

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

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

Thursday, January 30, and Friday, January 31, 1997

JANUARY 30

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Recording Secretary

GALLERY:

Don St. Croix	Little Red Air
Peter Martens	Ratepayer

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Thursday, January 30, and Friday, January 31, 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 10:03 a.m.

1 b) Adoption of Agenda

- 3 h) Zama Office
- 8 e) High Level Forest Products
- 8 f) Shoulder Winging
- 10 g) CN Meeting in Manning
- 11 a) NADC Report
- 12 b) M.D. Business
- 11 a) Mackenzie Economic Development
- 12 c) Alberta Labour Board
- 7 g) Subdivision and Development Appeal Refund Request
- 7 h) Zama Fire Department Honorarium

MOTION 97-032

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2 a) Minutes of January 14, 1997 Council Meeting

MOTION 97-033

Councillor Fedeyko moved that the Minutes of the January 14, 1997 Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE:

3 a) **Manager's Report**

3 b) **High Level Airport Agreement**

Manager Litke passed out the original High Level Airport agreement with the changes highlighted that were made to the current agreement. The Municipal District's address was changed and in clause 11 the word "bylaw" was changed to "resolution".

MOTION 97-034

Councillor Fedeyko moved that Motion 96-393 be rescinded and that the Municipal District of Mackenzie consent to the High Level Airport Agreement and further consent to the Town of High Level owning the High Level Airport Property within the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 boundary area pursuant to Section 72 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

3 c) **Information Requested on Payables**

This item was presented as information.

3 d) **An Update on Paul Steffanson's Stockpile**

Manager Litke reported that Paul Steffanson's stockpile has basically been cleaned up, with only a small amount of clean up left to be done.

3 e) **Annual Ratepayers Meeting**

MOTION 97-035

Councillor E. Derksen moved that the annual meeting format be placed on the agenda for the 1997 Ratepayers meetings.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-036

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that the 1997 Annual Ratepayers meetings be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, in the Zama Community Hall; at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, at the High Level Rural Hall; at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at the Fort Vermilion Recreation Complex; at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, at the La Crete Community Hall.

CARRIED

3 f) **Census**

Manager Litke reported that he investigated the cost involved in taking a municipal census. The census must be done between June and August according to the Municipal Government Act. The cost varies between \$28 and \$30 thousand. The Federal census information will not be available until the beginning of April, 1997. Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties are presently working with Census to get a census by township.

Councillor Bateman suggested that if the M.D. does take their own census steps should be taken to ensure that no people are missed.

MOTION 97-037

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that Municipal Census be put on the agenda for the first Council meeting in April, 1997.

CARRIED

3 g) Information and Privacy '97 Conference

Manager Litke reported that he is planning to attend the Information and Privacy '97 Conference to be held on April 28 and 29, 1997 at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

This item was received as information.

3 h) Zama Office

Manager Litke advised Council that he interviewed for the Zama office position during the past week and that the applicant will be in the Fort Vermilion office for training in the first week of February. The Zama office will open on February 11, 1997, and will be open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

3 i) Set a Meeting Date for Green/White Zone Meeting

The meeting date for the green/white zone meeting with Alberta Forest Services was set for 10 a.m. on February 19, 1997 to be held in the La Crete Council Chambers.

At this point introductions were made for the benefit of those people in the gallery.

BYLAWS:

4 a) By-Law No. 069/96 - To Approve an Agreement Between the M.D. of Mackenzie and the Town of High Level Respecting the High Level Airport Property

MOTION 97-038
Bylaw 069/96
First Reading

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that first reading be given to Bylaw 069/96, to approve an agreement between the M.D. of Mackenzie and the Town of High Level respecting the High Level Airport property.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-039
Bylaw 069/96
Second Reading

Councillor Fedeyko moved that second reading be given to Bylaw 069/96, to approve an agreement between the M.D. of Mackenzie and the Town of High Level respecting the High Level Airport property.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-040

MOVED by Councillor Scarfe to go to third reading of Bylaw 069/96, to approve an agreement between the M.D. of Mackenzie and the Town of High Level respecting the High Level Airport property, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOTION 97-041
Bylaw 069/96
Third Reading

MOVED by Councillor Bateman that third reading be given to Bylaw 069/96, to approve an agreement between the M.D. of Mackenzie and the Town of High Level respecting the High Level Airport property, at this time.

CARRIED

Sherry Ducharme entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m., gave Manager Litke a message, and left.

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

The following change was made to the proposed Bylaw 064/96: that in Section 5 "December 31" shall be replaced with "June 30".

MOTION 97-042
Bylaw 064/96
First Reading

Councillor Bateman moved that first reading be given to Bylaw 064/96, to Adopt the payment of Taxes and Penalty on Taxes.

CARRIED

Manager Litke informed Council that he received a message that the delegation from Nova Corporation would be a little late and that Tom Hoffman from High Level Forest Products has asked to meet with Council in the afternoon.

Reeve Derksen called a recess at 11:00 a.m.

Nova Corporation Delegation entered the Meeting Room at 11:10 a.m.

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

**WALK IN
DELEGATION:**

6 **Don Ste. Croix, Little Red Air**

Reeve Derksen asked Don Ste. Croix if he was willing to give Council a report on Little Red Air.

Don Ste. Croix reported that he started working for Little Red Air on March 20, 1996. Little Red Air is totally owned by the Little Red River Cree Nation, which has seven directors on their board. Little Red Air is interested in owning the operation of the Fort Vermilion Airport. The directors are interested in meeting with the Councillors of the Municipal District or the people that are delegated to negotiate an agreement with Little Red Air. Mr. Ste. Croix stated that Little Red Air's proposal should be on his desk tomorrow.

Reeve Derksen thanked Mr. Ste. Croix for the report.

DELEGATIONS:

6 a) **Nova Corporation of Alberta**

Reeve Derksen welcomed Clarence Klassen, Brenda Walton, and Martin Donnelly to the meeting and introductions were made.

Martin Donnelly made a presentation on current and proposed pipelines in Alberta. Nova Corporation supplies about 80% of Canadian gas, 18% of North American gas. Their pipelines run from the Saskatchewan to British Columbia borders and from the U.S.A. almost up to the Northwest Territories borders. Nova Corporation plans to run their mainline along the British Columbia border and minimize the impact by running it right through the gas area. Mr. Donnelly reported on the 1995/96 and 1996/97 Construction Program Capital Costs.

Brenda Walton reported on community projects that Nova supports. Nova conducts community audits to determine the issues of concern in the various communities and what areas they prefer Nova to participate in. Nova employees are actively involved with volunteer work in the communities where they are stationed. Ms. Walton stated Nova favours organizations such as education, environment, arts and culture, health and welfare, civic, and recreation. Nova Corporation supports some provincial community programming and participate in school visits and career fairs. Nova Corporation contributed \$71 million in taxes in 1996 in Alberta, just under \$12 million in this area.

Clarence Klassen made a presentation on pipeline safety, saying Nova's philosophy is "prevention is the key to safety." Over 98% of Nova maintenance employees are trained in Emergency Preparedness and Response programs. Nova Corporation has one major emergency simulation a year with community response teams.

Councillor Fedeyko asked the Nova delegation if their company has ever been contacted by M.D. No. 23 for an Anhydrous response team.

Mr. Klassen stated that Nova has mutual aids agreements but have not been asked by M.D. No. 23.

Reeve Derksen thanked the delegation and recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

6 b) Jake Banman - Bear River Ventures
Re: Presentation of Private Landfill Site Proposal

Reeve Derksen welcomed Jake Banman to the meeting and introductions were made.

Jake Banman informed Council that he had done some research and it seems that a Private Landfill site could be made a family business. He has had testing done on his property which showed his property is comprised of clay up to 80 feet down. Mr. Banman said his land is in a central location between La Crete, Fort Vermilion, and Tallcree. Mr. Banman said he had talked to George Neuhor but would like to get approval from Council before going ahead with any definite plans. Jake Banman said he realized this would be a lengthy process but he is interested.

Councillor Bateman pointed out that there is a lot of industrial garbage generated at Zama and asked Mr. Banman if he would consider taking salvageable metals such as pipes.

Jake Banman said he has been focusing mostly on south of the Peace River but would accept any metals as long as they are not hazardous. Mr. Banman stated that he would follow the rules set forth by Alberta Environment.

Councillor Neufeld asked Mr. Banman what prices he would be charging for tippage.

Jake Banman said he had not thought about fees yet.

Manager Litke asked Mr. Banman if he had done any research on how much it would cost to set up a private land fill site and if an environmental research had been done.

Mr. Banman said he would like to construct 200 meter square blocks which would be done in three phases, two 200 m square blocks at a time. Mr. Banman estimated one phase would last three years, he has enough property for three phases which would cover a period of 12 years.

Councillor Fedeyko asked Mr. Banman if he has obtained a Development Permit from the Municipal District.

Mr. Banman said yes, and the development permit has a provision that the landfill site must be kept to Alberta Environment standards. Mr. Banman said he already discussed soil testing with various engineers, one engineer said it could cost \$15 to \$20 thousand, another engineer said it could cost \$50 thousand.

Reeve Derksen informed Mr. Banman that Mr. Banman has the M.D.'s support in principle, but that the M.D. requires some prices.

Mr. Banman said he could supply prices in the near future as he will have the cost study by the weekend.

MOTION 97-043

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the M.D. of Mackenzie write a letter to Jake Banman supporting, in principle, Mr. Banman's proposal to build a private landfill site.

CARRIED

Reeve Derksen thanked Jake Banman and Mr. Banman left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

FINANCIAL

5 a) Monthly Statement for the Month Ending December 31, 1996

MOTION 97-044

Councillor Rosenberger moved that the monthly statement for the month ending December 31, 1996 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Manager Litke was asked by Council to check if Rainbow Lake received an advance for their construction of the Waste Transfer Station

Tom Hoffman, High Level Forest Products, entered the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Russell Friesen entered the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

WALK IN DELEGATION:

6 Tom Hoffman - High Level Forest Products

Reeve Derksen welcomed Tom Hoffman to the meeting.

Tom Hoffman informed Council that during the past week High Level Forest Products has had a rash of incidents where logs have come off of logging trucks on the highways. Mr. Hoffman said Councillor Bateman asked him to attend the Council meeting to inform Council about the efforts High Level Forest Products is taking to ensure safer log hauls. Mr. Hoffman reported that High Level Forest Products is ensuring that crane operators are loading the trucks properly and also, that truck drivers are checking their wrappers at all the wrapper check stations. The R.C.M.P. have been asked to monitor the speed of the trucks by radar. Mr. Hoffman informed Council that if there is an incident, to get the time, location, and details of the truck. High Level Forest Products is taking this issue very seriously.

Reeve Derksen thanked Tom Hoffman and Mr. Hoffman left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

9 f) Rock Picking

Manager Litke passed out information on the Ditch Cleaning Program '97 and Infrastructure Brushing 1997.

Russell Friesen asked Council for ideas on how to implement the Ditch Cleaning Program. Mr. Friesen said the M.D. has a number of options and if a decision is not made on which one will work best, he would suggest to try them all.

Reeve Derksen asked if the rocks can be picked at the suggested dollar amount.

Russell Friesen said he could not say because there are too many unknowns, he cannot tell what the dollar amount will be.

Councillor Fedeyko suggested Mr. Friesen ask the schools or the 4-H to consider picking rocks as a fund raising project.

9 e) List of 1997 Brush Control

Russell Friesen informed Council that he would like some direction on burning brush piles.

Councillor Rosenberger suggested that Mr. Friesen make arrangements with the farmers to burn the brush piles.

Russell Friesen said he will take the brush control one road at a time and do as many roads as the budget allows. Priority is given to those roads where it will benefit the most people.

NEW BUSINESS:

**10 a) Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Request that A.S.B. Administer Rental of Dugout Pump**

Russell Friesen reported that a proposal has been received from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Fairview Regional office, for a lease agreement for water pumping equipment between the Municipal District of Mackenzie and the Engineering Services Branch. Mr. Friesen said he has discussed this with other Fieldmen that have accepted a similar proposal and they say that maintenance is so minor that they don't even budget for it. Russell Friesen stated that he would suggest the M.D. enter into the agreement as proposed.

Council asked that this item to be referred to the Agricultural Service Board.

Reeve Derksen thanked Russell Friesen and Mr. Friesen left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Reeve Derksen called a recess at 2:45 p.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

9 a) Walter Lizotte - Water Damage

Manager Litke reported that, after talking with Councillor Rosenberger, he went to see Mr. Lizotte. Manager Litke read the letter he wrote to Mr. Lizotte confirming what Mr. Lizotte told him.

Councillor Rosenberger said Mr. Lizotte told him he will not supply more estimates.

9 b) Highway 697 Road Ban

Manager Litke read the letter received from Alberta Transportation and Utilities concerning the Highway 697 road ban between the Peace River and Highway 35.

This item was received for information.

9 c) Peace River Water Flow

This item was received for information.

9 d) Local Authorities Pension Plan

This item was received for information.

10 b) Northwest E911 Steering Committee

Councillor Fedeyko asked for, and received, authorization from Council to bring the agreement back to Council for signing. Councillor Fedeyko will attend the Northwest E911 meeting to be held on February 10, 1997 in Peace River.

10 c) AAMD&C Spring '97 Convention

Manager Litke asked which Councillors would be attending the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring '97 Convention being held at the Edmonton Inn on March 31 to April 2, 1997.

Councillor Sarapuk said he would not be attending. Councillor Peters and Councillor E. Derksen said they will be attending and will require airline tickets. Councillor Fedeyko said he will not require a room reservation. Councillor Scarfe said he will be driving to Edmonton. The remaining Councillors will notify the office about their requirements at a later date.

10 d) Special Places 2000: Alberta's Natural Heritage

This item was received for information.

10 e) Management Body Boundaries
Housing and Consumer Affairs

The following Councillors will be attending the meeting on Management Body Boundaries to be held in Manning on March 12, 1997: Councillor Rosenberger, Councillor Peters, Reeve Derksen, and Manager Litke.

Lodge Status For M.D. No. 23

Reeve Derksen reported that the M.D. Council must decide if they will support the La Crete Care Home's application for Lodge Status. If the Care Home receives Lodge Status that would allow them to requisition the short fall. Councillor Rosenberger informed Council that other places can requisition M.D. No. 23 if they have people in their lodges from this M.D. They cannot requisition M.D. No. 23 if the M.D. has their own lodge status.

MOTION 97-045

MOVED by Councillor Peters that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 support the La Crete Care Home in it's application for Lodge Status.

CARRIED

Manager Litke discussed the Rent to Own program brought forward from the Mackenzie Regional Housing Board meeting.

Councillor Neufeld stated that in the past Council has taken the position that the M.D. does not want to own the houses.

This item was presented as information.

10 f) Trans Canada Trail Network

MOTION 97-046

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 write a letter to Trans Canada Trail Foundation supporting the Trans Canada Trail to the Arctic Ocean to go through the following locations: Town of Athabasca northwest to the village of Smith and continuing on to the Town of Slave Lake. From Slave Lake along the east then north shore of Lesser Slave Lake to Grouard. From there, along the old Grouard Trail to the Town of Peace River. From Peace River north along the Mackenzie Highway through the Manning area and through the Municipal District of Mackenzie and to the Territories border.

CARRIED

10 g) CN Meeting in Manning

Councillor Fedeyko reported that he will be attending the February 6, 1996 CN meeting in Manning.

MOTION 97-047

MOVED by Councillor Rosenberger that the Council meeting be recessed at 3:49 p.m. and reconvene at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 1997, in the meeting room of the Fort Vermilion Library.

CARRIED

JANUARY 31

PRESENT:

Reuben Derksen	Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Dyck	Councillor
Bill Fedeyko	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Jake L. Peters	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	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 (10:35 a.m.)

GALLERY:

Jake Wiebe	Jake's Disposal
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Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Additions to the Agenda

The Reeve advised that he would like to place the office additions item on the agenda and asked the Councillors if they had any objections. There were no objections voiced.

8 g) Office additions

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

7 c) **Subdivision Application 96MK086
SE 22-106-15-W5M**

Development Officer, Paul Driedger, read a submission from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency. Mr. Driedger also read a letter received from Isaac and Linda Martens, the applicants of Subdivision Application 96MK086, stating that they are in the process of a title transfer consolidating the two existing parcels on SE 22-106-15-W5M.

MOTION 97-048

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 recommend approval of Subdivision Application 96MK086, SE 22-106-15-W5M, subject to consolidation of the two existing titles.

CARRIED

Jake Wiebe left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

7 a) **Land Use Bylaw Review**

MOTION 97-049

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Land Use Bylaw review be tabled to the February 11, 1997 Council meeting.

CARRIED

7 b) **Subdivision Application 96MK082
Pt. SW 25-107-14-W5M**

MOTION 97-050

Councillor Neufeld moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 recommend refusal of Subdivision Application 96MK082 on Pt. SW 25-107-14-W5M.

CARRIED

7 d) **Development Permit Application 262-DP-96**

MOTION 97-051

MOVED by Councillor Peters that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 recommend refusal of Development Permit Application 262-DP-96.

CARRIED

Roger Borchert entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

7 e) **Dangerous Goods Routes**

MOTION 97-052

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that Administration prepare a bylaw for a Dangerous Goods Route for the Hamlet of La Crete.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Councillor Scarfe asked that the motion be amended to include a Dangerous Goods Route bylaw be prepared for the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Councillor Scarfe asked that the motion be amended to include a Dangerous Goods Route bylaw be prepared for the Hamlet of Zama.

Councillor Fedeyko accepted the amendments to the motion.

MOTION 97-052

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko that Administration prepare a bylaw for a Dangerous Goods Route for the Hamlet of La Crete, and for the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion, and for the Hamlet of Zama.

CARRIED

7 f) Aeromedical Subsidy

MOTION 97-053

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 increase the subsidy for Aeromedical Emergency Services Ltd. in High Level to \$82,000 per year for a three year term.

CARRIED

7 g) Appeal Refund Request - 05-SDAB-96

MOTION 97-054

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 refuse the request for an appeal fee refund on Subdivision and Development Appeal No. 05-SDAB-96.

CARRIED

7 h) Zama Fire Department Honoraria

MOTION 97-055

Councillor Rosenberger moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 provide the Zama Fire Department with the budgeted honorarium amount of \$7,500 in conjunction with a letter of appreciation on a job well done.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

8 a) Zama Road Project II Legal Survey

MOTION 97-056

Councillor Bateman moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 award the legal survey component of the Zama Access Road Project II to Agra Land Survey Ltd. to an upset figure of \$24,246.20 as per the January 13, 1997 estimate.

Councillor Fedeyko requested a recorded vote.

In Favour:

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

Opposed:

Councillor Fedeyko

CARRIED

8 b) High Level South Flood Control

Roger Borchert presented a project cost for the High Level South Flood Control Project as well as a cost breakdown for construction of the two low level crossings constructed under this project.

8 c) Drainage and Flood control Project Summary

Roger Borchert gave a summary of the Municipal District's drainage and flood control projects. Mr. Borchert stated that if Council has priorities on pending items to please notify him.

MOTION 97-057

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld that Alberta Transportation and Utilities be held responsible for the River Road erosion as this is a problem stemming from the time that Alberta Transportation and Utilities were the road authority.

CARRIED

8 d) Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Zama
Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership

MOTION 97-058

Councillor Bateman moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 enter into the water/wastewater partnership agreement for the Zama Water Treatment Plant upgrade with Alberta Transportation and Utilities.

CARRIED

Council asked the Public Works Manager, Roger Borchert, to compare the cost effectiveness of natural gas and electric heating, installation and long run heating for the heated pad at the Zama Water Treatment Plant.

MOTION 97-059

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen that Siemens Engineering proceed with the design and tendering of Stage II of the Zama Water Treatment Plant upgrade project.

CARRIED

Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

DELEGATION:

6 c) Martin Stanners - Fire Chief
Fort Vermilion Fire Department

Reeve Derksen welcomed Martin Stanners to the meeting.

Martin Stanners reported on the November 30, 1996 Emergency Response Coordination Meeting held in High Level. This was a joint meeting of all Fire Departments and Ambulance Services from the M.D., the Town of High Level, and the Town of Rainbow Lake. Basically, the various services got together to locate boundaries and make a list of what type of equipment each department has. Zama and Rainbow Lake are able to access materials from the oil companies if they have to. Fort Vermilion and La Crete do not have boundaries but will go out to either area when they are called.

Councillor Bateman asked if the fire departments back up Alberta Forestry. Mr. Stanners stated that the Fire Department fights any fires within the hamlet boundaries, the Fire Department will respond to any fires outside the hamlet boundaries and if it is a brush fire then the Fire Department calls Alberta Forestry.

Mr. Stanners reported that the Fort Vermilion Fire Department has only been called out to one fire since his appointment as Fire Chief last fall. The Department has a phone list of people to contact for back up water supply. The Fire Department would like to build an addition to the back (west end) of the

Fire Hall so all the equipment can be stored in one area. One truck is currently parked in a different building. Martin Stanners reported that the Fort Vermilion Fire Department is investigating the possibility of acquiring an Ice and Water Rescue Unit, they feel this is a necessary item because of the Hamlet's close proximity to the river.

Martin Stanners stated that the Fire Department was experiencing problems with the different fire hydrant fittings and adapters. Roger Borchert said he will investigate the problem.

Reeve Derksen thanked Martin Stanners and Mr. Stanners left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Council asked Administration to make arrangements with the Zama and La Crete Fire Chiefs to attend the next meeting of Council in their respective hamlets.

Crosswalk in La Crete

MOTION 97-060

Councillor Peters moved that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 paint cross-walk markings on 94th Avenue in La Crete and provide signs indicating where the school zones start *and end*.

CARRIED

8 f) Maintenance and Shoulder Winging

Councillor Fedeyko reported on a couple of incidents in his ward where vehicles and school buses have gone into the ditch as a result of the roads not being properly defined. If winging would be done on a regular basis, the roads would be more defined.

A discussion followed and most Councillors agreed that shoulder winging was not a substantial issue and, for the most part, the Councillors were pleased with the level of service provided by the road maintenance department.

8 g) Office Additions

MOTION 97-061

MOVED by Councillor Dyck that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 approve the \$300,000 budget being allocated and proceed with office additions at the La Crete M.D. office.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councillor Bateman stated Council should not proceed until it is determined where the main office is to be located.

Councillor Rosenberger stated that the M.D. should get more figures on the costs.

Councillor E. Derksen stated that the main office should be located where the people are, in La Crete.

Councillor Sarapuk stated that the main office should be located in a central location.

Councillor Dyck asked where is central, and stated that if you drive 50 miles south of La Crete you get to the Tompkins area, if you drive 50 miles north of La Crete you get almost to High Level.

Councillor Fedeyko stated that the M.D. should plan this, and suggested the question be put to a plebiscite.

Councillor Peters stated he would like the public to vote on it.

Councillor Fedeyko requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Dyck withdrew the motion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION 97-062

MOVED by Councillor E. Derksen 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 Sarapuk requested a recorded vote.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councillor Fedeyko stated that the M.D. had just spent a lot of money adding on to the Fort Vermilion office.

Councillor Neufeld stated that the M.D. has two office addition items in the budget, does Council want to proceed with both.

Councillor Scarfe stated he would vote against spending money in either place.

Councillor Rosenberger stated that Council cannot make a decision until a study is done and that the people should decide.

Councillor Fedeyko asked for a written copy of the motion, which he received.

Reeve Derksen called for the Question.

In Favour:

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

Opposed:

Councillor Scarfe
Councillor Rosenberger
Councillor Sarapuk
Councillor Fedeyko

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

11 a) Mackenzie Economic Development Corporation

Councillor Fedeyko reported 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, Jack Newman, Jake Elias, and George Janzen.

11 b) FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Neufeld reported that the Forestry Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting for February 7, 1997. Therefore, the M.D. No. 23 Budget Meeting date needs to be changed, as it is set for the same day.

The Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 Budget Meeting date was rescheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 1997 to be held in the Fort Vermilion Library meeting room at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION 97-063

Councillor Bateman moved that the information items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Reeve Derksen recessed the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Reeve Derksen reconvened the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

MOTION 97-064

MOVED by Councillor Dyck to go in camera at 3:09 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-065

MOVED by Councillor Fedeyko to come out of camera at 4:16 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-066

Councillor Rosenberger moved that Council approve the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer to increase the salary of the Manager of Public Works.

CARRIED

MOTION 97-067

MOVED by Councillor Peters to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 27 day of February, 1997.



Reuben Derksen, Reeve



Dennis Litke, C.A.O.