

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

Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre, La Crete, Alberta

Thursday, February 27, and Friday, February 28, 1997

FEBRUARY 27

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

GALLERY:

Warren Ferguson	Henry Klassen
William Unrau	Stanley Smith
Maarten Braat	Darryl Zielsdorf
John Flooren	Clifford Smith
Corny Driedger	Martin Wieler
Jake T. Wolfe	Bill Driedger
Willie Neudorf	Eileen Lizotte
Louise Smith	Corny Driedger
Herman Driedger	John W. Driedger
Mark Baer	Don Ste. Croix

CALL TO ORDER:

1 a) Call to Order

Reeve Derksen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1 b) Adoption of Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 9 b) Debenture Payout
- 9 c) Motion 97-062
- 6 d) Mark Baer and Herman Driedger - Delegation 11 am Feb. 27
- 7 e) Aeromedical Ambulance Agreement
- 7 f) Northern Air Ambulance News Release
- 8 f) New Infrastructure Agreement
- 10 g) Peace Country Regional Science Fair

MOTION 97-100

MOVED by Councillor Dyck to adopt the agenda with additions.

CARRIED

Corny Driedger, Martin Wieler, Jake T. Wolfe, Bill Driedger, and Mark Baer entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Willie Neudorf entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and Eileen Lizotte and Louise Smith entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

MINUTES:

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

The following amendments were made to the January 30 and 31, 1997 Council meeting minutes:

Motion 97-060 shall read "and end" at the end of that Motion.

Councillor Fedeyko stated that under 11 a) Committee Reports, he had reported on the "Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation", and his report was that "the corporation will be meeting with people in all communities. The corporation is looking for additional members and are accepting nominations. Some members representing the M.D. communities are Lil Sokoloski, Jake Elias, Jack Newman, and George Janzen."

Councillor Fedeyko passed the written wording to the Chair.

MOTION 97-101

MOVED by Councillor Peters that the minutes of the January 30 and 31, 1997 Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Councillor Fedeyko requested a recorded vote. Councillor Fedeyko stated that there is an error in the procedure because of our bylaw 39/96 in which we need 2/3 majority vote and not 3/5 vote regarding motion 97-062. Councillor Neufeld stated the agenda addition item was placed on the agenda without any objection, the motion on that item then requires a mere majority vote.

In Favour:

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

Opposed:

Councillor Fedeyko
Councillor Sarapuk

CARRIED

Corny Driedger and Herman Driedger entered the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

2 b) Minutes of the February 11 and 12, 1997 Council Meeting

The following amendments were made to the February 11 and 12, 1997 Council meeting minutes:

Councillor Sarapuk stated that in Motion 97-074 shall read "La Crete Office was budgeted for."

Councillor Fedeyko stated that in item 7 c) "reservation" should be replaced with "First Nation's Communities."

Councillor Fedeyko stated that there was a vote taken on Motion 97-098 and just prior to that vote he informed Council that he could be disqualified. Councillor Fedeyko said there were five questions asked and he read them as follows:

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.

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 presented the above information to the Chair in writing. Motion 97-098 "re-instituted" shall be replaced with "re-instated."

MOTION 97-102

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the minutes of the February 11 and 12, 1997 Council meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Herman and Corny Driedger left the meeting at 10:49 a.m. and John W. Driedger entered the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Disqualification of a Councillor

The Reeve stated that according to the Municipal Government Act, the Act was violated when Councillor Fedeyko abstained from voting on a Question at the February 12, 1997 Council meeting. The Reeve read the Municipal Government Act Division 7 section 174(1)(f) and pointed out that lack of information is not mentioned as being permissible for a voting abstention.

The Reeve went on to read Division 8 section 175(1), and asked the C.A.O. if he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Fedeyko. The C.A.O. said no, he had not received such a letter.

Reeve Derksen then read section 175(2)(a) and pointed out to the Council that this section reads "may". Therefore, the Reeve said that it was his recommendation that Council overlook Councillor Fedeyko's abstention from voting and asked each Councillor individually if they were in favour of overlooking this issue.

All the Councillors said they were in favour of overlooking Councillor Fedeyko's misjudgment when he abstained from voting on an issue at the February 12, 1997 Council meeting.

Councillor Bateman referred to the Municipal Government Act Section 183 and said that no Councillor in the future can abstain from voting on an issue unless it is required or permitted. All Councillors agreed with Councillor Bateman's comment.

Don Ste. Croix entered at 10:58 a.m.

Reeve Derksen called a recess at 11:01 a.m.

The Reeve reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

DELEGATION:

6 d) Mark Baer and Herman Driedger

The Reeve welcomed Mark Baer as a delegation to the meeting and introductions were made.

Mark Baer stated that he is against any big expenditure that would be involved in locating the main office in La Crete. Mr. Baer stated that he would like to encourage the M.D. Council to work for the betterment of the entire M.D. Mr. Baer stated that the public needs to be able to respect Council.

Reeve Derksen as well as some Councillors thanked Mark Baer for his comments and encouragement.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

3 a) Training, Planning & Policy Development

Manager Litke explained that he would like to set the first meeting of the month aside for a training, planning and policy development meeting. Council discussed various options open to them and asked Manager Litke to draft a sample agenda to bring to a future Council meeting for review.

3 b) AAMD&C District 4 Zone Meeting

Manager Litke asked if Council had any issues to be placed on the agenda for the March 21, 1997 AAMD&C District 4 Zone Meeting.

Councillor Sarapuk asked to have the provincial funding of secondary highways placed on the agenda.

Council asked that the change in the information distribution format be placed on the agenda for the AAMD&C meeting.

Council also asked that a letter be written to AAMD&C informing them that Councillor Frank Rosenberger is the M.D. of Mackenzie's AAMD&C representative.

3 c) Closing Utility Balances of +/- \$5

MOTION 97-103

Councillor Fedeyko moved that the following changes be made to the Utility Account Closing Balances Policy: No. 1 shall be clarified, No. 4 shall be deleted, and the amended Policy shall be presented at the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

3 d) Reeves/Administration Meeting Minutes - January 27, 1997

This item was received for information.

3 e) Mackenzie Ratepayers Publication

This item was received for information.

3 f) March 11, 1997 Provincial Election

MOTION 97-104

Councillor Neufeld moved that the March 11, 1997 Council meeting be rescheduled to March 12 due to the provincial election scheduled for March 11.

CARRIED

**3 g) Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency
Management Review Seminar**

MOTION 97-105

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that all Councillors attend the Management Review Seminar in Grimshaw, Alberta, on March 25, 1997.

CARRIED

3 h) Treasure Position

Manager Litke discussed with Council the difficulty he is experiencing in his effort to find a suitable candidate for the Treasurer position. The position title has been changed to Manager of Corporate Services and has been re-advertised.

3 i) AAMD&C Spring Convention

Manager Litke advised Councillors to register for the AAMD&C Spring Convention.

3 j) Senior Snowplow Flag

MOTION 97-106

Councillor Neufeld moved that an exemption be made to Bylaw 062/96, Fee Schedule for Services regarding Senior Snowplow Flags, in the case of Roberta Delphine Orlesky since she is a widow and on pension but under the age of 65 years.

CARRIED

3 k) Alberta Union of Provincial Employees Vote Held

Manager Litke reported that on February 14, 1997, the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees held a vote with the M.D. staff. The results were 26 staff in favour of union and 6 opposed. The Manager stated that Brian Randle of AUPE will contact the M.D. in a couple of weeks to begin negotiations.

The Reeve recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

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

GALLERY:

Maarten Braat	John Flooren
Clifford Smith	Stanley Smith
Darryl Zielsdorf	Martin Wieler
Dr. Dewey Stickney	Don Ste. Croix
Isaac Klassen	John W. Driedger
Eileen Lizotte	Louise Smith
Bill Dyck	Jake T. Wolfe

DELEGATIONS:

6 a) Dr. Stickney, Stickney Veterinary Services Ltd.

Reeve Derksen welcomed Dr. Stickney to the meeting and introductions were made.

Dr. Stickney reported that since privatization happened Veterinarians have been concerned about what will happen to the level of services. Beef production peaked in the mid 1990's. Since 1995 there has been a reduction in beef production. The number of services provided to the M.D. has diminished in the last few years. Dr. Stickney said that the Clinic has been able to supply veterinary services to the north because of subsidies received, and advised Council that long term service is a concern. The provincial grants are currently being phased out and after March 31, 1998 the provincial assistance grant will be gone. The only way the clinic can keep operating is to reduce staff and service which might mean having to close one clinic. Stickney Veterinary Services has cultivated a practice in Rainbow Lake and High Level, and have been up to Fort Simpson.

Councillor Fedeyko entered the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Don Ste. Croix entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and Bill Dyck entered the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

The Reeve thanked Dr. Stickney and Dr. Stickney left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Isaac Klassen entered the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

MOTION 97-107

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that a letter be written to the Provincial Government asking that the annual Veterinary Assistant Grant be continued for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 due to the smaller cattle population in this M.D. and the remoteness of the municipality.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL

5 a) Amended Monthly Statement for the Month Ending December 31/96

MOTION 97-108

Councillor Rosenberger moved that the Monthly Statement for the Month Ending December 31, 1996 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5 b) Cheque Listing for the Month of December, 1996

This item was received for information.

**WALK IN
DELEGATION:**

Maarten Braat

At the consent of the Reeve, Maarten Braat addressed Council at 1:29 p.m. Mr. Braat asked Council to rescind Motion 97-062.

The Reeve informed Mr. Braat that Motion 97-062 was on the agenda as item 9c) and would be dealt with as an agenda item.

Mr. Braat then read a letter on behalf of Herman Driedger requesting the honourable resignation of each Councillor at this time. If the Councillors do not resign now a petition will be presented to the Minister requesting Council's resignation.

The Reeve asked for a copy of the letter and Mr. Braat gave a copy to the Chair.

Reeve Derksen pointed out that the letter was not signed and asked Mr. Braat if he would sign and date the letter on behalf of Herman Driedger.

Mr. Braat then signed the letter.

10 f) Letter from Little Red Air Ltd.

The Chair asked if Don Ste. Croix would like to respond to the letter he wrote to Council regarding his attendance at the January 30, 1997 Council meeting in Fort Vermilion.

Mr. Ste. Croix asked if there were any questions from Council.

Councillor Neufeld asked Mr. Ste. Croix if he wrote the letter in question as a ratepayer or as General Manager of Little Red Air Ltd. Mr. Ste. Croix responded that he wrote the letter as a ratepayer.

Mr. Ste. Croix stated that some residents in the Municipal District are concerned with the conduct and procedures of Council. Mr. Ste. Croix stated that the time has come to unite. There is currently a movement underway to split this M.D. in two, there is a movement for Council to resign, and there is a movement to ask the Provincial Government to call for Council to resign. Mr. Ste. Croix stated that he does business in La Crete, High Level and with the oil patch and he hopes to continue. He said that he knows to be a Councillor is hard work and is time consuming but he does not like the style of leadership of this Council.

MOTION 97-109

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that the M.D. of Mackenzie write a letter to the Chief of the Little Red River First Nations regarding the conduct of Don Ste. Croix in writing a letter as a ratepayer on Little Red Air letterhead.

Councillor Fedeyko stated that would only strengthen Don Ste. Croix's point.

Councillor Bateman responded that she only questioned Nova Corporation regarding why their station was named Zama Lake.

Councillor Rosenberger stated that he is not in favour of disciplining any taxpayer. We are here to listen, read information, analyze all information and then make a decision. Councillor Bateman withdrew the motion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Mr. Ste. Croix left the meeting at 1:54 p.m. and Warren Ferguson followed him.

Maarten Braat, Eileen Lizotte and Louise Smith left the meeting at 1:55 p.m. followed by Clifford Smith, Stanley Smith, and John Flooren at 1:56 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8 a) Rocky Lane Grader Contract

MOTION 97-110

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that, at the discretion of the Manager of Public Works, the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 reimburse David K. Froese the \$1,000 performance security on the Rocky Lane Grader Contract, due to the contract being in it's option year and due to the major mechanical problems experienced by the contractor.

CARRIED

8 b) Resources Road Improvement Program

Roger Borchert discussed the limitations on qualifications for the Resource Road Program as it must begin on crown land and continue into the M.D., or it must begin in the M.D. and end on crown land.

The Reeve asked if the grain haul roads qualify for the Resources Road Improvement Program and Roger Borchert said he would check into that.

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

The Reeve reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

MOTION 97-111

MOVED by Councillor Bateman to hire Torchinsky Engineering to investigate all possible avenues available through the Resources Road Improvement Program and the Agra Infrastructure Program.

CARRIED

John W. Driedger entered the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

8 c) La Crete Airport

MOTION 97-112

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 negotiate an agreement with Alberta Transportation and Utilities for the maintenance of the La Crete Airport.

CARRIED

8 e) Bear River Ventures Private Landfill

Public Works Manager, Roger Borchert, informed Council that the High Level Landfill Authority Agreement, clause 24 b) reads "The Municipalities shall ensure that no new waste disposal sites are established within the Authority's services area without the prior written approval of the Minister". Mr. Borchert stated that more information on this item will be presented to Council prior to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring Conference.

Jake T. Wolfe entered the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

MOTION 97-113

Councillor Dyck moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 make a presentation to the Minister of Environment requesting approval to establish a land fill location south and east of the Peace River.

CARRIED

8 d) 1996 Tonnage Hauled from the La Crete and Fort Vermilion Area to the High Level Regional Landfill

This item was presented as information for item 8e) above.

8 f) Infrastructure

MOTION 97-114

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 enter into the Contribution Agreement with Canada/Alberta Infrastructure Works for an overall allocation of \$292,227.43 and allocate the Municipal Contribution of \$97,425.81 for the new Infrastructure program in the 1997 capital works budget.

CARRIED

**WALK IN
DELEGATION:**

Jacob T. Wolfe

Reeve Derksen welcomed Jacob T. Wolfe to the meeting.

Jacob T. Wolfe presented information on the letter that was previously presented by Maarten Braat of the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade on behalf of Herman Driedger. Mr. Wolfe said he spoke to Herman Driedger and that apparently the letter was originally faxed to Knelsen Sand and Gravel by Maarten Braat. Raymond Knelsen, owner of Knelsen Sand and Gravel refused to present the letter to Council. The letter was then given to Herman Driedger who also refused to present the letter to Council.

MOTION 97-115

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs be invited to review the procedures of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Council.

CARRIED

Council then asked that the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs be invited to the March 26 and 27, 1997 Council meeting to begin the Municipal review process.

OLD BUSINESS:

9 a) **W.A.C. Bennett Dam Water Flow
Impact on the Peace River**

This item was presented for information.

9 b) **Debenture Payout**

Councillor Neufeld stated that the La Crete residents are still paying 11% interest rate on the Water and Sewer Local Improvements.

The Manager informed Council that the debentures are locked in. The M.D. can pay them out but would be required to pay a penalty.

Council asked that information on penalties for the local improvements debenture payout for La Crete be compiled and presented at a Council meeting.

9 c) **MOTION 97-062**

MOTION 97-116

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger to rescind motion 97-062 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.

Councillor Fedeyko requested a recorded vote:

In Favour:
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Fedeyko
Councillor Scarfe
Councillor Rosenberger

Opposed:
Reeve Derksen
Councillor Bateman
Councillor E. Derksen
Councillor Neufeld
Councillor Dyck
Councillor Peters

DEFEATED

MOTION 97-117

Councillor Neufeld moved that the meeting be recessed at 3:22 p.m. and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 1997 in the La Crete Council Chambers.

CARRIED

FEBRUARY 28

PRESENT:

Reuben Derksen	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Reg Scarfe	Councillor

ABSENT:

Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
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ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary
Paul Driedger	Development Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

1 a) Call to Order

Reeve Derksen called the meeting back to order at 10:03 a.m.

10 b) Equalized Assessment for 1997

This item was presented for information.

Council asked that Administration draft a newsletter including information on tax increases over the last few years, including a total of funds spent in each ward. This newsletter is to be presented to Council at the March 26 and 27, 1997 Council meeting and is to be mailed to all M.D. residents a few weeks before the ratepayers meetings. The newsletter should also contain information on setting up a gravel reserve. The M.D. needs to justify expenditures to the ratepayers. A similar news letter should be mailed on an annual basis.

Jake Neudorf entered the meeting at 10:27 a.m. followed by Warren Ferguson at 10:29 a.m.

10 c) Membership, Land of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association

MOTION 97-118

Councillor Scarfe moved that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write a letter to the Land of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association to respond to them that the M.D. of Mackenzie is not prepared to make a financial commitment to their organization until Council has met with representatives of the Land of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association.

CARRIED

**WALK IN
DELEGATION:**

Jake Neudorf

Reeve Derksen welcomed Jake Neudorf to the meeting.

Mr. Neudorf informed Council that he was having a problem with the assessment of his house. He stated that his house was built in 1956 but the assessors have recorded the house as being built in 1970. Mr. Neudorf asked if Council is accountable for false information. Mr. Neudorf stated that he has talked with the Taxation and Assessment Clerk and also talked with the Assessors from Slave Lake but cannot get any answers.

Manager Litke stated that he will check into the issue and inform Mr. Neudorf of his findings. The Manager informed Mr. Neudorf that the correct process to follow for an incorrect assessment, is to appeal the assessment.

Reeve Derksen thanked Jake Neudorf and Mr. Neudorf left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

**WALK IN
DELEGATION:**

Warren Ferguson

Warren Ferguson asked if he might address Council and Reeve Derksen gave consent.

Warren Ferguson stated that he noticed Councillor Bill Fedeyko is not at the meeting today and asked if Councillor Fedeyko is still on Council. Reeve Derksen answered yes, Councillor Fedeyko is still a member of Council.

The Reeve thanked Warren Ferguson and Mr. Ferguson and Jake Neudorf left the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

**10 d) Conditional Funding for
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)**

MOTION 97-119

Councillor Neufeld moved that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 wishes to participate in the conditional Family and Community Support Services Program, but to advise the Minister that the M.D. still supports the unconditional funding for the FCSS program.

CARRIED

**10 e) Upcoming Reeves Meeting in Conjunction with
Spring Convention**

This item was received as information.

10 f) Letter from Little Red Air Ltd.

This item was received as information.

10 g) Peace Country Regional Science Fair

MOTION 97-120

Councillor Bateman moved that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 contribute \$450 to the Peace Country Regional Science Fair as the students in this municipality participate in the Fair.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-121

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write a letter to Central Peace Contracting Ltd. thanking them for their \$2,500 donation to the Zama Community Library.

CARRIED

Reeve Derksen called a recess at 11:01 a.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

MOTION 97-122

MOVED by Councillor Peters to go in camera at 11:14 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-123

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe to come out of camera at 11:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

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

Al McNaughton and Cameron Donald entered the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

6 c) Al McNaughton, Assessment Consultant
To review the assessment items listed under 10 a)

Reeve Derksen welcomed Al McNaughton to the meeting and introductions were made.

Al McNaughton supplied insight into the proposed new rates for industrial assessment as supported by the Industrial Property Assessment Steering Committee. Mr. McNaughton explained that assessments can be based on depreciated replacement value or market value, the process is the same. Linear property is still regulated assessment as well as Machinery and Equipment, oilfield activities, and farmland.

Al McNaughton commented on the following areas:

Criteria principles: Mr. McNaughton stated that the two most important criteria are consistent with market value and consistent with current value mass appraisal.

Value Standard: Mr. McNaughton advised that in his opinion the cost approach is the only method for assessing special purpose improvements.

Depreciation: Mr. McNaughton advised that the maximum depreciation is 60% and the Industrial Property Assessment document is suggesting that it should be 70%. Mr. McNaughton stated he is not sure where the 70% factor came from. Mr. McNaughton stated that he does agree with the fixed and immediate depreciation but he thinks that 25% is too high. Political gifts can cause major problems therefore they should not appear in the tables.

Standardization: Al McNaughton informed Council that there is a proposed change in the assessment of satellite pads. There have been appeals on the assessment of satellite pads on the question of whether they should have been assessed under the Electric Power and Pipeline Assessment as opposed to the Municipal Taxation Act.

Al McNaughton stated that the next general assessment will be done according to the new Municipal Government Act. The biggest difference will be that non farm property will be assessed at market value for the entire property. There has been a change in the definition of farmland, the change being that there is no income criteria at all.

Reeve Derksen thanked Al McNaughton and Mr. McNaughton and Mr. Donald left the meeting at 2:14 p.m. Paul Driedger and Jim Wiebe entered the meeting 2:14 p.m.

6 b) Jim Wiebe, Fire Chief
La Crete Volunteer Fire Department

Reeve Derksen welcomed Jim Wiebe to the meeting.

Jim Wiebe informed Council of the various courses the La Crete Volunteer Fire Department had taken in 1996 and courses that were planned for 1997. The Department is planning to purchase an Ice Rescue Unit and an ambulance sled. The La Crete Polar Club is raising funds for the ambulance sled. As well, the Fire Department is anticipating building an addition to the Fire Hall. The La Crete Volunteer Fire Department are receiving a lot of requests for fire code inspections.

Jim Wiebe invited Council to take a tour of the Fire Hall after the meeting. Council declined saying they would take the tour during the summer.

Reeve Derksen thanked Jim Wiebe and Mr. Wiebe left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

7 a) **Land Use Bylaw Review**

Development Officer, Paul Driedger, asked Council to set a date to review the entire Land Use Bylaw with Dale Freitag from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency.

The date for the review was set for 10:00 a.m. on March 17, 1997 to be held in the La Crete Council Chambers.

Public Hearings for the Land Use Bylaw were set to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the following locations: April 18 in La Crete, April 21 in Zama, April 22 in the High Level Rural Hall, April 23 in Fort Vermilion.

7 b) **By-Law No. 077/97 - Provision of Provincial E-911 Service**

MOTION 97-124
Bylaw 077/97
First Reading

Councillor Neufeld moved that first reading be given to Bylaw 077/97 for the Provision of Provincial E-911 Service.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-125
Bylaw 077/97
Second Reading

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that second reading be given to Bylaw 077/97 for the Provision of Provincial E-911 Service.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-126

Councillor Bateman moved to go to third reading of Bylaw 077/97 for the Provision of Provincial E-911 Service, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOTION 97-127
Bylaw 077/97
Third Reading

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that third and final reading be given to Bylaw 077/97 for the Provision of Provincial E-911 Service, at this time.

CARRIED

7 c) **Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Vanguard Realty Ltd.)**

MOTION 97-128

Councillor Neufeld moved that the Public Hearing for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment received from Vanguard Realty Ltd., be set for Thursday, March 27, 1997, to be held in the Fort Vermilion Library Meeting Room.

CARRIED

7 d) **Letter From Dave Froese to NWHSR**
Re: Ambulance Service

Council asked Paul Driedger to investigate the Aeromedical Emergency Service policy on transferring patients between ambulances and present the information to Council.

This item was received for information.

7 e) **Aeromedical Ambulance Agreement**

Paul Driedger noted a change in the Aeromedical Ambulance Agreement, clause 9a) as follows: "that they will cover the area north of the High Level Boundary to north of Meander River at the Hay River Bridge".

MOTION 97-129

Councillor Peters moved that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 enter into an agreement for ambulance service with Aeromedical Emergency Services Ltd. for a period of three years and an annual subsidy of \$82,000 for ambulance services to the High Level Rural area and the Fort Vermilion area.

CARRIED

7 f) Northern Alberta Air Ambulance Service

This item was received for information.

Meeting Dates Set for Budget Meeting, Road Tour, and Council Meetings

The Budget meeting date was set for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 1997, to be held in the Fort Vermilion Library Meeting Room.

The Road Tour date was set to begin at the La Crete M.D. office at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 1997.

MOTION 97-130

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Regular Council meeting dates for April and May, 1997 be set as follows: Tuesday, April 8 in the Provincial Building in High Level; Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25 in the Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre in La Crete; Tuesday, May 13 in the Fort Vermilion Library Meeting Room; and Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30 in the Council Chambers of the Mustus Lake Centre in La Crete.


CARRIED

MOTION 97-131

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

CARRIED

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


Reuben Derksen, Reeve


Dennis Litke, C.A.O.