and shareholders' rights generally, and to the extent that equitable remedies such as specific performance and injunction are only available at the discretion of the courts. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of AFSC have been duly authorized to do so, and AFSC will be fully bound by such execution.

ARTICLE 9

THE PURCHASER'S ADDITIONAL COVENANTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

9.1 The Purchaser agrees to:

a) OPERATION OF CLINICS

Operate the Clinics for the practice of veterinary medicine in accordance with prudent business practices and in compliance with all laws.

b) REQUIRED LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

Ensure that a registered Veterinarian provides, or is available to provide, veterinary medical services from the Clinics for members of the public for at least 40 hours each week, except where statutory holidays, annual vacation of up to 6 weeks, or special leave for bereavement or family illness of up to a week is taken.

LA CRETE EAST FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE  
LA CRETE ABLERTA  
T0H 2H0  
PH. 928-2131

SEPTEMBER 15, 1997

PAUL DRIEDGER , MANAGER  
PUBLIC WORKS,  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE #23

DEAR MR. DRIEDGER,

THE M.D. COUNCIL HAS MADE A DECISION TO CHANGE  
PRIORITIES OF THE LA CRETE EAST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT,  
THIS COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED THE CHANGE AND HAVE CONCERNS  
REGARDING THIS.

WE ASK THAT WE BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS WITH  
COUNCIL AND THAT WE MAY BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR YOUR  
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. PLEASE LET US KNOW OF THE TIME AND  
DATE.

SINCERELY,

JOHN W. DRIEDGER  
VICE-PRESIDENT





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