

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

Zama Hall, Zama, Alberta

**Tuesday, February 11, 1997
(this meeting was recessed to
February 12, 1997 in Fort Vermilion)**

FEBRUARY 11

PRESENT:

Reuben Derksen	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

ABSENT:

Jake L. Peters	Councillor
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ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary
Paul Driedger	Development Officer (10:42 a.m.)
Dale Freitag	Planner, Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (10:42 a.m.)
Roger Borchert	Manager of Public Works (10:27 a.m.)

GALLERY:

Lisa Wardley (11:14 a.m.)

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Tuesday, February 11, 1997 in the Zama Hall, Zama, Alberta, with adjournment to February 12 1997 in the Fort Vermilion Library meeting room, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER:

1 a) Call to Order

Reeve Derksen called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

1 b) Adoption of Agenda

The following additions were added to the agenda:

Manager Litke reported he had various items that he would report on under section 3 - Administration.

- 11 a) Waste Management
- 8 g) Contract Tendering
- 11 b) Forestry Advisory Committee
- 12 d) Personnel
- 6 c) Fort Vermilion Board of Trade Delegation

MOTION 97-068

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the agenda be adopted with additions.

CARRIED

Council asked the Manager to bring the Bistcho Lake Management Plan to the next Council meeting.

MINUTES:

2 a) Minutes of January 30 and 31, 1997 Council Meeting

Eva Schmidt passed out the minutes for the January 30 and 31, 1997 Council meeting.

MOTION 97-069

Councillor Rosenberger moved that the minutes for the January 30 and 31, 1997 Council meeting be tabled to the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Roger Borchert entered the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

3 a) Manager's Report

Manager Litke reported that in January he attended various meetings. A consulting accountant was hired to carry on with the accounting work, and a part time office position was filled in Zama.

The Manager informed Council that the RCMP recommended that the M.D. pass a snowmobiling bylaw to assist them in keeping snowmobiles off the Hamlet streets.

MOTION 97-070

Councillor Dyck moved that the snowmobiling bylaw issue be referred to the Community Policing Advisory Committee for review and recommendations.

CARRIED

Council asked Administration that the snowmobiling bylaw be referred to the RCMP Sergeants in Fort Vermilion, Assumption, and High Level for comments.

Paul Driedger and Dale Freitag entered the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

3 b) Funding of Projects

Manager Litke reported that in reviewing the 1996 Council Minutes he found there were six projects approved by Council resolution that did not indicate where funding was to come from.

MOTION 97-071

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 proceed with funding projects as follows:

- a) Purchase of the Fort Vermilion yard addition purchased in 1996 to be paid from capital reserves for an estimated project cost of \$11,250 plus cost of survey.
- b) Renovations to La Crete office in the amount of \$8,750 be funded from 1996 operations.
- c) Purchase of La Crete property addition in the amount of \$21,500 be funded from 1996 operations.
- d) La Crete East Flood control approve expenditure on (Torchinsky) Engineering of \$220 to be funded from 1996 operations.
- e) Zama subdivision engineering and survey approve expenditure of \$73,200 to be funded from operating reserves.

- f) Zama Access Road I survey and land acquisition approve expenditure of \$22,343 plus GST to be funded from 1996 operations.

MOTION 97-072

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to table the Funding of Projects item.

Reeve Derksen asked Councillor Fedeyko for a reason for the tabling motion. Councillor Fedeyko said that the reasons given for the request are too vague. Reeve Derksen stated that the motion was out of order and explained that a Councillor can only make a postponing motion for the reason Councillor Fedeyko gave.

Councillor Fedeyko challenged the Chair on that statement.

Reeve Derksen stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Reeve Bateman took the Chair.

Deputy Reeve Bateman and Manager Litke deliberated with the Robert's Rules of Order.

Reeve Derksen read number 17 on page 207 from the Robert's Rules of Order, 9th edition.

MOTION 97-073

Deputy Reeve Bateman called on a vote of shall the Chair be sustained.

In Favour:

Deputy Reeve Bateman
Councillor Neufeld
Councillor Dyck
Councillor E. Derksen

Opposed:

Councillor Fedeyko
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Rosenberger
Councillor Scarfe

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a tie vote on the question of sustaining the chair is an affirmative vote.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Bateman stepped down from the Chair and Reeve Derksen resumed the Chair.

MOTION 97-074

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to postpone the Funding of Projects item.

Discussion on the Motion:

Manager Litke stated that the items in question were passed by Council but at the time Council did not state where the projects were to be funded from. The accountant must have this information to proceed with the year end.

Councillor Scarfe asked why funds are required for the Zama lots, he understood the lots would be prepaid by the purchasers.

Councillor Bateman stated that the Zama lots would be cost recovered when they are sold. The M.D. must have the survey complete before the lots can be sold.

Councillor Sarapuk asked if ~~none of these items were~~ ^{the La Crete office was} budgeted for.

Manager Litke replied that no, they were not.

Manager Litke recommended not to take the funding out of bank loans for the Zama development project.

Councillor Sarapuk asked if the majority of these items were capital items.

Manager Litke answered yes, but advised Council to fund as much as possible out of the operating budget rather than reserves.

Councillor Fedeyko stated some of these items are capital account items.

Councillor Scarfe stated that since the M.D. does not have a Treasurer at this time to advise Council, this should not be voted on.

Manager Litke responded that this issue was brought forward by the M.D.'s interim Treasurer.

Reeve Derksen called for the Question on Motion 97-074.

DEFEATED

Reeve Derksen called for the Question on Motion 97-071.

MOTION 97-071

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Councillor Fedeyko requested a recorded vote.

In Favour:

Reeve Derksen
Councillor Bateman
Councillor E. Derksen
Councillor Dyck
Councillor Neufeld
Councillor Rosenberger
Councillor Scarfe

Opposed:

Councillor Fedeyko
Councillor Sarapuk

CARRIED

Lisa Wardley entered the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

3 c) Fort Nelson - Rainbow Lake Connector

MOTION 97-075

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that the copy of the letter written by the Fort Nelson - Rainbow Lake Connector Society to the Fort Nelson - Laird Regional District Council, be accepted for information.

Councillor Bateman stated that she was opposed to this motion because she was opposed to signing the letter.

Councillor Neufeld stated he was opposed to the motion because accepting the letter as information also gives authority to sign it.

Councillor Dyck stated the reason for the motion was to support industry not to sign the letter.

Councillor Dyck withdrew his motion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION 97-076

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that a letter be written to the Fort Nelson - Laird Regional District Council supporting the proposed Rainbow Lake - Fort Nelson road, but also stating that M.D. No. 23 supports industry and development within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Mackenzie, and that a photocopy of the letter be mailed to the Fort Nelson - Rainbow Lake Connector Society.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-077

Councillor Bateman moved that Councillor Fedeyko relate the Municipal District of Mackenzie's position regarding the Fort Nelson - Rainbow Lake Connector to the Mackenzie Economic Development Committee at their next meeting and bring this issue back to Council at the next Council meeting or at the first Council meeting in April, 1997.

CARRIED

3 d) Training, Planning & Policy Development

Manager Litke proposed that the first Council meeting of the month be changed to a Training, Planning, and Policy Development meeting.

Council discussed the issue.

MOTION 97-078

Councillor Bateman moved that the Training, Planning, and Policy Development issue be postponed to the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

3 e) Road Tour

Manager Litke reported to Council that the Alberta Labour Relations Hearing has been postponed, therefore, the road tour can proceed as scheduled.

Council can also proceed with the budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 1997.

3 f) Fee for Researching Information

Manager Litke stated that the Schedule for Fees Bylaw has no provision for administration fees for researching materials. The Manager asked Council if such a fee should be provided for.

Council discussed the issue of an administration fee and came to the conclusion that they did not want to incorporate an administration fee at this time.

3 g) Green/White Zone Meeting

The Manager informed Council that Forestry has requested the meeting date for the Green/White Zone be rescheduled for 10 a.m. on March 5, 1997 in the La Crete Council Chambers. Those Councillors involved with the Green/White Zone issue consented to the date change.

Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

GALLERY:

Michelle Scott, Zama Library Board Delegation
Janet Forest, Zama Library Board Delegation
Brenda Scott, Zama Library Board Delegation
Sherrie Sharp, Zama Library Board Delegation
Lance Sharp, Fire Chief, Zama Volunteer Fire Department
Lisa Wardley
Jeanette Cardinal
Margaret Caven
George Commanda
Warren Ferguson, Reporter, Northern Pioneer (1:52 p.m.)
Maarten Braat, Chairperson, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, (1:52 p.m.)
Aubrey Milner, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, (1:52 p.m.)

John Simpson, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, (1:52 p.m.)
Louise Smith, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, (1:52 p.m.)
Al Toews, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, (1:52 p.m.)

DELEGATIONS:

6 b) Michele Scott, Zama Library Board

Reeve Derksen welcomed the Zama Library Board Delegation to the meeting and introductions were made.

Michele Scott stated that the Zama Community Library had been located in the Zama School but, due to increased enrollment, the Fort Vermilion School Division asked that the Library relocate. Flint donated a trailer to the Zama Community Library but it did not pass inspections so was deemed to be unsuitable. The Library Board members have checked a couple of alternatives, such as building their own building and buying a building. The estimated costs to build would be approximately \$21,000 to \$36,000 excluding any fixtures such as shelving, etc. These buildings would have to be built on skids for easy relocation.

Another option is to buy a Commonwealth building. The estimated price for a 16 x 80 foot Commonwealth building is approximately \$57,000. Ms. Scott stated that the need is immediate. The Library Board has approximately \$12,000 in their bank account and the school is willing to pay a fee for the use of the Library. The Zama Community Library will be self maintained on a yearly basis.

Ms. Scott asked Council for a sizable cash donation, or a reasonable donation of a different nature, such as a building, and they would like the results of that decision as soon as possible. Michele Scott stated they had received a letter of support from the school.

A discussion ensued between the Library Board members and Council. Two possible solutions were discussed. When the M.D. moves the old Fort Vermilion Treasury Branch building to Zama for office space, the Library might be allowed to locate in that building also. The purchase of the Commonwealth building was discussed with the M.D. donating one dollar for each dollar spent by the Zama Community Library. Council asked the Community Library to present them with more cost information before Council commits themselves.

Lance Sharp volunteered to help the Community Library members research and arrive at some cost figures for presentation at a future Council meeting.

Reeve Derksen informed the Zama Community Library delegation that they have the support of Council. The Reeve thanked the library delegation and they left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

**6 a) Lance Sharp, Fire Chief
Zama Volunteer Fire Department**

Reeve Derksen welcomed Lance Sharp, Fire Chief for the Zama Volunteer Fire Department to the meeting.

Deputy Reeve Bateman presented Fire Chief Lance Sharp with an honorarium cheque in the amount of \$7,500 and a letter of appreciation from Council.

Lance Sharp thanked Council and made his report. Mr. Sharp stated that the Zama Fire Department now owns one rescue unit, one fire engine, and one ambulance. He reported that fire calls have been slow and they receive approximately six Emergency Medical Service calls per month.

Mr. Sharp advised that the Zama Ambulance is not presently licensed as an ambulance until a medical director is appointed, which should be done very soon. Once the department is licensed, they expect about \$4 to \$5 thousand a month to go back into general revenue for the Municipal District.

The department is now fully operational and have an aggressive training program. The department has, to date, brought in 12 trainees and have trained personnel for Firefighter 1 and 2. The Emergency Medical Responder course was delivered on sight in Zama with an average score of 96%. The Zama Ambulance will respond to any situation north of Meander River and south all the way to Assumption, as well as providing manpower to help out in emergency situations in La Crete and Fort Vermilion. The Zama Fire Department raised \$35,500 and should become an effective organization. Lance Sharp told Council that the people to be commended are the members of the fire department, who have volunteered approximately 140 hours of their time.

Council commended the Fire Chief on a job well done.

Reeve Derksen thanked Lance Sharp and Mr. Sharp left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Manager Litke introduced Margaret Caven to Council and Council introduced themselves.

Lance Sharp, the Library Delegation, and Margaret Caven left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Warren Ferguson, Reporter for the Northern Pioneer, and Maarten Braat, Chairperson, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, Aubrey Milner, John Simpson, Louise Smith, and Al Toews, all from the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, entered the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

7 a) Land Use Bylaw Review

Dale Freitag, Planner for the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, passed out copies of the proposed Land Use Bylaw for Council to review.

Councillor Bateman pointed out that the Zama Airport is not mentioned on page 51 of the bylaw, with the other airports.

Dale Freitag informed Council that the proposed Land Use Bylaw was being presented for Council review and would be brought back at the next Council meeting. Mr. Freitag stated he would highlight some areas for Council which should have more emphasis, and proceeded to point out the following items:

- item 4.63 on page 61 - airports, heliports
- item 6.1 on page 141 - signs

Paul Driedger informed Council that an application has been received for a multi-lot country residential development.

7 b) Aeromedical Agreement

Paul Driedger presented the Aeromedical Agreement to Council and pointed out a few minor changes in wording, one in clause 4, and one in clause 9 a).

7 c) E-911

Paul Driedger passed out information to Council from the February 10, 1997 E-911 meeting held in Peace River. Mr. Driedger stated that the ~~Reservations~~ ^{First Nations Communities} are being asked to join the E-911 program. Mr. Driedger informed Council that the cost of the E-911 service has been brought down from \$0.86 to \$0.83 per phone line per month.

A bylaw must be drafted to ensure that all M.D. residents must join the E-911 service. No one is allowed to opt out. Mr. Driedger stated that 911 calls can be made from Cellular phones but no location would show up on the operator's screen.

Councillor Fedeyko said that a lot of advertising in the form of pamphlets, road signs, etc., will be done when the E-911 service comes into effect.

Councillor Fedeyko informed Council that Paul Driedger had accepted the position of contact person for this area.

Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Paul Driedger and Dale Freitag left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

6 c) Fort Vermilion Board of Trade

Reeve Derksen welcomed the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade delegation to the meeting and introductions were made.

Maarten Braat asked Council to rescind the motion made by Councillor E. Derksen at the January 31, 1997 Council meeting that the main office of the Municipal District of Mackenzie be located in La Crete and that Council consider the cost of the office addition in the 1997 budget, and that Council take this issue to a plebiscite.

MOTION 97-079

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that 97-062 be rescinded and that staff research the cost, and take the question to a plebiscite.

Councillor Neufeld interjected that such a motion could not be made at this time because the minutes of the January 30 and 31, 1997 Council meeting had not been adopted yet.

The Chair declared the Motion to be out of order.

Reeve Derksen asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak.

John Simpson also addressed Council regarding the main office to be located in a central location and that Council decisions affect the whole M.D.

Warren Ferguson asked when the minutes for the January 30 and 31, 1997 Council meeting would be adopted.

The Reeve said the minutes would be adopted at the next Council meeting. The Reeve also explained that the reason the minutes were not adopted at this Council meeting was that they were not on the agenda, and had only been presented to Council at the beginning of this meeting.

Reeve Derksen thanked the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade and the delegation left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

BYLAWS:

4 a) By-Law No. 064/96 - To Adopt the Following Payment of Taxes and Penalty on Taxes

The Manager pointed out that in Clause 6 "1998" shall be replaced with "1997", and that item 4 is a duplication of item 5, therefore, item 4 shall be eliminated.

MOTION 97-080
Bylaw 064/96
Second Reading

Councillor Scarfe moved that second reading be given to Bylaw 064/96, To Adopt the Payment of Taxes and Penalty on Taxes.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 8 a) **Miscellaneous Lease No. MLL 960123**
NW 11-104-17-W5M
Tompkins Landing Waste Transfer Station

MOTION 97-081

Councillor Bateman moved that the Municipal District of Mackenzie write a letter to the Honorable Ty Lund, Minister of Transportation, asking to waive the amounts of \$50 annual charge and \$3,580 security deposit on Miscellaneous Lease No. MLL 960123.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-082

Councillor E. Derksen moved that the Municipal District of Mackenzie enter into a lease agreement MLL 960123, for the Tompkins Landing Waste Transfer Station site, at a cost of \$50 annual charge and provide a \$3,580 security deposit to ensure site reclamation.

CARRIED

George Commanda and Jeanette Cardinal left the meeting at 3 p.m.

- 8 b) **La Crete Main Sewage Pumping Station**

MOTION 97-083

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that Administration enter into negotiations to acquire easements for the La Crete sewer outfall main as shown in the drawing presented to Council and that this item be brought back to Council.

CARRIED

- 8 c) **Fort Vermilion Water Treatment Plant**

This item was received for information.

- 8 d) **Bear River Bridge**

Roger Borchert provided Council with a chart on bridge condition rating and informed Council that the M.D. is totally responsible for the Bear River Bridge. Mr. Borchert said the bridge has been cut from funding since 1992 and provided Council with a map of the proposal that was put forward to landowners which is at a stand still at this time. Roger Borchert advised that a new proposal, to go around the land, has been drafted and presented Council with copies of the new map.

This item was received for information.

- 8 e) **Buffalo Head Flood Control**

This item was received for information.

- 8 f) **River Road Erosion Control**

This item was received for information.

- 8 g) **Contract Tendering**

Councillor Fedeyko asked Roger Borchert if the M.D. has an ID/MD contract tendering policy manual and Roger Borchert said he would check.

Manager Litke reported that he had contacted the Fort Vermilion office and was informed that the union vote is scheduled for Friday.

Council requested that Paul Driedger attend the Road Tour.

MOTION 97-084

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld to recess the meeting at 3:22 p.m. and reconvene on February 12, 1997 at 10 a.m. in the Fort Vermilion Library meeting room, Fort Vermilion, to deal with the balance of the agenda items.

CARRIED

FEBRUARY 12

PRESENT:

Reuben Derksen	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

ABSENT:

Jake L. Peters	Councillor
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ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

The Manager asked Council to rescheduled the Ratepayers meeting dates for High Level Rural Hall to April 16, 1997 and the Fort Vermilion Recreation Complex to April 15, 1997 because of hall availability.

MOTION 97-085

Councillor Neufeld moved that the Ratepayers meeting dates be rescheduled as follows: High Level Rural Hall to April 16, 1997 and the Fort Vermilion Recreation Complex to April 15, 1997.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

10 a) Separate School Board Requisitions

This item was received for information.

Council asked Administration to bring more information on the Separate School Board Requisitions to a future Council meeting.

10 b) Alberta North Tourism Destination Region

Manager Litke reported that the Annual General meeting of the Alberta North Tourism Destination Region will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 1997 in Edmonton and the Alberta Tourism Partnership Corporation Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1997 in Edmonton.

10 c) Elected Municipal Officials and Remittance of Premiums for Federal Employment Insurance

This item was received for information.

10 d) AAMD&C - Transmission Rates for Natural Gas

This item was received for information.

10 e) Statement of the Provincial Cabinet Regarding Lottery Funding to Communities

This item was received for information.

Manager Litke reported that he received a fax advising that there would be a Value Added meeting held at 10 a.m. on February 19, 1997 at the Provincial Building in Grande Prairie. All Elected Officials and farmers are invited to attend.

MOTION 97-086

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that Councillors go to the meeting at their own discretion as representatives of the Municipal District of Mackenzie.

DEFEATED

MOTION 97-087

Councillor Bateman moved that the Reeve attend the Value Added meeting held in Grande Prairie on February 19, 1997 and deliver a letter to the Assistant Deputy Minister to express the concerns that a Value Added meeting be held in the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11 a) Waste Management

Councillor Scarfe reported that he attended the Waste Management meeting in Berwyn. Paper from areas as far north as Peace River will be transported to Edmonton to be shredded and recycled. Councillor Scarfe said that he would recommend that the M.D. of Mackenzie acquire burners and burn their own paper because transportation costs make recycling prohibitive.

Councillor Bateman stated that she attended the meeting as well and added that the reason the paper is not being transported from areas this far north is because of the freight cost, however, the M.D. cannot burn paper because of the Clean Air Act.

Councillor Rosenberger stated that George Neuhor told him that the M.D. would be allowed to have a controlled burn.

MOTION 97-088

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that Administration investigate the procedure to control burn paper at the Waste Transfer Stations.

CARRIED

Council suggested that Public Works contact La Crete Sawmills to determine if the M.D. could use their burner to burn paper.

MOTION 97-089

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that Administration investigate the agreement between the High Level Landfill/Waste Transfer Stations, the M. D., and the province, and make a summary for Council regarding waste management in the M.D.

CARRIED

Council asked that discussion on the landfill site be continued with Jake Banman.

MOTION 97-090

Councillor Neufeld moved that the Public Works department continue to research an alternative site for a landfill.

CARRIED

The M.D. will continue the investigation of landfill sites and bring forward discussion at the budget meeting.

11 b) Tourism

MOTION 97-091

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe that Administration make arrangements for a representative from the Land of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association as well as a representative from the Tourism Destination Region to attend a future Council meeting at the same time.

CARRIED

Council asked that Darryl Zielsdorf also be invited to attend the meeting when the Tourism representatives will be present, and to invite any other people involved with tourism.

MOTION 97-092

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that Councillor Scarfe attend the Annual General meeting of the Alberta North Tourism Destination Region to be held on Wednesday, March 19, 1997 in Edmonton and the Alberta Tourism Partnership Corporation Annual General meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, Edmonton.

CARRIED

11 c) Closing of Aspen Proposals

Councillor Neufeld reported that the Aspen facility proposals have been opened. The three main proposals were Footner Lake Intomitos Ltd., Ainsworth Lumber Company Ltd., and La Crete Sawmills Ltd.. As well, a lot of interest was shown by local sawmills.

Public meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 3, 1997 in High Level; 7 p.m. on March 4, 1997 in Rainbow Lake; 7 p.m. on March 5, 1997 in Fort Vermilion; and 7 p.m. on March 6, 1997 in La Crete. The three top proposals will make presentations to the public at these meetings.

11 d) Community Forest

Councillor E. Derksen reported that there are two new members on the Community Forest Steering Committee.

Councillor E. Derksen stated a meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at the La Crete Community Hall.

Manager Litke reported that he had written a letter to the Fort Vermilion School Division asking for an education representative to sit on the steering committee.

Councillor E. Derksen reported that he had contacted La Crete Sawmills and that they would have a representative sit on the steering committee.

The C.A.O. advised that he needed to call the solicitors at 11:45 a.m.

Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:41 a.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

MOTION 97-093

MOVED by Councillor Dyck to go into camera at 1:11 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-094

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld to come out of camera at 2:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Derksen declared a recess at 2:54 p.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

MOTION 97-095

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that the Council portion of the Staff/Council Committee be appointed to the union negotiating committee for Council, those members being Councillor Rosenberger (Chairperson), Reeve Derksen, Councillor Neufeld, Councillor Fedeyko.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-096

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that the M.D. write a letter to the Footner Forest Advisory Committee to confirm with them as to who the M.D. representatives are who were appointed to the committee (those members being Reeve Derksen, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor E. Derksen) and if they are creating another position on the committee for the M.D. that the M.D. would be pleased to fill it.

CARRIED

The C.A.O. advised that the union vote would proceed on Friday, February 14, 1997 and that he needed some time to review issues with the solicitors.

MOTION 97-097

Councillor Dyck moved that the Road Tour scheduled for Friday, February 13 and 14, 1997 be cancelled and that the budget meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 1997 and the Road Tour be rescheduled to Wednesday, February 26, 1997.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-098

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the management position in the utilities section be re-instituted and that the organizational chart be revised accordingly.

Councillor Fedeyko asked the following questions:

Where is the position in the Organizational Chart?

Copy of the organizational Chart requested and was told it was not available.

What is the salary range for the new position? He received no answer.

Where will the person for this position be located? The answer was when a person is hired the location will be determined

Has a person already been promised the job? The answer was no.

Councillor Fedeyko stated that he could not vote on the question because of the lack of information provided.

The Chief Administrative Officer addressed the Chair advising that if a Councillor does not vote on an issue that the Councillor would be disqualified.

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the original organizational chart for information.

The Chair called for the Question.

Councillor Fedeyko requested notation in the minutes that he refused to vote because of lack of information. The vote was taken and it was 5 in favour, 3 opposed, and 1 abstention. Councillor Fedeyko request notation in the minutes that he refuses to vote because of lack of information and acknowledges that he could be disqualified for not voting.

Councillor Fedeyko left the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Reeve Derksen called for the Question again.

MOTION 97-098

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the management position in the utilities section be re-instituted and that the organizational chart be revised accordingly.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-099

MOVED by Councillor Bateman to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

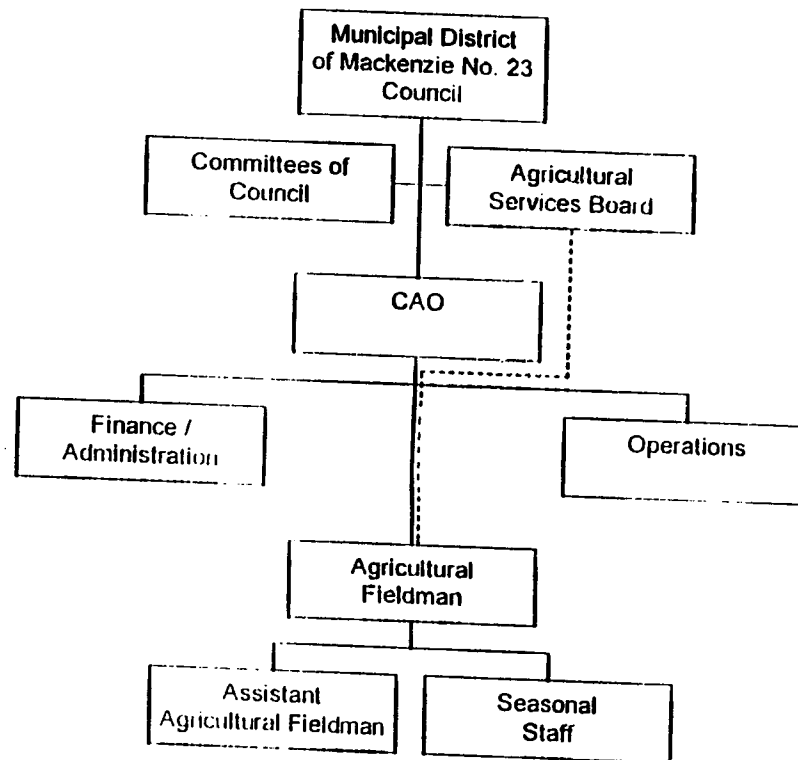
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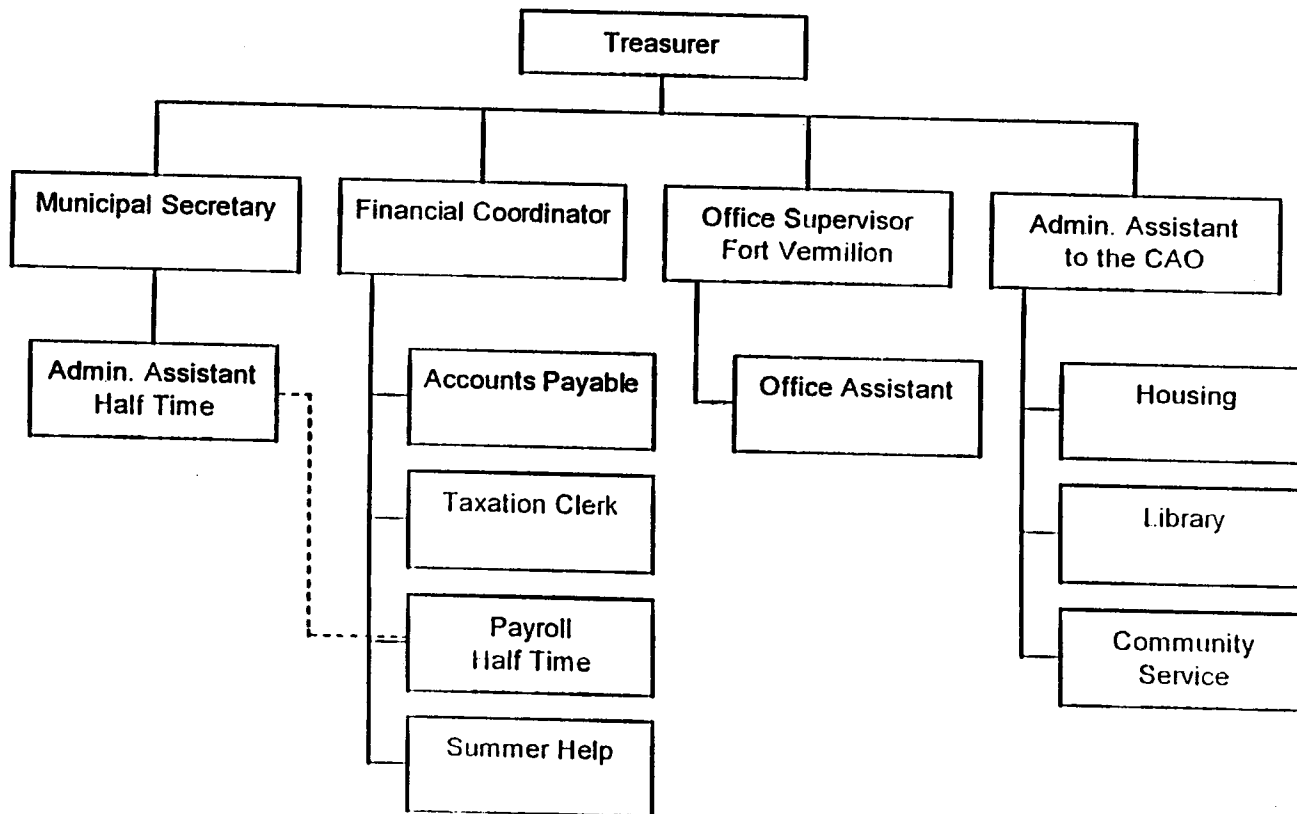

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