

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2001  
10:00 a.m.**

**Seminar Room  
Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1. a) Call to Order  
10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA:** 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

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PERSONNEL:**  
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2002  
1:00 pm

Senior Room  
Fort Vernon School Division Council Office  
Fort Vernon, Alberta

AGENDA

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12:00 pm

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(Councillor Wieler)

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(The Board and Civil Control Administration)  
requested to attend as a delegate to speak on  
the topic

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Board of Public Health and Access Rights  
(The Board in question has requested to  
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(Councillor Thiessen)

- 10. a) High Level South Flood Control Project
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

- 11. a) Adjourn Committee of the Whole Meeting

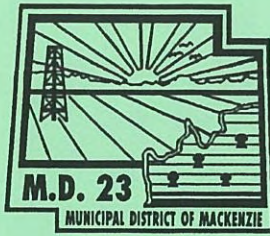
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the [Organization] has determined that it is in the best interests of the [Organization] to [Action];

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Harvey Prockiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	<b>Phase One Centennial Funding Announced</b>
Agenda Item No:	3 a)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The Provincial Government has launched the Alberta's 2005 Centennial Program by creating an Alberta 2005 logo, web site, and funding for community-based projects.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:


The province is accepting applications for funding a centennial project. The criteria includes the overall merit of the proposal; the benefits to the community, region or province; the applicant's ability to carry the project out and operate/maintain the completed facility, and geographical distribution of approved projects.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

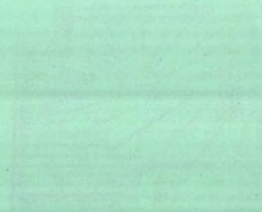
Not applicable.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

For information.

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# Government of Alberta News Release

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September 29, 2000

Edmonton, Alberta

*"Alberta's 100th birthday is just five years away. It is a unique opportunity for Albertans to celebrate our achievements, build a legacy for our future and take the time to enjoy this wonderful province we live in."*

Stan Woloshyn, Minister  
Alberta Community Development

## Phase one centennial funding announced

### Celebrations begin for Alberta's 2005 Centennial

### First round of legacy projects announced

The province officially launched Alberta's 2005 Centennial Program today when Honourable Stan Woloshyn, Minister of Alberta Community Development, announced three centennial initiatives: an Alberta 2005 logo, a web site, and funding for the first 17 community-based projects, worth \$38.75 million, under the Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant Program.

"Almost 20,000 Albertans have told us that the centennial is important and that the government should lead and support the celebration. Albertans also want communities and the private sector to do their part. That is why we are introducing our centennial program now, so individuals, communities, and the private sector can start thinking of creative and appropriate initiatives to commemorate and celebrate this historic event — and have plenty of time to get ready," said Woloshyn.

Woloshyn said the government is considering a number of legacy and celebratory projects that are provincial in scope. These include capital projects in Edmonton and Calgary; commemorative coins, medals, and publications; and gala birthday events on Inauguration Day, September 1, 2005.

"Alberta's centennial logo projects a sense of fun, celebration, and anticipation, without being frivolous," said Woloshyn. The design features a stylized "2005" above the words "Alberta Centennial," using playful shapes that build up to a burst of confetti, with colours and numerals that have a historical quality. "We think the design is simple and clean, yet distinctive, and we hope communities and the private sector will use the logo freely to identify and promote centennial projects and events," Woloshyn added. The logo is an official mark of the government. Guidelines for its use will be available in the coming months.

Woloshyn said the web site will grow and evolve over the next five years. "We hope the site will become the preferred gateway for Albertans who want the latest, most complete, information about centennial programs, projects, and events," said Woloshyn. The address is: [www.gov.ab.ca/alberta2005](http://www.gov.ab.ca/alberta2005).

The Centennial Legacies Grant Program is a significant part of Alberta's 2005 Centennial Program. A recent allocation of \$50 million to the centennial for this fiscal year has enabled 17 community-based projects to be approved for 2000-2001 under this program. These projects include (See Backgrounder, 2000-2001 Community-based Centennial Legacy Projects, attached, for details.):

Calgary Performing Arts Centre	\$ 2.5 million
Canadian Fire Museum and Discovery Centre, Vermilion	\$ 3.8 million
Citadel Theatre, Edmonton	\$ 2.5 million
Grande Prairie Museum	\$ 1.2 million
Fort Macleod Historic Area, Empress Theatre and Fort Museum	\$ 2.3 million
Fringe Theatre Arts Barns, Edmonton	\$ 2.0 million
Lakeland Interpretive Centre and Regional Leisure Complex, Lac La Biche	\$ 1.2 million
Lougheed Residence, Calgary	\$ 2.8 million
Medicine Hat Arts and Heritage Centre	\$ 3.5 million
Medalta Potteries-Hycroft China Factory, Medicine Hat	\$ 2.0 million
Mission Historic Site, Lac La Biche	\$ 0.25 million
Oil Sands Discovery Centre, Fort McMurray	\$ 0.2 million
Olds Aquatic Centre	\$ 2.0 million
Royal Tyrrell Museum Learning Centre, Drumheller	\$ 2.5 million
Siksika Cultural Centre and Museum, Gleichen	\$ 4.5 million
The Great Canadian Plains Railway Project, Stirling	\$ 0.5 million
Turner Valley Gas Plant	<u>\$ 5.0 million</u>
Total (subject to change)	\$ 38.75 million

These projects reflect Alberta's desire to commemorate the centennial with programs that have lasting value for future generations. Community Development received a number of requests for funding. Each request was carefully reviewed to ensure that the project met specific funding criteria and that the organization can mobilize the project immediately.

The funding criteria for legacy funding include the overall merit of each proposal; the benefits to the community, region or province; the applicant's ability to carry the project out and operate/maintain the facility after it is constructed or renovated; and the geographic distribution of all approved projects. (See Backgrounder, Centennial Legacies Grant Program — Summary, for details.)

"These projects signal the official start of the Centennial Legacies Grant Program," said Woloshyn. "I invite Alberta communities and organizations to design and submit proposals for their own projects in the remaining years of the program so that our centennial legacy will be proudly remembered and enjoyed by future generations."



**For more information, contact:**

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Alberta Community Development  
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Weekend: (780) 916-0922

**Note to Media:** A digital file of the Alberta 2005 Centennial logo in colour is available by contacting Alberta Community Development Communications at (780) 427-6530.

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## Background

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September 29, 2000

### 2000-2001 Community-based Centennial Legacies Projects

In his First Quarter Fiscal Update, August 31, 2000, Provincial Treasurer Steve West announced \$50 million in additional funding earmarked for centennial projects.

This funding will enable the first group of legacy projects to mark Alberta's 2005 centennial to proceed. Funding for legacy projects in future years will be established according to the government's priorities and budgets.

The first group of project funded under the Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant Program includes 17 facilities in 13 communities:

**Calgary**

*Calgary Performing Arts Centre (CPAC)*

The CPAC is one of Alberta's premier arts facilities. It is home to three theatre companies, a symphony orchestra and two major festivals, and host to a variety of concerts and special events. A one-time grant will be provided to undertake capital upgrades which are required immediately.

Amount: \$2.5 million

<http://www.theartscentre.org/>

**Calgary**

*Lougheed Residence*

Funds will be directed to the restoration of the Sir James Alexander Lougheed Residence, built in 1891. Typical of the heavy sandstone mansions built by Calgary's business elite during the 1890s, this elegant building is a designated provincial and national historic site.

Amount: \$2.8 million

<http://public-library.calgary.ab.ca/tours/corner/lou.htm>

**Drumheller**

*Royal Tyrrell Museum Learning Centre*

The Royal Tyrrell Museum is recognized internationally for its palaeontological research and

extraordinary exhibits. Centennial funding will be used to develop an innovative learning centre that will offer school children and teachers exciting and memorable educational experiences.

Amount: \$2.5 million

<http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/>

#### **Edmonton**

##### ***Citadel Theatre***

The Citadel Theatre is one of Alberta's largest theatre facilities, home to a major regional theatre company and frequent host to local and visiting companies and productions. A one-time grant will be provided to undertake capital upgrades which are required immediately.

Amount: \$2.5 million

<http://www.citadeltheatre.com/>

#### **Edmonton**

##### ***Fringe Theatre "Arts Barns"***

Since its inception in 1980, Fringe Theatre Adventures has offered professional live theatre in Edmonton and throughout Alberta. Funds will be provided to continue renovating a 50-year old transit bus garage as a multiple-use professional arts facility.

Amount: \$2 million

<http://www.fringe.alberta.com/fta/>

#### **Fort Macleod**

##### ***Fort Macleod Historic Area, Empress Theatre and Fort Museum***

Centennial funding will be used to upgrade the 1912 Empress Theatre, the Fort Museum and the Fort Macleod Historic Area, which contains Alberta's most significant collection of buildings from the Late Victorian and Edwardian eras (1890 to 1920).

Amount: \$2.3 million

<http://www.discoveralberta.com/FortMuseum/>

<http://www.empresstheatre.ab.ca/>

<http://www.discoveralberta.com/AlbertasSouth/FortMacleod/SightsAttractions/HistoricSitesInterpretiveCentres/index.html?vid=2827527>

#### **Fort McMurray**

##### ***Oil Sands Discovery Centre***

The Oil Sands Discovery Centre is an important educational and tourism resource for northeastern Alberta. Centennial funding will be used to support redevelopment of 15-year-old interactive audio-visual displays.

Amount: \$200, 000

<http://www.oilsandsdiscovery.com/>

#### **Gleichen**

##### ***Siksika Cultural Centre and Museum***

Funds will be used to help develop a museum and cultural centre. The Siksika possess a significant collection of historic Blackfoot materials. They plan to build an appropriate facility to house and display these materials.

Amount: \$4.5 million

<http://www.treaty7.org/info/siksika.htm>

#### **Grande Prairie**

##### ***The Grande Prairie Museum***

The Grande Prairie Museum is a dynamic facility that serves the City of Grande Prairie and the Peace Region. Centennial funds will support upgrading and expansion of the museum's archival, collections and programming space, and construction of a permanent display area.

Amount: \$1.2 million

<http://www.agt.net/public/amassee/gpmuseum.html>

#### **Lac La Biche**

##### ***Lakeland Interpretive Centre and Regional Leisure Complex***

Centennial funding will assist in the construction of a multiple-use facility to house historical, cultural and natural displays, and provide space for leisure, social, recreational and educational programs.

Amount: \$1.2 million

[http://www.laclabicheregion.ab.ca/new\\_developments.htm](http://www.laclabicheregion.ab.ca/new_developments.htm)

#### **Lac La Biche**

##### ***Mission Historic Site***

Centennial funding will be used to complete restoration of the convent and begin work on the

furnishings. This site will pay tribute to the contribution and history of the French, Metis and First Nation people of Northern Alberta.

Amount: \$250,000

<http://www.museumsalberta.ab.ca/network/directry/LacLB.htm>

### **Medicine Hat**

#### *Arts and Heritage Centre*

The Medicine Hat Arts and Heritage Centre will provide citizens in southeastern Alberta with a wide array of cultural experiences. Centennial funds will be directed to constructing this new facility.

Amount: \$3.5 million

### **Medicine Hat**

#### *Medalta Potteries and Hycroft China Factory*

Centennial funding will be used to support restoration, preservation and interpretation of these provincial and national historic sites.

Amount: \$2 million

<http://www.medalta.org/index.html>

<http://www.medalta.org/hycroft.htm>

### **Olds**

#### *Aquatic Centre*

The Town of Old and Olds College will receive centennial funds to construct a community swimming pool on the college campus.

Amount: \$2 million

<http://www.town.olds.ab.ca/welcome.html>

### **Stirling**

#### *The Great Canadian Plains Railway Project*

Centennial funds will be used to assist with the restoration, furnishing and interpretation of the Coutts Railway Station in its new location just north of Stirling, Alberta. This historic railway station is the last surviving structure from the old narrow gauge railway that ran from Lethbridge to Great Falls in the 1890s.

Amount: \$500,000

<http://www.agt.net/public/vilstir/intro.htm>

<http://collections.ic.gc.ca/prairie/rachpt7.htm>

### **Turner Valley**

#### *Turner Valley Gas Plant*

Centennial funding will be used to develop Phase 1 (including reclamation requirements) of the Federal-Provincial Development Plan for this provincial and national historic site.

Amount: \$5 million

<http://www.town.turner-valley.ab.ca/tturval/history2.htm>

### **Vermilion**

#### *Canadian Fire Museum and Discovery Centre*

Centennial Legacy funds will assist in constructing a unique world-class facility. The centre will interpret the history, evolution and current directions in fire fighting, rescue work and fire safety, and the science of combustion. The centre will also include a Hall of Fame honouring Canadian firefighters.

Amount: \$3.8 million

<http://www.afts.ab.ca/>

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## **Backgrounder**

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September 29, 2000

## **Centennial Legacies Grant Program - Summary**

### **Purpose of Centennial Legacies Grants**



This program provides funding for projects that involve or benefit a significant segment of the province or community and provide a lasting legacy. Funds may be used to construct new facilities or upgrade, repair, renovate or otherwise improve existing indoor or outdoor public-use facilities.

### **Key Criteria for Funding**

- Projects must demonstrate evidence of support from the community at large.
- Projects are to be completed by December 31, 2005.
- The area and/or facility must be under the applicant's jurisdiction and accessible to the general public.
- Applications involving land or facilities under the ownership or direction of the local municipality must include a statement of municipal support.
- Applications involving provincially designated historical resources must provide departmental approval/consent documents.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Municipalities, community not-for-profit groups that are registered and in good standing, First Nations and Metis Settlements, and affiliated organizations.

### **Ineligible Applicants**

- Individuals, educational institutions (such as schools, universities, and colleges), religious institutions (such as churches), hospitals and health care facilities.

### **Eligible Expenses**

- Eligible expenses may include development of new facilities to meet demonstrated public needs; purchase of land; renovation and repairs to structural, electrical or mechanical systems; modernization of facilities to improve operational efficiencies or to enhance programming opportunities; and expansion of facilities to increase public use.

### **Ineligible Expenses**

- Funds will *not* be provided for operating costs, ongoing services; infrastructure (roads, bridges, sewers, etc.); debt retirement or interest payments; for-profit commercial ventures or private organizations; or conducting studies to assess an existing facility and its suitability to accommodate changes or to help assess the need for a new facility or expansion or upgrading of an existing facility.

### **Deadlines**

#### **For 2000/2001**

March 31, 2001 Deadline for applications

Proposals will be assessed as they are received. Successful projects will be announced as they are approved up to March 31, 2001.

#### **For 2001 to 2005, inclusive, each fiscal year**

March 1 Deadline for receipt of applications.

Summer Review and assessment of applications

Successful projects will be announced as they are approved up to March 31 of each fiscal year.

### Conditions

- Applicants generally will be required to provide two-thirds of the project's funding from non-provincial government sources (e.g., federal or municipal governments, not-for-profit agencies, the corporate sector, donated money/equipment/materials, volunteer services and other in-kind contributions). In special cases, (such as a community with a small population base or limited partnership opportunities), applicants may be required to provide lesser amounts. This will be negotiated on an application-by-application basis.
- Applicants may not apply to more than one provincial granting agency for the same project.

However, different aspects of the same project may be funded by different agencies providing the total funds do not exceed the cost of the project. Centennial funds cannot be used as matching funds for other provincial grants.

- Applicants must show how their projects will be sustained and supported following receipt of centennial funding.

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## M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23

### Request For Decision


Meeting:	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2000
Originated By:	Ivan Perich, Director of Operational Services
Title:	<b>La Crete Ferry Ice Bridge</b>
Agenda Item No:	5 a)

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Until late 1993 the crossing of the Peace River by SH 697 was the responsibility of Alberta Transportation and Utilities (AT&U). After the MD was incorporated this responsibility was transferred to the MD by AT&U. A grant was provided to cover some of the costs of operation of the ferry and the ice bridge. The work of constructing the ice bridge was usually contracted out and supervised by Jake Harder. The name most referred to as the contractor building the ice bridge was a person named Peter Driedger. Some comments have also been made indicating that his safety and work habits did not always meet standards set by others. He usually had the ice bridge open to light traffic in a very short period of time; often referred to as a matter of days if the weather was right.

This past month has seen some delays in the opening of the ice bridge. Our records show that the La Crete Ferry shut down operations on December 4, 2000 because of heavy ice flows in the Peace River. Danny Driedger, Lead hand South indicates that the ice stopped moving in the river on December 13, 2000. The contractor, La Prairie Group Contractors (Alberta) Ltd. seems to have started to do some work (ice chopping) on December 19, 2000. On the morning of December 20, 2000 3 persons were observed working at ice chopping (there were 4 in the afternoon). Danny Driedger, Lead Hand South was advised, in the morning, that Jake Harder was going to bring down a pump that afternoon. Later in the afternoon one pump was pumping water onto the ice near the shoreline where the natural ice was about 3" thick. Jake Harder indicated to Danny Driedger that he wanted 9" of ice on the river before he would let any vehicles cross. On December 21, 2000 Danny Driedger drilled three random holes with an ice auger. The ice thickness' were 13", 21" and 23".

On December 22, 2000 two MD employees were sent to the Peace River crossing with instructions to drill a series of holes to determine what the ice thickness' were on the river. These employees, although suited up with appropriate gear (ice suit and ropes) were asked to leave the work site by one of the contractor's employees. Rather than create a fuss they did so. On Saturday December 23, 2000 Danny Driedger and another MD employee went to the river and drilled 16 holes to determine exactly what

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the ice thickness was. The measurements are shown on the attached sketch. The thinnest ice, at one location, was 9" thick. One location was 12" thick, three were 13" thick, three were 14 " thick, two were 17" thick, one was 18" thick, one was 19" thick, one was 20" thick, two were 23" thick and one was 25" thick. The maximum permissible load, from The Alberta Occupational Health and Safety brochure on ice safety for a moving load is 2500 kg ( a light truck). On January 2, 2001 the sign outside of La Crete were put up indicating that it was safe to cross the ice bridge with a maximum weight of 2 tonnes.

On December 20, 2000 I faxed the attached letter to John Engleder, Regional Director regarding Council's concerns about the La Crete ice bridge. His response of December 22, is attached as well.

### PROPOSAL:

Council has some options they may wish to consider. They are:

- a) Accept the foregoing as information.
- b) Accept the foregoing as information but write to Alberta Infrastructure indicating that they are not satisfied, or pleased, with the progress made with the construction of the La Crete ice bridge in December 2000.
- c) Write to Alberta Infrastructure indicating that they are not pleased with the construction of the La Crete ice bridge in December 2000 and that they would like to see the contract for the construction and maintenance of the La Crete ice bridge awarded to the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23. {The Minister of Alberta Infrastructure may have the authority to enter into such a contract. It should be pointed out that the work was apparently not advertised when awarded to La Prairie Group Contractors (Alberta) Ltd. It may take some time and some lobbying for this to happen. It could be one of the items placed on the agenda for discussion with the Minister of Alberta Infrastructure at the AAMDC Spring Convention.}

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:


Currently Alberta Infrastructure is paying the contractor to construct and maintain the La Crete ice bridge. There may be a slight incremental cost to have the MD of Mackenzie manage and supervise the operation in a more timely fashion ( overtime, additional or different equipment.) This slight increase in cost would enhance economic activity in the area and reduce transport costs for industry.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

If there is a slight increase in costs above those being funded the costs could be included in the MD of Mackenzie Transportation Budget.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

After due consideration Council choose one of the proposed courses of action outlined in the section entitled "Proposal".

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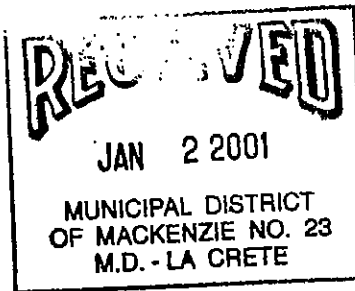
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Bag 900-29  
Peace River, AB T8S 1T4

Telephone 780/624-6280  
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December 22, 2000

Our File: 2180-23

Mr. Ivan Perich, P.Eng.  
Director of Operational Services  
Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
Box 640  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta  
T0H 1N0



Dear Mr. Perich:

Re: La Crete Ferry Ice Bridge

Thank you for your letter concerning the construction of the La Crete Ferry Ice Bridge. I understand the importance of constructing the ice bridge quickly to serve the residents of your municipality. Department staff and our maintenance contractor, La Prairie Contracting Ltd., have been working to ensure the ice bridge is constructed in a timely and safe manner.

There have been some difficulties in forming proper ice thickness at the river's edge this year which has caused some delay. The river has been rising over the past week causing thinner ice to form at the river's edge. Our maintenance contractor commenced work on December 19, 2000 and hopes to have the ice bridge open for light traffic sometime between Christmas and New Years. This would depend on weather conditions promising freezing conditions.

Christmas is a very special time of the year and I would hope your Council and community would recognize the season. The Department and La Prairie Contracting Ltd. staff who are presently constructing the ice bridge will be taking some time off to enjoy Christmas with their families.

The Department and La Prairie Contractor's Ltd.'s goal is to have the ice bridge up to full capacity for heavier traffic by the middle of January 2001. Signing will be posted at the ice bridge to indicate allowable loads on the ice bridge as ice thickness increases or varies.

I trust the information I have provided addresses your concerns and you and your Council have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

John Engleder, P.Eng.  
Regional Director

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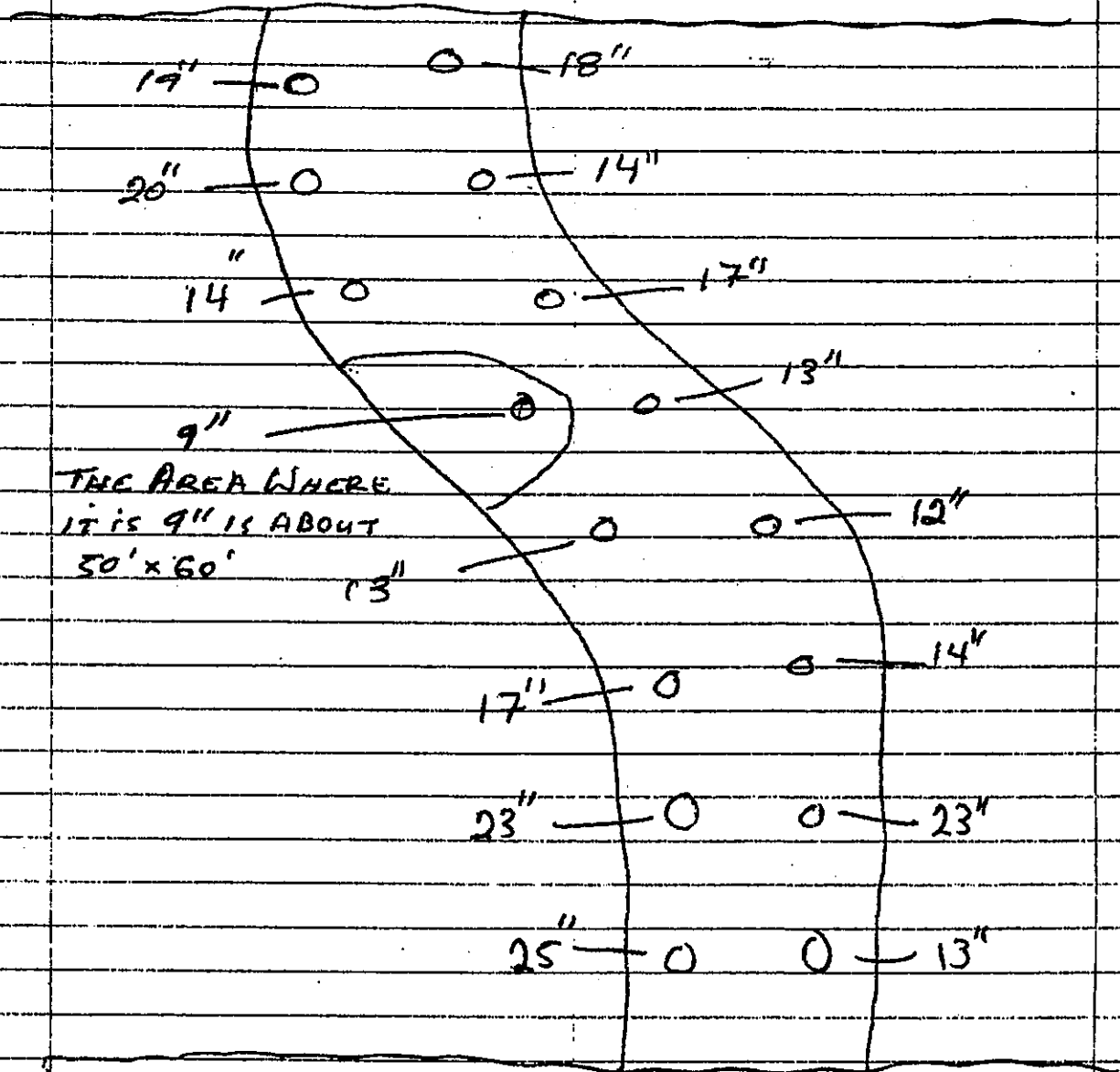
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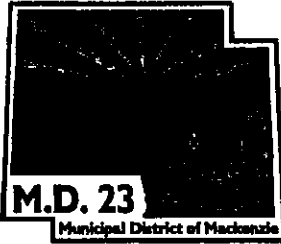
## ICE THICKNESS AT TOMPKINS ICE CROSSING

### WEST SIDE



### EAST SIDE

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**Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23**  
P. O. Box 640, Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0  
Phone (780) 927-3718 Fax (780) 927-4266

December 20, 2000

John Engleder  
Regional Director, Alberta Infrastructure  
Room 301, Provincial Building  
Bag 900, Box 29  
9621 - 96 Avenue  
Peace River, AB T8S 1T4

**RE: LA CRETE FERRY ICE BRIDGE**

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The ice bridge was discussed at our December 19, 2000 Council Meeting. The timing of the construction of this ice bridge was a major issue to our Council.

The Ice Bridge has a major impact on the economy of our area. Council felt that the failure to have it installed as soon as possible each year is a disservice to our residents. They face increased travel costs when the ice bridge, or ferry, is not operational.

The latest information we have is that ice bridge construction will start December 20, 2000 and be finished in January 2001. I also understand that the contractor will be shifting down Ice Bridge building operations for six or more days during the Christmas and New Years periods. This delay of the provision in service does not sit well with Council and local residents.

It should be noted that when this process was managed by the Municipal District of Mackenzie, the Ice Bridge was completed well before the currently expected completion date. Normally, light traffic could use the bridge 2 or 3 days after construction started. The weather has been extremely cold for the past 10 or more days.

It would be appreciated if you could advise what steps Alberta Infrastructure intends to take so that the La Crete ice bridge is operational as soon as possible each year. It is my intention to then take this information to Council at our January 9, 2001 Meeting.

Sincerely,

Ivan Perich, P., Eng.  
Director of Operational Services

Travelling  
standing and  
working on ice  
requires extreme  
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TABLE 1.

**ICE STRENGTH FOR CONTINUOUS TRAVEL**

This table is for clear, blue ice on lakes and on rivers. This table does not apply for parked loads, or where faults are evident.

Permissible load (clear, blue ice)	Effective Ice Thickness in Millimetres	
	Lake	River
One person on foot	50	60
Group, in single file	80	90
Passenger car 2000 kg	180	210
Light truck 2500 kg	200	230
Medium truck 3500 kg	260	300
Heavy truck 7000 to 8000 kg	350	410
10,000 kg	380	440
25,000 kg	630	730
45,000 kg	800	920
70,000 kg	1000	1150
110,000 kg	1250	1440

This table is intended to provide general guidance only.





**LA CRETE & AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Box 1088 La Crete, Alberta T0H 2H0  
Phone: (780) 928-2278 Fax: (780) 928-2203

January 3, 2001

Bill Neufeld, Reeve  
Municipal District of Mackenzie, No.23  
Box 640  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta  
T0H-1N0

Dear Reeve Neufeld,

This letter is in regards to problems at Tompkins Landing on the Peace River west of La Crete.

I would like to express, on behalf of the La Crete & Area Chamber of Commerce, our dissatisfaction over the extended period of time that is being taken to complete the ice bridge crossing. We deal with this problem every winter and feel that a more reliable solution could be found to deal with this issue. According to La Crete Ferry staff, the ice bridge has been in as quickly as eight days after removing the Ferry from the water. This is perhaps an unachievable goal for most years but it should be quicker than it is. With the extremely cold weather that we had shortly after the removal of the ferry, the ice bridge could have quickly followed.

Another issue with the area is the hill on the west side of the river. This stretch of road is not paved and has created a lot of problems over the years. The Chamber has contacted Alberta Infrastructure in the past about paving this area but our request was turned down due to, what we feel to be, insignificant amounts of movement of the slide area. The reply letter was carbon copied to the MD office.

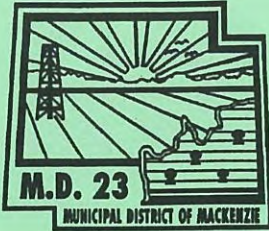
With these issues in mind, I would like to request an audience at the general council meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. I will be available at that time to discuss with you the conditions of the Tompkins Landing area and the dissatisfaction of the people of the area. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to meeting with you and the rest of council at that time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

George Friesen  
Chairman, Civics Committee

GF/pb





## M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23

### Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Ivan Perich Director of Operational Services
Title:	Sale of Public Lands and Access Roads To Them
Agenda Item No:	5 b)

#### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:


Recently a request was received for comments regarding the sale of a significant amount of Public Lands to an individual north and west of Fort Vermilion. After review a response was sent to Alberta Environment indicating that there was no public road access to these lands. Provision of an all weather access road was estimated to cost in the range of \$300,000 to \$400,000. I indicated in my letter to Alberta Environment that "I was not prepared to recommend to Council that a commitment be made to such a large expenditure of funds to construct a road to access these lands." I also indicated in my letter that "...the MD of Mackenzie would expect that Alberta Environment would provide the necessary funds to construct a road to access these lands." I indicated in my letter that "...once the road access problems were resolved then the MD of Mackenzie would be prepared to review the situation again."

The prospective purchaser of the lands has written to me requesting that the opposition to the sale of these lands be removed. It appears that Alberta Environment is reluctant to proceed with this land sale with the stated opposition of the MD of Mackenzie. The prospective purchaser of the land currently holds an LOC (665) which provides him with access to his lands.

#### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

The Road Construction Policy approved by Motion 95-934 specifies the priority of road construction, subject to available funding. The first priority is access to agricultural lands. This priority may be modified by a number of special conditions.

Once the Public Lands are sold there is no provision that will limit the resale of the lands. This then increases the probability of additional requests for access to their lands.

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Currently there is no additional benefit to construct a road to the lands in question. In the future, long or short term, there may be a need to construct a road to the affected lands.

Direction is needed from Council as to how to proceed with Public Land sales. Very often the purchaser assumes that the municipality will construct a road for them if they purchase the land. Perhaps the response to Alberta Environment could be to make the sales conditional on the placement of a caveat on all sales of public land indicating that construction of an access road to any lands within the MD of Mackenzie is not done automatically and will be done in accordance with existing policies when funding is available.

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Funding of any road construction would have to come from the MD of Mackenzie Capital Program.

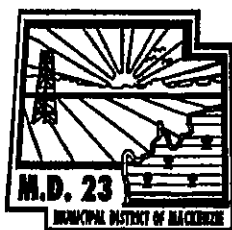
RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

Council consider the question and advise Administration whether they wish to have the existing policy revised to include the provision for caveats on new sales of Public Land parcels.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23



# FAX

**DELIVER TO:**

**NAME:** Eva Schmidt

**FIRM/DEPARTMENT:** MD of Mackenzie No. 23

**CITY:** Fort Vermilion

**TELEPHONE:** 780-927-3718      **FAX** 780-927-4266

**DATE:** January 3, 2001

**FROM:** **Ivan Perich**  
**Director of Operational Services**

**ADDRESS:** **Box 1690, La Crete, Alberta, T0H 2H0**

**TELEPHONE:** (780) 928-3983  
**FAX:** (780) 928-3636

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**MESSAGE:**

Allan Toews of Prairie Point Holdings would like to appear before Council as a delegation on January 9, 2001. He wishes to speak about the sale of Public Lands to private individuals and the stance I have taken on behalf of the MD of Mackenzie (The stance is that no land should be sold if there is no road access unless Alberta Environment is prepared to construct the road to the sites). An alternative would be to place a caveat against all new titles indicating that the owner can not expect to have a road built simply because he has purchase a quarter section, or more, of land. The caveat would indicate that the landowner would have to accept the priority ranking set by the MD of Mackenzie.

**THANK YOU**

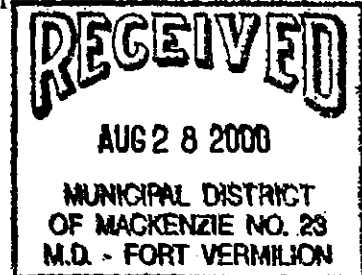


Land and Forest Service  
Land Administration Division

Petroleum Plaza - South Tower  
9915 - 108 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
Canada T5K 2G8

File No. GT 107-15-W5

Telephone No. (780) 415-4661  
Fax No. (780) 427-1185



August 18, 2000

Municipal District of MacKenzie No. 23  
P. O. Box 640  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta  
T0H 1N0

Dear Sir:

**RE: PROPOSED SALE OF PUBLIC LAND**

**PT. NW 3, SECTIONS 4 & 5, NE 6, SE 7, SECTION 8, N½ 9, W½ & SE 10, NW 11,  
NW 14, W½ & NE 15, SECTIONS 16 & 17, N½ & SE 19, SECTIONS 20 & 21,  
N½ & SW 22, NW 23, N½ 26, SECTION 27, S½ 28 & 29 IN TWP. 107-15-W5**

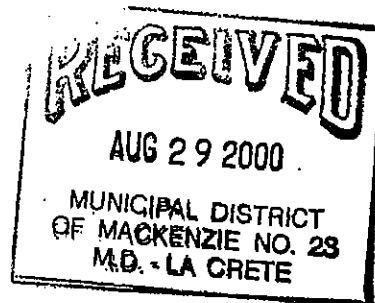
The province is evaluating the suitability of selling the above noted lands.

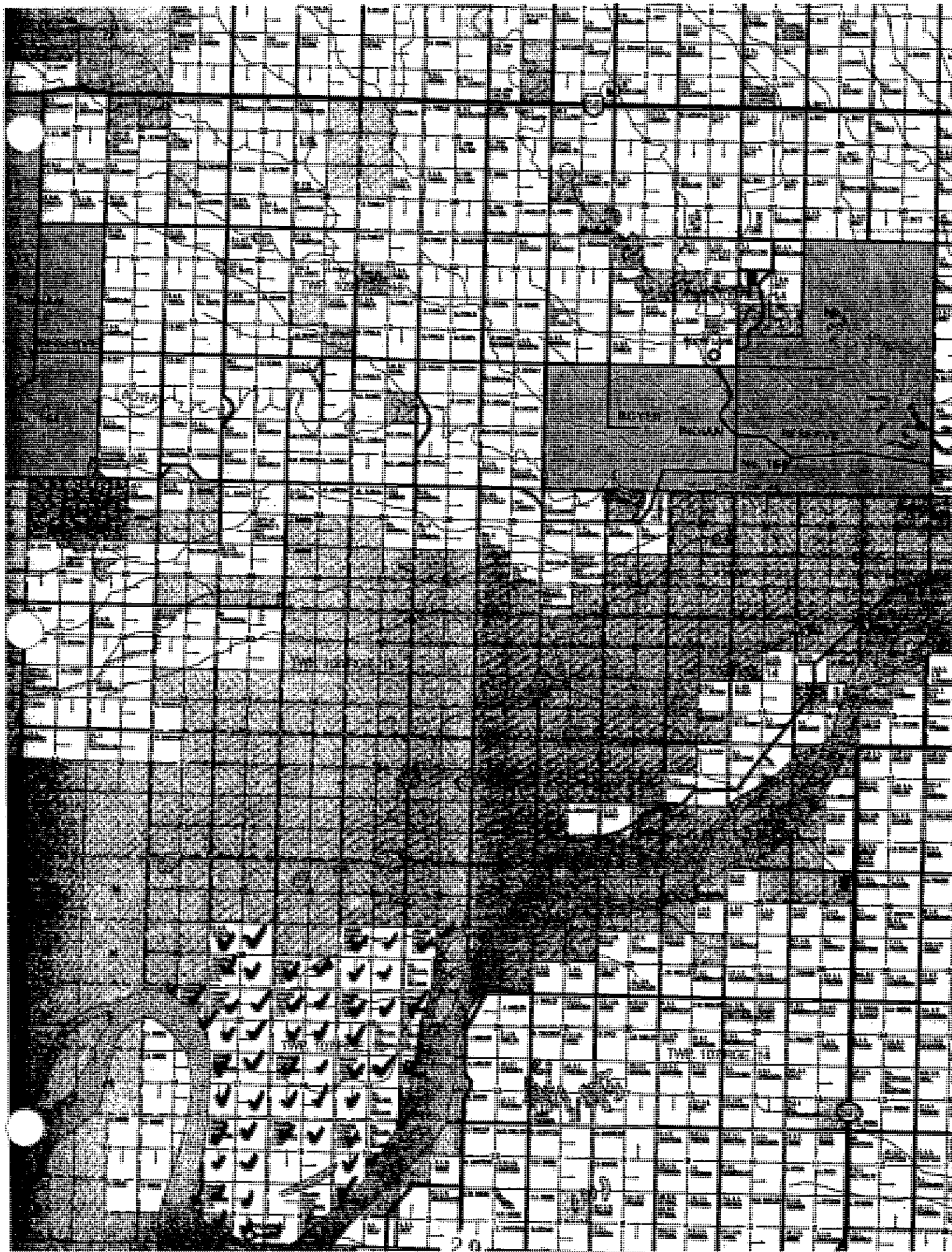
Most of these lands are more than one-half mile from a developed public road. In view of this, please advise if you have any concerns with the sale of any of these lands.

Please respond by September 21, 2000.

Sincerely,

Eveline Zuk  
Land Sales and Exchanges Section  
Land Services Branch







Land and Forest Service  
Land Administration Division

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VIA FAX

File No. GT-00-107-15-5

October 20, 2000

Mr. Harvey Prockiw  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
PO Box 640  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta  
T0H 1N0

Dear Mr. Clark:

**RE: PROPOSED SALE OF PUBLIC LAND**  
**PT. NW 3, SECTIONS 4 & 5, NE 6, SE 7, SECTION 8, N ½ 9, W ½ & SE 10, NW 11,**  
**NW 14, W ½ & NE 15, SECTIONS 16 & 17, N ½ & SE 19, SECTION 20 & 21,**  
**N ½ & SW 22, NW 23, N ½ 26, SECTION 27, S ½ 28 & 29 IN TWP. 107-15-W5**

In our August 18, 2000 letter, we advised the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 that the province is evaluating the suitability of selling the above noted lands and that most of these lands are more than one-half mile from a developed public road. We asked if you had any concerns with the sale of any of these lands.

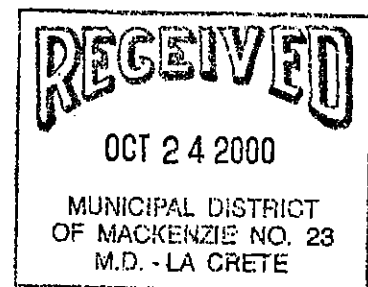
In a conversation with your La Crete Office on September 22, 2000, Mr. Ivan Petrick advised me that the Municipal District did have concerns as there was no road built, and the Municipal District had no intentions of building a road in the near future due to lack of funding. A written response confirming this information was requested and is still pending.

We would appreciate a written response faxed to us by October 27, 2000.

Sincerely,

  
Eveline Zuk  
Land Services Branch

EVE/ks



cc: Mr. Ivan Petrick, Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
Box 1690,  
La Crete, Alberta, T0H 2H0





**Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23**  
**P. O. Box 640, Fort Vermillion, AB T0H 1N0**  
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October 20, 2000

Eveline Zuk,  
Alberta Environment  
Land and Forest Service  
Land Administration Division  
Petroleum Plaza – South Tower  
9915 – 108 Street  
EDMONTON, Alberta T5K 2G8

**Re: Proposed Sale of Public Land**  
**Twp 107, Rge 15, W5M**

The land in question is on the west side of the Peace River and is accessed from the north via a local road and a private road.

Should Alberta Environment proceed with the sale of these lands then the Municipal District of Mackenzie would expect that Alberta Environment would provide the necessary funds to construct a road to access these lands. I expect that expenditures, without inspecting the road alignment, might be in the order of \$300,000 to \$400,000. At this time I am not prepared to recommend to Council that a commitment be made to such a large expenditure of funds to construct a road to access these lands.

In summary, the Municipal District of Mackenzie is opposed to the sale of these lands at this time. Once the road access problems are resolved then the MD of Mackenzie would be prepared to review the situation again.

Yours truly,

Ivan Perich, P. Eng.  
Director of Operational Services

c.c. Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

**Prairie Point Holdings Ltd.**  
**Box 400, Fort Vermillion, AB T0H 1N0**  
**Telephone/Fax: 780-9273491**

November 20, 2000

**Mr. Ivan Perich**  
**Director of Operational Services**  
**Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23**  
**Box 640**  
**Fort Vermillion, AB T0H 1N0**


Dear Mr. Perich:

**RE: Letter of October 20, 2000 concerning access to lands in 107-15-W5 that we are purchasing.**

Further to our conversation this morning, I am wanting to assure you that an access road to said lands is not an issue as we do not need nor do we intend to ask for a municipal road. As discussed, we have provided our own access to our farmstead located on freehold land on the S 9 -107-15-W5 for 30 years. We have developed and maintained up to 12 miles of private road under LOC 665. It meets our current needs and those anticipated for the future. Since other freehold lands already exist in this Township, we cannot presume to anticipate the future needs of others.

From our perspective, road access should not be relevant to the proposed sale of land by Environmental Protection to us. Therefore we would greatly appreciate it if you would remove your opposition to the sale of lands as stated in the last paragraph of your letter.

Yours sincerely,

  
G. A. Toews

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## PUBLIC WORKS POLICY

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23

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**Title:** CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

**Purpose:** To define where roads will be constructed, on lands under the administration and control of Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23

**Statement:**

- (a) Construction of roads shall take place on road allowances as were established during the THIRD SYSTEM OF SURVEYS, wherein the construction:
- (i) Upgrades or improves any portion thereof of the existing network of roads;
  - (ii) Extends and forms part of the existing network of roads;
  - (iii) Meets all design, specifications and standards as determined by the Manager of Public Works;
  - (iv) Council of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 has approved the project;
  - (v) Council of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 has allocated funding for the project;
  - (vi) Application has been made on a "Road Construction Request Form" by the ratepayer(s) for Council's consideration;
  - (vii) Unless special circumstances exist the roads to be constructed to privately owned land shall extend to the boundary of the property.
- (b) Consideration shall be given for the construction of roads to access agricultural lands provided:
- (i) a minimum area of EIGHTY ACRES of the land on any one quarter is in production or has been cleared and grubbed and is suitable for the production of an agricultural crop.
  - (ii) that the quarter section of land is not assessable by an adjacent quarter section and that the quarter section to be accessed and the adjacent quarter section are not under the ownership of the same person(s) or group.
- (c) Consideration shall be given for the construction of roads for residential access provided:
- (i) the land has been services with the appropriate utilities;
  - (ii) a permanent residence has been established on the property wherein access has been requested;

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- (d) Construction outside of the road allowance shall be generally accepted when:
- (i) the construction is necessary to meet the design, specifications and standards as determined by the Manager of Public Works;
  - (ii) the construction along the road allowance is not cost effective;
  - (iii) the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 derives either an Economic and/or Social benefit from the resulting development.

All projects approved by the Municipal District shall be based on the following priority, based on the available funding:

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|------------------------------|---|
| <b>FIRST PRIORITY</b> -----  | <b>ACCESS TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS</b>                   |
| <b>SECOND PRIORITY</b> ----- | <b>ROADS WHEREIN A SOCIAL/ECONOMIC BENEFIT EXISTS</b> |
| <b>THIRD PRIORITY</b> -----  | <b>RESIDENTIAL ACCESS</b>                             |

Council reserves the right to modify the priority of a project when the distribution of costs for the construction of a road are presented as a cost shared project. Subject to the discretion of M.D. Council the upgrading of any of the road infrastructure within the municipality may be given a higher priority.

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT INFORMATION**

**Policy Number:** PW002-95

**Adoption Date:** DECEMBER 12, 1995      MOTION 95-934

**Legislative Reference:**

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(Rev 10/88)

## POLICY DIRECTIVE

ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER  
PUBLIC LANDS DIVISION

Directive Number Gen 75/3

Date October 5, 1989

File Reference 1000-0-5

### LEGAL PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS BEING ADVERTISED/POSTED

#### Authority

The Public Lands Act, S. 13

#### Policy

Public lands advertised for sale or lease with option to purchase must have a means of legal public access.

#### Background

Public lands intended for sale or lease with option to purchase must meet legal public access guidelines prior to being made available by auction, tender or posting. Legal access provisions are necessary to prevent random settlement patterns and subsequent demands for costly roads and services.

#### Procedures/Guidelines

1. Vacant public lands may be made available for sale purposes or lease with option if the following access conditions are met:
  - a. There is developed legal public access within 1/2 mile and access along the remaining legal right-of-way is economically and physically feasible, or
  - b. The land is part of a unit which has access, or
  - c. The land adjoins private property. (An adjoining private landowner is exempt from the indicated access guidelines.)

Extenuating circumstances, relating to these guidelines, should be discussed with the district engineer or local municipal authority.

Procedures/Guidelines (continued)

2. When large blocks of land are made available for the first time, the district engineer (Alberta Transportation and Utilities) or the local municipality must be contacted to provide input/recommendations regarding the configuration in which the lands are to be made available, keeping in mind the most economic means of providing access to the lands.

Reference to Other Directives:

This directive supercedes Gen. 75/3 dated October, 1983.

Classification: Public

Contact: Conservation and Co-ordination Section, ph. 427-5570

*Ronald J. Rutz 1/10/84*



## M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23

### Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
Meeting Date:	January 09, 2001
Originated By:	Chris Kelland, Agricultural Services
Title:	<b>High Level South Flood Control Project (HLSFC)</b>
Agenda Item No:	10a)

#### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The owner of SW21-109-17-W5, Margaret Pietsch, feels water from the HLSFC project negatively impacts her land. Some maintenance work, which should help, was undertaken in October 2000. However, a problem remains in that a gated culvert needs to be installed to prevent spring high water leaving the HLSFC channel, yet opens to allow late water to leave SW21. Proposal is to identify by site inspection, in the spring, where water leaves HLSFC channel, and where to locate the gated culvert relative to Mrs. Pietsch's on-farm drainage proposals.

#### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

Accompanying this proposal are: (1) an expanded Discussion/Options, (2) a location plan from the M.D. map, (3) a photocopy from a Torchinsky Engineering Ltd. as built report drawing, (4) Aerial photographs (1950, 1969 and 1993), and (5) a history of the HLSFC Project summarized from the file.

#### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Costs would include: (1) a detailed survey from the bridge at the start, to the bridge at the end of the HLSFC project, (2) fastening the flap gate to a 500 mm culvert and (3) installation of the culvert. The cost of the survey, estimated at \$1,000, probably would not be cost shared. A rough estimate of cost for the culvert, gate valve and installation would be \$7500. This amount could be cost shared under the maintenance agreement.

Any earthwork beyond the HLSFC easement boundaries, such as construction of the on-farm drainage project, and any recontouring of previous works would be the responsibility of Mrs. Pietsch.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That the Municipal District enter an agreement with Mrs. Pietsch clearly defining expectations of each party i.e. M.D. (1) prepare a detailed survey of the HLSFC project, (2) in consultation with Mrs. Pietsch locate best location for ditch inlet, and (3) install the inlet to HLSFC ditch; Mrs. Pietsch (1) construct her on-farm drainage up to the HLSFC project.

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## DISCUSSIONS/OPTIONS:

Mrs. Margaret Pietsch is the owner of a parcel of low and flat land. Back as far as 1990 and earlier, Mrs. Pietsch's main concern was that farmland development in the area results in a faster spring runoff which floods her land and delays seeding. She and local residents petitioned the Improvement District to construct the High Level South Flood Control project. The HLSFC project was built in January, 1997, with some cleanup work done in October 1997. The HLSFC project has not helped as much as she would like. She felt water was leaving the HLSFC project and impacting her farmland.

Correspondence in November 1998 identified works that could be done to alleviate potential problems with water leaving the flood control ditch. A site inspection of Mrs. Pietsch's SW21-109-17-W5 of the flood control ditch was conducted October 12, 2000. Present were: Jim Lewis (AE), Pat Kulscar (MD Council), Ivan Perich (MD Public Works), Margaret Pietsch (landowner), Dave Sr. and Dave Jr. Peters (Limbc Const.), and Chris Kelland (Ag. Fieldman). It was agreed to (1) clean out (re-excavate) the flood control channel, (2) use excavated material to fill old creek channel openings and a man made trench where water could leave the channel, and (3) lower the low level crossing on SW21. The three items agreed to were completed the week of Oct 16-21 (also, an erosion scar on NW21 had rocks placed in a hole in an attempt to control erosion). October 24, Councilor Kulscar and Fieldman Kelland inspected the completed maintenance work. It looked like we did what we said we would do.

On the original October 12 inspection, mention was made of a flap gate on a culvert as a further way to prevent water leaving the channel. At a later date Alberta Environment agreed that this kind of a field drain could be cost-shared under the maintenance agreement. The gate has been purchased, but has not yet been installed. The location and operation of the gated culvert relative to Mrs. Pietsch's own (not yet constructed) on-farm drainage project are the problem. Over the years, ditching/diking has been done on SW21 with two opposing ways of thinking. One attempts to prevent flooding by constructing dikes to keep spring floodwater in the main channel. The other accepts spring floodwaters, but builds ditch inlets, which drain the last water away. It looks to me now that the main locations at which water leaves the HLSFC project to impact SW21 are from NW21 and SE21, properties not owned by Mrs. Pietsch, and on which the M.D. would be reluctant to dike.

There is a strong feeling amongst Mrs. Pietsch's neighbours that they have done their own on-farm drainage at their expense, and they don't like to see the M.D. do Mrs. Pietsch's for her. I like to think that Mrs. Pietsch will not be the only owner of SW21, and that the M.D. should try to keep the productivity of land and the impact of M.D. infrastructure on land as a priority. As a clarification, I think of the muskeg as not farmland, and the on-farm drainage project should not be aimed at draining it, only to control flooding of the surrounding, productive, land.

I'm not aware of flooding problems in the springs of 1999, nor 2000. There has not been much runoff. A site inspection at spring run-off in 2001 to see the effectiveness of maintenance work done in 2000, will identify problem areas. What I think we will see is possible flooding out of NW21 and SE21 onto SW21, and some erosion areas along the flood control channel. I suspect the low level crossing on NW21 is about a foot too high and the low level crossing on SE21 about ½ foot too high. This would be in keeping with the survey conducted in October, 2000, before the maintenance clean out.

If possible, or if necessary, a survey from the upstream bridge to the downstream bridge with permanent survey reference markers would help in future work on the project. This survey should tie in with Mrs. Pietsch's on-farm drainage project on SW21 and previous works on SW21 that could impact placement of the gated culvert.



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AS BUILT (ALIGNMENT 3)

2+250 & CREEK  
= 0+000 ALIGNMENT (3)

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CHANNEL EXCAVATED & CLEAN OUT

2+100 & CREEK  
= 0+140 ALIGNMENT (2)

1+840 & CREEK  
= 0+000 ALIGNMENT (2)

(ALIGNMENT 2)

ROCK FORD (OLD BRIDGE PATH REMOVED)

N. OLD BRIDGE  
RECTED WITH CAT

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DEBRIS AT ROCK FORD CROSSING  
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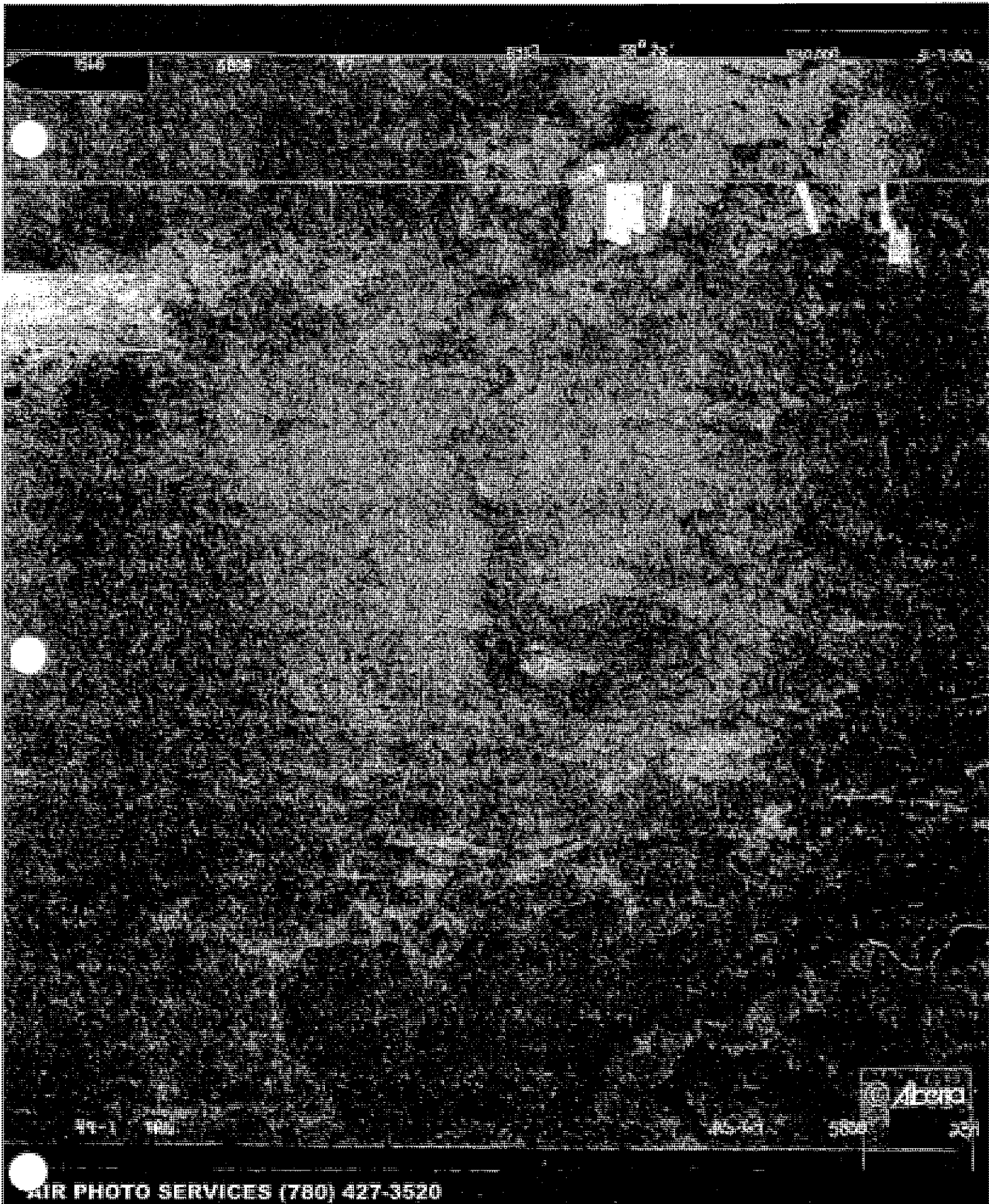
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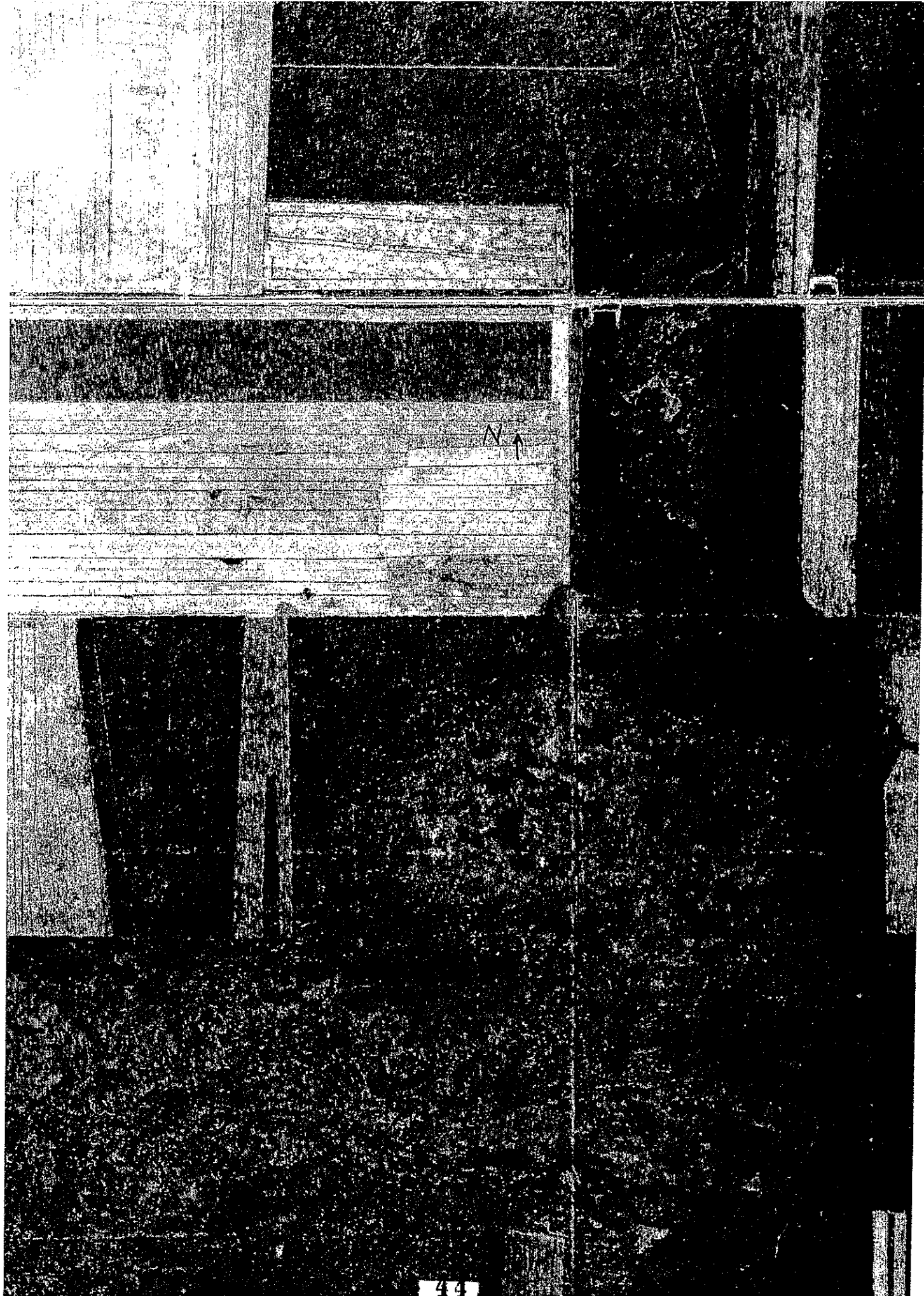
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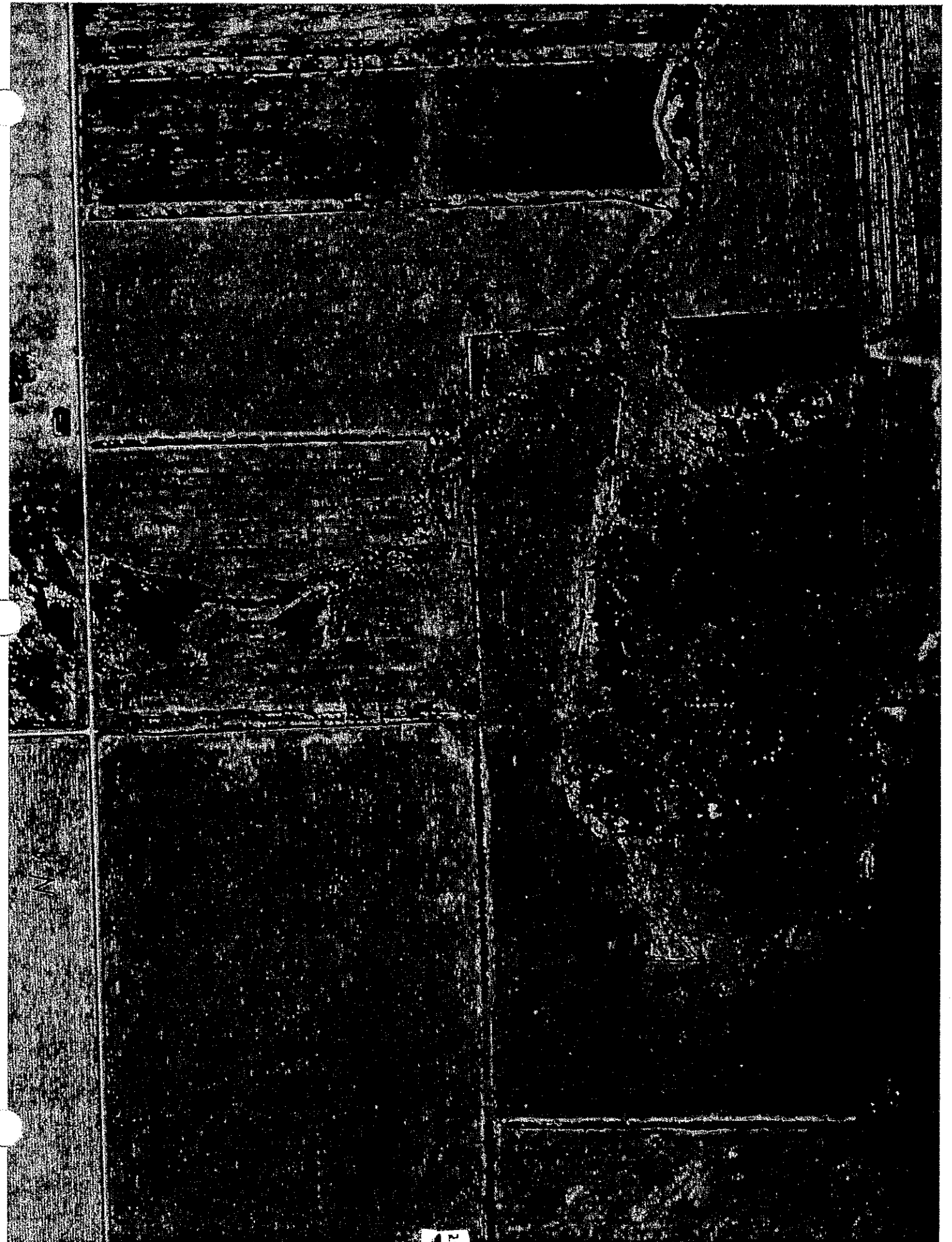




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HIGH LEVEL SOUTH FLOOD CONTROL  
PROJECT HISTORY, FROM FILE  
December 15, 2000

October 23, 1990 Correspondence from Water Resources Amirault to Mrs. Pietsch

Field inspection identified three problem areas: (1) Transportation road ditch along the east boundary of SW20 and NW17, (2) watercourse that cuts across northeast corner of SW21, and (3) seepage from large muskeg that cover portion of SW21 and NE20. Issues addressed: (1) Transportation had diverted water in west road ditch; agreed to make improvements in east road ditch, (2) creek capacity identified as a problem as land developed upstream; Public Lands had no problem with Mrs. Pietsch cleaning debris out of creek and removing old beaver dams so there were no flow restrictions; identified that peak flows would continue to leave channel and cause flooding; Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control program identified as possible solution to accommodate runoff and greatly reduce flooding that now occurs, and (3) Alberta Surface Water Management Program would conduct survey to analyse how seepage flows from muskeg could be controlled and directed to the creek. Department to provide technical information, but construction of work would be Mrs. Pietsch's responsibility.

October 22, 23, 26 and 29, 1990 Drainage and Flood Control Requests/Petitions from ten landowners in the neighbourhood presented to I.D., Forestry, Lands and Wildlife

December 4, 1990 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to I.D. Council pointing out lots of drainage dumping on W1/2 28, W1/2 21 and Section 15. There is a 3½ acre easement along watercourse in SW21; additionally 50 acres of erosion draws and more to other land. About 100 acres of SW21 and 75 acres on SE20 are flooded by the draw. About 50 acres on SE20, cleared for farming, had to be abandoned due to increasing amount of water each year. Road abutting Sections 20 and 21 floods each year. Section 15 has about 100 acres of erosion draws and flooding; same for N1/2 21. Called for priority for this project.

December 5, 1990 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to Mike Vervoort, I.D. 23 Representative to call meeting to get project off the back burner.

February 4, 1991 Correspondence from Manager McAskile to Mrs. Pietsch advising requested Flood Control ditch a priority.

September and October 1994 Series of Survey consents SW21, W1/2 15, NE 10, NW15, N1/2 and SE21 and SW28. Pat Bateman SW22 would not consent to survey.

June 7, 1994 A Do Not Spray Request for roadside spray activities SW20 and NW17.

December 14, 1994 Invitations for submission of Feasibility study for High Level South and High Level East Flood Control Projects sent to Liland Engineering Ltd., Bekevich Engineering Ltd., G.P.E.C. Consulting Ltd., and Torchinsky Engineering Ltd. along with Terms of Reference for both Flood Control projects. Deadline January 18, 1995.

May 13, 1996 Memo from C.A.O. Litke to Ag. Fieldman Kelland re: easements, advertising and anticipated timelines.

May 16, 1996 Rough notes by Kelland Re: priority of various projects, a Level 1 report has been submitted to AE, but problem with hydrology has to be resolved and resubmitted. AE will acknowledge receipt and if approved, approval. Funding from AE 1997. Right of Way; licensing; cost-shared agreement; Level 2 design.

May 17, 1996 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23. Concern with Amirault altering Engineer's design showing proposed drainage route. Thought 1977 areal photo flow route would be taken. Prepared to accept engineer's design, which was similar to 1986 areal photo (which is about 30 meters west of 1977 photo). Mrs. Pietsch prepared to go about 200 meters west from property corner, no more.

May 24, 1996 Correspondence from Jim Amirault to Mrs. Pietsch Re: easement. Discussion of where creek enters SW21. Torchinsky mosaic showed entry at 220 meters west of corner pin. Mrs. Pietsch reported to have said in phone conversation with Amirault that 1977 photos showed entry onto property 165 meters west of corner pin. Amirault reviewed 1969 and 1989 photos and entry was at 182 meters.

Schedule "A" diagram showing entry to property 220 meters west of corner pin.

July 22, 1996 A Fax from Marceau, Mathieu and Co. of Easement terms requested by Mrs. Pietsch, with Kelland notes in discussion with Amirault.

Undated Note from Dianne Pawlik to C.A.O. Litke. Mrs Pietsch will be in 9:00 am Tuesday to talk to you about easement additions.

July 25, 1996 Hand written note from Kelland to C.A.O. Litke with final wording of Section I of Easement for SW21. Concern expressed with Section I (ii) requiring a bridge or high level crossing to access the cutoff portion...cost would be excessive (in fact more than cost of rest of the project).

Copy of Easement signed by Mrs. Pietsch witnessed by Kelland July 25, 1996

July 28, 1996 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to Kelland requesting Xerox copy of easement she had signed with him.

July 29, 1996 Fax from Amirault to Kelland with comments on Section I of easement. M.D. would be responsible to pay for bridge. Bridge not on feasibility study. AEP would only agree to a low level crossing. Dugouts beyond working easement not part of project.

August 2, 1996 Correspondence from Amirault to Public Works Borchert confirming funding under AWMEC program. Project will be included in 1997/98 program submission. Borchert can review Level 1 design and undertake Level II design, secure right-of-way, sign and return licence application, and advertise project.

August 14, 1996 Memo from Borchert to Kelland to obtain easements.

Agenda item sheet for August 22/23 Council meeting date. With handwritten note at bottom that Council refused to sign Easement for SW21.

August 22/23 M.D. Council minutes page. Motion 96-484 Moved by Councillor Fedeyko that Public Works Manager, Roger Borchert, explore the possibility of alternate routing for the High Level South flood control project. Carried.

August 28, 1996 Correspondence from Reeve Neufeld to Mrs. Pietsch stating Council unwilling to alter easement agreement and investigations being made to go around SW21.

September 4, 1996 Page 4 from the Echo newspaper. Letter to editor from Mrs. Pietsch comments about her trying to keep water off her land as development in surrounding area taking place.

October 11, 1996 Correspondence from Public Works Mgr. Borchert to Ernie Lanti with a request to complete a Statement of Intent to modify the routing to go around SW21. Same date, same letter was also sent to Mrs. Pietsch requesting her signature.

October 24/25, 1996 Council minutes. Borchert updated Council. Moved by Councillor Scarfe that the High Level South Flood Control issue be tabled until an agreement can be reached between the landowners involved. Carried.

November 21/22, 1996 Council minutes. Borchert reported easements signed and funding in place for HLSFC project. Engineering firm notified to begin engineering work. Motion by Councillor Fedeyko that the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 approve the HLSFC project and that the project be funded through Operational Reserves. Carried.

December 10/11, 1996 Council minutes. Moved by Councillor Bateman that Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 enter into a cost sharing agreement with the Government of Alberta, Department of Environmental Protection, for the construction of the High Level South Flood Control Project. Carried.

Copy of Customer Registration Notice from NALRD (Northern Alberta Land Registration District) January 3, 1997 showing easements registered for SW21, NW21 and SE21.

January 23, 1997 Memo from Borchert to Council. Cost summary of the HLSFC project and cost breakdown for two low level crossings. Projected total cost \$55,560 (construction \$36,650; engineering \$18,910)

February 11, 1997 Correspondence from Amirault to Borchert with accompanying copy of cost sharing agreement (dated December 11, 1996) and request for payment of the \$47,890 due this year.

April 25, 1997 Correspondence from David Black of Simpson, Thietke and Associates to M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23 Re: Flooding caused by municipal culverts on the North end of Sections 20 and 21 requiring immediate attention.

September 16, 1997 Correspondence from Eldon Simpson of Simpson, Thietke and Associates  
Re: flooding of culverts. Client continues to suffer flooding problems due to culverts, and west and south banks of flood control channel are too low. Simpson seeks assurance that channel sides will be built up to ensure that no overflow water will flow onto her lands, nor from the culverts described in earlier letter.

September 29, 1997 Correspondence from Eldon Simpson of Simpson, Thietke and Associates  
Re: flooding of culverts. S1/2 21 corrected to SW21 and looking forward to our response.

May 11, 1998 Correspondence from Amirault to Mrs. Pietsch. HLSFC project reinspected as requested in Feb. 5, 1998 letter. All observations made last year and during runoff this year indicate project is functioning as designed. Changes made at "T" intersection (where culverts were located) operating as expected. Water was flowing east to the main creek channel in the north road ditch. Kelland in future should be your contact person with the M.D.

May 25, 1998 Memo from Rita Bueckert, Public Works administrator, to Kelland requesting copies of any letters re: correspondence between Mrs. Pietsch and Mr. Amirault. Also Mr. Newman stated project completed and working as designed, and should be added to the maintenance program. Project should be reviewed in Spring of 1996.

May 26, 1998 Correspondence from Kelland to Alberta Environment's Nico Wyngaarden requesting project be added to Cost-shared Maintenance agreement.

June 25, 1998 Correspondence from Amirault to Kelland. Enclosed is the licence issued for the above project and a copy of the plans we have on file.

November 3, 1998 Correspondence from Amirault to Jerry Nessman, Head, Water Administration, Northwest Boreal. Refers to an October 29, 1998 meeting between C.A.O. John Maine, Kelland and Pietsch. Listed the four main issues Mrs. Pietsch felt impacted her five quarter sections. (1) Channel overflows, (2) Upstream drainage improvements in watershed, (3) Located HLSFC channel west of where channel enters her property, and (4) Due to flooding caused by overflow she cannot farm land adjacent to the black spruce muskeg which covers part of SE20 and SW21. On discussion based on facts derived from previous investigations of claims, Mrs. Pietsch did not agree and left the meeting. The next four pages address in detail these issues.

November 26, 1998 Correspondence from Amirault to Kelland Re: meeting with Mrs. Pietsch and subsequent field inspection. Recommended heightening fill in the three locations across the old creek channel, funding to come from maintenance grant. Amirault to write Mrs. Pietsch regarding this recommendation, providing her with direction on implementing her on-farm drainage proposal, and identify that her earlier works blocked the drainage path from the muskeg to the creek.

January 15, 1999 Correspondence to Mrs. Pietsch from Amirault. Regarding meeting with John Maine, Mrs. Pietsch, Amirault and Kelland, and results of Amirault/Kelland rechaining of her on-farm drainage proposal. Could be problems with a channel constructed in peaty areas. Paul Kniel a soils consultant in High Level could advise on farmability of muskeg soils. Reference to new Water Act – existing Interim licences will become Approvals with a 20 year term.



Recommendations to Kelland that municipality: (1) heighten fill in three locations across the old creek channel (these are upstream of where the cut-off reenters the old channel and will not block the flow from your property); (2) lower the fill material within the right-of-way where the old creek bed outlets from your property; (3) remove the beaver dam we found (in the flood control ditch); and (4) and lower the low level crossing on Mrs. Pietsch's property (it was 0.5 meters above the channel bed and this could result in water overflowing onto her property. It was also identified that works undertaken by Mrs. Pietsch have blocked the natural flow path from her property to the old creek channel. These works have shifted the outlet from the low area. Amirault recommended Mrs. Pietsch breach the works along the natural flow path to enhance drainage from her property.

September 22, 1999 Correspondence from Helen Maczala, AE Peace River, to C.A.O. Maine. Licence granted to HLSFC project is deemed an Approval under the new Water Act with no priority number and no expiry date. Also agreements for signing to make final payments for constructing the project.

October 19, 1999 Correspondence from Maxine Dribnenki, AE Edmonton. Returning agreements signed by Minister of AE.

September 6, 2000 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to M.D. of Mackenzie # 23/Administrator Re: Dextrase Drainage (1) Water inlet going east from M.D. road on Section 8-109-17-W5. Aerial photos 1950, 1951, and 1969 show no sign of drainage, but 1977 shows drainage going east into Dextrase yard (but still no sign of any drainage on west side of road). (2) Re dugout on SW17: not sure if result of road being built, never held water, didn't think road authority responsible for erosion, if this is problem. (3) asked that in future, adjoining landowners should be informed of what's going on.

September 15, 2000 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to M.D. Mackenzie #23/Administrator and Council Re: HLSFC project: statistics and partial copy of June 5, 1996 feasibility report submitted by Dwight Blakley (Torchinsky) to Roger Borchert; project working at less than 50% efficiency. Largest part of spring runoff still overflows onto her fields, plus drainage breaks through previously existing drains. Since 1997, Kelland has advised that this would be corrected. Drainage ditch gets much narrower on east end of her property, compared to the north end. Refers to note of January 17/97, Sarapuk and administrator examined area and asked for permission to level off the previously ravaged areas on her property – was never done. Re low level crossing: had asked for high level crossing, however was assured that a low level crossing would be effective. Refer to Item I of the easement ("This easement is granted with the condition that construction be completed by May 15, 1997. Failure to meet this condition will render the easement nul and void."). As project was completed in 1997, and promises ever since to make corrections, every effort should be made in winter of 2001 to have the project completed and effective. Project was to have effectively drained all of Sec.21 and small portion of NW16. Should be 5 or 6 inlets into the now existing drainage. When crops off, Mrs. Pietsch will measure and invites adjoining landowners/municipal personnel and Councillors to join her.

October 3, 2000 Copy of page 3 from Committee of Whole meeting Re Dextrase and High Level Drainage projects: Perich and Kelland reported on projects. Dextrase was not advertised as project within M.D. right-of-way. Mrs. Pietsch requested another study of the area.

Administration to provide more information to Council at a future meeting. Cost effective repairs to be done this fall.

November 4, 2000 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to C.A.O. Prockiw. Request for Dextrase Drainage design information.

November 4, 2000 Correspondence from Mrs. Pietsch to Kelland?/Prockiw. Resents fact that enough \$ spent on her. Not a drop of water has been taken off her land. Have taken about 40 acres which was originally 3 ½ acres spot across the corner of SW21 and which flowed NW into NW21. Also hasn't been supplied a outlet to the flood control project. Concern expressed with illegal drainage impact on her land for last 20 years. Overflow from HLSFC ditch flooded the whole of 4 quarters, late to seed and poor crops, except last 4 or 5 years. In the site meeting, you guys did all the barking and talking: (1) that land has never been farmed, (2) drainage permit renewed over and over again, and (3) Mrs. Pietsch didn't say what she wanted. These issues were addressed in the letter as follows: (1) most part of the land was farmed (check the areal photos); (2) drainage permit hassle to get, no outlet, except she could have drained into Mr. Dextrase' land (lower) like everybody did to us; and (3) you asked what I wanted – I said fix it you guys are the professionals. Culvert was mentioned. I assumed that was what you were going to do. Maintenance work was completed little over a week later. Mrs. Pietsch was planning to use the same surveyor. Kelland never told her work had started Monday when two Water Resources people met with Pietsch and Kelland. Concern with dug out road allowance in SE20 and comment that land should be designated wet lands. Old drainage through the centre of SW21, operation of culvert system may be a problem. Are we, or not, going to supply me with an outlet into SE21

November 8, 2000 Mrs. Pietsch provided copies to Kelland of Approval Amendment for her on-farm drainage project. New expiry date Jan. 1, 2019 with condition that activity authorized under approval be completed by Sept. 22, 2001.

November 20, 2000 Correspondence from Kelland to Pietsch thanking for meeting with C.A.O. Prockiw and him. I've asked surveyors to help locate gated culvert and to determine if low level crossings cause flood water to leave channel and enter SW21. Also unauthorized drainage on and off road allowances west of Section 20. Next spring will monitor runoff for problems to work on. November 20, 2000 Survey was done. Results in file.  
December 7, 2000 Ordered areal photographs of area.

(December 11, 2000 In phone conversation Mrs. Pietsch to Kelland. Gate valve has arrived, but will not be installed until location determined with a plan. Will be meeting with M.D. and A.E. January 12, 2001 to discuss HLSFC project, Dextrase Drainage and other concerns Mrs. Pietsch has with unauthorized drainage in the neighbourhood.

File also contains:

Photographs: Spring 2000 Run off. Fall 2000, before, during and after channel clean out, and repair to erosion on NW21.

Feasibility Study for High Level South Flood Control Project

November 25, 1997 As Build drawings

January 13, 1998 Final Report for High Level South Flood Control Project

Prints of Areal Photographs from July 31, 1950, August 20, 1969 and September 9, 1993.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23  
COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2001  
1:00 p.m.

Seminar Room, Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order  
1:00 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Items to Add or Delete from the Agenda  
1:00 to 1:03 p.m.

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b) Adoption of the Agenda  
1:03 to 1:05 p.m.

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ADOPTION OF  
THE PREVIOUS  
MINUTES:

3. a) Minutes of the December 18, 2000  
Special Council Budget Meeting  
1:05 to 1:08 p.m.

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b) Minutes of the December 19, 2000  
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c) Minutes of the December 19, 2000  
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**AGRICULTURAL SERVICES:**

- 10. a) Agricultural Service Board Chair **Page 77**  
2:15 to 2:20 p.m.
- b) High Level South Flood Control Project **Page**
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**CORPORATE SERVICES:**

- 11. a) Grant for Nichols Revenue Sharing Studies **Page 79**  
2:20 to 2:25 p.m.
- b) Education Property Tax **Page 83**  
Final Report – AAMD&C Member Advisory Committee  
2:25 to 2:30 p.m.





c) Set Budget Meeting Date  
2:30 to 2:35 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

14. a) Adjournment  
2:35 p.m.





# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant
Title:	<b>Minutes of the December 18, 2000 Special Council Budget Meeting</b>
Agenda Item No:	3 a)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Not applicable.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

Attached are the minutes of the Monday, December 18, 2000 Special Council Budget meeting.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That the minutes of the December 18, 2000 Special Council Budget meeting be adopted as presented.

Review: <i>ES</i>	Dept. <i>Administration</i>	C.A.O. <i>[Signature]</i>
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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23  
SPECIAL COUNCIL BUDGET**

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

**Tuesday, December 18, 2000**

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve (entered the meeting at 9:41 a.m.)
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Betty Bateman	Councillor
John Driedger	Councillor
Pat Kulscar	Councillor
Greg Newman	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor (arrived at 9:09 a.m.)
Wayne Thiessen	Councillor

**ABSENT:**

Joe Peters	Councillor
Willie Wieler	Councillor

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Harvey Prockiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Executive Assistant
Paul Driedger	Director of Planning and Emergency Services
Chris Kelland	Agricultural Fieldman
Bill Landiuk	Director of Corporate Services
Ivan Perich	Director of Operational Services

Minutes of the special council budget meeting for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Tuesday, December 18, 2000, in the meeting room of the Fort Vermilion Community Library, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1. a) Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Rosenberger called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Rosenberger turned the meeting over to CAO, Harvey Prockiw.

**AGENDA:**

**2. b) Adoption of the Agenda**

Council continued with the unfinished agenda from the December 8, 2000 Special Council Budget meeting.

Councillor Sarapuk entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

**Business:**

**5. a) Detailed Budget**

Council reviewed the Council and Administration operating budgets.

Administration will check which societies are applying for step students and which ones the M.D. could apply for.

Reeve Neufeld entered the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

An article is to be placed in the newsletter advising the public that if they are not receiving the M.D. newsletters, copies are available at any M.D. office or they may call the office to have their name put on the mailing list.

Council reviewed the Fire operating budget.

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Council reviewed the Ambulance operating budget.

Harvey Prockiw reported on a meeting with Aeromedical and Zama Fire and Rescue.

Council reviewed the Enforcement Services and Transportation operating budget.

Council asked administration to review the grader contracts as well as the M.D. grader beats at a per kilometer rate.

Administration will revisit the costs for the number of vehicles, bring back the signs issue, and bring a gravel report back to Council.

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Council reviewed the Air Transportation and Water and Sewer operating budget.

Administration will check the "Professional Fees" under Water and Sewer.

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Administration will provide a report on what the Water and Sewer department is doing different now than in 1999 which has caused the increase in the budget.

Council reviewed the Garbage Collection and Disposal operating budget. Administration will check the volumes at the Waste Transfer Stations.

Council reviewed the Community Services/Family and Community Support Services operating budget. Administration was advised to continue using the formula for Family and Community Support Services.

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Council reviewed the Planning and Development, Subdivision Land and Development and Recreation Boards operating budgets.



Administration will check if there is any insurance paid on recreation facilities.

Harvey Prockiw welcomed George Bueckert to the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

George Bueckert presented the La Crete Ambulance Society's 2001 budget. Mr. Bueckert reported on Emergency Medical Responder and Emergency Medical Technician training, the increase requested is due to the increased level of service from Emergency Medical Responder to Emergency Medical Technician.

Harvey Prockiw thanked George Bueckert who then left the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

La Crete Ambulance Society operating budget funding shall be increased to \$128,500.

Council reviewed the Agricultural Services and Veterinary Services operating budgets.

Harvey Prockiw recessed the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Harvey Prockiw reconvened the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Council reviewed the Library operating budget.

Administration will investigate whether it would be more feasible for the attendant at the Blues Hills Waste Transfer Station to use his truck instead of the M.D. having to build a shack.

Chris Kelland presented the flood control capital projects. The flood control projects will be brought to back to Council for possible engineering tenders.

**MOTION 00-741**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That a grant of \$50,000 be given to the North Peace Applied Research Association to go towards funding a new building.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Newman declared a pecuniary interest under section 170 of the Municipal Government Act regarding the Rosenberger Drainage as his farmland will benefit from the drainage project. Councillor Newman left the meeting room at 4:00 p.m.

Council discussed the priority list for drainage and flood control projects. The Rosenberger Drainage project was moved to the year 2001.

Councillor Newman reentered the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**14. a) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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Bill Neufeld, Reeve

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Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

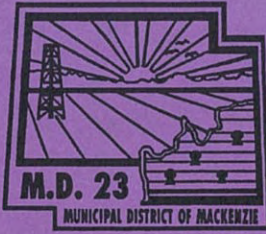
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Sandra Cross, Official Administrator





# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant
Title:	<b>Minutes of the December 19, 2000 Committee of the Whole Meeting</b>
Agenda Item No:	3 b)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Not applicable.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

Attached are the minutes of the Tuesday, December 19, 2000 Committee of the Whole meeting.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That Council adopt the minutes of the December 19, 2000 Committee of the Whole meeting, as presented.

Review: *ES*

Dept. *Administration*

C.A.O. *[Signature]*





**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Seminar Room, Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2000**

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Frank Rosenberger	Deputy Reeve
Betty Bateman	Councillor
John Driedger	Councillor (entered the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)
Pat Kulscar	Councillor
Greg Newman	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Wayne Thiessen	Councillor
Willie Wieler	Councillor (entered the meeting at 4:35 p.m.)

**ABSENT:**

Joe Peters	Councillor
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**ALSO PRESENT:**

Harvey Prockiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Executive Assistant
Paul Driedger	Director of Planning and Emergency Services
Ron Dyck	Special Constable
Jason Gabriel	Special Constable
Chris Kelland	Agricultural Fieldman
Bill Landiuk	Director of Corporate Services
Ivan Perich	Director of Operational Services

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Tuesday, December 19, 2000, in the Seminar Room of the Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA:**

2. a) **Adoption of Agenda**

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

- 7a) Fish & Wildlife Committee
- 5e) General Road Matters
- 7b) Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**MOTION 00-742**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld turned the Chair over to Councillor Kulscar.

**ADMINISTRATIVE,  
COUNCIL,  
PERSONNEL:  
(Councillor Kulscar)**

3. a) **Minister's Response to ID Request**

Council discussed the Minister's response to the Reeve's letter regarding the discussion between the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Little Red River Cree Nation on creating an Improvement District within the boundaries of the M.D. of Mackenzie. The Minister does not support the creation of such an Improvement District.

**MOTION 00-743**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Minister's response to the Reeve's letter regarding Little Red River Cree Nation's request for an Improvement District, be received as information.

**CARRIED**



3. b) Improve Housing in Your Community Through ACT

Grants are available through Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) for various projects to improve housing regulations. This information has been sent to the Mackenzie Housing Management Board.

MOTION00-744

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the documentation on Improving Housing in Your Community through the Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) program be received as information.

**CARRIED**

3. c) Policy for Insurance Coverage for Not for Profit Organizations

The draft policy for insurance coverage for not for profit organizations was discussed.

Councillor Driedger entered the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Policy ADM018, Insurance Coverage for Not for Profit Organizations, was moved to the regular council meeting agenda.

3. d) Purchasing Authority Directive Policy Unbudgeted Expenditures Policy

The current Purchasing Authority Directive Policy and the Unbudgeted Expenditures Policy, were discussed.

3. e) Financial Indicator Graphs for the year ended 1999

Council reviewed the Financial Indicator Graphs for the year ended 1999, as prepared by Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Kulscar turned the Chair back to Reeve Neufeld.

Reeve Neufeld turned the Chair over to Councillor Bateman.

**PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES:**

(Councillor Bateman)

4. a) **Special Constables Monthly Report**

Jason Gabriel presented the monthly report for the Protective Services department.

4. b) **Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw Amendment 241/00**

Council discussed proposed Bylaw 241/00 being an amendment to Bylaw 076/97 Off-Highway Vehicles, then referred the bylaw to the regular meeting for decision.

4. c) **Extended Authority for Giving  
"Alco-Sur" Demands**

Council reviewed the request from the Protective Service department for support in applying for extended authority for the purpose of giving breathalyzer tests, then referred the request to the Policing Task Force.

Councillor Bateman turned the Chair back to Reeve Neufeld.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Councillor Wieler entered the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld turned the Chair over to Councillor Newman.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**SERVICES:**

(Councillor Newman)

5. a) **River Road Slope Stabilization Project**

The River Road Slope Stabilization Project will be funded 65% by Alberta Environment.

5. b) **Resource Road Applications**

Applications for the Resource Road Program were submitted in late November.

5. c) **Snow Removal in Fort Vermilion**

Information was presented regarding the snow removal practice in Fort Vermilion.

5. d) **Re-designation of Secondary Highways**

Highway 697 has been re-designated from secondary to primary highway status on September 30, 2000.

5. e) **General Road Matters**

Alberta Infrastructure has informed the M.D. of Mackenzie that it has not been freezing sufficiently to develop an ice bridge at Tompkins, there is only 5 inches of ice at this time. The ice bridge will be started December 20, 2000 and be completed in the beginning of January, 2001.

A letter will be written to Alberta Infrastructure indicating that the service level regarding the ice bridge is unacceptable.

Ivan Perich reported on the size of rocks in the sand being used in winter road material, which is larger than the acceptable level. A letter will be written to John Engleder, Regional Director for Peace Region, Alberta Infrastructure.

Councillor Newman turned the Chair back to Reeve Neufeld.



**UTILITY  
SERVICES:**

(Councillor Rosenberger)

6. a)

There were no items under this heading.

Reeve Neufeld turned the Chair over to Councillor Sarapuk.

**RECREATION AND  
TOURISM:**

(Councillor Sarapuk)

7. a) **Fish & Wildlife Committee**

Councillor Newman reported on the Fish and Wildlife Committee organizational meeting and the mandate for the Committee. The committee wants to become an association and be a direct link to each council so that any lobbying will be from the councils of the M.D. of Mackenzie, Town of Rainbow Lake and Town of High Level. Issues will be relevant to recreational purposes.

Harvey Prockiw recommended that the committee be established as a municipal committee with all three councils appointing members and that the committee be given a mandate by the councils.

7. b) **Department of Fisheries and Oceans**

Councillor Bateman reported that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans are moving at least eight people into Peace River.

Councillor Sarapuk turned the Chair back to Reeve Neufeld.

**COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT  
SERVICES:**

(Councillor Sarapuk)

8. a)

There were no items under this heading.

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**  
(Councillor Wieler)

9. a)

There were no items under this heading.

**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**  
(Councillor Thiessen)

10. a)

There were no items under this heading.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

11. a) Adjourn Committee of the Whole Meeting

**MOTION 00-745**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra Cross, Official Administrator



# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant
Title:	<b>Minutes of the December 19, 2000 Regular Council Meeting</b>
Agenda Item No:	3 c)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Not applicable.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

Attached are the minutes of the Tuesday, December 19, 2000 regular Council meeting.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That the minutes of the December 19, 2000 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Review: *ES*

Dept. Administration

C.A.O. *[Signature]*





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

**Seminar Room, Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office  
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2000**

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Betty Bateman	Councillor
John Driedger	Councillor
Pat Kulscar	Councillor
Greg Newman	Councillor
Frank Rosenberger	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Wayne Thiessen	Councillor
Willie Wieler	Councillor

**ABSENT:**

Joe Peters	Councillor
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**ALSO PRESENT:**

Harvey Prockiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Eva Schmidt	Executive Assistant
Paul Driedger	Director of Planning and Emergency Services
Ron Dyck	Special Constable
Jason Gabriel	Special Constable
Chris Kelland	Agricultural Fieldman
Bill Landiuk	Director of Corporate Services
Ivan Perich	Director of Operational Services

Minutes of the regular Council meeting for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Tuesday, December 19, 2000, in the Seminar Room of the Fort Vermilion School Division Central Office, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the Council meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

2. a) **Items to Add or Delete from the Agenda**

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 9a) Bylaw 241/00
- 10a) Beaver Control
- 11f) Policy ADM018
- 12a) Hiring of Contract Motor Graders
- 13a) CAO Evaluation
- 13b) Memorandum of Understanding

2. b) **Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION 00-746**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thiessen

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
THE PREVIOUS  
MINUTES:**

3. a) **Minutes of the December 5, 2000  
Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**MOTION 00-747**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That the minutes of the December 5, 2000 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

3. b) Minutes of the December 5, 2000 Council Meeting

**MOTION 00-748**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That the minutes of the December 5, 2000 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

3. c) Minutes of the December 8, 2000  
Special Council Budget Meeting

**MOTION 00-749**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That the minutes of the December 8, 2000 Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF THE  
MINUTES:**

4. a)

There were no items under this heading.

**PUBLIC HEARING: 5. a)**

There were no items under this heading.

**DELEGATIONS: 6. a)**

There were no items under this heading.



**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE AND  
CAO REPORTS:**

7. a) **Council Committee Reports**

Councillors presented the Council Committee reports as follows:

Councillor Rosenberger reported no meetings.

Councillor Driedger reported on the Mackenzie Housing Management Board, Policing Task Force and the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome(FAS) Workshop which is a growing problem since affected people do not know right from wrong. An FAS conference is planned for the end of March, 2001 with organizations in the region participating.

**MOTION 00-750**

**MOVED** by Councillor Kulscar

That Councillor Driedger receive honourariums and expenses for his attendance at the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Workshop in High Level.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Thiessen reported on the Memorandum of Understanding Task Force.

Councillor Sarapuk reported on the Footner Tolko Public Advisory Committee, Tolko had a Forest audit done with good results.

Councillor Wieler reported on the Memorandum of Understanding Task Force, CAO Evaluation Task Force and the La Crete Recreation Society meeting where he informed the Society about the grant structure.

Councillor Newman reported on the Memorandum of Understanding Task Force.

Councillor Kulscar reported on the CAO Evaluation Task Force, cost sharing meeting with the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake together with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Brad Pickering; Mackenzie Economic Development Council who are entering into contracts, they have been asked to be program managers for Dene Tha for the purpose of maintaining traditional areas for traditional use.

Reeve Neufeld reported on the cost sharing agreement meetings with the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake.

**MOTION 00-751**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the Council Committee reports be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

7. b) CAO Report

Harvey Prockiw gave a verbal report on meetings, a school presentation, task force meetings and the meeting with the Zama Fire Department.

**MOTION 00-752**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thiessen

That the Chief Administrative Officer's report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

7. c) November 2000 YTD Income Statement

Bill Landiuk presented the November 2000 year to date Income Statement.

**MOTION 00-753**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the November 2000 year to date Income Statement be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

7. d) Year End Accounts Receivable/Utilities Write Off

**MOTION 00-754**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the year end accounts receivable/utilities write off be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

7. e) Interim Operating Budget

**MOTION 00-757**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2001 interim operating budget be adopted based on half of the 2000 budget amounts.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld reconvened the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

**PLANNING AND  
EMERGENCY  
SERVICES:**

8. a) **Bylaw 236/00 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment  
SW 09-106-15-W5M  
Agricultural District 2 to  
Hamlet Residential District 1**

**MOTION 00-758**  
Bylaw 236/00  
First Reading

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 236/00 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone SW 9-106-15-W5M from Agricultural District 2 to Hamlet Residential District 1.

**CARRIED**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

**MOTION 00-759**  
Bylaw 241/00  
First Reading

9. a) **Bylaw 241/00**

**MOVED** by Councillor Kulscar

That first reading be given to Bylaw 241/00 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 076/97.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 00-760**  
Bylaw 241/00  
Second Reading

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That second reading be given to Bylaw 241/00, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 076/97, with the following amendment: to add clause 5b) all off-highway vehicles must come to a complete stop before crossing a developed highway.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 00-761**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That Council give consideration to go to third reading of Bylaw 241/00 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 076/97.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION 00-762**  
Bylaw 241/00  
Third Reading

**MOVED** by Councillor Thiessen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 241/00, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 076/97, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICES:**

10. a) **Beaver Control**

Council discussed methods of beaver control.



**MOTION 00-763**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thiessen

That Administration check with other municipalities on methods of beaver control.

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Revenue Cost Sharing with Towns**

**MOTION 00-764**

**MOVED** by Councillor Kulscar

That a five year Cost Sharing Agreement be entered into with the Town of High Level with the following terms:

- In the amount of \$266,622 per year for five years (2001-2005)
- The Town shall not be able to charge different rates for rural and urban users.
- This amount includes capital contributions for the Protective Services department.

That a ten year Revenue Sharing Agreement be entered into with the Town of Rainbow Lake with the following terms:

- In 2001 in the amount of \$400,000.
- In subsequent years this amount shall fluctuate in proportion to the assessment within the Sphere of Influence (specify townships).
- This amount includes all capital contributions and cost sharing.
- If both parties agree, the terms of this agreement may be negotiated after five years.

**CARRIED**

11. b) Proposal for Funding to Alberta Justice

**MOTION 00-765**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That Reeve Neufeld and Councillor Kulscar be authorized to attend the meeting regarding the proposal for funding to Alberta Justice scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Multi-purpose Room, High Level Hospital, Community Services Building in High Level.

**CARRIED**

11. c) Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee

**MOTION 00-766**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That Council ask the Agricultural Service Board to prepare a submission to be presented to the Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee either at a public meeting or in writing, and that the public be invited to participate in the process.

**CARRIED**

11. d) 2003 Alberta Seniors Games

**MOTION 00-767**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman.

That the documentation received regarding the 2003 Alberta Seniors Games be received as information.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 00-768**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That Administration approach the Town of High Level requesting that the M.D. of Mackenzie and the Town of High Level submit a joint bid to the Minister of Community Development to host the 2003 Alberta Seniors Games.

**CARRIED**

11. e) Growing Rural Tourism

**MOTION 00-769**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wieler

That Councillor Rosenberger and Councillor Kulscar be authorized to attend the "Growing Rural Tourism Conference" on February 13 – 14, 2001 in Camrose.

**CARRIED**

11. f) Policy ADM018 Insurance Coverage for Not for Profit Organizations

**MOTION 00-770**

**MOVED** by Councillor Kulscar

That Policy ADM018, Insurance Coverage for Not for Profit Organizations, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONAL SERVICES:**

12. a) Hiring Contract Motor Grader

**MOTION 00-771**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thiessen

That the quotation of the contract for the two grader contracts, to expire in June 2003, be approved with funding to come from the applicable Transportation Budget.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 00-772**

**MOVED** by Councillor Newman

That Council give consideration to go into in camera at 7:58 p.m. to discuss issues under Section 16 and 23 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA  
SESSION:**

13. a) CAO Evaluation

13. b) Memorandum of Understanding

**MOTION 00-773**

**MOVED** by Councillor Thiessen

That Council come out of in camera at 10:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

14. a) Adjournment

**MOTION 00-774**

**MOVED** by Councillor Rosenberger

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra Cross, Official Administrator





**Regional Economic Development Initiative  
Thursday, November 30, 2000  
High Level Public School Lecture Theatre**

REDI facilitates regional issues and coordinates efforts.  
Soft (social) and hard (business) services.

**Initial Organization:**

Chambers of Commerce, Board of Trade, and MEDC.

- 1. Determine Terms of Reference
- 2. Recommend Structure
- 3. Recommend Priorities

Report back in 6 weeks or so.

**Issues Listed:**

- 1. Rainbow/Fort Nelson Highway
- 2. Sexual abuse and family violence (Justice)
- 3. Staff retention - education opportunities
- 4. Highway 58 West - widening
- 5. Vocational school
- 6. Value added industry
- 7. Lobby/advocate on behalf of Region, i.e. Lottery Board
- 8. Diversified agriculture - Ethanol
- 9. Telus cell coverage
- 10. Alfalfa pellets
- 11. Economic development corporation with Bands
- 12. Roads into Aboriginal Communities
- 13. Tourism development
- 14. Housing shortage - federal and provincial formulas - affordable, suitable
- 15. Trade development (partners with First Nations)
- 16. Highway 88
- 17. Homeless
- 18. Lead role - review lists that already exist, find commonalities and focus on these

Next meeting: January 2001



**B. REDI Structure Recommended**

- I. REDI will operate until January 2002 with an Executive Steering Committee comprised of a minimum of seven (7) representatives comprised of the following organizations:  
High Level and District Chamber of Commerce,  
La Crete and Area Chamber of Commerce  
Fort Vermilion Board of Trade  
The Businesses of Rainbow Lake and/or The Town of Rainbow Lake  
The Municipal District of Mackenzie  
The Town of High Level  
North Peace Tribal Council and/or the Band and Settlement Councils of the Region  
Business and/or Industry companies and/or Community Organizations
- II. REDI Recommended Membership Fee Structure and Operational funding
  - .1 Memberships
    - Municipalities - Bands - Settlements - \$2.50 per capita per year
    - Chambers and Board of Trade \$1,000 per year
    - Business - Industry - Community Organizations \$1,000 per year
  - .2 Fee for service opportunities related to designated prioritized issues
  - .3 Grants and/or appropriate Programs that may be available through the Government of Canada or the Province of Alberta.
- III. Mackenzie Economic Development will act as the facilitator of action for the first year, on behalf of and at the direction of the Executive Steering Committee. The Executive Steering Committee will establish issue priorities and each will require 2/3rds majority consent
- IV. REDI will meet as issues dictate and will hold quarterly member / public meetings at the minimum.

**C. REDI Recommended Issues by Priority**

- I. Highway 88 Paving Initiative (ongoing)
- II. Highway 58 west High Level to Rainbow Lake
- III. Vocational School within the Region and Educational Opportunities
- IV. Employee Recruitment & Retention
- V. Value Added and Diversified Agricultural
  - .1 Intensive Livestock Opportunities
  - .2 Ethanol and/or Methanol Opportunities
  - .3 Alfalfa Pellet Manufacturing opportunity
- VI. Rainbow Lake/Fort Nelson Connector
- VII. Tourism Product Development

**Lastly and once again:**

It is essential that the readers of this DRAFT document contact a Steering Committee Member or Mike Osborn, MEDC at 780-926-4233 or [osborn@medc.ab.ca](mailto:osborn@medc.ab.ca) with comments, suggestions, criticisms or any other input they may have. Following input from as many regional partners as possible, the final draft will be presented at a public meeting scheduled for Jan. 2001.

Prepared as a draft for discussion purposes by:  
Mike Osborn, MEDC





**REDI Steering Committee Meeting  
December 18, 2000  
High Level, AB**

**Present:** Mike Mihaly, High level Chamber of Commerce  
Dave Martens, La Crete Chamber of Commerce  
Martin Braat, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade  
Mike Osborn, Mackenzie Economic Development

**Meeting Purpose:** The public meeting of Nov 30, 2000 directed the initial steering committee of the Chambers, Board of Trade and MEDC to make recommendations to establish:

- A. Recommendations of Terms of Reference
- B. Recommendations of Structure
- C. Recommendations of Priorities

The following is the first draft of these recommendations. It is essential that the readers of this DRAFT document contact Mike Osborn, MEDC at 780-926-4233 or [osborn@medc.ab.ca](mailto:osborn@medc.ab.ca) with comments, suggestions, criticisms or any other input they may have. Following input from as many regional partners as possible, the final draft will be presented at a public meeting scheduled for the third week in Jan. 2001.

**A. Terms of Reference Recommended for REDI.**

- I. REDI will support the dual approach of addressing the many Business and Social issues raised at the first public meeting of Nov. 30, 2000:
  - .1 REDI will concentrate on Economic and Business Development issues
  - .2 REDI will support and assist the formation of a Regional Social Development Council and will actively liaise with this group.
- II. REDI will formalize as a not for profit organization within one year, target of January 2002. The steering committee will be advisory and establish work priorities and overall direction until that time.
- III. REDI will take the lead role in finding regional commonalities and focus upon them.
- IV. REDI will promote and encourage cooperation with all regional stakeholders, primarily the Chambers of Commerce including the Board of Trade, businesses, Municipalities and Band Councils.
- V. REDI will deal with Ongoing Business Issues in a proactive manner. I.e. Telus cell phone coverage - REDI will locate and circulate the contact information of the agency and department involved and encourage members and businesses to write letters etc... The steering committee will determine the priority position of issues as they are raised and through scheduled planning sessions.
- VI. REDI will aggressively advocate on behalf of the Region on appropriate economic and business issues as defined by the Steering Committee.
- VII. REDI will undertake all approved activities in a fiscally responsible and effective manner keeping an open communication style.



**Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
Manager's Report  
January 4, 2001**

**Health Care and Ambulance in Zama**

On December 21, 2000 Paul and I met with administration of NWHSR to discuss the use of their facility in Zama. They agreed to allow us to use the clinic living quarters for the EMT at no cost until April 30, 2001. At that time we will reassess the lease. Paul has been looking at the options and costs of manning the community with an EMT. NWHSR will also be looking at all of the treatment and funding options for Zama over the next number of months.

**Supernet**

On December 14, 2000 I attended a meeting set up by Mike Davenport to discuss the benefits of having the high speed internet (Supernet) set up in this municipality this year. In addition to the obvious benefits of quick data transfer rates, we would eliminate the Telus data lines we are currently paying for the sub-offices (at over \$400.00 each per month). Another benefit would be video conferencing among our communities and with other regions of the province.

**MOU – Province and Tall Cree and Little Red River First Nation**

Ken Boutillier, MOU committee member and an employee of Inter-Governmental and Aboriginal Affairs will be on vacation until January 8, 2001. I will however make an effort to contact him the morning of the Council meeting to arrange a meeting day when he can come up and explain the MOU to Council.

**Revenue and Cost Sharing Agreements**

Details of these agreements have been sent to our lawyers. Once the drafts have been reviewed I will be forwarding them to the towns for execution.

Respectfully Submitted,



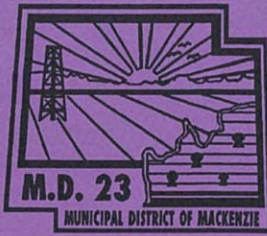
Harvey Prockiw  
CAO







# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting: **Regular Council Meeting**  
Meeting Date: January 09, 2001  
Originated By: Planning & Development

Title: **Public Hearing**  
**Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Bylaw 236/00)**  
**SW 09-106-15-W5M**  
**Agricultural District 2 "A-2" to**  
**Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR-1"**

Agenda Item No: 5a) and 8a)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Mr. Peter Fehr is requesting a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to accommodate Hamlet Residential Subdivisions. The property is currently zoned Agricultural District 2.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

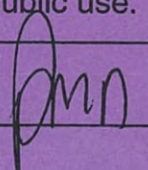
The parcel is located in the southwest portion of the Hamlet of La Crete, north of 94<sup>th</sup> avenue and east of the road allowance that runs along the west boundary of the hamlet. The applicant has requested to rezone a parcel of land that is currently in agricultural production. The applicant does not have any plans for development of the subject property at this time. The subject property is outlined in the Hamlet of La Crete Community Development Plan as a section that is indicated to be mostly Phase III of a hamlet residential area located in West End of the hamlet. Bylaw amendment 236/00 will be in compliance with the M.D.#23 Land Use Bylaw under Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR-1".

### **5.9.A HAMLET RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT 1 "HR-1"**


The general purpose of this district is to permit residential uses in hamlets.

#### **A. PERMITTED USES**

- (1) Single detached dwelling.
- (2) Park
- (3) Public use.

Review: 

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C.A.O. 



## **B. DISCRETIONARY USES**

- (1) Ancillary buildings and uses.
- (2) Apartment.
- (3) Bed and breakfast
- (4) Boarding house.
- (5) Church.
- (6) Duplex.
- (7) Garden Suite (Bylaw 181/99)
- (8) Group home.
- (9) Home based business.
- (10) Mobile home.
- (11) Modular home.
- (12) Park.
- (13) Public and quasi-public building and use required to serve this district.
- (14) Row house development.
- (15) Semi-detached dwelling.

## **C. MINIMUM LOT AREA**

As required by the Development Officer

## **D. MINIMUM FLOOR AREA**

As required by the Development Officer

## **E. MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK**

7.6 metres (25 feet)

## **F. MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK**

Side yards shall not be less than 1.2 metres (4 feet). In the case of a corner site, the exterior side yard shall not be less than 3.0 metres (10 feet). (Bylaw 181/99)

## **G. MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK**

2.4 metres (8 feet). Setbacks may be reduced to 1.52 metres (5 feet) when using sub-surface utilities.

## **H. THE DESIGN, CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF BUILDINGS**

The architecture, construction materials and appearance of buildings and other structures shall be to accepted standards and shall compliment the natural features and character of the site to the satisfaction of the Development Officer.

Review:

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**I. OFF-STREET PARKING**

In accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

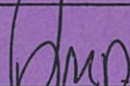
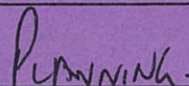
Any discretionary use may require off-street parking as required by the Development Officer.

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable

RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That Council proceeds with second and third Reading of Bylaw 236/00.

Review: 	Dept. 	C.A.O.
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**BYLAW NO. 236/00**

**BEING A BYLAW OF  
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
TO AMEND THE EXISTING LAND-USE BYLAW NO.093/97 OF  
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23**

**WHEREAS**, Council of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, in the Province of Alberta, has adopted Land-Use Bylaw No. 093/97 of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23,

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 has the Municipal Development Plan approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs of the Province of Alberta,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment to the said Land-Use Bylaw is deemed to be in conformity with the development policies stipulated in the Municipal Development Plan of the District of Mackenzie No 23, and

**WHEREAS**, Council of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 has deemed it desirable to amend the said Land-Use Bylaw in order to accommodate a Hamlet Residential development on the subject land.

**NOW THEREFORE**, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the land-use designation of the subject land, known as part of SW 09-106-15-W5M and situated within the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, be changed from Agricultural District "A-2" to Hamlet Residential District "HR-1" as shown on Schedule "A", and
2. That this bylaw shall come into effect upon the passing of the third and final reading of this resolution.

First reading given on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2000

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Second Reading given on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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Bill Neufeld, Reeve

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Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Third Reading and Assent given on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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Bill Neufeld, Reeve

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Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

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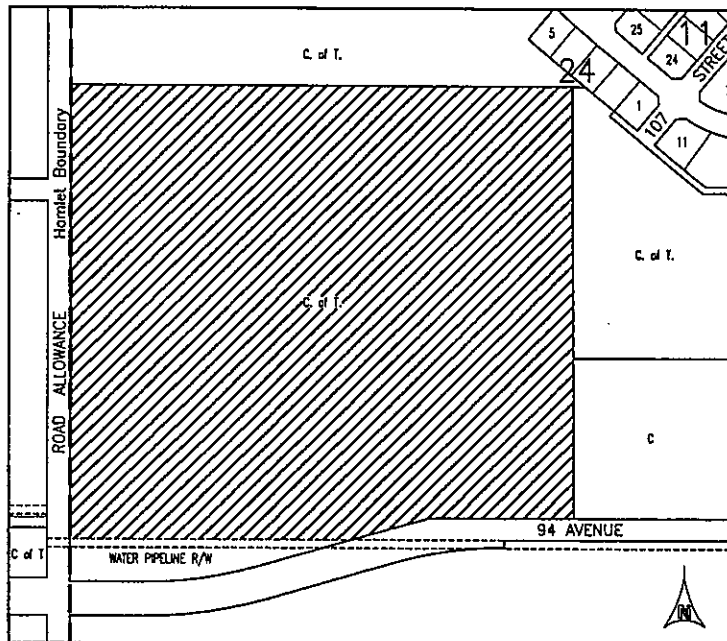
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**SCHEDULE "A"**

**Bylaw No. 236/00**

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1. That the Land Use Bylaw for the following property, known as part of SW 09-106-15-W5M, be amended from Agricultural District 2 "A-2" to Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR-1", as indicated below:



FROM: Agricultural District 2 "A-2"  
TO: Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR-1"

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Bill Neufeld, Reeve

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Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

EFFECTIVE THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.







# LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION

APPLICATION NO. 236/00

NAME OF APPLICANT <u>PETER FEHR</u>		
ADDRESS		
TOWN		
POSTAL CODE	PHONE (RES.)	BUS.

COMPLETE IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT

NAME OF REGISTER OWNER		
ADDRESS		
TOWN		
POSTAL CODE	PHONE (RES.)	BUS.

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

QTR./S. <u>3W</u>	SEC. <u>09</u>	TWP. <u>106</u>	RANGE <u>15</u>	M. <u>5</u>	OR	PLAN	BLK	LOT
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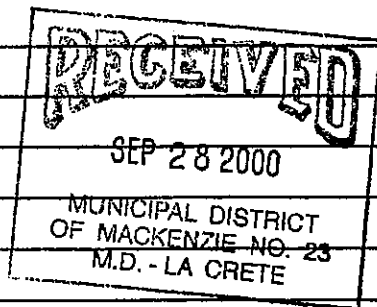
### LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT PROPOSED:

FROM: Agriculture TO: Residential

### REASONS SUPPORTING PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

looking to do a mobile trailer park, which would require part of described parcel.  
4 acres

Mr. FEHR INDICATED TO REZONE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO RESIDENTIAL LATER THAN MHD @ THIS TIME.  
PMO



I/WE HAVE ENCLOSED THE REQUIRED APPLICATION FEE OF \$ 150.00 RECEIPT NO. 54913

Peter Fehr  
APPLICANT

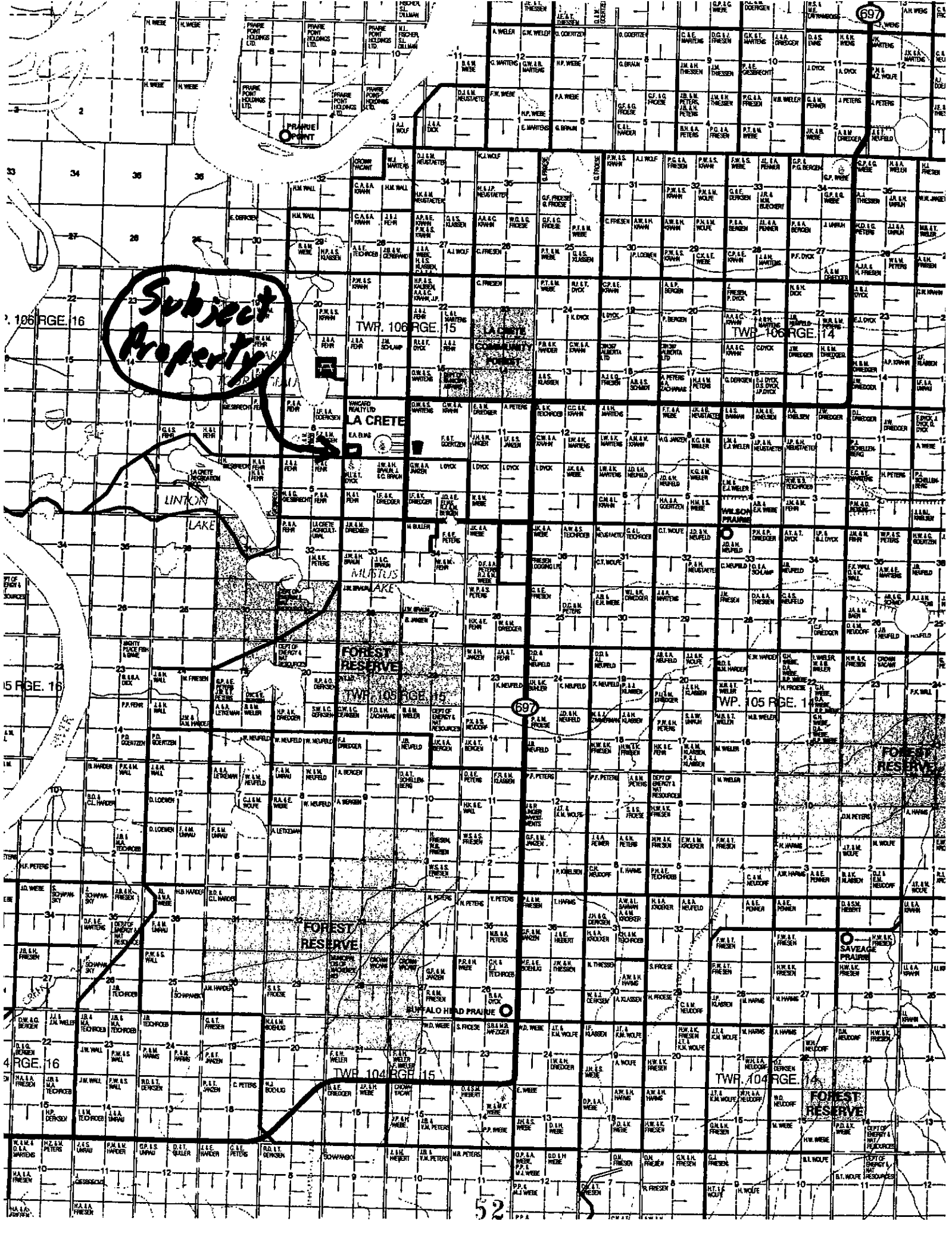
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NOTE: REGISTERED OWNER'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT.

REGISTERED OWNER

DATE

Subject Property



TWP. 106 RGE. 15

TWP. 106 RGE. 14

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TWP. 105 RGE. 15

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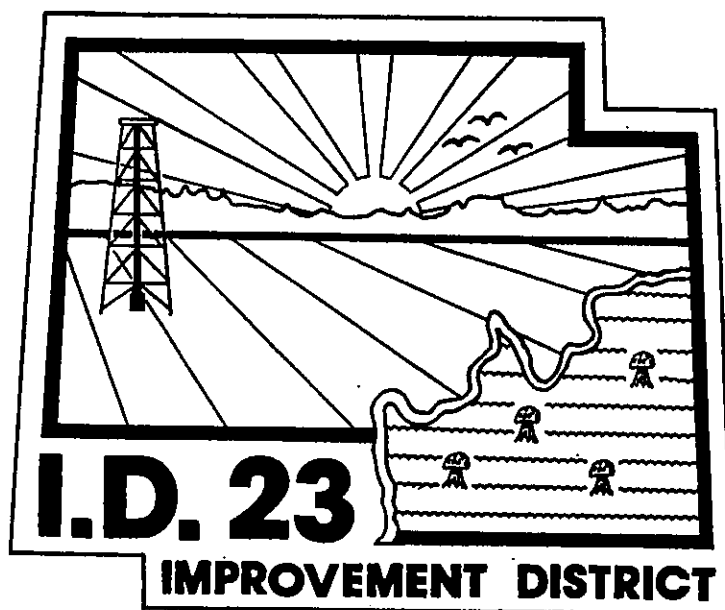
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IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 23  
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HAMLET OF LA CRETE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN



**A Plan For The Future  
Development Of The  
Hamlet Of La Crete**






**Prepared By:  
Alberta Municipal Affairs,  
Improvement District No. 23  
June, 1991**





FIGURE 3:

FUTURE LAND USE

-  Residential
-  Public/Institutional
-  Commercial
-  Highway Commercial
-  Industrial

- 1 La Crete Medical Clinic
- 2 Arena & Curling Rink
- 3 La Crete Public School
- 4 Community Hall
- 5 Ridgeview School
- 6 Sand Hills School

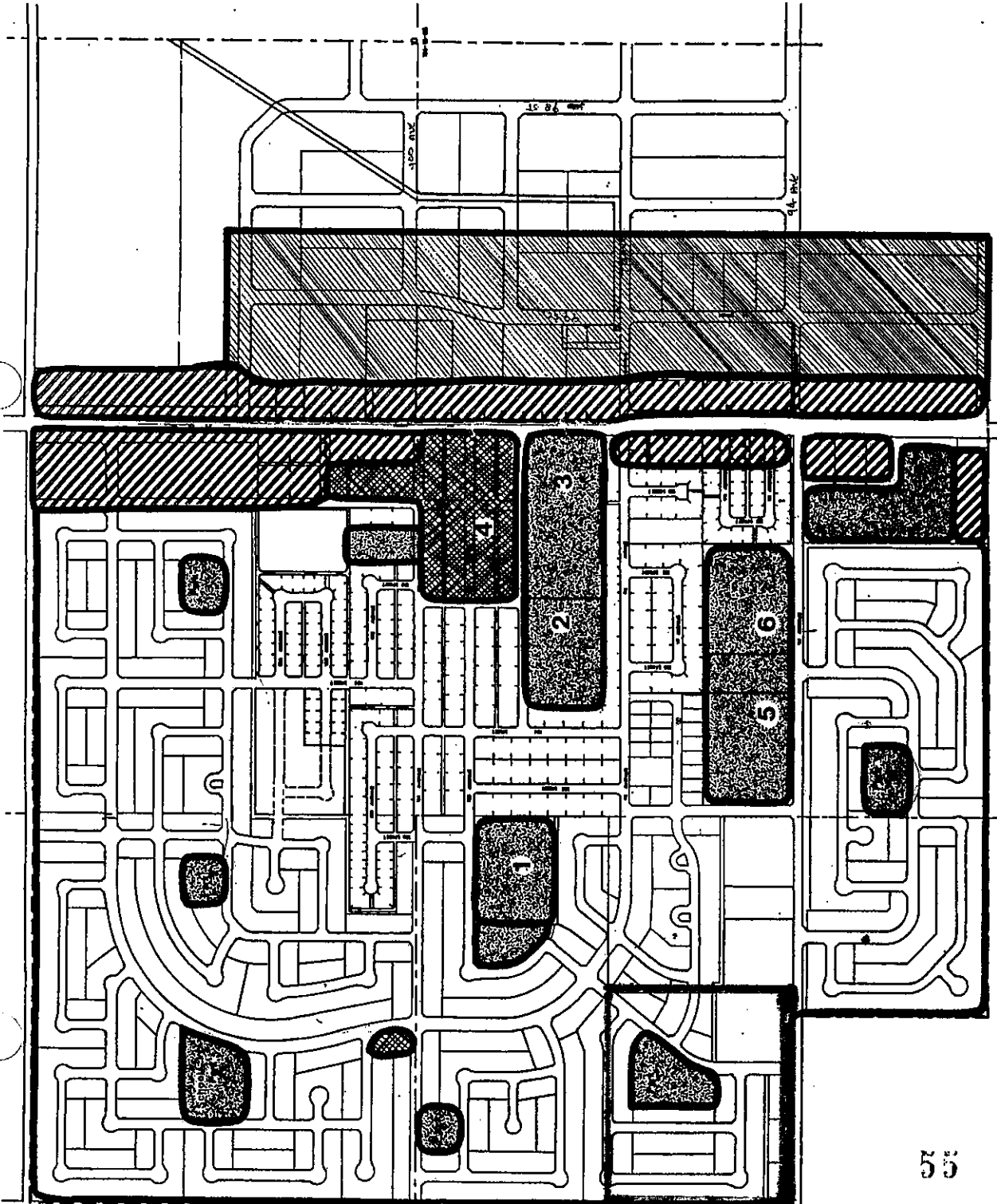
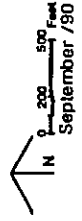





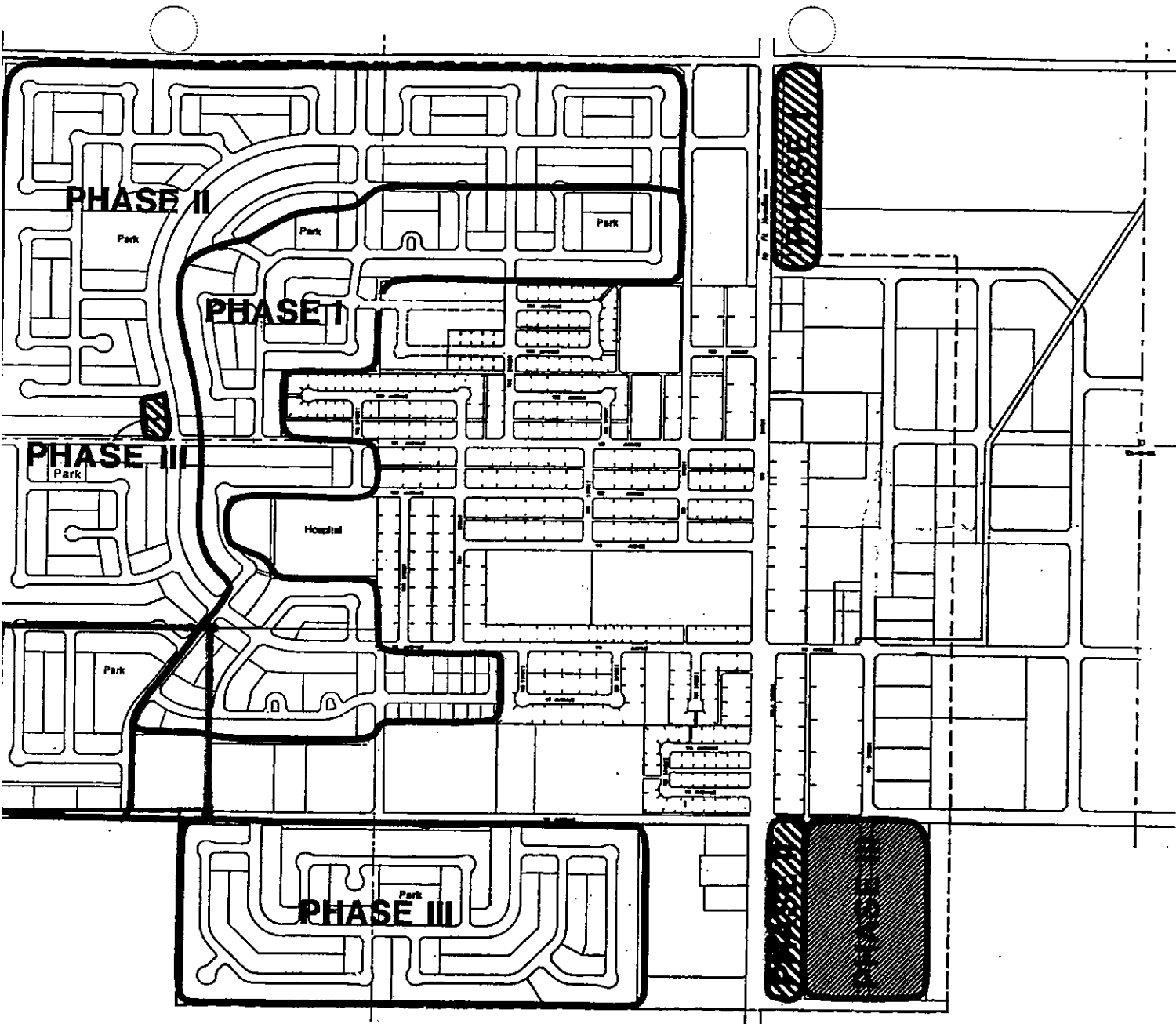
FIGURE 4:

PHASING OF  
DEVELOPMENT

-  Residential
-  Commercial
-  Industrial

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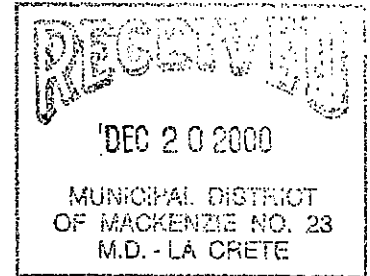
*Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency*

P.O. Box 450, Berwyn, Alberta TOH OEO

December 15, 2000  
File: LUB-6D-MD23

Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
Box 1690  
La Crete, AB  
TOH 2HO

**ATTENTION:** Scott Skinner  
Development Officer  
Protective and Community Services



Dear Scott:

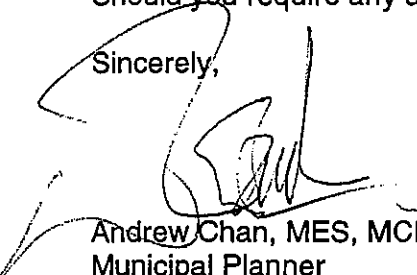
**RE: Proposed Bylaw No. 236/00 as an Amendment to the existing Land-Use Bylaw**

I am pleased to forward the following documents for the public hearing to be held on January 9, 2001 with regard to the subject Bylaw amendment.

1. Our report on the proposed amendment to the Land-Use Bylaw,
2. A draft Bylaw,
3. The notice of the public hearing, and
4. Schedule "A", Bylaw No. 236/00.

Should you require any additional assistance in this regard, please feel free to contact me.

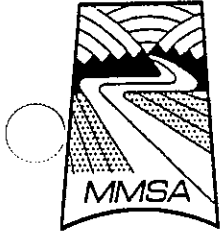
Sincerely,

  
Andrew Chan, MES, MCIP, PIBC  
Municipal Planner  
MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY

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## Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency

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P.O. Box 450, Berwyn, Alberta TOH OEO

December 14, 2000  
File: LUB-6D-MD23

Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
Box 1690  
La Crete, AB  
TOH 2HO

**ATTENTION:** Paul Driedger,  
Director of Planning, Development,  
Protective and Community Services

Dear Reeve Neufeld and Council:

**RE: Proposed Bylaw No. 236/00 as an Amendment to the existing Land-Use Bylaw**

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 with comments on a proposed amendment to the existing Land-Use Bylaw with regard to a parcel of land that covers approximately 2.9 acres and is known as Pt. SW-09-106-15-W5M shown on Schedule "A" hereto attached.

The applicant has an intention to develop the subject land for residential uses permitted under the provisions of the existing Land-Use Bylaw. The subject property is located within the Hamlet of La Crete, southwest of the existing development area. The La Crete Community Development Plan within which the subject property is located contemplates Hamlet Residential development with a prescribed subdivision road pattern and parkland. The applicant is requesting for a rezoning in order to change Schedule "C" of Bylaw No. 093/97 for the subject property from existing Agricultural District 2 ("A-2") to Hamlet Residential District 1 ("HR-1").

The following comments are provided for the consideration of Council:

1. According to the provisions of the Land-Use Bylaw the proposed land-use designation of Hamlet Residential District 1 ("HR-1") will allow for, among the other things, the development of Single Detached Dwelling, Park and Public Use. In addition, all of the abutting lands situated north of 94 Avenue falls within "HR-1" District. Thus, if such an amendment is approved it would be unlikely to create any major land-use conflict between the future development on the subject property and those on the abutting lands. Furthermore, the permitted land uses within "HR-1" District are in conformity with the land-use designations (Residential and Public/Institutional as shown in Figure 3 of the La Crete Community Development Plan) and with the development policies stipulated in the same document approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in 1991. Therefore, the planning

staff of the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) is of the opinion that the proposed amendment is generally in line with the spirit of the Municipal Development Plan.

2. Sections 3.3 and 3.6 of the said Municipal Development Plan also stipulate:

- That in developing new residential areas due considerations shall be given to open-space allocation, internal road network, pathway system and other essential components of residential areas, and
- That in order to meet the needs of the residents, sufficient community parks, neighborhood recreational areas, and other forms of open-space shall be provided in appropriate locations.

Due to the lack of information on the type(s) and detailed configuration of the proposed development, the planning staff is unable, at this point in time, to assess the appropriateness of the proposal based on the policies of the Municipal Development Plan and the provisions of the Land-Use Bylaw. Until such time when a concrete proposal is submitted together with detailed statistics and design the MMSA will like to have an opportunity to review and provide further comments on the proposal. In conclusion, the MMSA has no objection to this preliminary proposal to amend the Land-Use Bylaw for the subject property from "A-2" to "HR-1".

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the foregoing comments, the MMSA Staff recommend:

1. That proposed Bylaw No. 236/00 as an amendment to Land-Use Bylaw No. 093/97 for the purpose of changing the land-use designation of the subject property, know as Part of SW 09-106-15-W5M as shown on Schedule "A" of this report, from Agricultural District "A-2" to Hamlet Residential District "HR-1" be approved subject to the condition that the subject property shall not be developed until Council has reviewed and approved detailed statistical data and design related to the proposed development on the subject property, and
2. That this approval shall not be construed as a final approval for the issuing of a development permit.

Respectfully submitted,

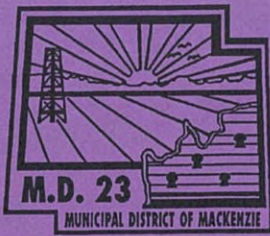


Andrew Chan, MES, MCIP, PIBC  
Municipal Planner  
MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY

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# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	January 09, 2001
Originated By:	Planning & Development
Title:	<b>Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Bylaw 239/00) NE 23-107-14-W5M Agricultural District 1 to Highway Development District</b>
Agenda Item No:	5b) and 8b)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Mr. David Friesen is requesting a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to accommodate Highway Development District, the property is currently zoned Agricultural District 1. Mr. Friesen has had the Highway Development District Bylaw amended to include Vehicle/Ancillary Equipment Sales.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:


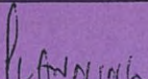

The subject property is located 12 miles northeast from the Hamlet of La Crete boundary. The applicant has requested to rezone the Friesen's General Store yard site. They wish to be permitted to sell Used Vehicles from this site. There will only be two or three vehicles on display at the subject property at any given time. This would be allowed in the Land Use Bylaw under Highway Development District "HD". This land use bylaw was recently amended in Bylaw 226/00 which was passed on September 19, 2000.

#### **5.4.A Highway Development District "HD"**

The General purpose of this district is to regulate development adjacent to primary and secondary highways. Development should be restricted to that which is required to serve the motoring public.

#### **A. PERMITTED USES**

- (1) Extensive agriculture and farm building.

Review: 	Dept. 	C.A.O. 
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## B. DISCRETIONARY USES

- (1) Ancillary building and use.
- (2) Bulk fuel sales.
- (3) Convenience store
- (4) Highway maintenance yard.
- (5) Institutional and public use.
- (6) Motels, hotel.
- (7) Public use.
- (8) Recreation vehicle park.
- (9) Restaurant.
- (10) Security suite.
- (11) Service station. (Bylaw 181/99)
- (12) **Vehicle/Ancillary equipment sales. (Bylaw 226/00)**

## C. MINIMUM LOT AREA

- (1) As required by Council.

## D. MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK

As specified by the transportation approving authority, but in no case less than 40.8 metres (134 feet) from the edge of the highway right of way.

## E. MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK OR REAR YARD

15.2 Metres (50 feet) or as determined by the Development Officer.

## F. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

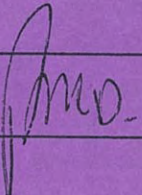
The Development Officer may decide on such other requirements as necessary having due regard to the nature of a proposed development and the purpose of this District.

## COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable

## RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That Council proceeds with Second & Third Reading to Bylaw 239/00.

Review: 	Dept. <u>PLANNING</u>	C.A.O.
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BYLAW NO. 239/00

BEING A BYLAW OF  
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
TO AMEND THE EXISTING LAND-USE BYLAW NO.093/97 OF  
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23

**WHEREAS**, Council of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, in the Province of Alberta, has adopted Land-Use Bylaw No. 093/97 of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23,

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 has the General Municipal Plan approved in 1994 and further amended in 1995 by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs of the Province of Alberta,

**WHEREAS**, Council of the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 has deemed it desirable to amend the said Land-Use Bylaw in order to accommodate a used-motor-vehicle dealership on the subject land. and

**NOW THEREFORE**, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the land-use designation of the subject land, known as part of NW 23-107-14-W5M, Lot 4 Plan 932 3615, and situated within the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, be changed from Agricultural District 1 ("A-1") to Highway Development District ("HD") as shown on Schedule "A", and
2. That this bylaw shall come into effect upon the passing of the third and final reading of this resolution.

First reading given on the 5th day of December, 2000.

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Bill Neufeld, Reeve

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Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Second Reading given on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Bill Neufeld, Reeve

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Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Third Reading and Assent given on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.



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Bill Neufeld, Reeve

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Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant

Approved

Refused

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Sandra Cross, Official Administrator  
Municipal Affairs

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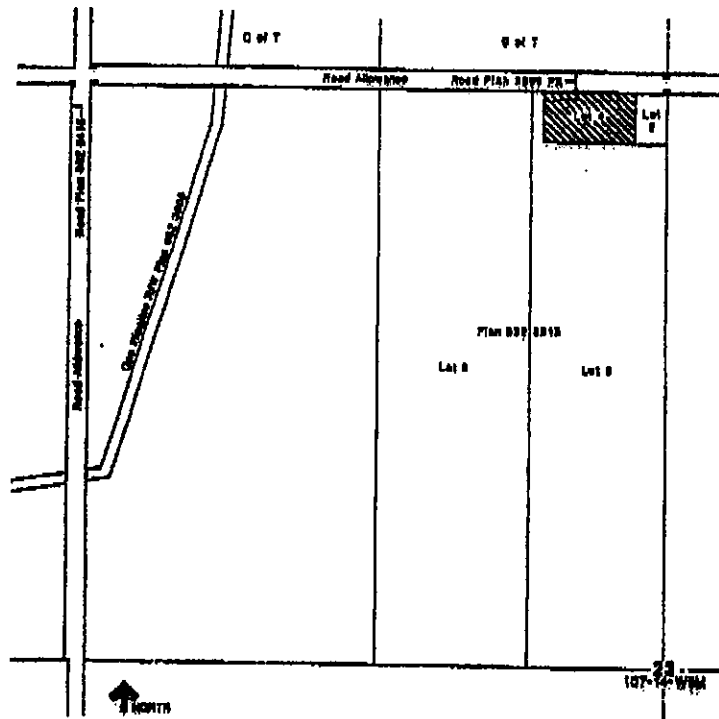


**SCHEDULE "A"**

**Bylaw No. 239/00**

1. That the following property:

- (i) Pt. NW 23-107-14-W5M be amended from Agricultural District 1 "A 1" to Highway Development District "HD", as described below:



**FROM:** Agricultural District 1 "A1"

**TO:** Highway Development District "HD"

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**Bill Neufeld, Reeve**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Eva Schmidt, Executive Assistant**

**EFFECTIVE THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.**





MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
P. O. Box 640, Fort Vermillion, AB T0H 1N0  
Phone (780) 927-3718 Fax (780) 927-4266

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE APPLICATION NO.
RECEIPT NO.

Complete if Different From Applicant

NAME OF APPLICANT DAVID FRIESEN		
ADDRESS		
POSTAL CODE	TELEPHONE (Res.)	(Bus.)

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER John Friesen		
ADDRESS		
POSTAL CODE	TELEPHONE (Res.)	(Bus.)

Legal description of the land affected by the proposed amendment:

QTR./LS.	SEC.	TWP.	RG.	M.
A. NW	23	107	14	5

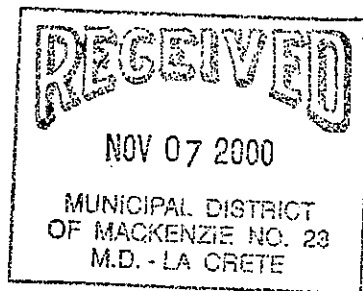
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REGISTERED PLAN NO.	BLOCK	LOT

Land Use classification amendment proposed:

FROM: A-1 TO: Highway Development Distr  
"HD"

Reasons supporting proposed amendment



I/We have enclosed the required Application Fee of \$ 150.00

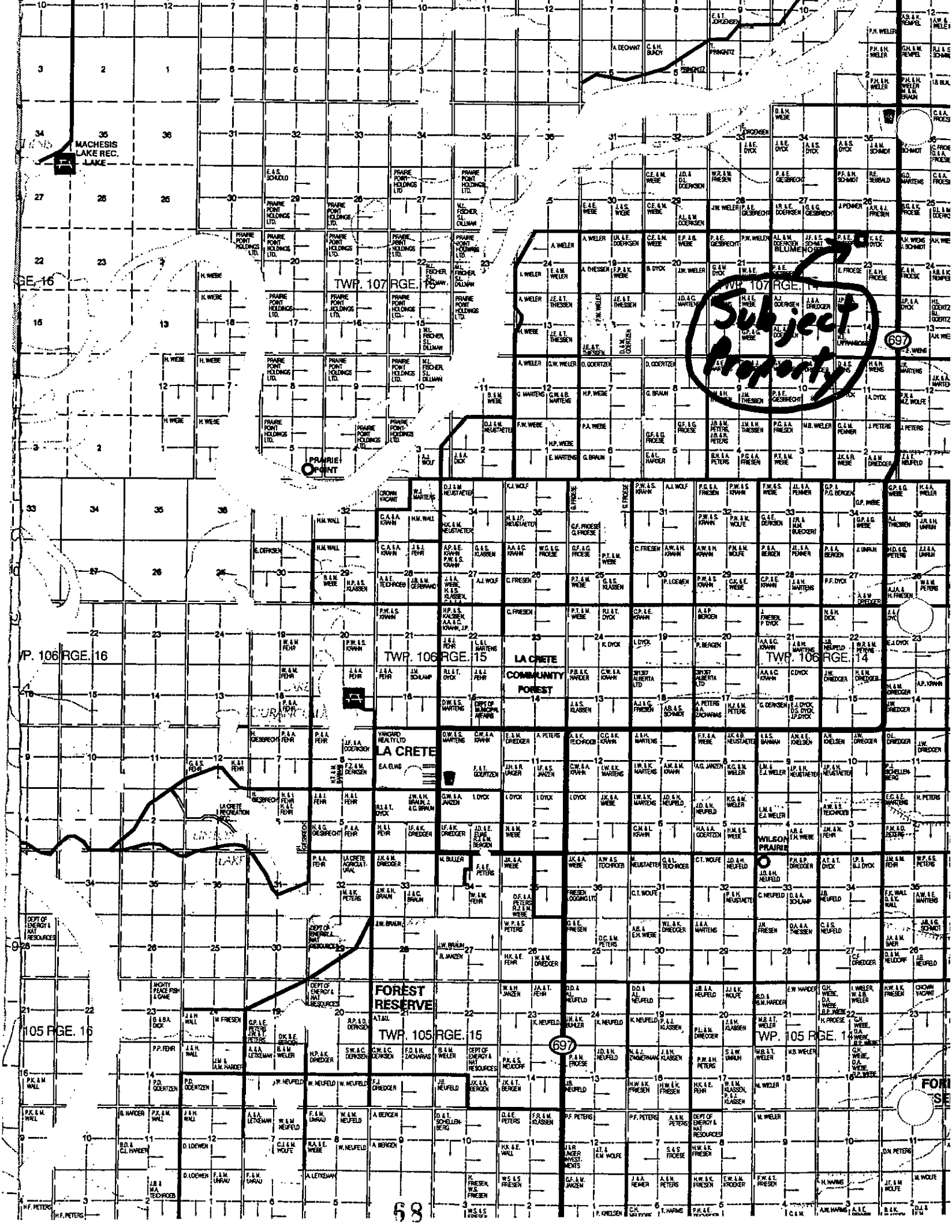
NOTE:  
Registered Owner's  
signature required  
if different from  
applicant.

AUG 29 2000  
DATE

[Signature]  
APPLICANT

AUG 29 2000  
DATE

John Friesen  
REGISTERED OWNER



**Subject Property**

MACHESIS LAKE REC. LAKE

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P. 106 RGE. 16

105 RGE. 16

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LA CRETE COMMUNITY FOREST

FOREST RESERVE

DEPT. OF ENERGY & NAT. RESOURCES

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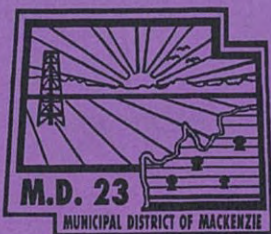
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# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
Meeting Date:	January 09, 2001
Originated By:	Paul Driedger
Title:	<b>Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) NEW MUNICIPAL REQUISITIONS</b>
Agenda Item No:	8c)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

As Council is aware, MMSA had been reviewing the current rate structure requisitioned to their member municipalities. Harvey and I attended the Municipal Administrators meeting in June 2000 at MMSA where different rate structures and MMSA services were looked at. Attached is a letter from Michael Otis to myself outlining the new municipal requisitions as adopted by the Agency on November 02, 2000. The new requisitions are to be implemented commencing January 01, 2001.

Also attached is the MMSA Staff Report on funding options with the recommendations adopted by the Agency.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:


The new requisitions reflect what was discussed at the meeting we attended in June, 2000 but with all the changes that have occurred with MMSA, Council should consider annual contracts instead of a 3 year contract as indicated in the letter.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Costs would be \$40,000 annually. There could be additional costs if we requested MMSA to take on large projects such as reviewing our complete Land Use Bylaw, Municipal Development Plan, Area Structure Plans, etc.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

Enter into a 1 year contract with Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency with details of services to be negotiated by administration, for an annual amount of \$40,000.

Review:	Dept.	C.A.O. 
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December 5, 2000  
File:

Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23  
Box 1680  
La Crete, Alberta  
T0H 2H0

**ATTENTION:** Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, Development,  
Protective and Community Services

Dear Paul:

**RE: New Requisitions-MMSA**

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Further to our conversation, I am providing you with information on the new Municipal requisitions for MMSA as adopted by the Agency at their regular meeting held on November 2, 2000. Commencing on January 1, 2001, the annual requisitions for Member Municipalities will be based upon \$8/capita with a maximum cap of \$40,000, which applies to M.D. No.23. There would also be 3 Year contracts commencing in 2001. It should be noted that the idea of a \$40,000 cap came out of the Municipal Administrators' meeting we held in June, which was attended by yourself and the M.D's C.A.O. Although it will not affect your M.D initially the \$8/capita requisition will be based upon 1986 Canada Census figures and will be adjusted in 2002, once the 2001 Census is available.

I am also attaching a copy of the Staff Report on funding options, which contains four recommendations adopted by the Agency. We are in the process of revising the standard municipal contracts, which will be sent out to the Member Municipalities along with the invoices, reflecting the new Requisitions. If you have any questions please contact me. On behalf of the Agency, I would like to thank the M.D. Council and its Staff for continued interest in and support of MMSA and look forward to providing planning services in 2001 and beyond. We wish you a happy Holiday and a great New Year!

Yours truly,

Michael Otis, MES, MCIP, ACP  
Director of Planning, MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY  
Attachment





## Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency

P.O. Box 450, Berwyn, Alberta T0H 0E0

October 12, 2000

Veronica Bliska, Chairman  
and Agency Members

### RE: MUNICIPAL FUNDING OPTIONS

Further to the July 14<sup>th</sup> Agency meeting, Staff prepared a number of Municipal Funding Options based upon assessment and distributed these to Member Municipalities for review and comments. These options were based upon 100% funding through Assessment, 50% Assessment/50% Population, as well as, funding coming from 25% Assessment/75% Population (see attached chart). Each of these options had two variants – being a "0" deficit and an annual deficit of \$50,000.

Based on all the Municipal comments received to date, it can be concluded that the majority of Member Municipalities (9 out of 11) favour either the original Option #2 (\$10 per capita) or Option #3 (\$8 per capita). The MD of Fairview favours an Assessment based upon 50% Assessment with a \$50,000 annual deficit. The Town of Fairview would prefer Option #4 – Flat rate with villages at a lower amount \$3,750. It can be concluded that the majority of Member Municipalities would favour Option #3, \$8 per capita. It is also noted that MD No. 22, who have recently indicated interest in rejoining the MMSA, have also indicated their preference for \$8 per capita.

The other issue to resolve is the matter of capping of annual contributions, which was originally recommended at \$40,000 per annum. MMSA staff is of the opinion that there should be an annual cap and that \$40,000 is reasonable. This is based on the following reasons:

1. The MD of Mackenzie No. 23 is the only Municipality that would be directly affected if there were no cap. MD No. 23 is currently paying \$33,284; if there is no cap, their annual contribution increases significantly to \$63,840 (at \$8 per capita) and \$79,800 (at \$10 per capita). Their recent decision to rejoin the Agency was based, at least in part, on the concept of annual contributions being capped at \$40,000 per year.
2. Even though larger municipalities, such as the MD of Mackenzie, generate a considerable amount of work for the Agency, it is doubtful whether there would be greater than \$40,000 worth of Planning work generated in any given year.



3. \$40,000 is felt to be a psychological breakpoint beyond which a municipality would seriously consider leaving the Agency and hiring its own Planner. This is felt to be the case even if there are additional costs of retaining a Municipal Planner. The \$40,000 cap also provides an incentive to attracting new members, who can be assured that their annual contribution will not exceed the established cap and that they are receiving value for money spent.

In addition to the foregoing, it is noted that the proposed municipal requisitions are based upon 1996 Canada Census figures. The next Census is scheduled for 2001 and it is likely that these figures should be available starting in 2002. If Municipal requisitions are to be based upon official population figures (the concept that demand for planning services increases as population increases), it would be logical to adjust the Municipal requisitions, once the 2001 census figures become available.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Based on the foregoing, it is recommended:**

1. That the MMSA enter into three-year contracts with the Member Municipalities commencing January 1, 2001.
2. That \$8 per capita be considered as the basis for determining MMSA Municipal contributions. This should be based upon the 1996 Census figures and updated, commencing in 2002, once the 2001 Census figures become available.
3. That a cap of \$40,000 be established for annual municipal contributions for the 2001-2003 period.
4. That the MMSA continue with its efforts to recruit new member municipalities and increase fee-for-service contracts with non-member municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Otis, MES, MCIP, ACP  
Director of Planning,  
MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY

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Attachments

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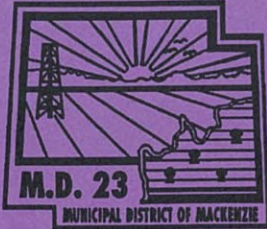
# RESPONSES TO FUNDING OPTIONS

October 2000

Municipality	Preference
Village of Berwyn	\$8 per capita
Village of Hines Creek	\$10 per capita
Village of Nampa	\$8 per capita; would accept \$10/ capita if other Municipalities agree to that option
Town of Fairview	Option 4 – Flat rate with \$3750 for villages
Town of Grimshaw	\$8 per capita
Town of Manning	\$10 per capita; concerned with capping
Town of Rainbow Lake	\$8 per capita
MD of Clear Hills No. 21	\$8 per capita
MD of Fairview No. 136	Prefer Assessment/Population based upon either A(2)(b) or A(3)(b) i.e. 50% of Assessment/50% of Population with \$50,000 deficit or 25% Assessment/75% Population with \$50,000 deficit; concerned with capping
MD of Mackenzie No. 23	\$8 per capita definitely with \$40,000 cap
MD of Peace No. 135	\$10 per capita; agree with \$40,000 cap

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## M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23

### Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Chris Kelland, Agricultural Services
Title:	<b>Agricultural Service Board Chair</b>
Agenda Item No:	10a)

#### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Section 3 (2) of the Agricultural Service Board Act states that the Council is to determine the Chair for the A.S.B. The two councilors on the A.S.B. decided between themselves that Mr. Newman would serve as Chair as Mr. Peters will be working off farm this winter. The Council should formalize this arrangement by appointing Councilor Newman as Chair for the Agricultural Service Board.

#### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

N/A

#### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That Council appoint Councilor Greg Newman Chair of the Agricultural Service Board.

Review:	Dept. <i>CK.</i>	C.A.O. <i>[Signature]</i>
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10c)

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December 20, 2000

Albert Klapstein, M.L.A.  
Chair, Sustainable Management of  
Livestock in Alberta Committee  
513 Legislature Building  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Mr. Klapstein:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C), I am pleased to offer our formal submission to the Sustainable Management of Livestock in Alberta Committee.

As you are no doubt aware, Alberta's rural municipalities have been under significant and increasing pressure in recent years as a result of the continuing expansion of the intensive livestock industry in this province.

Rural municipalities are strong supporters of the responsible and sustainable growth of all aspects of our agricultural sector, recognizing its importance not only for strong rural communities but indeed for the overall economic and societal strength of our province and our nation. Intensive livestock operations form a vital part of our overall agricultural economy, and rural municipal governments actively support the healthy development of this sector.

At the same time, rural municipalities are increasingly confronted with growing public concern regarding the impacts of intensive livestock operations on neighbouring landowners, local water tables, and even "quality of life" issues such as odour. Farm and non-farm residents alike are expressing growing levels of concern and in some cases open opposition to the expansion of the intensive livestock industry in Alberta.

The AAMD&C and its members recognize that some level of controversy may be inevitable with respect to intensive livestock issues, as there will always be individuals on both sides of the debate who are unwilling to accept compromise solutions. At the same time, it is clear that some kind of action must be taken to address public concerns and increase public confidence in the safety and environmental responsibility of intensive livestock operations, if this industry is to continue to develop in Alberta.

AAMD&C member municipalities have spoken very clearly on this issue, by way of Resolution 4-00F endorsed by delegates to our recent 2000 Fall Convention (copy attached). This resolution calls for the implementation and enforcement of regulations that address environmental, public health, and nuisance concerns related to the intensive livestock industry, while leaving the responsibility for the land use approval and appeal process to local municipalities.

The AAMD&C believes that this proposal represents the most realistic and responsible option for allowing the continued development of the intensive livestock industry, while ensuring that adequate health and environmental safeguards are in place and public confidence is increased to a reasonable level.

Rural municipalities are clearly best positioned to understand and determine local land use priorities. Decisions regarding the appropriate land use classification for zones within a municipality are reasonably straightforward and reflect local community standards, and are therefore best determined and enforced at the local level.

On the other hand, the determination of appropriate technical and scientific standards relating to intensive livestock operations, to ensure public and environmental health and safety, is well beyond the expertise or capability of most municipal governments. The AAMD&C and its members believe that these standards should be developed by the provincial government, in consultation with affected stakeholders, and should then be applied and enforced by the provincial government.

On behalf of the AAMD&C Board and members, I strongly encourage you and your fellow Committee members to support this recommendation as endorsed by our membership. This proposal places responsibility for each decision in the hands of those most suitably-placed to make and enforce those decisions: local governments for land use decisions, and the provincial government for scientific and technical standards.

In closing, I wish you and your colleagues success in fulfilling your very challenging mandate. Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any element of our submission in further detail.

Yours truly,

Jack Hayden  
President

JH/gs

Attachment

**RESOLUTION 4-00F****INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS****COUNTY OF LETHBRIDGE****Carried as Amended**

WHEREAS the long term future of rural Alberta requires a sustainable and viable agriculture industry;

AND WHEREAS there is significant economic benefit realized from investment in value added agricultural processing;

AND WHEREAS future investment in the intensive livestock industry will require public support throughout the approval process;

AND WHEREAS a contributing factor to the opposition against industry growth is the lack of regulation over the environmental and public health aspects of intensive livestock operations;

AND WHEREAS there is sufficient capacity in Alberta to provide for industry expansion;

AND WHEREAS municipalities wish to retain their delegated responsibility for land use approvals but do not have resources to address technical, environmental, and health issues related to intensive livestock operations;

AND WHEREAS a sustainable expansion of the intensive livestock industry will require the application of uniform standards throughout the Province.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties request the support of the provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development in the implementation and enforcement of regulations that address environmental, public health, and nuisance concerns, to maintain a sustainable and viable livestock industry, while leaving the responsibility for the land use approval and appeal process to the municipality.

**ENDORSED BY FOOTHILLS LITTLE BOW ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS & COUNTIES.**



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LARRY GOODHOPE - Executive Director

December 20, 2000

TO ALL AAMD&C MEMBERS:

Re: Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee

I am attaching for your information a copy of the AAMD&C's formal submission to the Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee, chaired by Leduc MLA Albert Klapstein.

The submission is based wholly on Resolution 4-00F, which was endorsed by delegates to the recent 2000 Fall Convention.

The AAMD&C would also like to remind all members that Mr. Klapstein's committee will be holding regional public meetings throughout Alberta in late January. We encourage all members to attend the meeting in your area, and reinforce the position stated in the attached AAMD&C submission.

Please note that regional meetings are scheduled as follows:

January 22	Lethbridge	January 29	Vermillion
January 24	Airdrie	January 31	Barrhead
January 26	Red Deer	February 2	Grande Prairie

For more information on the regional meetings, or to schedule a presentation to the committee, please contact Louise Starling in Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development, at 403-340-5306. The Committee will also accept written submissions, until January 15, 2001.

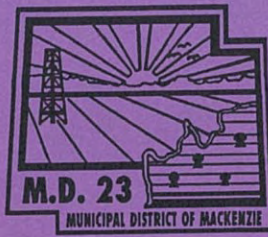
Yours truly,

Larry Goodhope  
Executive Director

LG/gs

Attachment

# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Harvey Prockiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	<b>Grant for Nichols Revenue Sharing Studies</b>
Agenda Item No:	11a)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The Provincial Government has committed to funding the Revenue Sharing Studies undertaken by the Tri Council.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

Municipal Affairs has requested that Council pass a motion to appoint the Town of High Level as the project manager to apply for a grant to pay Nichols Applied Management for the Revenue Sharing Study done on behalf of the Tri Council. With the resolution, the Town of High Level will be the only one applying for the grant and paying Nichols.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That the Town of High Level shall be appointed as managing partner to apply for a grant of \$69,634.78 from Alberta Municipal Affairs to pay for consulting services from Nichols Applied Management for the Mackenzie Region Revenue Sharing Study.

Review:

Dept.

C.A.O.





**RESOLUTION**

That the Town of High Level shall be appointed as managing partner to apply for a grant of \$69,634.78 from Alberta Municipal Affairs to pay for consulting services from Nichols Applied Management for the Mackenzie Region Revenue Sharing Study.

**TOWN OF HIGH LEVEL**

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Chief Elected Official

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Chief Administrative Officer

**TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE**

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Chief Elected Official

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Chief Administrative Officer

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23**

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Chief Elected Official

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Chief Administrative Officer





# M.D. of Mackenzie No. 23



## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Harvey Prockiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	<b>Education Property Tax Final Report – AAMD&amp;C Member Advisory Committee</b>
Agenda Item No:	11 b)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Attached is the final report of the AAMD&C Member Advisory Committee on Education Property Tax as endorsed at the 2000 AAMD&C Fall Convention.

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

AAMD&C will use the report in an effort to achieve the elimination of education property tax. Councils are encouraged to use the report in an effort to gain support from the local MLA.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That a letter be written to Gary Friedel, MLA – Peace River, supporting the elimination of the Education Property Tax as endorsed by way of Resolution No. 23-00F at the 2000 Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Fall Convention, and solicit Mr. Friedel's support as well.

Review:

Dept.

C.A.O.





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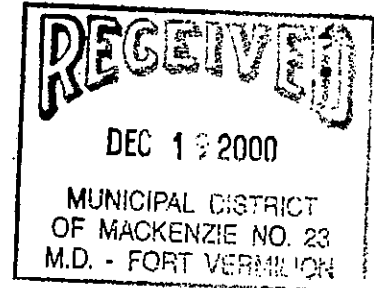
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LARRY GOODHOPE - Executive Director

December 13, 2000

TO ALL AAMD&C MEMBERS:

**Re: Education Property Tax**



I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Final Report of the AAMD&C Member Advisory Committee on Education Property Tax.

This report was formally endorsed by delegates to the recent 2000 AAMD&C Fall Convention, by way of Resolution No. 23-00F. The AAMD&C will now utilize the recommendations provided within the report in our efforts to achieve the elimination of education tax on residential and agricultural properties. We also encourage all member Councils to make use of the report in your own efforts to gain support on this issue from your local MLA's.

On behalf of the AAMD&C Board and members, I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the members of the Advisory Committee, who worked so hard and so well on your behalf:

Ron Pepper, Beaver County  
Tony Yelenik, M.D. of Greenview  
Bill Knight, Lacombe County  
Don Mosicki, Leduc County  
Layne Johnson, County of Lethbridge  
Margaret Loewen, County of Newell  
Tim Peterson, County of Paintearth

Brian Grant, M.D. of Peace  
Lucien Turcotte, M.D. of Smoky River  
Barry McLeod, Starland County  
Don Gulayec, County of Two Hills  
Emma Hult, County of Warner  
Don Currie, Westlock County  
Frank Coutney, County of Wetaskiwin

The success of this committee is just one more example of the excellent support and tremendous insight and guidance that this Association continues to receive from our membership body.

Yours truly,

  
Jack/Hayden  
President

JH/gs

Attachment





*Alberta Association Of  
Municipal Districts  
& Counties*

*Advisory Committee on  
Education Property Tax*

*Final Report*

November 2000

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## *Introduction*

The property tax base has traditionally provided a reliable source of revenue for Alberta school boards, directly at first and via the Government of Alberta since 1994. In recent decades, however, the fairness of utilizing property tax revenue to fund education services has increasingly come into question, particularly by local municipal governments. This debate has substantially increased in intensity since 1994, when the Government of Alberta assumed control over education property taxes and implemented a uniform provincial education tax rate.

Municipal governments are steadily losing their flexibility to establish municipal tax rates as the portion of local property tax revenues being absorbed by the education system continues to grow. Ratepayers insist that municipal tax rates remain constant, or even decline, in order to avoid any increases in the overall property tax burden.

Meanwhile, ratepayers in communities with higher than average growth rates express increasing unrest as complications arising from the interplay of market value assessment and the uniform provincial education tax rate come to light. Fingers are increasingly pointed outwards, to communities with lower growth rates, as being somehow responsible for this situation, and therefore responsible for funding any solution to the problem. The Government of Alberta's recent capping of equalized assessment for education funding purposes is an attempt to address the concerns of high growth communities, but this solution has also served to create increased tensions between municipalities.

Similar frustrations are being echoed by property taxpayers across Canada, as the very philosophy of funding education via property tax revenue comes increasingly under attack.

The AAMD&C membership expressed their collective opinion on this matter at the 1999 Fall Convention, when they endorsed Resolution 11-99F (see Appendix Three). This resolution calls for the phase-out of education property tax on residential and agricultural properties, as the primary means of tax relief granted by the Government of Alberta to its citizens.

At the Spring 2000 Convention, AAMD&C members endorsed Resolution ER4-00S (see Appendix Four), directing that a member advisory committee be established, to provide the Association with advice on how to achieve the goals set out in Resolution 11-99F. The committee was established in May of 2000, and held four meetings between June and September 2000 (see Appendix Five for a listing of Committee members). This report is the culmination of the efforts of that committee.



## *Issues Driving the Debate*

The Interim Report of the MLA Committee on Education Property Tax, released in September 1999, provides an excellent summary of the key issues surrounding the current education property tax system. The AAMD&C Advisory Committee believes that the following issues are particularly relevant from a municipal perspective:

### *Fairness Issues*

- Property owners are being taxed in support of a service which does not directly benefit their property.
- The amount of education property tax paid often has very little correlation with the individual taxpayer's ability to pay, as property is only one of many possible investment destinations for personal wealth.
- Rapid growth in market values in certain Alberta communities has resulted in taxpayers within those communities paying substantially more in education property tax than taxpayers with similar properties in communities with lower market values. The province's response, a decision to cap equalized assessments for the purpose of education funding, has partially relieved the financial burden on high growth municipalities, but has also contributed to increased tensions between municipalities.
- Different types of properties are assessed according to different standards (e.g. farmland is assessed based upon productive value, residential property is assessed based upon market value, etc.) While these valuation methods are perfectly legitimate, the provincial pooling of education property taxes has led to concerns on the part of some parties that other property owners may be receiving preferential treatment as a result of the method of assessing their property.

### *Local Autonomy & Accountability Issues*

- Municipalities are often held accountable by ratepayers for education property taxes, which in fact are beyond the control of the local municipal government. The collection of education property taxes by local municipalities on behalf of the provincial government significantly clouds the accountability of those who actually determine the rate and amount of tax collected.
- The education system continues to absorb an increasing proportion of total property tax collected, greatly reducing municipal flexibility to establish appropriate municipal tax rates. In many cases, municipal governments have felt compelled to minimize municipal tax rates based not upon the municipality's budgetary requirements, but in response to ratepayer insistence that the overall property tax bill not increase.

## *Challenges to the Elimination of Education Property Tax*

In examining the issues listed above, the Advisory Committee noted that the implementation of the recommendations put forward in Resolution 11-99F would effectively address all of these issues.

However, the Committee also realized that there are a significant number of obstacles which must be addressed in order to obtain provincial and public support for the elimination of education property tax on residential and agricultural properties. These issues can be summarized as follows:

### *Financial Issues:*

- Ensuring appropriate funding for education programs.
- Ensuring a competitive tax regime.
- Replacing the lost revenue (if education property tax was eliminated).
- Volatility of provincial revenues (particularly resource royalties).
- Possible imposed "trade-off" of increased responsibilities to municipalities in return for "tax room".
- Municipalities will occupy the vacated tax space.
- Municipal reserves create an illusion of excessive municipal wealth.

### *Fairness Issues:*

- What is the fairest way to fund a people service like education?
- Overall fairness of the property tax system.
- Fairness between urban and rural ratepayers (e.g. taxation of residences, farmland assessment policies, etc.)
- Volatility of market value.
- Varying impact between municipalities.
- Capping of Equalized Assessment for education property tax purposes.

### *"Political" Issues:*

- Building consensus among stakeholders.

## *Meeting the Challenges*

Through thorough discussion of the many obstacles to meaningful change in the education funding system, the AAMD&C Advisory Committee on Education Property Tax has come to the conclusion that there are logical and defensible responses to each of the issues identified as a potential obstacle. More specifically, the Committee proposes to respond to each apparent challenge as follows:

### *Ensuring appropriate funding for education programs.*

The Committee agrees that a properly functioning and appropriately funded public education system is critical to Alberta's continued economic prosperity and social development. However, the fairness and efficiency of the system by which funding revenue is collected also has a substantial impact on these matters. While property tax has provided a stable source of revenue for Alberta's education system for many years, the fairness of this system leaves much to be desired. The Government of Alberta has a wide variety of existing and potential revenue sources which may be drawn upon to ensure sufficient funding of education services in the future. Many of these alternative revenue sources are significantly more equitable and potentially more efficient than the continued use of property taxation to fund education services. The Committee also notes that numerous jurisdictions in other parts of the world, and even within Canada, do not make use of property tax revenue in funding their education systems.

### *Ensuring a competitive tax regime*

The Committee agrees that Alberta must maintain a competitive overall tax regime, to ensure continued economic and social development, and meet the challenges of the global economy. The Committee further supports the province's current direction in refusing to implement a provincial retail sales tax. The Alberta Government has done a commendable job in recent years in overcoming significant deficit problems and moving toward elimination of provincial debt, while at the same time maintaining Alberta's tax advantages. The Committee believes that the elimination of education property tax would be a major step in further strengthening "the Alberta Advantage", and ensuring that Alberta remains the location of choice for many of Canada's best and brightest economic, academic and entrepreneurial minds. The Committee also recognizes that low taxes are not sufficient to ensure prosperity or competitiveness, and believes that local and global business leaders share this sentiment. For this reason, the Committee reiterates the importance of the first point noted above, the need to ensure appropriate funding for the education system. It is the combination of strong education programs and a competitive tax regime that will be the key to ensuring that Alberta retains its place as a national and global leader in growth and prosperity.

*Replacing the lost revenue (if education property tax was eliminated).*

The Committee believes that the Government of Alberta already has access to sufficient revenue to properly fund education programs, as well as all other necessary provincial programs and initiatives. Therefore, the Committee strongly recommends that the province should not seek to replace the revenues lost by elimination of education property tax, but should instead eliminate this tax as the primary element of "tax relief" provided to Alberta citizens. While it is recognized that the current "boom" in energy resource revenue will not last forever, the Committee believes that the reinvestment of property tax reductions by individual taxpayers will lead to increased provincial revenues (similar to the experience with the elimination of education property tax on Machinery & Equipment properties). If, at some point, the province does need to turn to other revenue sources in order to maintain appropriate funding for provincial programs, the Committee believes that the provincial government is best placed to determine which of these sources, or which combination of these sources, would be most appropriate. Some of the alternatives which the committee has identified, and which the Government of Alberta may wish to consider, include the following:

- Savings flowing from the repayment of provincial debt (e.g. reduced debt servicing costs);
- Increased income tax revenues (the Committee believes that the province will realize increased income tax revenues simply due to economic growth. And, while the Committee does not recommend any increase in actual income taxation rates, it is believed that raising the proposed 10.5% flat rate to about 11.5% would generate roughly the same amount of additional revenue currently provided by the education tax on residential and agricultural properties.);
- Increased royalty rates for the oil and gas sector (again, the Committee does not recommend such increases, but notes that this could represent a source of additional provincial income from resources which rightfully belong to all Albertans).
- Gaming revenues (these currently generate some \$830 million per year, and have risen steadily and substantially in recent years);
- Private sector involvement in the public education system (e.g. advertising sponsorships, which could be pooled provincially, and redistributed to Alberta school boards on a per student basis).

*Volatility of provincial revenues (particularly resource royalties).*

The volatility of provincial revenues, and particularly resource royalty revenues, is substantially greater in Alberta than in other Canadian provinces. Nonetheless, the Committee believes that this volatility has been significantly reduced as a result of the ongoing diversification of Alberta's economy, and that proper planning can largely overcome those fluctuations in provincial income



which are likely to occur in the future. In particular, the establishment of some kind of stabilization fund, or perhaps enhancements to the existing Alberta Heritage Savings & Trust Fund, could allow the province to build up education funding reserves during boom periods, in order to ensure adequate funding during periods of slow growth or even recession.

*Possible imposed "trade-off" of increased responsibilities to municipalities in return for "tax room".*

The Committee recognizes that there is substantial concern within municipal governments regarding the possibility that local governments could be forced to accept further "downloading" of provincial service responsibilities, in return for the elimination of education tax on residential and agricultural property. The recent experience in Ontario in this regard certainly lends credibility to these concerns. Again, the Committee believes that this obstacle can only be overcome by focusing on principles of fair and equitable taxation, and reinforcing the position already taken by the AAMD&C Executive on behalf of rural municipalities: that municipalities are largely in the business of providing services related to property, and that their efforts and finances should continue to be focused in those areas. Further, it must be reiterated that elimination of education property tax should be viewed as a means to strengthen "the Alberta Advantage" and provide meaningful tax relief, rather than as a means to redistribute funding responsibilities.

*Municipalities will occupy the vacated tax space.*

The Committee notes that local autonomy and accountability was a crucial component of the new *Municipal Government Act*, and is a critical benefit of eliminating the education property tax. Local ratepayers will be the final judges of whether local Council decisions with respect to municipal tax rates are acceptable. While some less-wealthy municipalities may feel compelled to access a portion of the tax room freed up by the elimination of education property tax, the Committee is confident that municipal Councils will continue to exercise restraint and demonstrate responsible financial management, as demanded by local ratepayers.

*Municipal Reserves create an illusion of excessive municipal wealth.*

Municipal reserves are a critical element of sound financial management, and provide an important buffer against future tax increases. Municipalities have been encouraged by Alberta Municipal Affairs for many years to operate as a prudent "business", and the maintenance of appropriate financial reserves is a critical part of such an approach. The existence of these reserves allows municipalities to smooth out the highs and lows of capital equipment purchases and major infrastructure expenditures, minimize borrowing requirements when faced with revenue decreases, and respond more flexibly to emergencies and

disaster situations which may require significant initial expenditures or negatively affect property tax revenues. The Committee also notes that some municipal reserves might actually be reduced with the elimination of education property taxes, as municipalities will no longer be required to manage cash flow demands with respect to the payment of education requisitions prior to collection of the funds from local ratepayers.

*What is the fairest way to fund a people service like education?*

The Committee recognizes that in many ways this is really the critical question to be addressed within this debate. As noted above, the Committee believes that a clear case can be made for the inequity of funding a people service like education from the property tax base. The recent unrest in high market value communities simply adds to the clear conclusion that property tax is likely one of the more unfair methods of funding education services. Provincial governments have access to a wide variety of potential revenue sources beyond the property tax, each with a somewhat differing base of "taxpayers". Depending upon the service to be funded, the choice of revenue source will have a tremendous impact on the equity of the funding system. The Committee believes that provincial general revenues generally remain the most equitable means of funding critical "people services", such as education.

*Overall fairness of the property tax system.*

The Committee believes that the property tax system could be more fair, if it was required to fund only those services which relate to property. Inequity arises when the property tax system is asked to do things for which it is not appropriate, such as fund people services like education. The Committee believes that the elimination of education tax from residential and agricultural properties would also eliminate most concerns regarding the fairness of the property tax system. It is noted that some concerns regarding equity of municipal property taxation will remain, such as those surrounding the accelerated depreciation allowed for linear properties, and the Committee recommends that the AAMD&C consider additional efforts to address these concerns on behalf of its members.

*Fairness between urban and rural ratepayers (e.g. taxation of residences, farmland assessment policies, etc.)*

Again, the Committee believes that this perception of unfairness only arises due to concerns with the education property tax. When property tax is used only to fund local property-related services, the concerns about intermunicipal comparisons become much less significant; municipal ratepayers pay only for those services and service levels which they have collectively requested, rather than potentially subsidizing the taxpayers of other jurisdictions.

*Volatility of market value.*

The volatility of market value becomes a much less difficult issue if municipalities are only collecting property taxes for use within their municipality. Local tax rates can be adjusted to compensate for sudden growth in market value, and although some internal tax shifts may still occur, the concerns about comparisons with other municipalities will no longer be significant.

*Varying impact between municipalities.*

Again, the elimination of the education tax on residential and agricultural properties will render this concern largely insignificant. Each municipality will now only be required to tax for its own internal purposes, and not for any part of the education requirements of other areas of Alberta. The variation resulting from this new situation is fully defensible within the context of local autonomy and accountability, whereas the current variation in impacts is not.

*Capping of Equalized Assessment for education property tax purposes.*

The Committee notes that the need for the capping program, and the resulting controversy and dissatisfaction, would disappear if education tax were eliminated from residential and agricultural properties.

*Building consensus among stakeholders.*

The Committee recognizes that substantial differences of opinion exist among key stakeholders affected by the education property tax. For example, municipal governments and school authorities have differing views on the merits of education property tax. Nonetheless, the Committee believes that movement toward consensus in support of eliminating residential and agricultural education property tax is possible. Support from urban municipalities is likely, as the AAMD&C position is not inconsistent with the AUMA's stated guiding principle on property taxation. The Committee is also optimistic that school authorities may ultimately accept this position, if they can be reassured that municipal support exists for appropriate funding levels for education programs (from sources other than property tax revenue).

## *Strategic Considerations*

The AAMD&C Advisory Committee on Education Property Tax believes that justifiable arguments exist for the elimination of residential and agricultural education property tax. At the same time, the Committee recognizes that the success of efforts to implement this fundamental change will depend upon the ability to gain support from the following key stakeholders and decision-makers:

- The Government of Alberta
- Urban municipal interests
- Public school trustees
- The general public

In each case, the committee believes that success is contingent upon the AAMD&C's ability to demonstrate meaningful benefit to each party.

In Appendices One and Two, the Committee has set out detailed recommendations on both the message that the AAMD&C should take forward to these various parties, and the strategic approaches which should be followed in delivering this message.



## *Conclusion*

The elimination of education tax from residential and agricultural properties is an idea whose time has come. Taxpayers across Alberta have recognized the unfairness of the current system of funding education services through property taxation, and are increasingly demanding a more equitable approach to financing this critical public service.

The AAMD&C Advisory Committee on Education Property Tax believes that the achievement of this goal is attainable in spite of the many challenges to be overcome before property taxpayers will be free of this inequitable tax. Nonetheless, the Committee strongly believes that a window of opportunity exists at this point in Alberta's history, with public dissatisfaction high and provincial revenues equally strong, for a fundamental change in the way in which education is funded.

The Committee believes that, through careful and meticulous preparation, and with active and persistent member support to augment the Association's efforts, the elimination of education property tax on residential and agricultural properties is a realistic objective. To that end, the Committee recommends that the Association and its members adopt the Position Statement and Strategic Approach set out in Appendices One and Two, and commence collective efforts to achieve meaningful tax relief for our ratepayers.

## APPENDIX ONE

### RECOMMENDED POSITION STATEMENT ON EDUCATION PROPERTY TAXATION

The AAMD&C believes that property taxation should be utilized primarily for funding services related to property (e.g. roads, water and wastewater, waste management, and other municipal services). This principle ensures that, to the greatest extent possible, ratepayers are paying for services they actually utilize, thereby providing an important measure of equity to the taxation system.

Where the property tax is required to fund services which are not directly related to property (e.g. people services such as education), the overall equity of the taxation system rapidly begins to break down. Ratepayers are asked to fund services not in proportion to whether and how often they access or benefit from those services, nor in proportion to their ability to pay for those services, but rather on the basis of one of many options for capital investment: property ownership. As the value of one's property often has no direct correlation to individual wealth (witness the substantial variations in market value between individual municipalities for essentially the same property, or the varying implications of investing ones' wealth in the stock market instead of in property), the current system allows for substantial inequity in the distribution of tax burden.

The use of property tax revenue to fund education has also significantly reduced the financial flexibility of municipal governments. As education requisitions have steadily increased over the past decade or more, municipalities have come under increasing pressure from ratepayers to minimize municipal tax rates in order to ensure that overall property tax rates do not increase. In essence, the ever-increasing demands of the education sector have in many cases begun to eat into municipal tax room, thus reducing the ability of municipalities to raise needed revenues to fund local services.

The existing reliance on property tax to fund education has also clouded accountability with respect to the funding of education. As the collectors of property tax, municipalities are often held accountable by ratepayers for tax burdens which are not of their making.

Based on all of the above, the AAMD&C urges the Government of Alberta to implement the following recommendations:

- Undertake the immediate elimination of the education property tax on residential and agricultural properties.
- Implement this measure as a primary means of providing tax relief to Albertans, rather than seeking alternative revenue sources or attempting to transfer a corresponding level of expenditure responsibility to other levels of government.
- Recognize the principle that residential and agricultural property taxation should be reserved for municipal responsibilities. If at some future point additional revenues are required to fund necessary provincial programs, evaluate and select from appropriate provincial revenue sources (and not a return to the property tax base).
- Respect and abide by the principle that municipalities are essentially in the business of providing services related to property, and more specifically, ensure that municipalities are not required to absorb additional funding and/or service responsibilities in return for the elimination of residential and agricultural education property tax.
- Respect local autonomy and abide by the principle that locally elected municipal governments are accountable to their ratepayers for the decisions they make and the programs and policies they implement.

## APPENDIX TWO

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC APPROACH

#### *Summary*

The Advisory Committee recommends that the AAMD&C urge the Government of Alberta to immediately eliminate all education property tax from residential and agricultural properties (approximately \$770 million in tax revenue).

In seeking to achieve this objective, the AAMD&C will need to tailor its approach so as to directly address the key concerns and priorities of each significant stakeholder. AAMD&C efforts should focus on gaining the support of the Government of Alberta, but should also include efforts to build consensus with the AUMA.

In order to strengthen the AAMD&C's negotiating position, the AAMD&C membership is urged to adopt the Committee's recommended Position Statement by way of resolution at the AAMD&C 2000 Fall Convention.

Individual member municipalities are also encouraged to consider promoting this initiative with local media, sharing information with local ratepayers, seeking support from neighbouring urban municipalities, and encouraging local MLA's to support the AAMD&C Position Statement. The Committee also recommends that the AAMD&C develop an information package for use by members in seeking to build support for the AAMD&C position at the local level.

*(Note: The Advisory Committee has developed a substantially more detailed Recommended Strategy for use by the AAMD&C Board, but has only summarized it here in order to maintain strategic confidentiality.)*



## APPENDIX THREE

### **Resolution No. 11-99F Municipal District of Clearwater and Municipal District of Rocky View Education Property Tax**

WHEREAS in 1994 the Province of Alberta assumed full responsibility for funding education and for the education property tax system;

AND WHEREAS the education property tax system is truly confounding and is based on factors associated with equalized and live assessments, caps on equalized assessments, regulated and market values, uniform provincial mill rates and live mill rates;

AND WHEREAS some citizens on fixed incomes who live on residential and farm properties face large tax increases resulting from increases in market value;

AND WHEREAS the current education property tax system has and will continue to result in shifts and increases in education taxes to certain Alberta property owners that are considered neither fair nor understandable to them;

AND WHEREAS significant and much needed funding is generated by the Province through the education property tax system.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties urge the Government of Alberta to:

- 1. commencing in the Year 2000, cap residential and farmland education property tax requisitions at 1999 levels for each municipality in the province;**
- 2. commence a program for each year thereafter, of education residential and farmland property tax requisition reductions from the previous capped levels, with a view to eliminate this tax over a short period of years as the primary form of tax relief given to Albertans by its provincial government; and**
- 3. continue to provide required funds and to offset reduced revenues for primary and secondary education programs, from the general revenues of the Province.**

## APPENDIX FOUR

**Resolution No. ER4-00S  
Sturgeon County  
Education Property Tax**

WHEREAS the AAMD&C has had resolutions pertaining to this issue passed at the 1996, 1997 and 1999 Fall Conventions;

AND WHEREAS there continues to be a strong desire to have education removed from the property tax;

AND WHEREAS the Province has accepted and implemented some changes for 2000 that originated from the Education Property Tax MLA Review Committee;

AND WHEREAS President Hayden in a letter dated March 13, 2000 to all AAMD&C members has advised that the Board is considering the establishment of a member advisory committee and wishes comments to be made at the 2000 Spring Convention.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board proceed with the establishment of a member advisory committee which would prepare a detailed report clarifying what the problems are, possible solutions and a recommended strategy on how to proceed as it relates to elimination of the education property tax;

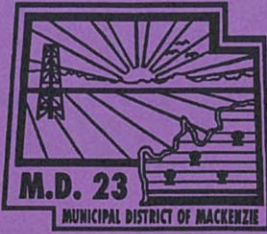
**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the advisory committee table its report and recommendations by the end of September, 2000.

## APPENDIX FIVE

### Membership of the AAMD&C Advisory Committee on Education Property Tax

Bart Guyon	co-chair	AAMD&C Vice President
Phyllis Kobasiuk	co-chair	AAMD&C Director, Pembina River
Ron Pepper	CAO	Beaver County
Romeo Lauzon	Reeve	M.D. of Bonnyville
Tony Yelenik	Reeve	M.D. of Greenview
Bill Knight	Councilor	Lacombe County
Don Mosicki	Councilor	Leduc County
Layne Johnson	CAO	County of Lethbridge
Margaret Loewen	Councilor	County of Newell
Tim Peterson	CAO	County of Paintearth
Brian Grant	Reeve	M.D. of Peace
Lucien Turcotte	CAO	M.D. of Smoky River
Barry McLeod	Councilor	Starland County
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Emma Hulit	Reeve	County of Warner
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## Request For Decision

Meeting:	<b>Regular Council</b>
Meeting Date:	January 9, 2001
Originated By:	Harvey Prockiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	<b>Set Budget Meeting Date</b>
Agenda Item No:	11c)

### BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

N/A

### DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES:

The date for the next budget meeting should be established.

### COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator):

That the next budget meeting be scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on January \_\_\_\_\_, 2001 in Fort Vermilion.

Review:

Dept.

C.A.O.



