

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

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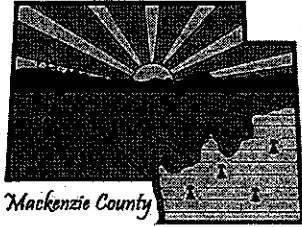
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NEXT MEETING DATE: 15. a) Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT: 16. a) Adjournment



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Minutes of the August 27, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Minutes of the August 27, 2008 Regular Council meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the minutes of the August 27, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Author: C. Gabriel

Review by: _____

For Ad
CAO

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

4:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT: Greg Newman Reeve
Peter Braun Councillor
Dicky Driedger Councillor
John W. Driedger Councillor
Ed Froese Councillor
Bill Neufeld Councillor
Ray Toews Councillor
Lisa Wardley Councillor
Stuart Watson Councillor

ABSENT: Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve

ADMINISTRATION: William (Bill) Kostiw Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton Director of Corporate Services
Ryan Becker Director of Planning & Emergency Services
John Klassen Director of Operations (South)
Dave Crichton Director of Operations (North)
Carol Gabriel Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: Susan McNeil, The Echo
Members of the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on August 27, 2008 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 08-08-589 MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:
10. h) REDI Regional Needs Study

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) **Minutes of the August 12, 2008 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 08-08-590

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the August 12, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) **None**

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) **Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2008**

MOTION 08-08-591

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 24, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) **None**

TENDERS:

8. a) **Sale of Land in Zama**

No tenders were received.

MOTION 08-08-592

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the sale of land in Zama be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE,
CAO AND DIRECTORS
REPORTS:**

9. a) **None**

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) **Premier Ed Stelmach – September 5, 2008 Visit**

MOTION 08-08-593

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the County host the dinner with Premier Ed Stelmach on

September 5, 2008.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-08-594

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the itinerary for the Premier's visit on September 5, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

10. b) Bylaw 679/08 Authorizing Imposition of a Local Improvement Tax for Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 102 & 103 Street and 93 Avenue from Plan 9620266, Block 1, Lots 2, 19, & 20; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 4 - 10; and Plan 0124176, Block 3, Lots 1 - 9, & 21; Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR in the Hamlet of La Crete

MOTION 08-08-595

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 679/08 being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax for curb, gutter and sidewalk on 102 Street, 103 Street and 93 Avenue: Plan 9620266, Block 1, Lots 2, 19, & 20; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 4 - 10; and Plan 0124176, Block 3, Lots 1 - 9, & 21; Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-08-596

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That third reading be given to Bylaw 679/08 being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax for curb, gutter and sidewalk on 102 Street, 103 Street and 93 Avenue: Plan 9620266, Block 1, Lots 2, 19, & 20; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 4 - 10; and Plan 0124176, Block 3, Lots 1 - 9, & 21; Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

10. c) La Crete Agricultural Society – Requests for Letters of Support

MOTION 08-08-597

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That letters of support be sent to the La Crete Agricultural Society

for their funding applications for kitchen appliances and fencing.

CARRIED

10. d) Disposing of Old Computer Equipment

MOTION 08-08-598

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to offer the County old computer equipment to local non-profit and volunteer groups at no cost with the remaining equipment to be disposed through a local auction sale.

CARRIED

10. e) Sale of Land by Public Auction

MOTION 08-08-599

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the reserve bids be set for the properties offered for sale at the 2008 assessment values.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-08-600

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the auction date be set for October 29, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers at 4511 – 46 Ave, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CARRIED

10. f) Capital Projects Progress Report – August 2008

MOTION 08-08-601

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Capital Projects Progress Report be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-08-602

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That item 5. c) AI Stan – Delegation be added to the agenda

CARRIED

10. g) Regional Partnership Initiative (REDI)

MOTION 08-08-603

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the financial report for the Regional Partnership Initiative be received for information.

CARRIED

10. h) REDI Regional Needs & Benefits Study (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-08-604

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Councillor Braun be authorized to sit on the REDI Regional Needs & Benefits Study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. c) AI Stan (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-08-605

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Subdivision Application from Blue Sky Alberta be forwarded to the Planning Department and the Municipal Planning Commission for review and recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 5:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

MOTION 08-08-606

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Dave Elias, Fort Vermilion School Division Transportation Supervisor, be added to the agenda as a delegation.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Zama Salt Storage Shed

MOTION 08-08-607

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the 2008 Capital Budget be amended by adding the \$17,000 Zama salt shed repair project with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-08-608

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to engage UFA in the Zama salt shed repair project.

CARRIED

11. b) Fort Vermilion Airport

MOTION 08-08-609

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Fort Vermilion airport item be tabled.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) La Crete Community Library

MOTION 08-08-610

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County host a meeting with the Mackenzie Library Board, Fort Vermilion School Division, and the La Crete Community Library to discuss their community library facility needs.

CARRIED

5. d) Dave Elias

Dave Elias, Transportation Supervisor, was in attendance to address the School Division's concerns regarding the proposed removal of the school zone at La Crete Public School.

**PLANNING,
EMERGENCY, AND
ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES:**

12. a) School Zone Bylaw 666/08

MOTION 08-08-611

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 666/08, being a Bylaw of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta for establishing school zones within Mackenzie County as amended:

- to include the school zone for the La Crete Public School
- change 3. a) school zone hours to anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

MOTION 08-08-612

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That motion 08-08-611 be amended to include the following additional change to Bylaw 666/08:

- Item 2. c) to include that portion of River Road from 45th Street to 53rd Street.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-08-611

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 666/08, being a Bylaw of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta for establishing school zones within Mackenzie County as amended:

- to include the school zone for the La Crete Public School
- change 3. a) school zone hours to anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Councillor J. Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:

Councillor Wardley
Councillor Watson
Councillor Toews
Councillor Braun
Councillor Froese
Reeve Newman

Opposed:

Councillor Neufeld
Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor J. Driedger

CARRIED

MOTION 08-08-613

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That second reading be given to Bylaw 666/08, being a Bylaw of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta for establishing school zones within Mackenzie County as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-08-614

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That consideration be given to go to third reading for Bylaw 666/08, being a Bylaw of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta for establishing school zones within Mackenzie County as amended, at this meeting.

DEFEATED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 6:14 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

5. b) MK Strategy Group

Presentation by Monica Kohlhammer, President, and Breanne Dillabough from MK Strategy Group regarding the seniors lodge feasibility study.

12. b) Municipal Accreditation

MOTION 08-08-615

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Mackenzie County Safety Codes Order of Accreditation, No. 78446-001, in all disciplines be terminated effective March 1, 2009.

CARRIED

12. c) Electronic Concerns Records Management System

MOTION 08-08-616

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council approve the use of the iWorQ Systems records management system as presented and authorizes administration to begin with the implementation.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-08-617

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-08-618

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18

(1) at 7:51 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Ambulance
- 14. d) Airports
- 14. e) Zama Fire Investigating
- 14. f) AIT Gravel Crushing Negotiations

CARRIED

MOTION 08-08-619

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Council move out of camera at 8:37 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 08-08-620

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the personnel update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 08-08-621

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the special projects update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. c) Ambulance

MOTION 08-08-622

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the ambulance update be received for information

CARRIED

14. d) Airports

MOTION 08-08-623

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Zama helipad, La Crete and Fort Vermilion airstrip extensions be brought to the 2009 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

14. e) Zama Fire Investigating

MOTION 08-08-624

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That a follow up meeting be set up with all concerned parties in the fire in Zama.

CARRIED

14. f) AIT Gravel Crushing Negotiations

MOTION 08-08-625

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the AIT gravel crushing negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 08-08-626

MOVED by Councillor Froese

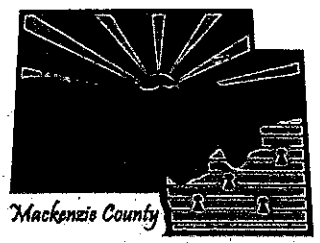
That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

Greg Newman, Reeve

Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	John Klassen, Director of Operations – South
Title:	Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes July 24, 2008

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The adopted minutes of the July 24, 2008 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of July 24, 2008 be received for information.

Author: C. Friesen **Review Date:** _____

For
CAO *Jul*

5 year Plan

-SRD requires giving approval prior to installation of any improvements. Councilor Wardley suggested that the Committee provide a five year plan to SRD to have approved so they do not have to back track later.

-The Committee feels that they would like to obtain the lease from the County once it is approved. The Committee is in the process of becoming a registered group and they were thinking of going through a Lions Club being a non-profit group to operate this campground.

-Councilor Wardley suggests that the lease stay with the County and for the County to maintain a good working relationship with the group.

-The Tompkins Campground Committee and the Parks & Recreation came to an agreement with working together but also with the committee becoming a registered Lions Club group.

Councilor Wardley called a recess at 10:07am.

Councilor Wardley recovered the meeting at 10:19am.

The Tompkins Campground Committee left at 10:23am.

NEW

BUSINESS:

5. a) **Tourangeau Lake Recreational Lease Agreement**

MOTION 08-053

MOVED by Councilor Braun

That administration pursue a 10 year lease on Tourangeau Lake with SRD and have a survey done at the cost of \$910.00.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

DATE:

6. a) **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2008 at 5:00 pm in Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: 8. a) Adjournment

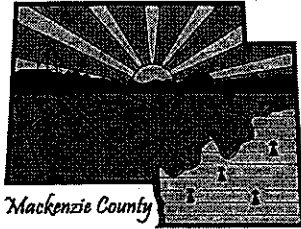
MOTION 08-054

MOVED by Councilor D. Driedger

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:59 am.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this _____ day of _____, 2008.



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 11, 2008

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Information item. The adopted minutes of the August 11, 2008 meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 11, 2008 be received for information.

Author: C. Gabriel

Review By: _____

CAO 

**Mackenzie County
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting**

**North Point Center (County Office)
La Crete, Alberta**

Monday, August 11, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Peter Braun	Chair, Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Jack Eccles	Vice Chair, MPC Member
Manfred Gross	MPC Member
Beth Kappelar	MPC Member
Ryan Becker	Director of Planning and Emergency Services
Marion Krahn	Development Officer
Sarah Martens	Planning Administrative Support

1. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Braun called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 08-197 **MOVED** by Beth Kappelar

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

4d) Development Permit Application 202-DP-08
821575 Alberta Ltd.; Restaurant – Main Building
Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 5 and
Part of Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 4
La Crete

6d) Municipal Development Plan

6e) Superior Safety Codes

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-198 **MOVED** by Ed Froese

That the minutes of the July 24, 2008 Municipal Planning Commission meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DEVELOPMENT

- a) **Development Permit Application 181-DP-08
Allworth Printing; Jake and Maryann Peters
Home Based Business (Printing, Signs, & Decals)
Plan 032 1401, Block 28, Lot 7; La Crete**

MOTION 08-199 **MOVED** by Jack Eccles

That Development Permit 181-DP-08 on Plan 032 1401, Block 28, Lot 7 in the name of Allworth Printing be approved with the following conditions:

Failure to comply with one or more of the attached conditions shall render this permit Null and Void

1. This permit may be revoked at any time, if, in the opinion of the Development Authority, the Home Based Business has become detrimental or otherwise incompatible with the amenities of the neighborhood.
2. The Home Based Business is permitted to be operated out of the existing home only and the area for it shall not exceed an area of 200 square feet (18.58 square meters).
3. The Home Based Business shall not involve the storage of goods in the public view, a change in appearance of the residence or its accessory buildings.
4. Shall not employ any employees who do not reside on-site.
5. An unlighted sign to identify the Home Based Business may be placed on the exterior of the house and the sign shall not exceed 1.1 meters (12 square feet).
6. At all times, the privacy of the adjacent dwellings shall be preserved and the home based business shall not unduly offend the

surrounding residents by way of excessive lighting, noise, traffic, congestion, late visitations by clients, etcetera.

CARRIED

- b) Development Permit Application 182-DP-08
Peter Schmidt; Shop Addition
Pt of NE 6-106-15-W5M (Plan 062 4578, Block 2, Lot 2)
La Crete Rural**

MOTION 08-200 **MOVED** by Beth Kappelar

That Development Permit 182-DP-08 on Plan 062 4578, Block 2, Lot 2 (Part of NE 6-106-15-W5M) in the name of Peter Schmidt be approved with the following conditions:

Failure to comply with one or more of the attached conditions shall render this permit Null and Void

1. This approval is for an Owner/Operator Business and Shop Addition.
2. The shop shall meet all Alberta Safety Code requirements for Commercial Buildings and any other requirements specified by Superior Safety Codes. Failure to do so shall render this permit Null and Void.
3. Minimum building setbacks: 41.15 meters (135 feet) from any rural road allowances (east), 15.24 meters (50 feet) from any internal subdivision road (north) and 15.24 meters (50 feet) from any other property lines (west and south).
4. The architecture, construction materials and appearance of buildings and other structures shall be to accepted standards.
5. If a sign is placed on the property the sign shall be located a minimum of:
 - a. 200 meters from regulatory signs
 - b. 3 meters (9 feet) from the outer edge of the road or not less than 1.5 meters from the property line if on private property.
6. The sign shall be a minimum of 1.5 meters to a maximum of 2.5 meters in height above the shoulder of the road.

7. The sight and sign shall be kept in a safe, clean, and tidy condition, or may be required to be renovated or removed.
8. The sign shall:
 - a. Not obstruct the orderly and safe flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
 - b. Not unduly interfere with the amenities of the district.
 - c. Not materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring properties.
 - d. Not create visual or aesthetic blight.
9. All sewage disposal systems to be in conformance with the Alberta Private Sewage Treatment and Disposal Regulations.
10. PRIOR to installation of a new access or changing location of existing access, complete a Request for Access form by contacting the Road/Maintenance Department for Mackenzie County at 780-928-3983. Access to be constructed to Mackenzie County standards at the developers expense.
11. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighbouring properties.

CARRIED

- c) Development Permit Application 194-DP-08
Willie Letkeman; Detached Garage with Variance
Pt of NW 27-105-14-W5M (Plan 902 3345, Lot A)
La Crete Rural**

MOTION 08-201 **MOVED** by Manfred Gross

That Development Permit 194-DP-08 on Plan 902 3345, Lot A (Part of NW 27-105-14-W5M) in the name of Willie Letkeman be approved with the following conditions:

Failure to comply with one or more of the attached conditions shall render this permit Null and Void

1. A 2 foot variance of the building height is hereby granted. The maximum height of the ancillary building (detached garage) shall be 17 feet (5.18 meters).

2. The maximum area of the ancillary building (detached garage) shall be 1080 square feet.
3. This ancillary building (detached garage) is approved for residential purposes only.
4. No ancillary building erected/or moved onto the site shall be used as a dwelling.
5. Minimum building setbacks: 41.15 meters (135 feet) from any road allowances and 15.24 meters (50 feet) from any other property lines.
6. No construction or development is allowed on a right-of-way.

CARRIED

- c) Development Permit Application 202-DP-08
821575 AB Ltd.; Restaurant – Main Building
Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 5 and
Pt of Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 4
La Crete**

MOTION 08-202 MOVED by Jack Eccles

That Development Permit 202-DP-08 on Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 5 and Part of Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 4 in the name of 821575 Alberta Ltd. be approved with the following conditions:

Failure to comply with one or more of the attached conditions shall render this permit Null and Void

1. Consolidation of Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 5 and Part of Plan 1160NY, Block 5, Lot 4 to create one lot.
2. The building shall meet all Alberta Safety Code requirements for commercial buildings and any other requirements specified by Superior Safety Codes. The building shall be in accordance with the Alberta Building Codes. Failure to do so shall render this permit Null and Void.
3. Minimum building setbacks: 30.48 meters (100 feet) front yard (from 100th street); 3.0 meters (10 feet) rear yard; 1.5 meters (5 feet) side yards, from the property lines.

4. Building to be connected to the Municipal water and sewer system and the cost of connection fees will be borne by the owner.
5. The Municipality has assigned the following address to the noted property 9905-100th Street. You are required to display the address (9905) to be clearly legible from 100th Street and be on a contrasting background. The minimum size of the characters shall be four inches in height.
6. Provide adequate off street parking as follows: The minimum parking standards are 1 stall per 2 seats, 1 space per each full time employee or each cross-shift employee. *"One parking space, including the driveway area, shall occupy 27.87 square meters (300 square feet)."*
7. PRIOR to installation of a new access or changing location of existing access, complete a Request for Access form by contacting the Road/Maintenance Department for Mackenzie County at 928-3983. Access to be constructed to Mackenzie County standards at the developer's expense.
8. No construction or development is allowed on a right-of-way.
9. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighboring properties.

CARRIED

5. SUBDIVISION

- a) **Subdivision Application 25-SUB-05
SE 16-106-15-W5M; La Crete
852886 AB Ltd. (Jake Froese)**

MOTION 08-203 MOVED by Ed Froese

That a time extension for 25-SUB-05 on SE 16-106-15-W5M in the name of 852886 AB Ltd. be granted to expire September 30, 2009 to provide additional time for the construction of 101st Street, north of Plan 042 4214, Block 1, Lot 1 to the north boundary of the proposed subdivision, and the subsequent registration of the subdivision at Land Titles. The registration of the subdivision will be delayed until the construction of 101st Street, that portion lying north

of Plan 042 4214, Block 1, Lot 1 to the north boundary of the proposed subdivision, is complete. No further time extensions for this subdivision will be granted. Furthermore, that the Developers Agreement is required to be signed by 852886 Alberta Ltd.

CARRIED

- b) Subdivision Application 38-SUB-05
Part of SW 9-106-15-W5M; La Crete
Vangard Realty Ltd.**

MOTION 08-204 MOVED by Beth Kappelar

That the time extension request for Subdivision 38-SUB-05 in the name of Vangard Realty Ltd. for Part of NW 9-106-15-W5M be refused until negotiations for Municipal Reserve are resolved. Furthermore that any further development by Vangard Realty Ltd. be refused until negotiations for the outstanding Municipal Reserve have been resolved.

CARRIED

6. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- a) Storm Water Management Plan**

Municipal Planning Commission discussed the requirements of the Storm Water Management Plan and the confusion that Developers have expressed regarding it. The Municipal Planning Commission recommended that the wording of the Storm Water Management Plan condition be amended to require the Developer to contact the Development Officer to discuss the requirements.

- b) Industrial Noise – Frank Goertzen Subdivision**

The Municipal Planning Commission discussed the industrial noise issue within the Frank Goertzen Subdivision. The Municipal Planning commission recommended that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer look into the matter.

- c) Action List**

The Action List of July 24th, 2008 was reviewed.

d) Municipal Development Plan

Launch meeting for the Municipal Development Plan is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on August 27th, 2008 at the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

e) Superior Safety Codes

The Municipal Planning Commission discussed the concerns raised by ratepayers regarding the amount of time taken by Superior Safety Codes in the issuance of a building permit.

7. IN CAMERA

There were no In Camera items to discuss.

8. NEXT MEETING DATES

Municipal Planning Commission meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Fort Vermilion
- ❖ Monday, September 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in La Crete

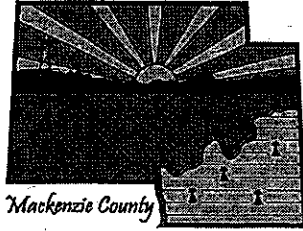
9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 08- 205 MOVED by Manfred Gross

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting be adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 28th day of August 2008.



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	CAO & Director Reports

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

See attached Director reports.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director reports be accepted for information.

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed By: CAO

To: William (Bill) Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Joulia Whittleton, Director of Corporate Services

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Attended the following meetings:

August 7 – Managers meeting
August 11 – Finance Committee meeting
August 12 – Council meeting
August 14 – Interviews for Zama Administrative Assistant (temporary position)
August 15 – Corporate Services Department meeting
August 19 – Managers meeting
August 20 – GIS project – phone meeting with Bill Tkachuk from ISL
August 26 – Town of High Level negotiations meeting
August 27 – Council meeting
September 3 – Managers meeting
September 3 – 2009 Budget meeting

Personnel update:

Eunice Vautier is hired for the Zama Administrative Assistant temporary position.

Darlene McLean is leaving; we are advertising for the Utilities Clerk position. Cherie Davies (our previous Utilities and AR Clerk) will temporarily fill in this position while we are looking for a new employee. Cherie will be involved in training the new clerk.

We have one work experience student, Brenda Wall, in the La Crete office starting September 8 and working between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Administration, projects and activities:

⇒ AUPE negotiations

Finance committee and administration are preparing for the negotiations. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10. An external consultant is engaged to assist with negotiations.

⇒ Investments – outsourcing for external Investment Manager (permitted under Policy FIN027)

A letter together with our investment policy and other relevant information was forwarded to various banks asking to submit a proposal or do a presentation to the Finance Committee. The deadline is September 30, 2008. We have received a number of phone calls, and it appears there is a lot of interest from the banks with respect to this project.

⇒ Operating agreements with Recreation Boards

To: William (Bill) Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Joulia Whittleton, Director of Corporate Services

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The draft was prepared by administration some time ago. A review of this draft by our lawyer was completed. The draft will be forwarded for comments to the Recreation Boards and presented to Finance Committee and Council prior to implementation.

⇒ Assessment RFPs

The RFPs deadline was August 29. Three replies were received and RFD is being presented to Council at their September 9 meeting.

⇒ 2009 Budget

A meeting was held on September 3 with representatives from all departments with respect to the 2009 budget preparation. The budget worksheet templates are being distributed to all departments. The departmental review meetings will be set during the first two weeks of October. I am currently working on new financial budget reports and looking forward to receiving the new 2009 budget guidelines that are expected to be released in September/08 by Municipal Affairs.

⇒ Inter-office Courier Service

A one-year contract was signed with the Northern Lights Health Region to continue the inter-office courier service.

⇒ Alberta Tax Exempt Fuel User

A while ago, an application for Alberta Tax Exempt Fuel was submitted. We received our fuel tax exemption number for purchases of marked fuel for the use in unlicensed equipment such as graders. The fuel suppliers are being notified and arrangements will be made for delivery of marked fuel to our locations.

⇒ 2009 Grant Applications

The 2009 Grant applications are now available for pick up at all County offices and through our website with the October 15 deadline.

⇒ Community Initiatives Program

Mackenzie County submitted a grant application on behalf of the La Crete Chamber of Commerce for the Tourism Centre/Chamber office building in September/07. The \$75,000 grant was approved and a cheque was received on September 2, 2008. The Chamber has been verbally notified to submit copies of their invoices for the construction and upgrades of the La Crete Tourism Centre.

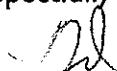
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The following are some of the upcoming projects/activities (as per the Financial Management Plan presented to Council during the budget deliberations):

- Prepare and submit debenture borrowing applications for the Zama projects – paper work was done and will be submitted in late October
- Grants reporting – will be working towards submitting invoices to granting bodies and preparing project summaries for purpose of grant reporting - September/October and/or upon completion of a project
- Offsite levy review (working together with other departments and an engineering firm)
- Tangible Capital Assets project –our current progress report was presented to the Finance Committee at their last meeting; the progress documents were forwarded to our auditors for comments and a managers meeting will take place on September 10 to discuss linear assets inventory – this is further to my meeting with ISL regarding the ongoing GIS project and collection of the linear assets inventory
- Utilities rates review – September
- 2009 Budget – work on the new financial reporting module

Respectfully submitted,



Joulia Whittleton

Director of Operations (South) Report For September 9, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

We seem to have a lot of projects that are just getting out of the gate and if the weather holds for another month and a half we should see them all get completed, and as budget season is once again upon us I am anticipating the County will have a well developed plan for projects in the 2009 construction season.

Utilities (South)

- In La Crete the crew is wrapping up the annual sewer flushing as well as digging up and repairing a few leaking fire hydrants, we also uncovered three manholes that were covered from previous road construction projects.
- The water treatment plant wrap-up crew is scheduled to arrive on Sept 7th and stay until all deficiencies are completed. (See attached e-mail)
- I attended the Mustus Energy public meeting in La Crete on August 25th.

Parks/Playgrounds and Facilities:

- I attended a meeting in Edmonton on Friday August 22nd along with Ryan and Bill N to discuss the thermal heating, revised elevation drawings and tender schedule.
- The Wadlin and Machesis Lake contracts were reviewed by the Parks Committee and will be presented to Council for review at the September 24th meeting.
- The Reeve, I and Ryan met with the Town of High Level and Provincial Parks representatives to discuss the future of Hutch Lake. (See attached meeting notes)

Solid Waste:

- The tire bunker at the Tompkins site has been installed.
- I plan on attending the waste commission meeting in High Level on September 6th.

Public Works (South):

- The Regraveling in the South with the exception of spot graveling is completed.
- We received the survey and prepared the bid document for AJA Friesen road and we should receive some quotes shortly.

- We sent a request to AIT about removing the school zone at Buffalo Head and received a positive reply. (See Attached e-mail)
- The budget season is once again upon us and we started by having our first meeting on September 3rd.
- The river road project is slated to start the first week in September.
- The CAMRIF project in La Crete is scheduled to have the curb crew arrive sometime the second week in September.
- The golf course road west of La Crete has been rebuilt and looks alright.
- We still have some patching and paving of small sections within the Hamlet to complete this fall when the asphalt plant returns.
- The County met with two Buffalo Head land owners that are largely affected by spring runoff and received input of how to address this issue.

Attachments:

1. E-mail from Jen-Col Construction
2. Hutch Lake meeting notes
3. E-mail from AIT

John Klassen
Director of Operations (South)
Mackenzie County

John Klassen

From: La Crete WTP [wtpla@md23.ab.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 4:50 PM
To: John Klassen
Subject: Fw: La Crete Water Treatment- Contract Wrap-up

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From: Travis Gilson
To: hoshiki@dclsiemens.com ; Fred Wiebe
Cc: [Brad McCullough](#) ; [Ron Jodoin](#)
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 12:41 PM
Subject: La Crete Water Treatment- Contract Wrap-up

Haj/ Fred,

I trust your holiday weekend was good.

I originally indicated that Mark Schendel was to arrive in La Crete on Tuesday September 2, 2008. The following is an update:

- I had a meeting with Oskar Schendel last week to express my concerns over their lack of progress. Mark was in Germany and was not present. With that meeting, I advised Schendel that they must complete the project immediately or another solution will be used to complete the project on their behalf. Mark arrived back in town on Friday August 29, 2008. I spoke with Mark via telephone and was advised of the following:

- Mark will now leave from Edmonton to LaCrete on Sunday September 7, 2008. He will remain in La Crete until all outstanding items have been completed or addressed
- Marshall from Atek has been contacted and is prepared to visit the plant during that same week.
- Darell Hannon from Heat Link will wait for Mark to advise of the components needed for the Location 3 boiler controls and ship them to Mark for replacement. If necessary, Darell is prepared to go to LaCrete to rectify the issue.

- I have pulled Brad McCullough from another project and he will make his way to LaCrete on Sunday Sept 7, 2008 as well. He will stay there as long as necessary to insure items get cleaned up. He has the list that Fred and I went through in July and will bring with him all the necessary materials to complete JCCL items.

I realize this is not ideal but I am confident we will be successful in wrapping up the project in the very near future.

Best Regards

Travis Gilson
Project Manager
Jen-Col Construction Ltd.
p: 780-963-6523 ext. 227
f: 780-963-0264

Hutch Lake / Town of High Level & Mackenzie County Meeting - August 13, 2008

Attendance:

Wendy Johner, Director of Community Services, Town of High Level
Dean Krause, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of High Level
Greg Newman, Reeve, Mackenzie County
John Klassen, Director of Environmental Services, Mackenzie County
Ryan _____
Ray Gibson, Peace River District Team Leader, Alberta Parks
Peter Giamberardino, High Level Conservation Officer, Alberta Parks
Calvin McLeod, Northwest Area Manager, Alberta Parks.

Background

- Provincial Recreation Area (PRA), deregulated in 2007.
- Since deregulation management of the land is under SRD.
- Day use area was not part of PRA.
- When Hutch Lake (reservoir) was created one of the intents was to provide an area for boating and camping.
- Town and County have an interest in making the existing campsite bigger, e.g. adding the day use area and vacant lands between day use area and campground.
- Hutch Lake campground is important to residents of High Level.
- County would like site improved, and more services, more people would use the site.
- OHV use in community is high; however, lands surrounding Hutch Lake may be too wet for OHV use.
- Snowmobile use in community is popular and Watt Mountain Snowmobile Club has trails in surrounding area and through campsite.

Expectations Flowing From July Town and County Meeting with Minister

- Town and County – commitments had been made to commission a development plan for the site to include campground expansion as well as assistance with maintenance and operation of the site for the next three years.
- At the Area Level, Alberta Parks indicated that the direction received was to provide maintenance and operation assistance for the site for the next three years, e.g. approximately \$40,000 year. The Area was also asked to monitor usage of the site.
- The Town and County want more than just general maintenance and operation of the campground.
- Three things are desired by the Town and County, and they are as follows:
 1. Maintenance and Operation of existing site and facilities.
 2. Development of an enhancement and upgrade plan for the site.
 3. Implementation of upgrades and ongoing maintenance.
- Town and County indicated a willingness to partner with the province at some level for the above.
- Town and County indicated that if Parks is not interested in the site they would like to explore other options.

Moving Forward

Maintenance and Operation of existing site and facilities.

- Parks indicated it could provide contract funds to County if they were willing to take on maintenance and operation of the Hutch Lake Campground and Day Use site.
- County indicated that they would be interested in the above arrangement.
- Parks to liaise with SRD and determine options for site designation, e.g. DRS, Recreation Lease.
- Monitoring of use at the site in 2009 – 2011. Ray will look into this.
- Ray will compile copies of previous contracts.

Development of an enhancement and upgrade plan for the site.

- Cal will discuss with area and provincial Parks planners.
- Cal will explore DRS and Recreational Lease Options with SRD.

Next Meeting

- November 2008.

John Klassen

From: Bill Gish [Bill.Gish@gov.ab.ca]
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 9:58 AM
To: John Klassen
Cc: Bill Kostiw; chrisf@fvsd.ab.ca
Subject: RE: Buffalo Head Prairie School Zone

John

Thanks for your note, we will make arrangements to remove the current speed zone in front of the school.

Bill

From: John Klassen [mailto:jklassen@mackenziecounty.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Bill Gish
Cc: Bill Kostiw; chrisf@fvsd.ab.ca
Subject: Buffalo Head Prairie School Zone

Good day Bill;

Mackenzie County would like to request that AIT remove the school zone at Buffalo Head Prairie due to the reconfiguration of the school access and closure of the fence.

Thanks for your attention to this request.

John Klassen
Director Of Operations (South)
Mackenzie County
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Director of Operations (North) Capital Projects Review

Regular Council Meeting

September 9th, 2008

In brief review:

Zama Water treatment Plant, The end date of construction and commission will not be completed until January 31, 2009. The new well site has had an impact on this due to the high water table. Nason is bringing in additional staff to help make up some time.

Zama Lagoon, Construction of the anaerobic cross over piping has started. Project is 70% complete

Zama paving, Knelsen is on site and working on the ditching and clean up.

Fort Vermilion Mackenzie housing / 45th street, Knelsen is on site and working on lowering the road and base preparation along with fixing the deflection in the curb on 45th street.

Fort Vermilion Lift Station, Nason has completed the mechanical and electrical, the project is 90% complete.

Fort Vermilion WTP upgrades, Nason will be on site in the next week to complete the remainder of the items and this project is 80% complete.

Rocky Lane drainage, Construction should begin in the next week for the Charley road bridge. There have also been some culverts repaired in the area.

High Level rural, the design of the 4 mile road is complete and I have met with the local residents to review the design construction will begin this fall in the next few weeks.

David Crichton

Director of Public Works North

Mackenzie County

Projects Control - Council Report

Mark Schonken
9 September 2008

Activities

Regravelling

The gravelling for 2008 is 80% complete to date. The area that was planned for the Fidler pit area has not been completed as part of the 2008 gravelling program. The reason for this was that Knelsen have not completed the crushing at the Fort Vermilion pit. These delays were the result of shutdowns and an increase in the gravel below the planned pit floor.

It will not be financially viable for the County to gravel the Fidler pit section from the Fort Vermilion pit as this will result in a significant increase in the gravelling costs. Therefore, we have instructed our staff to spot gravel these sections to ensure that the worst affected areas have been graveled.

Gravel Crushing

Knelsen is still in the process of crushing at the Fort Vermilion pit. This delay is mainly the result of shutdowns and additional gravel that has been identified below the planned pit floor. This increase in gravel quantities required additional excavation of the gravel from the water table, with the resulting cost of approximately \$4.05 per cubic meter for the gravel pre-crushing.

We have also started reclamation of the Fort Vermilion pit with no additional cost to the cost of the gravel or to the County's reclamation liability for the pit. This was achieved by backfilling the pit as the gravel was removed.



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Planning & Emergency Services Report August 2008

A review was conducted on August 6th of the County Peace Officer program. Overall the review went very well. A few recommendations will be forthcoming, mainly of a housekeeping nature. I see the County Peace Officer program as very important to the operations of Mackenzie County. Over the next 2 months I will be reviewing our Peace Officer and Fire Services programs and providing my recommendations to Council if any changes are needed.

The fire at the Apache plant has already been discussed by Council. I can report that our Fire services acted very professionally and did in fact prevent the fire from becoming what may have been a more significant loss. The type of equipment we have on site in Zama is being reviewed and should any changes be required I will be making my recommendations to Council to consider. We may not have a significant population of people residing in Zama, however the industrial nature of the Hamlet itself is significant. Due to its remote nature the ability to suppress fire as quickly as possible can reduce the amount of human and industrial losses. I will be attending an industrial fire services conference / trade show in October. There are some very timely sessions being offered on industrial fires, airport fires, wild land fires & hazardous chemical fire fighting. All of these are very topical to our responsibilities not only to Zama but all of our industrial areas. An emergency preparedness forum is being held on September 17th and 18th in Grande Prairie. The conference agenda is attached for councils review. I plan on attending at least the second day of the conference and if my work schedule permits I may attend both days.

During the month of August a great deal of time was spent reviewing the Ambulance proposals. Several meetings were held with AUMA, AAMD&C policy analysts and legal council to ascertain if any new information from the Province regarding the transition has been forthcoming. I also met with the three potential contractors to discuss their proposals and gauge their ability to provide services to Mackenzie County. My findings will be discussed in detail during the council meeting.

Work continues on the Zama subdivision design with ISL engineering. A site visit was conducted on August 26th in Zama. A plan is in place to move forward as quickly as possible to move this project forward in the spring / summer of 2009. I have been doing research on the Horn River shale project and some information is attached to my report. The goal of the Planning & Development department needs to be focused on positioning the County to not only retain the industry in Zama but to attract new industry. Preparing land for residential and industrial uses is essential for the County to achieve this goal.

A Launch meeting was held on August 27th in Fort Vermilion to begin the Municipal Development plan update. Some valuable input was received from members of Council and the members of the Municipal Planning Commission. The importance of having this document updated cannot be understated as it is the bedrock from which we do all of our planning and development for the County.



R.N.BECKER
Director, Planning & Emergency Services

From Monday's Globe and Mail

March 3, 2008 at 4:03 AM EST

CALGARY — The remote and rugged northern fringe of British Columbia is set for a frantic land grab by natural gas explorers, following months of speculation and intensified by last week's announcement of what could rank among the largest gas discoveries in Canadian history.

Located in northeastern B.C., with the key area centred on the Horn River Basin, very little was known about the play until last Thursday, when Houston-based **EOG Resources Inc.** said it might have reserves of six trillion cubic feet - the same as Mackenzie Delta, Northwest Territories, and a figure that would increase Canada's total proved reserves by roughly 10 per cent.

EnCana Corp. of Calgary - which claims the initial discovery of Horn River's potential - and partner Apache Corp. of Houston may also have 6 trillion cubic feet of gas, Apache said in early February.

EnCana, Apache, EOG, as well as Nexen Inc. of Calgary, are the four major firms on the play and hold exploration rights for more than 600,000 acres. In late March and again in late April, the B.C. government announces the results of the next two auctions of exploration rights in the province, with roughly another 200,000 acres up for grabs in the Horn River region.

"Everyone's looking at bidding at land up there, it goes without saying," said Dale Shwed, chief executive officer of Crew Energy Inc., a Calgary junior explorer that has a small position in the region.

Industry's focus on Horn River has increased steadily in the past year, most recently capped by the \$67-million put down at B.C.'s February auction of exploration rights for land in the area. "I suspect the EOG announcement will push it through the roof," said Michael Harris, vice-president of investor relations at Nexen.

Major advances in technology are helping drive the frenzy, including horizontal drilling and subsurface fracturing of the complex and difficult shale rock in which the natural gas in Horn River is trapped. Unlike conventional pools, economically extracting gas from shale rock has been, until just recently, next to impossible.

But with the likes of EnCana and EOG successfully exploiting the Barnett shale play in Texas, other opportunities such as Horn River are poised to make the leap from theory to reality.

"This is setting up to be a massive land grab equivalent to that of the oil sands binge in Alberta during late 2005 and early 2006," analyst Robert Fitzmarty of FirstEnergy Capital said in a report last Friday. "Land sales are likely to remain frantic over the coming months."

EOG's announcement on Horn River, one of a series of discoveries in North America the firm disclosed, stirred a buying spree among investors. EOG stock Thursday surged 18 per cent to an all-time high. Stock of Nexen rose 5 per cent as almost 28 million shares traded, 10 times the amount of a typical day.

Horn River - as well as the hot Montney play further south in the same area of B.C. - faces challenges beyond geology, led by its remoteness, where drilling is conducted in winter because rigs can only make it to locations when the rugged ground is frozen.

Seeing this, the B.C. government last year adopted an oil sands-like royalty framework for shale gas and other complicated plays. Once a project is approved, the royalty is a nominal 2 per cent of gross revenues until capital costs are recovered. It then rises in stages to a maximum of 5 per cent of gross revenues or 35 per cent of net profits, whichever is greater.

Wells at Horn River are expensive, roughly \$10-million per hole. A handful have been drilled, with EnCana-Apache already producing gas from a couple of wells, and EOG set to put its first wells on-stream in June.

Shale gas requires high gas prices, analyst Gordon Gee of RBC Dominion Securities said last week, estimating a required long-term gas price of \$8 per thousand cubic feet. If drilling costs come down, \$7 might be adequate. The benchmark price of natural gas on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Friday was \$9.73 (U.S.) per thousand cubic feet, much higher than the average of roughly \$6 in this decade.

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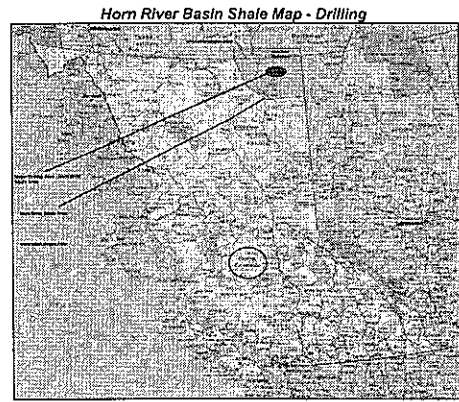
Horn River Basin Shale Play - Horn River Shale Natural Gas Field Information

Horn River Shale Basin Location: Northeast British Columbia, Canada - South Northwest Territories - East of Liard river - Muncho Lake - Fireside - Summit Lake - City of Ware - Toad River - Muncho Lake Provincial Park

Horn River Shale Drilling Area: The major drilling area at Horn River Shale Formation is just northwest of Kotcho Lake and Southeast of Maxhamish Lake B.C Canada. Major cities in the region are: Nelson Forks, Snake River, Fort Nelson, Muskwa.

What is the Horn River Shale Basin Formation?

The Horn River Shale Formation (British Columbia, Canada Shale) is a natural gas shale field located deep below the earths surface. Located mainly in British Columbia B.C, Canada, the Horn River Basin shale play is the largest shale gas field in Canada according to B.C. Energy Minister Richard Neufeld. In 2007, companies spent a total of 240 million in new leases for the Horn River Basin Rock Deposit Area. Another emerging shale play in British Columbia just south of the Horn River formation is the Montney Shale.



Though this field has been around for a long time, the Horn River Shale is a relatively new discovery as far as natural gas goes. The Shale boom going on in the United States and Canada is mainly due to higher natural gas prices and new drilling technologies called Horizontal Drilling as well as Hydraulic Fracturing. In short, after a well is drilled vertically, it is then drilled horizontally. Companies then use new hydraulic fracturing techniques. These companies use millions of gallons of water and sand at a high pressure to fracture the shale which then releases the gas. It is then pumped out and run through gas pipelines.

Some experts say that if you would have mentioned extracting natural gas from shale 5-10 years ago, you would have been laughed at! But now, given the recent boom in shale exploration and new technology, this laughing has turned into serious business for many large companies.

Experts estimate that there is about 250 trillion cubic feet of Natural Gas in northeast B.C in which 10-20% would be recoverable. The Horn River Shale is fairly new, even newer then the Haynesville Shale in Northwest Louisiana. While remaining somewhat quiet about their operation in the Horn River Shale, many companies are putting up large amounts of money for land leases. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that this Shale Play will produce a huge supply of Natural Gas in the coming years. Follow the Money!! Don't forget to check out these other shale plays just as hot as Horn River Shale. Haynesville Shale - Marcellus Shale - Bakken Oil Shale - Fayetteville Shale - Brazil Oil Field - Woodford Shale - Barnett

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Energy companies continued to pour money into British Columbia on Thursday 6/19, adding another \$213 million to its land sale coffers to snap up rights in the Horn River shale play.

The result comes on the heels of a record \$441 million raised in the province's May land sale, bringing the B.C.'s fiscal year-to-date total to \$693.9 million, well on track for another banner year.

The most expensive parcel at the sale went for \$36.7 million, or \$23,500 a hectare, where a pair of Texas-based outfits -- EOG Resources and Quicksilver Resources -- have been active in recent months.

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Companies Involved in Drilling the Horn River Shale - Horn River Shale Stocks

- Encana ECA - Calgary-based Encana discovered Horn River Shale play back in 2003, ECA is the Shale Leader here. Encana has 220,000 net acres in the heart of the Horn River Shale play. In 2007 Encana formed a 50/50 joint venture on a portion of the play with Apache Corporation. In the Horn River basin, Encana has finished drilling the final four wells of its 2008 program. I'm very pleased to report that the test results from the first two of these wells averaged in excess of 5 million cubic feet per day during the first months of production.

- Apache APA - Apache and Encana take lead in the new and hottest shale play(Horn River Basin Shale) so far this year. Great picture and details of operations on this link!

- Quicksilver Resources KWK - Quicksilver KWK has a nice acreage position in the Horn River Basin Shale. May 2008 - On the exploration front in Canada, the company recently announced that 127,000 contiguous acre lease block in the Horn River Basin in the northeast British Columbia. Our Canadian team did an excellent job of identifying a huge opportunity, and it appears from nearby production test completed in the thick Devonian shale formations that we are well positioned to attack another large resource play. Quicksilver will drill as many as four wells in this winter's drilling season. We're getting in December to begin testing on the lease block. This is a long-term project with lots of hurdles to clear but the potential is tremendous and we have favorable leases with long lease term to execute our plan.

- Devon Energy DVN - Devon DVN has taken a nice drilling stake in the Horn River Shale Natural Gas Field - Also in Canada in the second quarter, Devon increased its lease position in the Horn River Shale play in British Columbia to more than 100,000 net acres. The company is now planning its upcoming winter drilling program for the Horn River area.

- EOG Resources EOG - EOG Resources gives update on the Horn River Shale Basin Field in their last conference call. In British Columbia, we continue to feel very good about the Horn River Basin shale play, but we don't have any new EOG well test data beyond that disclosed in February. We plan to drill and complete several additional wells in 2008 to further define the potential of the play. Updated EOG Horn River Shale - In British Columbia (Horn River Shale) we commenced sales from our first two shale gas plays two weeks ago, one is a full lateral and one is a half lateral. We are pleased with the initial flow rates but want to watch these wells for a while before we provide specific details regarding per well reserves. We are currently running two rigs in this area and we will have a second full lateral well on sales next week. As previously noted, our immediate short-term sales capacity will be limited to 25 million cubic feet a day to 50 million cubic feet a day until we have full

pipeline takeaway capacity in 2011. (Regarding the Horn River Basin Shale)

- Nexen NXY - Nexen NXY is very active in the Horn River Shale Basin Play. The Horn River basin in northeast British Columbia has the potential to become one of the most significant shale gas plays in North America and the recoverable contingent resource identified on our Dilly Creek lands here could double our total proved reserves. As previously announced, we currently estimate our Dilly Creek lands contain between 3 and 6 trillion cubic feet (0.5 to 1.0 billion barrels of oil equivalent) of recoverable contingent resources. We have increased our holdings to approximately 88,000 acres in the Dilly Creek area with a 100% working interest. This shale gas play has been compared to the Barnett Shale in Texas by other operators in the area as it displays similar rock properties and play characteristics. we have accelerated the drilling of two horizontal wells which will be fraced and tested this summer. This winter, we are planning an 8 to 16 well drilling and completion program. We have secured access to 70 mmcf/d of pipeline and processing capacity for our shale gas production for a five year period with a renewal option.

- Park Place Energy PRPL - Park Place is looking to get into the Horn River Basin Play - Park Place is also actively seeking to acquire a blue-sky opportunity and has focused on shale gas properties in the Horn River Basin and area, which is within the Company's defined core area for development in North East British Columbia. The Horn River Basin has been described as significantly larger than the Barnett shale area in Texas which was first drilled in 1981 and currently produces 3 billion cubic feet per day. Wood Mackenzie stated in a recent report that they predict the Horn River Basin area could hold 50 trillion cubic feet of natural gas making it the hottest resource play in North America.

- Nabors Industries NBR - Nabors NBR builds and supplies drilling rigs to companies in the Horn River Shale. We have several rigs committed to these areas, including a heli-portable rig that's going to go in the Horn River and the big advantage of that is number one, it's our acreage so we can show how we can drill but also, it's going to be on a pad.

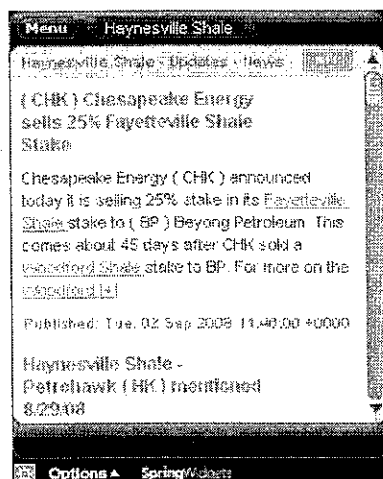
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On May 29, 2008 Health and Wellness Minister Ron Liepert announced a fundamental shift in the way that ground ambulance services will be governed, funded and administered in the province.

From its traditional background as a municipal responsibility, EMS will be transitioned into an essential component of the health care system.

Working in conjunction with the Ministry, the new single Alberta Health Services (AHS) health region has been charged with running the transition process. It is a formidable project, as service delivery contracts must be

negotiated with more than 80 service providers across the province.

The overriding goal of AHS for the transition is to maintain current levels of ground ambulance service delivery while enhancing province-wide medical oversight, coordination and operational performance. With its stated goal of creating more patient-focused care, the EMS Transition Project is moving quickly toward the transition date of April 1, 2009. ■

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**Alberta Health
Services**

Hello and Welcome

to the first edition of a regular newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date on the work being done to transfer the governance and operational funding of ambulance services in Alberta.

We hope that you will spend a few minutes with us to meet some of the leading men and women involved in this exciting project and learn about some of the new developments underway. We welcome your interest and hope that you will share our enthusiasm for a project that will enhance the role and delivery of ambulance services in Alberta. ■

Transition Team Leads Development of the Coordinated Province-wide Model

The EMS Transition Project has been placed in the Planning and Projects branch of AHS, under the direction of Aslam Bhatti, Interim Chief Operating Officer. Bhatti has appointed Darren Sandbeck and Howard Snodgrass as Co-Leads of the project.

"We were looking for a made-in-Alberta management solution that fits the diversity of the geography, the operational roles and the personalities of EMS operations in this province," said Bhatti. "Both Co-Leads are distinguished EMS practitioners and accomplished managers. The individual experience each has gained from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Discovery Projects in Peace Country Health and Palliser Health Region are vital to the success of the project. They have the full confidence of AHS as they consult with all stakeholders, plan and lead EMS in a new direction for Albertans," Bhatti said. ■



Darren Sandbeck is currently the Director, Regional EMS and Emergency Preparedness for Peace Country Health in north-

western Alberta. Prior to joining Peace Country Health, Darren served as the Executive Director of the Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission, a multi-municipality regional EMS and 911/Communications delivery model in Southern Alberta. Darren also served as the EMS Project Lead with the Calgary Health Region during EMS transition planning in 2004 - 2006.

Darren holds a Master of Arts degree in Leadership from Royal Roads University as well as a Health Care Administration diploma from the University of Saskatchewan. He also remains provincially registered as an Emergency Medical Technologist - Paramedic. Darren has served on the boards and has ties with numerous provincial and national organizations. ■



Howard Snodgrass has been involved in EMS for 28 years, the past 17 years in numerous leadership, change-management, and service integratio

roles within healthcare, emergency services and various associations. During 2004/2005, Howard was the EMS Transition Leader for Palliser Health Region - one of two health regions in Alberta that are "discovery projects" for transitioning EMS from municipal responsibility to health region governance and funding. In 2005, he was also appointed by the Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness to the Ambulance Governance Advisory Council that advised the Minister on the future of EMS in Alberta. Howard's leadership and paramedic experience span several ground and air ambulance environments including urban, rural, municipal, health-based as well as oilfield. Howard holds a Master of Arts degree in Leadership from Royal Roads University in Victoria, in addition to remaining a Registered Paramedic. ■



Activities Around Alberta

Regional representatives from the Transition Team are currently engaged in discussions with operators, municipalities and societies who either provide direct EMS service or who contract service from ambulance operators.

The intent of these meetings is very much a two way process of information exchange. The team regional leads present the goals, timeframes and emerging policy directions of the transition process. They answer questions, receive comments as well as collecting information and inventories of existing resources. At this point they are also gauging the intent of municipalities and operators on whether they wish to enter into contractual arrangements with AHS to continue to provide services past the transition date of April 1, 2009.

The tone of these meetings has been encouraging. The overriding goal of including ambulance services as an essential element of the health care system has met with wide acceptance. The intent of all parties to ensure current levels of service are maintained during the transition process is evident in the cooperative and positive nature of these meetings. The regional project leads report that despite the evolving nature of the project, and the fact that answers to questions regarding the long term are still in the formulation stage, the great majority of the questions, comments and feedback continue to be constructive and unquestionably positive. ■

Appointment of Provincial EMS Medical Director

On August 1st 2008, Emergency Health Services (EHS) completed a competition process to secure the new position of Provincial EMS Medical Director (PEMD) under the soon to be implemented Provincial Framework for Medical Direction in the new governance model.

Dr. Hal Canham was the successful candidate and will be working with the transition team and Regional Medical Leads to implement the new model. Dr Canham has worked as EHS Medical Advisor for the past four years and has over 20 years experience as an EMS Medical Director. He still works actively in emergency medicine in both Edmonton and Medicine Hat.



"The transition of Emergency Medical Services into health is an exciting time for all of us involved in the industry," Dr Canham said. "I see this as a time of opportunity—opportunity for the EMS practitioner to expand into other areas of health care delivery and opportunity for the health care system to utilize this highly skilled profession to help offset some of the stress points in the system." Dr Canham also noted that EMS is a true discipline of health care and, as such, is assuming its rightful place. "I look forward to working with everyone to make EMS in Alberta a world-class environment in which to work and, in doing so, ensuring Albertans the highest quality health care," he said. ■

Questions & Answers



Municipalities budget on a calendar year. Are they responsible for services up until March 31, 2009?

- All municipalities will receive grant funding from the province for the period of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.
- Municipalities remain responsible for ambulance services until March 31, 2009 and should plan for it accordingly.



How much is the overall cost of the EMS system today?

- The present total cost of the ground emergency medical services system is \$190 million.
- Presently the province provides \$128.4 million or 67% funding for EMS.



Does this mean that the new provincial health authority (Alberta Health Services) will deliver ambulance services in Alberta?

- Not necessarily. Some regions deliver EMS now. However, we are moving forward with a governance model in which the province

assumes responsibility for overall system standards and performance measures and the new provincial health authority is responsible to ensure ambulance service is provided. This is not a provincial service such as that in BC; rather this is a province-wide approach to delivering services that helps ensure access and the quality that Albertans have come to expect and value in ambulance services.

- AHS will make decisions around the most appropriate way to deliver coordinated ambulance services whether that be through third party contracts with one or more providers (such as a municipality or integrated service) or by direct delivery.



Who will be responsible for signing these contracts?

- An AHS team will negotiate individual contracts with direct service providing agencies such as municipalities or with ambulance operators individually. AHS will not enter into subcontracts for service.



Why not just leave responsibility for ambulance services with the municipalities and continue to give grants for services?

- EMS is health care. EMS practitioners now provide complex medical procedures and treatment regimes as part of health service delivery.
- EMS is not currently part of the health system and therefore is not considered as part of the regional planning for health services. This disconnect is the cause of a number of issues as well as missed opportunities.



How long will these contracts run? Some existing contracts are for several years.

- AHS will be negotiating contracts for up to two years. In addition, longer term agreements may be negotiated when accompanied by an appropriate business plan. These timeframes gives some flexibility for changes in the overall transition plan. We need to fully understand how services are provided in each community and to better determine how to integrate EMS into the health care system. Essentially we need time to understand how to best provide services in the future within an integrated health care system.

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Will legislation be changed or improved to help improve ambulance services?

- Yes, Alberta Health and Wellness has been working to draft legislation that will create a system of emergency medical services and provides flexibility for the future provision of services. The legislation is expected to be introduced in the fall sitting of the legislature.



Next steps?

- Governance will be transitioned to Alberta Health Services on April 1, 2009, at this time a new framework for medical direction will be implemented.
- The number of dispatch centres will be reduced to nine or less from the current 30 to ensure a more coordinated and seamless approach to the dispatch of emergency and patient transfer ambulances.
- Following the governance transition, a more long term plan will be developed to achieve the health system benefits of a seamless EMS system that is fully integrated into the health system.



Who's paying for and governing EMS services under the new arrangement?

- This year about \$29 million has been allocated by Alberta Health and Wellness to support transition activities.
- In 2009/2010, Alberta Health and Wellness will provide an additional \$27 million for system enhancements such as centralizing ambulance dispatch, increasing levels of service, improving access and medical direction.

Under the changes; the province will increase its contribution to the EMS system to \$217 million and cover 90% of the funding. Users will pay for the remaining 10%.

Under the changes the municipalities will no longer be required to provide funding to cover costs directly related to EMS in their communities.

With a consolidated dispatch system and appropriate medical direction, the EMS system serves an integral role in directing patients to appropriate care; which may not always be at an emergency department.

But the results are also not positive enough to give the minority Conservatives an edge should they run on their management of the economy, he added.

"The economy has become a more important or at least more prominent issue. But it hasn't yet become a highly politically polarized issue."

The survey results come in advance of today's second-quarter economic report from Statistics Canada, which will re-

gains in optimism since the spring survey, suggesting that "growing fear in May has shifted into growing uncertainty in August."

Still, that's better than the findings of a parallel survey in the U.S. that found that pessimism there has continued to deepen.

The results of the Canadian survey of just over 2,000 people from Aug. 7 to 17 are said to have a margin of error of 2.2 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

Apple readying iPhone fix

Bloomberg

Apple Inc. is readying a software update for the iPhone, fixing a security flaw in the device that gives unauthorized access to contacts and e-mails.

"We are aware of this bug," Apple spokeswoman Jennifer Bowcock said Thursday in an e-mailed statement.

She declined to say when the update would be available.

Customers can avoid the problem by changing their settings, Bowcock said.

Apple released a faster version of the web surfing iPhone in July, selling one million in the first three days.

Technology site Gizmodo.com was among the first to report that iPhone users' private information was vulnerable, even on password-protected and locked phones.

To correct the problem, users can set their phone so that double-clicking the Home button sends them to the home page or the iPod area, Bowcock said.

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Bruce West

The Alberta Continuing Care Association (ACCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of their new Executive Director, Bruce West, effective September 8, 2008. Employed by the Alberta government for 30 years, Bruce has held many management positions, including Executive Director of Supportive Living and Long-Term Care. ACCA is a voluntary, non-profit organization located in Edmonton representing owners and operators of continuing care and long term care facilities in Alberta. The members and staff of ACCA welcome Bruce to his new position.

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CAO REPORT TO COUNCIL
September 9, 2008

This report is a brief overview of the County business affairs and major projects. During the past month I have held "meetings" with senior personnel from Alberta Infrastructure, Municipal Affairs, Alberta Health, and engineers.

With Alberta Infrastructure we discussed 2008 projects and briefly touched on 2009 requests (ie. resource roads, Secondary Highway 697 culverts, rural water, etc.)

With Alberta Municipal Affairs we discussed both assessment structures/processes. We have a tentative plan to be able to review past assessment practices and hopefully establish a better assessment procedure. The intent is to beef up both the linear and machinery & equipment assessment procedure. We will be conducting some test sites later this year.

Our discussions with Alberta Health are at three levels, the Northern Lights staff, the department staff and the new super board staff. The intent is to obtain accurate information on the new Alberta plan for doctors, facilities, and ambulances.

Our meetings with engineers, consultants, and contractors is to ensure we're getting quality projects and value. This is certainly a continuous challenge.

The highlight of the year was having the Premier and our MLA attend a meeting with Council and visit some of our communities.

Project Status

1. Zama Water Treatment Plant, Wells & Water Line

Proceeding well at this time and estimated completion is December 2008 with final commissioning in January 2009. The project is about two months behind schedule; however, is on budget.

2. Zama Waste Water Lagoon & Transfer Station

Proceeding fairly well; however some rain has caused some delays. Project is estimated to be complete in October 2008 and on budget.

3. Zama Paving

The Tower Road and residential area paving is substantially complete with final cleanup happening now and final inspection in late September 2008. Projects are on or close to budget. The second phase of Zama Access base paving will start this week.

4. Zama Building Project

This project is still in the financial and design stage. The committee met September 5th to discuss site options and building design.

5. La Crete Building Project

The project design and final drafting is near completion and the consultants are working on the tender package. The building committee met on September 5th to discuss details.

6. La Crete 102nd Street Paving

Project is well under way and the cement crew should be starting September 15, 2008. Project completion is estimated for October 15, 2008.

7. River Road (La Crete)

The project has been awarded and the contractor is supposed to start this week. The contractor seems to have a full work load and may be delayed; however we are pushing them. The project will be increased to include shoulder pulling for the last 800 meters. The project is estimated to be on budget.

8. 98th Avenue La Crete

Project has been tendered and will close on September 16th at 1:00 p.m. and awarded at Council on September 24, 2008. Subject to a successful tender the underground portion should be completed this year. The balance of the project will be completed in 2009.

9. A.J.A. Friesen Road

The project has been posted for construction proposals according to the survey and design by Barlow. The proposed call closes in September and construction should start in late September 2008. Project is estimated to be complete late this fall.

10. Buffalo Head Water Management

This project is being designed and will be tendered in September for completion this fall.

11. Blue Hills Water Management

The Agriculture Service Board is requesting engineering proposals and should complete design this fall. Some construction should happen late this year subject to final design and tender.

12. Golf Course Road (La Crete)

This project is complete and on budget.

13. La Crete South Access

Project is complete except for some minor water management which should be complete this fall.

14. La Crete Water Plan

The project is being completed this fall and should be wrapped up by November 2008.

15. Rural Water

I have met with Alberta Transportation and federal agencies to discuss funding. Some funding is available subject to submission of a successful proposal.

16. Fort Vermilion South Water Management

The final design of this project has been submitted to Alberta Environment for approval which is pending. Construction should start in September and be completed this fall.

17. Blumenort Intersection

Project is substantially complete and we are submitting additional claims to Alberta Transportation for the power line upgrade.

18. Blumenort Road Upgrading & Storm Water Control

This project is substantially complete with final cleanup underway. Project is on or close to budget and will be completed by September 30, 2008.

19. Mackenzie Housing & 45th Street Paving (Fort Vermilion)

The project is underway and the cement crew is scheduled for September 18, 2008. The project had serious delays due to engineering and contractor problems getting the cement work complete. The project will get going full steam

once the curb crew is complete. Project is estimated to be complete by late October 2008.

20. Fort Vermilion 50th Street Overlay

Project is complete except for line painting.

21. Fort Vermilion 47th Street Paving

Project design is complete and tender will be out this week. Underground construction should be completed this fall and paving will be subject to weather conditions but likely next year.

22. Fort Vermilion West Water & Sewer

This project is being designed and proposal calls will be made this fall. Some construction could start this fall subject to weather and land agreements.

23. Regravelling Program

Project is complete except for some patching in various locations.

24. Gravel Crushing

Crushing is near completion at the North Vermilion pit and we will be moving to West La Crete by September 15, 2008. Further crushing may happen at Tompkins and Fidler depending on budgets and weather.

25. High Level East Water Management

This project will be completed by late September 2008.

26.4 Mile Road (1.5 miles of construction)

This project is tendered and construction should start in mid September 2008 and be completed this fall.

27. Heliport Road Base Paving

Project is tendered and awarded with construction to start mid September 2008. Completion should be mid October 2008.

28. Charlios Hill Storm Water Project

Project will start soon and be completed in September 2008.

29. Inter-Municipal Negotiations

To be reported on by the Committee.

30. Other Building Projects

For discussion.

31. Municipal Development Plan & Land Use Bylaw

These projects are underway and should be completed over the next few months.

32. Airports

Tender documents are being worked on and will be presented to Council for review prior to tender call.

33. General Maintenance

We have had an extensive culvert replacement and restoration program which should correct a lot of problems with storm water.

34. MK Strategy Group Study

This project is under way some local meetings are being planned.

In summary, September and October will be very busy with completion of several projects and getting applications in for 2009 funding. I would be pleased to answer any questions or discuss any projects Council wishes. Thank you and I look forward to a very productive September.

William Kostiw
CAO

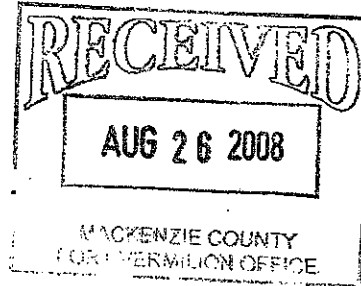
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August 20, 2008

Mr. William (Bill) Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer
Mackenzie County
PO Box 640
Fort Vermillion, AB
T0H 1N0



Dear Mr. Kostiw:

RE: Municipal Bridge Funding Request Review

Alberta Transportation has completed a preliminary review of your municipality's 2008 Municipal Bridge Request List. A brief response regarding each bridge file that was included in your municipality's list is provided below.

BF 86211 (Zama Access) – The existing culverts are grossly undersized and are in very poor condition. The year of installation is unknown. Replacement with a bridge sized culvert is the only option. Funding for engineering has been approved and EXH is on board to design the replacement structure. The design should be completed as soon as possible. The Department would rank this high priority replacement request and let the County know when the funding is available for construction.

BF 09041 – The existing bridge was built in 1979 using salvage precast girders. The condition of the girders appears to be unchanged in 2007 BIM inspection when compared to 2005 BIM inspection. The assessment done by EXH in 2006 recommends replacing with 2 – 2.0 m CSP culverts. The Department will rank this replacement project in comparison with other requests, however, no further action will be taken at this time

BF 78185 – The existing bridge was built in 1960 and is in good condition. Major rehab including caps and corbels replacement was done in 2005. 2006 BIM inspection recommends minor repairs. County should complete these repairs at the earliest. The Department will rank this repair project in comparison with other requests and will notify you if/when funding is available for these repairs.

BF 81336 – The existing bridge was built in 1988 using salvage pre-cast girders. The bridge is in poor to adequate condition. The bridge continues to be monitored on a reduced inspection cycle. The bridge was assessed in 2001 but replacement with a culvert appears to be the best option now. The Department will rank this replacement project in comparison with other requests, however, no further action will be taken at this time.

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BF 72702 – The existing bridge was built in 1979 using a salvage truss. Some repairs are recommended in 2006 BIM inspection and 2004 UT inspection. The most important repairs are the heat straightening of members U7L7-E and U7L6-E. The Department will rank this repair project in comparison with other requests and will notify you if/when funding is available for the repairs.

BF 78318 – The existing bridge was built in 1978 using salvage pre-cast girders. The existing bridge is in poor to adequate condition, but may be hydraulically inadequate. The Department will consider this site for an assessment and will contact you if/when funding is available to complete the assessment. No further action will be taken until an assessment is completed.

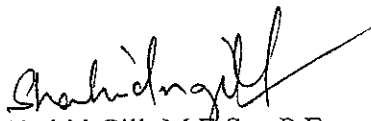
BF 81102 – The bridge was constructed in 1987. Minor repairs were recommended in 2006 BIM inspection. The repairs should be included with other similar work in the county in order to reduce engineering and construction costs. The Department will rank this repair project in comparison with other requests, however, no further action will be taken at this time.

BF 78103 – The existing bridge was built in 1975 using salvage pre-cast girders and is in poor condition. An assessment completed in 2007 by EXH recommends either removing the bridge in 2008 and building a new road or repairing the bridge and then removal of bridge in 2012 and building a new road. Please let the Department know as to when the County plans to remove the bridge.

BF 78209 – The existing bridge was built in 1977 using salvage pre-cast and pre-stressed girders. The bridge is in poor to adequate condition. The county should complete the minor repairs that are recommended in the September 2004 BIM inspection. An engineering assessment is a low priority at this time but will be considered for funding in comparison with other requests and the Department will notify you if/when funding is available for this assessment.

If you have any concerns regarding the above responses or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss these projects in further detail please contact the undersigned at (780) 624-6280.

Sincerely,


Shahid Gill, M.E.Sc., P.Eng.
Bridge Engineer

cc: James Morgan, P.Eng., EXH Engineering Ltd., Red Deer

Carol Gabriel

From: Danielle Timoffee [dtimoffee@exheng.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 8:58 AM
To: Bill Kostiw
Cc: jmorgan@exheng.com; cfisher@exheng.com
Subject: Km 17 - Zama Road (BF 86211)

Hi Bill,

I understand that you left a message with James about the culvert replacement at Km 17 on Zama Road (BF 86211) and that there is a possibility of having funding in place for replacement this year.

We are currently reviewing the Bridge Planning portion of this project, there is a possibility that we could have the design completed and ready to go in the next few weeks, however, the biggest obstacle to overcome in getting this built this year would be the permitting process.

I noticed in the file that you had discussed the DFO permits with James and were going to give Doug Lowe (DFO) a call regarding a "Hurry-up offence" for the permit at this site. Have you had any contact with Doug regarding this? We have the paperwork started for the permitting process but we normally don't send this to DFO until the design is complete.

If you could please let me know if there has been any progress with the DFO permit, it would be much appreciated.

Please call me at (403) 314-6334 if you have any questions.

Danielle Timoffee
Bridge Technologist
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MACKENZIE COUNTY - Hamlet of La Crete - Construction Estimate
A. CONCEPTUAL COST ESTIMATE - UNIT PRICE SCHEDULE - 98 Avenue
BY EXH ENGINEERING SERVICES - AUGUST 2008

ITEM	CODE	ITEM OF WORK	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
PART 1: MOBILIZATION / DEMOBILIZATION						
		Mobilization	Lump Sum	1	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
		Part 1 Total: MOBILIZATION				\$65,000.00
PART 2: STORM SEWERS						
		Tie-in to Existing System	Lump Sum	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
		Storm Sewer Pipe - PVC SDR 35 or Ultra Rib PVC 525mm dia (Supply and Install)	lin. m.	1100	\$350.00	\$385,000.00
		1200mm Dia. Standard Storm Manhole Precast (Type 50), ASTM C478 w/ NF-49 Frame and Cover (Supply and Install)	each	16	\$9,200.00	\$147,200.00
		900mm Dia Catch Basin w/ NF-41 Frame and Cover (Supply and Install)	each	16	\$7,000.00	\$112,000.00
		250mm Dia PVC Ultra Rib pipe and Class B-1 Bedding (Supply and Install)	lin. m.	540	\$230.00	\$124,200.00
		Pipe Insulation (HI-40 Styrafoam Board) (100mm Thick) (2.0m Width)	lin. m.	1380	\$60.00	\$82,800.00
		Adjustments to Appurtenances	each	4	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
		Remove & Dispose Existing Catch Basin	each	10	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
		Remove & Dispose Existing Culverts	lin. m.	720	\$100.00	\$72,000.00
		Part 2 Total: STORM SEWER				\$938,700.00
PART 3: ROADWAY, LANE, AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION						
A. EXCAVATION, BACKFILL, AND SUBGRADE PREPARATION						
		Common Excavation	cu. m.	12500	\$12.00	\$150,000.00
		Preparing Subgrade Surface (150mm)	sq. m.	14300	\$4.00	\$57,200.00
		Subgrade Excavation	cu. m.	1400	\$20.00	\$28,000.00
		Roadway Geotextile	sq. m.	13600	\$2.50	\$34,000.00
		Granular Subgrade (300mm)	sq. m.	14300	\$15.00	\$214,500.00
		Granular Base Course (300mm)	sq. m.	14300	\$18.00	\$257,400.00
		Topsoil Placement (150mm compacted depth)	sq. m.	1200	\$3.00	\$3,600.00
		Borrow Excavation	cu. m.	670	\$20.00	\$13,400.00
		Section 3A Total: NEW CONCRETE WORK				\$758,100.00
B. NEW CONCRETE WORK						
		Remove Concrete Curb & Gutter	lin. m.	20	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
		Remove Concrete Sidewalk	sq. m.	10	\$75.00	\$750.00
		Saw-cut Concrete	lin. m.	30	\$100.00	\$3,000.00
		1.50m Rolled Monolithic Sidewalk	lin. m.	1200	\$250.00	\$300,000.00
		250mm Rolled Curb and Gutter	lin. m.	2200	\$150.00	\$330,000.00
		Paraplegic Ramp	each	11	\$1,600.00	\$17,600.00
		Section 3B Total: NEW CONCRETE WORK				\$647,600.00
C. ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT						
		Asphalt Concrete Pavement	sq. m.	14200	\$32.50	\$461,500.00
		Section 3C Total: ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT				\$461,500.00
PART 4: WATER & SANITARY WORKS						
		Sanitary Service - 150mm Dia. Pipe	lin. m.	130	\$200.00	\$26,000.00
		Gate Valve c/w Valve Box	each	4	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
		PVC SDR 18 150mmx150mmx150mm Tee	each	4	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
		Part 4 Total: WATER & SANITARY WORKS				\$34,000.00

PART 5: SITE RESTORATION/LANDSCAPING					
	Gravel Driveway - Restoration	sq. m	1500	\$75.00	\$112,500.00
	Asphalt Driveway - Restoration	sq. m	680	\$175.00	\$119,000.00
	Seeding	sq. m	1230	\$2.00	\$2,460.00
	Concrete Driveway Restoration	sq. m	30	\$275.00	\$8,250.00
	Part 4 Total: SITE RESTORATION/LANDSCAPING				\$233,960.00
	TOTAL ALL PARTS				\$2,491,260.00
	Total Contract Cost				\$2,491,260.00
	Contingencies @ 10%				\$249,126.00
	Total Estimated Cost + Contingency				\$2,740,386.00
	Engineering				\$328,846.32
	Total Overall Project Cost				\$3,069,232.32

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Preliminary Est add \$300,000.00

EXH Engineering Services

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Surfacing Estimate Summary

2008 Prices

Description of Work
150 mm GBC, 90 mm ACP
Complete Project Before Rge 19-3

Job No. 1007162
Project : Heliport Road
From: Jct. of Hwy 35
From km: 0.034
To: Jct. of Rge Rd 19-3
To km: 1.445

Estimate Type: "C"

Subgrade Width: 10.03m

CEB Code #	Bid Item Description *	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Estimated Cost	Spec No.s	Remarks (Plan No.)
X100	Mobilization	lump sum	1.0	75,000.00	\$75,000	1.2.13	
X004	Site Occupancy	days	24.0			1.2.21	
D430	Culverts - Supply and Install (900 mm dia. C.S.P.)	m	10.0	600.00	\$6,000	2.4.4	5.23.4
B100	Subgrade Excavation	m3	400.0	10.00	\$4,000	3.1.3	
E456	Geotextile for Stabilization - Supply and Install (Class ?)	m2	1,000.0	2.00	\$2,000	5.31.4	
B152	Granular Fill	t	500.0	30.00	\$15,000	3.8.5	5.2.5
B180	Preparing Subgrade Surface (First Layer)	m2	15,000.0	3.00	\$45,000	3.1.3	
B282	Granular Base Course	t	5,200.0	30.00	\$156,000	3.6.8	
Q992	Asphalt Concrete Pavement - EPS Mix Type M1 ()	t	2,800.0	135.00	\$378,000	3.50.7	
E608	Broad-Cast Seeding	ha	1.0	1500.00	\$1,500	2.20.4	
S350	Roadway Lines - Supplying Paint and Painting (Directional Dividing and 2 Edge Lines)	km	1.5	1500.00	\$2,250	7.2.6	5.20.5
S326	Pavement Messages - Railway Crossing	message s	2.0	600.00	\$1,200	7.3.5	
S315	Pavement Messages - Stop Bar	message s	1.0	250.00	\$250	7.3.5	
Total					\$686,200		

Total	\$686,200
Total Estimated Contract Cost	\$686,000
Total Estimated Contract Cost + Contingency	\$686,000
Estimated Engineering Cost	\$68,600
Utilities	
Right of Way	
Total Estimated Cost (Rounded To Nearest 100 Dollars)	\$754,600

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Carol Gabriel

From: Mark Onaba [monaba@exheng.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 4:45 PM
To: Bill Kostiw
Cc: 'Mark Schwab'; 'Garth McCulloch'
Subject: Cost Estimate for Augering Culverts

Hi Bill,
We were able to get a ballpark price to auger an 800 mm smooth wall culvert across Highway 697. We spoke with In-Line Contracting Ltd, who specialize in this kind of work and are based out of Edmonton. In-Line mentioned that they typically do this kind of work for La Prairie group and normally charge between \$1,200/m and \$1,400/m to bore an 800 mm culvert through the highway. This price includes all materials and labour costs. They also noted that they currently have a crew in the area, undertaking some work for La Prairie, and would, therefore, be in a position to do some work for the County, at a reduced price, due to the cost savings associated with mobilizing a crew from Edmonton.

Please contact me if you require any further information or need clarification.

Regards,

Mark Onaba, E.I.T

Project Manager

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Carol Gabriel

From: ACNMail@gov.ab.ca
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 2:32 PM
To: Carol Gabriel
Subject: News Release - Premier Stelmach names new Deputy Minister of Executive Council ~24279~

News Release

September 4, 2008

Premier Stelmach names new Deputy Minister of Executive Council

Edmonton... Premier Ed Stelmach has appointed Brian Manning as the new Deputy Minister of Executive Council.

"I am pleased to name Brian to lead Alberta's Public Service," said Stelmach. "Brian's track record of leadership, along with his many years of experience and dedication to Albertans, will ensure our province remains a national leader in developing and delivering government programs and services to our citizens."

"I am deeply honoured that Premier Stelmach has named me to this position," said Manning. "I am excited about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I also recognize the responsibilities that come with leading the best public service in Canada. Alberta provincial government employees have a long tradition of doing excellent work, helping create public policy and delivering programs and services - and I will work to ensure that tradition continues."

Manning joined the Alberta Public Service in 1996, serving as Deputy Minister of Treasury Board since December of 2006.

Manning replaces Ron Hicks who has retired after 28 years in the Alberta Public Service, including nearly four years as Executive Council Deputy Minister. Manning's appointment is effective September 6.

The functions of the Executive Council include support to the Premier and members of Cabinet in strategic and business planning and policy coordination; and leadership of the Alberta Public Service

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Attachment: Brian Manning biography

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To call toll free within Alberta dial 310-0000.

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SENIOR'S LODGE FEASIBILITY AND ANALYSIS

Mackenzie County
Town of High Level

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- ❖ Sustainable Efficiencies
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Project Timeframe

Phase	Estimated Completion Date
Phase 1 Project Preparation	August 27, 2008
Phase 2 Consult Stakeholder Groups	September 29, 2008
Phase 3 Research	October 14, 2008
Phase 4 Analysis & Recommendations	October 28, 2008
Phase 5 Draft Report	November 5, 2008
Phase 6 Final Report Submission & Presentations	November 21, 2008

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OUTCOMES

- ❖ Strategic Visioning
- ❖ Scenario Development
- ❖ Viable and Innovative Recommendations
 - ❖ Economic, Social, Political
- ❖ Stronger and Sustainable Future

Thank-you.....

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PLANNING FOR SENIORS' HOUSING AND SERVICES
public meeting.

**Your ideas and suggestions are
 important to us!**

Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level is currently reviewing its long range plans for a seniors' lodge and services to better meet the needs of seniors living in the area. Your input to long range planning for a lodge and services for seniors would be of great value.

**We invite you to provide your input
 at a public meeting.**

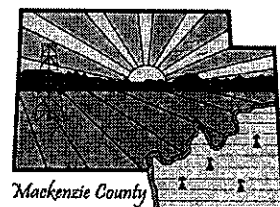
DATE	COMMUNITY	LOCATION
Tuesday September 16, 2008 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner will be provided.	High Level	Town Office High Level 10511 – 103rd Street
Wednesday September 17, 2008 11:30 am – 2:00 pm Lunch will be provided.	Fort Vermilion	Senior's Drop In Centre
Thursday September 18, 2008 11:30 am – 2:00 pm Lunch will be provided.	High Level	Town Office High Level 10511 – 103rd Street

For more information contact the project team at:
info@mk-strategy.com or call 403.283.2028

We look forward to seeing you.



**TOWN OF
 HIGH LEVEL**
 GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH



September 2, 2008

Our File: 2511-(5-19-109-19 NW)

Mr. Clarence Lee
P.O. Box 351
High Level, Alberta
T0H 1Z0

Dear Mr. Lee,

**Re: Industrial Development Along Township Road 1094
East of Highway 35; NW 19-109-19-W5M
Mackenzie County**

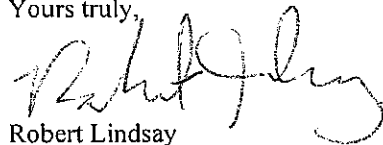
Thank you for meeting recently with Mr. Paul Catt of this department. The department's primary concerns with the local road intersection are that the intersection angle provides poor sign lines to the north and intensification of the volume and type of traffic using this intersection as a result if the industrial development on your land. Access from your development must be onto the local road at a safe location that allows large commercial vehicles to be stopped at the highway without blocking any portion of the eastbound lane of the township road. This is necessary to allow traffic to safely exit Highway 35 with minimal impact on highway operations.

On lower volume highways (1,800 vehicles / day or less at the 20 year planning horizon) the department can identify the intersection improvements warranted by an industrial development without requiring a traffic impact assessment. However, the vehicle count on Highway 35 past Township Road 1094 will be more than 1,800 in 2028. Therefore a traffic impact assessment that has been endorsed by a qualified transportation engineer is required to determine the improvements warranted in this case. Such a study will look at more than the existing business using your industrial building because tenants can change over time. An acceptable study will also consider the potential traffic this development can generate based on acceptable research data such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers' (ITE) Trip Generation Manual.

Please note that while your development is within Mackenzie County, Township Road 1094 is a local street under the jurisdiction of the Town of High Level. Improvements to the local road will also require their approval and meet their requirements in addition to those of this department.

Please call me at (780) 624-6280 if you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to arrange a meeting with the municipalities, your consultant and this department

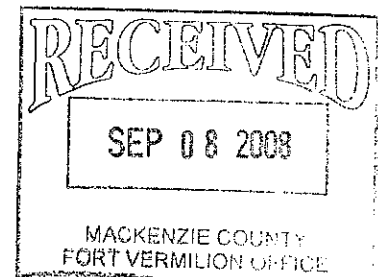
Yours truly,



Robert Lindsay
Development and Planning Technologist

/R/L

cc: William Kostiw, CAO, Mackenzie County, Fort Vermilion
Dean Krause, CAO, Town of High Level, High Level
Rommel Directo, Alberta Transportation, High Level
William Gish, Alberta Transportation, Peace River
Glen Tjostheim, Alberta Transportation, Edmonton



Carol Gabriel

From: Dan McGuigan [dmcguigan@dclsiemens.com]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 11:36 AM
To: Bill Kostiw
Subject: Regional Issues and Co-ops

Hi Bill,

For our meeting next week, could I get the following? 1) A copy of ISL's regional study, 2) an overall map of the MD, and 3) a GIS printout of occupied quarters, or residences, in the area of the regional system. Your GIS person might have to help out. ALSO, Chief Rupert Meneen was here and would like to meet with you on Tuesday too. You want to get together with him??

Dan McGuigan, P. Eng.

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Carol Gabriel

From: Rose Dacyk [RDacyk@auma.ab.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 2:41 PM
Subject: notice of special meeting - ambulance
Attachments: ToR - Ambulance - bd adopted June 08.pdf; AUMA Conference Call Transcript - aug 20 08.pdf

Dear CAOs and EMS Transition Municipal Contacts:

NOTICE OF MEETING

AUMA has scheduled a SPECIAL MEETING ON EMS TRANSITION for Wednesday, September 17th, at the following location:

Four Points Sheraton

Argyll Road and 72nd Street

Edmonton, Alberta

The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM, and continue into the afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

If your Municipality runs an integrated service, please consider attending an additional meeting for integrated service providers only This will take place at the same location, on Tuesday, September 16th, 2:00 to 4:30 PM.

Please RSVP to Rose Dacyk (rdacyk@auma.ca) or 780.431.4542, by Wednesday, September 10, 2008. An Agenda will be sent soon.

Please find the Terms of Reference on EMS that the AUMA Board of Directors adopted in June, as well as the transcript of the Conference Call that was interrupted on August 20, 2008.

Many thanks, and enjoy the weekend,

Sue Welke

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AMBULANCE

ADOPTED BY THE AUMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: June 25-26, 2008

BACKGROUND:

On May 29, 2008, the Province of Alberta issued the attached News Release, which includes the following points:

- *Government will transfer responsibility for ground ambulance from municipalities to the new provincial health authority. The transition will take full effect April 1, 2009.*
- *We will increase funding and provide leadership to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible.*
- *In preparation for the formal transfer of operational roles and responsibilities, Alberta Health and Wellness has prepared transition materials as a principle guide for the new provincial health authority to move to a fully integrated ground EMS.*
- *The new provincial health authority will have the flexibility to either provide services directly, or they may establish agreements with third party providers, but the ultimate responsibility lies within the health care system.*

AUMA's 2005 Resolution on ambulance was as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) urge the Government of Alberta to provide a 3-year strategic plan for fully funding Ambulance services in Alberta by March, 2006, and that Alberta Health and Wellness be requested to commit to working with AUMA to implement the plan; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUMA urge Alberta Health and Wellness to report to AUMA on the success and lessons learned from the pilot regions before the end of 2005; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AUMA urge the Government of Alberta to assume both the responsibilities and resources associated with Ambulance services in Alberta.

The above Resolution was largely ignored by the Province, which resulted in its partial repetition by AUMA in its recommendation to the Province for the 2007 Provincial Budget:

The Government of Alberta assume the responsibilities and resources associated with ambulance services.

MANDATE:

AUMA must be effectively engaged with the Province immediately in the ambulance transition process, to represent the interests of all urban municipalities in the Province of Alberta.

OUTLINE OF THE ISSUE:

This issue is extremely complicated and will require all parties to work closely in concert to ensure its success. As well, there are various strongly held views in the municipal sector which are not in agreement, in whole or in part, with the Provincial action.

There are a myriad of potential concerns as the transition unfolds, including the following:

- General Risks
 - Insufficient operating funding.
 - where the current budget levels are either not adequate or not sustainable.
 - Service level conflict
 - where the Province, now or in the future, cannot meet a municipality's current service level standard.
 - Regionalization (a regional service arrangement may have to be devised).
 - Changing Health Policies
 - where the intended arrangements today shift to a service arrangement in the future that may not meet the needs of municipalities (i.e. privatization).
 - Failure to manage the function effectively.

➤ Financial Risks

Failure to maintain adequate funding could cause:

- Lower service levels
- Requirements for additional funding
- Increased user fees and charges for ambulance and patient transfer services
- Inadequate compensation for ambulance capital assets.

- Loss of municipal assets to a regional service model or private provider.
 - Claims from asset donors.
 - Taxpayer/Citizen objections.
 - Loss of revenue potential from transferred land and buildings.
 - Liabilities arising from existing contracts
 - Financial impact on integrated services
 - Severance and other employee-related costs
 - Indirect transition costs
 - Increased workload for fire services
- Employee Transition Risks
- Impacts on existing collective bargaining contracts (breach, grievance)
 - Municipal agreements covering worker termination and transfer
 - Breaches, grievances
 - Bargaining unit impacts
 - Wrongful or constructive dismissal of staff
 - Repositioning, reclassification, retraining or severance of non-ambulance staff
 - Loss of seniority for unionized members
 - Requirements (and costs) to re-organize
 - Workplace morale and staff unrest
- Information Risks
- the timely access to financial, operational, capital funding on annual basis (including provincially delivered and privately contracted) as well as the data on call volumes, wait times, red alerts, critical incidents etc.
- There are several priorities that municipalities could consider important considerations for future ambulance service under Provincial governance:

- Maintain the current level of service to citizens, and a process to discuss and resolve situations where a municipality wants to increase levels of service. AUMA suggests that communities do NOT push for improved service levels in communities until the transition has been completed.
 - ALS or BLS
- Maintain the current quality of service.
 - Response times
 - Quality and condition of equipment
 - Care giver service skills
- Receive fair value for any assets transferred.
 - Ensure that a municipality has the ability to influence future ambulance services changes.
- Be protected from being required to submit funding at some point in the future or having cost increases to citizens.
- Being assured of fair and equitable treatment - that whatever agreement is reached is comparable with other municipalities in similar situations.
- Be reimbursed for the additional costs of transition, both planning and managing transition, and adjusting after transition occurs.
- Process to discuss and resolve how first responders interact with both fire and ambulance services if they are different organizations, and other issues which may arise.

ACTION PLAN:

THAT the Government of Alberta be requested to establish an effective engagement process with AUMA, whereby AUMA is involved in the development of effective solutions that support individual municipalities, in the transition of ambulance responsibility to Health Authorities.

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Conference Call
Wednesday, August 20th, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

CORPORATE PARTICIPANT

Sue Welke

Director of Policy and Advocacy

CONFERENCE CALL PARTICIPANTS

Rodney Burkhart

Chief Brian Makie

Doug McGore

Chief Robert Costeman

PRESENTATION

Operator

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Ambulance Transition conference call. I would now like to turn the meeting over to Ms. Sue Welke, Director of Policy and Advocacy. Please go ahead, Ms. Welke.

Sue Welke

Thank you. Welcome, everyone, to the conference call today and I'm going to start with a bit of briefing or update on what AUMA has been hearing from the provincial government with regard to the ambulance transition, and then I would like to open up the call to you folks to share information from what you have been handling in your areas, in your communities.

So I will start with the information that AUMA has submitted so far regarding potential risks for the ambulance transition are as follows. We had submitted this to department officials that there were general risks such as insufficient operating funding, a risk of the current budget level not being adequate or sustainable, a service level conflict, regionalization, changing health policies and failure to manage the function effectively.

We also identified financial risks, failure to maintain adequate funding could cause lower service levels, requirements for additional funding, increased user fees and charges for ambulance and patient transfer services, inadequate compensation for ambulance capital assets, loss of municipal assets to a regional service model or private provider, claims from asset donors, taxpayer/citizen objections, a loss of revenue potential from transferred land and buildings, liabilities arising from existing contracts, financial impact on integrated

services, severance and other employee-related costs, indirect transition costs, increased workload for fire services, and we also identified employee transition risks including impacts on existing collective bargaining contracts, municipal agreements covering worker termination and transfer, breaches and grievances, bargaining unit impacts, wrongful or constructive dismissal of staff, repositioning, reclassification, retraining or severance of non-ambulance staff, loss of seniority for unionized members, requirements and costs to reorganize workplace morale and staff unrest.

And then finally we also identified information risks such as the timely access to financial, operational capital funding on an annual basis including provincially-delivered and privately-contracted as well as data on call volumes, wait times, red alerts, critical incidents, etc.

So those were... and this is just more of a discussion piece. Those were provided informally to the Department of Health and Wellness, but I just wanted to give you an idea of some of the areas that we were raising for discussion. At this point in time that hasn't been forwarded, there hasn't been kind of a policy paper forwarded as a hard position or, you know, a hard piece the AUMA is putting forward. We were... in announcing or providing those risks, we were opening up discussions with the Province.

Now the other thing that I will give you an update on is we have made monthly conference call meetings with, again with the Department, with officials from the Department of Health and Wellness. So a few weeks ago we had, or a couple of weeks ago we had our first conference call and this is the update that they have provided to me and many of this stuff you will know better than me and have much more detail on than me but I wanted to let you know what they are telling us. And you can then provide me with an update from your area when I'm finished.

So what they have passed on to AUMA is that the transition teams are established in the nine former health regions and they're working under the provincial leads for the transition and the provincial leads are the Alberta Health Services and that's what was called the... or it's the new Super Board but it's now called Alberta Health Services. So these transition teams are not employees of the Department, they're employees of the Board.

The regional transition leads have met with all of the municipalities and they have a good idea of which ones want to remain in delivery and which ones do not. This again is what the Province has passed on to me.

**The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Conference Call
Wednesday, August 20th, 2008, 3:00 p.m.**

The large business plan for transition is due on August 29th and each of the regional transition teams are feeding into that larger business plan. After August 29th, they will begin with the contracts and AUMA has asked if we could assist in building the template contract. The Department officials have said that they will pass that on to the transition leads at the Board at Alberta Health Services, so I'll be waiting for more news on how we can be of assistance or be involved in the template, in building a template contract.

A dispatch strategy is being developed. The Department and the Board are putting together a monthly newsletter with updates and it will be a joint effort of the Department and Alberta Health Services, and I believe that first one would be coming out in the next couple or few weeks, from what I understand.

I did raise the question of costs and finances. They suggested to me that their financial piece had been completed a couple of months ago before the announcement, that they used not only municipal reports but also international and national comparisons and they looked at population density information. They stated that they are confident that the \$190 million announced is more than enough to cover things, and as backup to that they suggested that the 2004-2005 report on ambulance governance provided a smaller total number. And they also indicated the \$27 million that has been allocated for service enhancements next year.

And we are also having... that was pretty much their update on our last conference call and we will be having another conference call the first Friday in September. The Department and/or, not sure yet which, the Health Services, Alberta Health Services officials will be coming to one of AUMA's standing committee meetings in September. So we're lining that up. They would be presenting to our standing committee which then makes recommendations through to the AUMA Board of Directors. So we are keeping in touch and up to date that way.

And this conference call is an opportunity for you to put forward any issues that you're having or concerns that you have and we can, AUMA can identify then how we can help this move forward, help the members in this transition, and also you're welcome to submit... if you don't have a chance to fully provide all of the information that you'd like to on this conference call, you're welcome to e-mail or fax me something in and that will help me in providing an update or a paper of some kind to our standing committee and then our Board of Directors.

And if you have any other ideas that you want to put forward for how to make this transition go smoothly and how to make sure that municipalities are not at a disadvantage through this process, please feel free to share them with us today. We do have a very high number of people on the call today. I think 73 responded. They were going to join. So it's a very, very important topic.

I should also mention that the AUMA Board of Directors has assigned this as kind of a special assignment for one of our... for our Board to go through, so ambulance transition is a priority of the AUMA Board of Directors and I look forward to hearing from you so we can build a bit of a response or make sure that all the concerns are being looked at by the Province and the Board.

And, Matt, then if I could ask you to open up the lines for Q&A, and I will also do a wrap-up at the end.

QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION

Operator

Thank you. We will now take questions from the telephone lines. If you have a question and you are using a speakerphone, please lift your handset before making your selection. If you have a question please press star 1 on your telephone keypad. If at any time you wish to cancel your question please press the pound sign. Please press star 1 at this time if you have a question. There will be a brief pause while the participants register for questions. We thank you for your participation. Our first question is from Rodney Burkhart. You may go ahead.

Rodney Burkhart

Thanks. Rodney Burkhart in Wood Buffalo/Fort McMurray. I have Chief Brian Makie (ph) with me. The Chief has a question regarding some services on the nursing side I guess we'd call it. Brian, go ahead.

Chief Brian Makie

Yes. The question I have is regarding I guess pre-hospital care in terms of paramedic staff or ALS staff being utilized within the emergency rooms for nursing duties. That's one of the things that we've been told, is that they are expected to... continuity of patient care. In other words, once they bring them to the hospital they're

going to be tied up at the hospital for a significant period of time and this really affects us as a fire EMS-based system. Do you have any information on that?

Sue Welke

Actually, I do not but we are having all of these questions recorded, so when I get that transcript I can follow up on that and I can get back to you and I will definitely take that forward during our conference call.

Operator

Thank you. Our next question is from Doug McGore. Please go ahead.

Doug McGore

Doug McGore here, City of Spruce Grove. Are you going to be separating integrated service from stand-alone service in your discussions and drafting of agreements, etc.? That's my first question.

Sue Welke

I think that at AUMA, if our members suggest that and that seems to be the... if everyone agrees that that's the best way to do it, then we would do it that way. It does seem to make sense.

Doug McGore

That's the only way you can do it actually, because they're very separate. And my second question is: Are you going to share your opening comments and these questions with us by e-mail or fax or whatever?

Sue Welke

I believe I... I don't believe that's a problem. Yeah. That will be fine.

Doug McGore

Okay. Then the last comment I've got – we continually hear conflicting stories on what the service is going to be like, so we don't have anything concrete to basically go forward with at this point in time. We're hoping to receive something clear fairly shortly, but what we've heard to date is conflicting and they say don't listen to this person, that person says don't listen to that person. So we still don't know where we're going with the type of service, response times, etc., and we're waiting to hear that.

Sue Welke

M'hm. And I felt similar frustration when I was speaking with the provincial officials. When I would ask a question they would say well, you have to talk to the people that are being set up to work for the Board. So there is definitely some work to do there in order to find out exactly what is happening. I get the sense that it's still very much uncertain and they don't have all of their structures in place yet to provide a common message, but I think that's something that we'll have to put forward as a necessary and immediate step, and some of that, perhaps, I don't know, I have no idea, but perhaps some of their newsletter will, when their newsletter comes out there is a potential for that to help with that.

Doug McGore

Robert Costeman (ph), our Chief, is with us and he has one question.

Sue Welke

Okay.

Chief Robert Costeman

Good afternoon. My question is in regard to the standing committee that will be meeting with Health Services in September. I'm not sure who makes up that committee and what type of services they represent, but would it be possible prior to their meeting with Health Services to meet with those communities or those distinguished

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groups such as Integrated who wish to remain in service so that they can clearly represent us at that meeting?

Sue Welke

The standing committee is an AUMA standing committee and Doug is actually on that standing committee. Is it still Spruce Grove that I'm talking to?

Doug McGore

Yes, it is, Sue.

Chief Robert Costeman

I think it would be a good idea if we could get not necessarily before our standing committee of AUA (ph), but if we could get those communities that are interested in proceeding with service, and I think you've got to meet with the groups separately whether it's integrated or stand-alone. I think it would be wise to bring those communities together to get a common understanding of where we want to go with the contract that we can kind of have a united front with the Province.

Sue Welke

Okay. Okay, I understand now. So a similar conference call to this or a meeting.

Chief Robert Costeman

I think a meeting would be better.

Sue Welke

Okay. I will do my best to make that happen.

Doug McGore

Thank you, Sue. And we have no further questions.

Sue Welke

Okay. Thank you.

Operator

I am sorry. Unfortunately, we are having technical difficulties with our program.

Doug McGore

Sue, while we're waiting. It's Doug McGore here again from Spruce Grove. One other thing you should put on your list too which I think could be an issue is succession rights.

Sue Welke

Okay.

Doug McGore

I would not be surprised if some union tries to raise succession rights as an issue. So I would add that to your list.

Sue Welke

Great.

Doug McGore

And they may have some grounds for that too.

Sue Welke

Okay. And this is all very useful. I haven't been working on this topic in the past, so this call is very useful for me to hear the different concerns and topics that might come

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up and I will definitely be looking at all of the stuff that's raised today. So thank you.

Operator

I am sorry for the interruption and inconvenience. We are still having problems with our program

Sue Welke

Okay.

Operator

What I suggest, Ms. Welke, is that you continue on with the conference. I'll be unable to access any other participants for questions.

Sue Welke

Oh, okay. So it won't be able to be fixed?

Operator

We are doing our best at the moment.

Sue Welke

Well, this was to be the bulk of the call, was the Q&A. So if it becomes necessary to reschedule, we may have to do that.

Doug McGore

We have to sign off too, Sue – it's Doug McGore here again from Spruce Grove – because I have another meeting.

Sue Welke

Okay. So I guess, Matt, if you advise me to, I will wrap up the call now and I'll try to reschedule it.

Operator

It is all up to you, Ms. Welke. If you would like to reschedule, we will do that.

Sue Welke

Okay. I know everyone, there's a large number of people on the call but I don't think it's useful for me to talk any more than I have because what I was hoping was that I would get your feedback and your interests and concerns, and so unfortunately we can't go any further now. Another idea we could do is I could try to set up kind of a Web conference, if that worked better for people, but obviously we wouldn't be able to do that today.

So I apologize that we can't continue due to a technical issue, and if any of you though want to call me right now or this afternoon and to talk one on one, provide your concerns or issues one on one, that would be fine as well. I am in the office for the next hour, hour and a half, so if you'd like to do that my direct line is 780-431-4531, and if you want to use the AUMA toll-free number, as long as you don't all dial in at once it should work, it's 310-AUMA and you can ask for Sue, and we could have a quick discussion one on one and I could take some notes as to what your concerns and issues might be. And we will definitely be following up in some way with all of you.

So I thank you very much for your participation and I do hope to hear from you. And another way to send some stuff to me would be by e-mail. You probably have my address but if not, it's swelke@auma.ca. So that will bring this conference call to a close but you can expect to hear from us again and we'll have another scheduled call or some other way of keeping in touch.

Doug McGore

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Face-to-face meetings are great. We don't have to worry about technical problems.

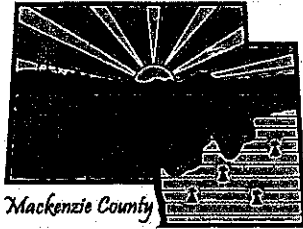
Sue Welke

Okay, thank you. And I guess we will finish the call then now.

Operator

Thank you. The conference has now ended. Please disconnect your lines and we thank you for your participation.

CONFERENCE ENDED



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Date: September 9, 2008

Presented By: Joulia Whittleton, Director of Corporate Services

Title:

Bylaw 681/08 authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax for Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 98 Avenue from Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809, Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council deemed it advisable to construct curb, gutter and sidewalk along 102 Street, 103 Street and 93 Avenue in the Hamlet of La Crete.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS

The estimated cost to install curb, gutter and sidewalk is ~~\$286,000~~ ^{641,600}.

Our current policy states that 30% of the total project cost will be levied to the land owners benefiting from an improvement when a project is initiated by the County.

Administration prepared Bylaw 681/08, Notices of Intention to Construct and calculations of the uniform tax rate.

The Notices of Intention to Construct will be mailed to all affected land owners and a date for an open house will be set after the first reading of this bylaw

Author: _____ *[Signature]* **Review Date:** _____ *[Signature]* CAO

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Annual local improvement charge will be included in annual budgets

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That first reading be given to Bylaw 681/08 being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a a local improvement tax for Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 98 Avenue from Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809, Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete

Author: _____ Review Date: _____ CAO _____

BYLAW NO. 681/08

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE
MACKENZIE COUNTY,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,**

This bylaw authorized council of MACKENZIE COUNTY to impose a local improvement tax for Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 98 Avenue from Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809, Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta has deemed it advisable to charge a local improvement charge for construction of Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 98 Avenue for Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809, Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, has decided to issue a Bylaw pursuant to Section 397 of the Municipal Government Act to authorize a local improvement tax levy to pay for the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 98 Avenue for Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809, Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete; and

WHEREAS, the Local Improvement Plan has been prepared and the required notice of the project given to benefiting owners in accordance with the attached Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" and no sufficient objection to the construction of Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 98 Avenue for Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809, Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete, and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications have been prepared. That the estimated sum of Six Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$647,600.00) is required for Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 98 Avenue for Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809,

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Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete. The said project is subject to the local improvement charge of which 70% will be paid by Mackenzie County and 30% will be collected by way of local improvement assessment as follows:

Mackenzie County	\$ 453,320.00
Benefiting Owners	\$ 194,280.00
Total Cost	\$ 647,600.00

WHEREAS, all required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all Acts and Regulations of the Province of Alberta.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That for the purpose of completing Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on Plan 9722482 Block 11, Lot 24; Plan 9722482, Block 22, Lots 7-11; Plan 0620273, Block 10, Lots 23 & 24; Plan 7521580, Block 5, Lots 16-22; Plan 7521580, Block 11, Lot 8; Plan 7521580 Block 9, Lots 8 & 9; Plan 8420426, Block 5, Lots 27-33, Plan 1922NY, Block 5, Lots 9-14; Plan 9624008, Block 5, Lot 35; Plan 1160NY, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 5824NY, Block 1, Lot 11; Plan 509RS, Block 1, Lot 12; Plan 1089RS, Lot D; Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lots 6 & 7; Plan 1425, Block 6, Lots 7-11 & 23; Plan 9320809, Block 10, Lots 2,3,5,6,7; Plan 9523371, Block 11, Lot 10; Plan 9722482, Block 23, Lots 4-11; Plan 9722482, Block 24, Lot 1; Plan 9925746, Block 24, Lot 2 in the Hamlet of La Crete .in the Hamlet of La Crete as a local improvement project the sum of One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Eight Dollars (\$194,280.00) be collected by way of annual, uniform local improvement tax rate assessed against the benefiting owners as provided in Schedule "A" attached.
2. The local improvement tax will be collected for Ten (10) years and the total amount levied annually against the benefiting owners is Twenty Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars and Five Cents (\$26,489.05).
3. The net amount levied under the bylaw shall be applied only to the local improvement project specified by this bylaw.
4. That this bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon receiving third and final reading thereof.

READ a first time this day of , 2008.

READ a second time this day of , 2008.

READ a third time and finally passed this day of , 2008.

REEVE

Bylaw No. 681/08

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Schedule A to Bylaw No. 681/08

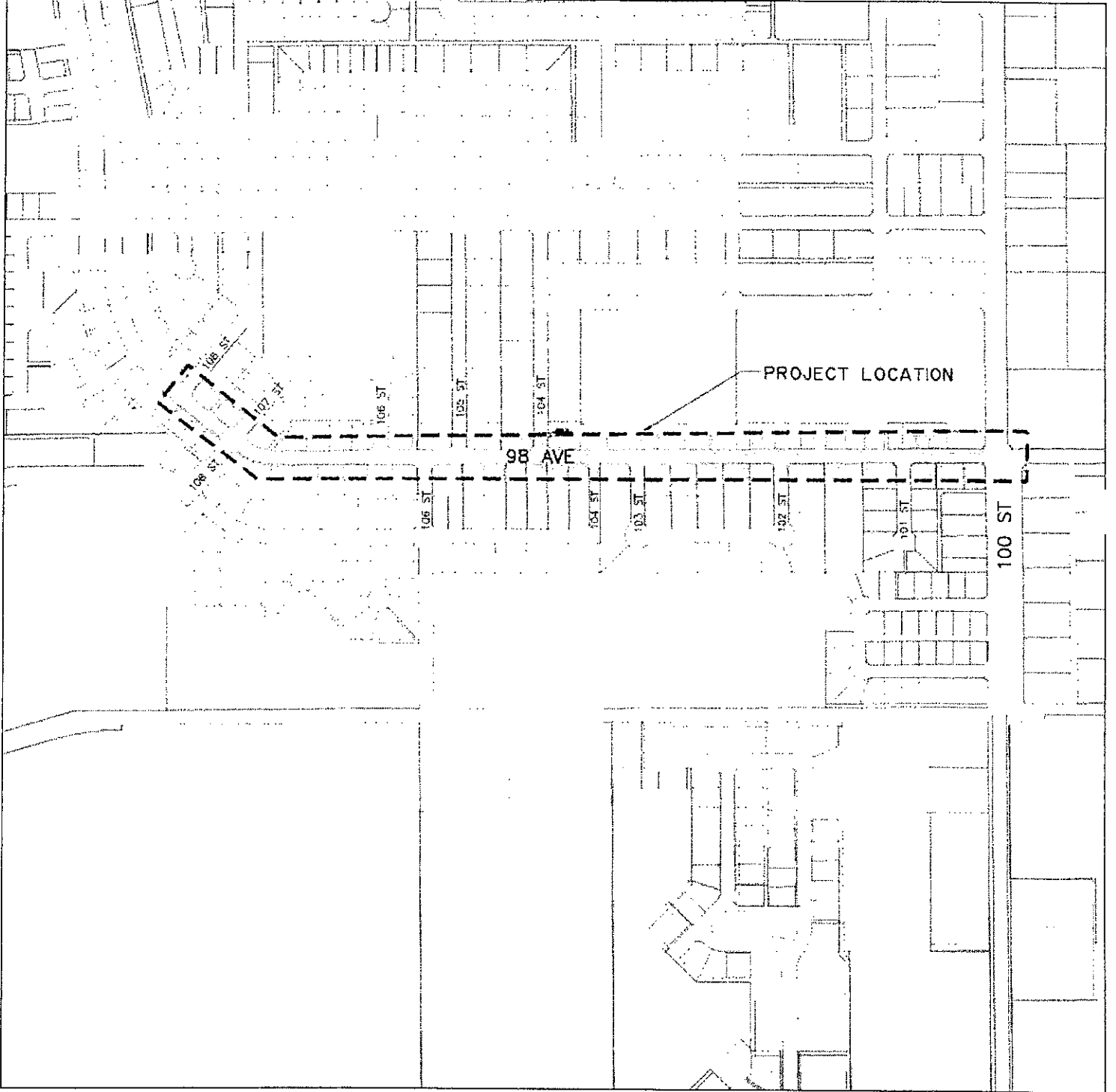
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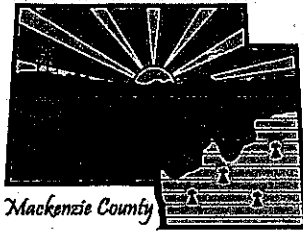
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9722482	22	9	31.00	31.00	31.00
9722482	22	10	31.00	31.00	31.00
9722482	22	11	29.25	31.00	30.13
0620273	22	23	20.20	21.87	21.04
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Total					1,900.40

2. Total Assessable Frontage 1,900.40 meters
3. Total Assessment Per Front Meter Frontage \$ 102.23
4. Annual Unit Rate Per Front Meter of Frontage to be payable for a period of 10 years calculated at 6.074%. \$ 13.94
5. Total Yearly Assessment Against All Above Properties \$ 26,489.05





MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	Joulia Whittleton, Director of Corporate Services
Title:	Assessment Services Request for Proposal (RFP)

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The current assessment services contract is expiring. Council directed administration to request for proposals for provision of the assessment services.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS

The RFPs were done jointly with the Town of High Level and Rainbow Lake. The RFPs were sent out to five firms that provide assessment services to municipalities.

We received a proposal from each, Alliance Assessment Consultants Ltd. (the County's current assessor) and Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. We received a letter from Northern Assessment Services Group stating that they wish to put forward a proposal and have a plan to put forward but cannot sign the certification agreeing to all the terms and conditions of the RFP.

The following are results from qualifying proposals (for a four-year contract):

Alliance Assessment Consultants Ltd.

	2009 assessment for 2010 taxation year	2010 assessment for 2011 taxation year	2011 assessment for 2012 taxation year	2012 assessment for 2013 taxation year
Single municipality contract	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000
Regional contract (three tendering municipalities must choose the same contractor)	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000

Author: _____ **Review Date:** _____ for CAO *[Signature]*

Additional/Incidental costs will be charged at \$85/hour plus out of pocket expenses for the following: defense of assessments beyond MGB hearings; cost of investigations of defense of assessments submissions or appeals related to economic, locational or functional depreciation relating to "special purpose properties; plant expansions over \$7M; special municipal requests.

Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. (totals are calculated based on assumption that number of parcels will not increase; the contract price is calculated by multiplying per parcel charge by number of parcels from 2008 record; per parcel charge will increase annually for residential, non-residential and industrial assessments)

	2009 assessment for 2010 taxation year	2010 assessment for 2011 taxation year	2011 assessment for 2012 taxation year	2012 assessment for 2013 taxation year
Single municipality contract	\$322,650 plus \$113,825 (\$25/parcel for farmland digitizing) Total: \$436,475 Note: optional - the digitizing cost can be amortized over four year term	Total: \$355,970 (reduction from 2009 is due to decrease in per parcel charge for farmland to \$5)	Total: \$366,525	Total: \$377,080
Regional contract (three tendering municipalities must choose the same contractor)	Total: \$407,160 (savings are in per parcel charges for residential and non-residential)	Total: \$326,655 (savings are in per parcel charges for residential and non-residential and decrease in per parcel charge for farmland to \$5)	Total: \$337,210 (savings are in per parcel charges for residential and non-residential)	Total: \$347,765 (savings are in per parcel charges for residential and non-residential)

Additional/Incidental costs will be charged at \$75/hour plus \$.55/km for travel and out of pocket expenses for the following: 2008 general assessment ARB/MGB hearings; industrial/M&E ARB/MGB hearings; supplementary assessment if the County elect to implement them; plant expansions over \$7M; special municipal requests.

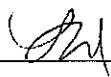
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Annual operating budget

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That administration review the proposals jointly with the Towns of Rainbow Lake and High Level and bring forward a recommendation to the September 24, 2008 regular council meeting.

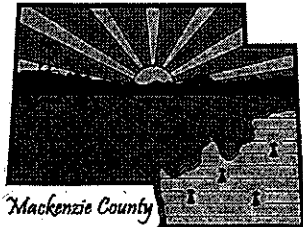
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MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Community Emergency Preparedness & Resiliency Forum

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

See attached invitation to attend the Community Emergency Preparedness & Resiliency Forum being held in Grande Prairie on September 16 & 17.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

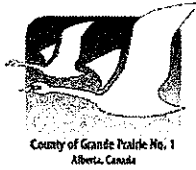
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$100 registration fee plus travel and accommodations

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

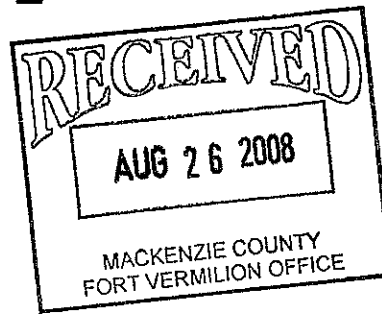
That two Councillors be authorized to attend the Community Emergency Preparedness & Resiliency Forum in Grande Prairie on September 16 & 17, 2008.

Author: W. Kostiw Review By: for CAO [Signature]



August 20th, 2008

Mr. Gregory Newman
MacKenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion AB T0H 1N0



Dear Mr. Newman,

On behalf of six area organizations who have partnered to develop a two-day conference geared to helping participants enhance their ability to plan and respond to emergencies and work more effectively with other agencies, I am writing to invite you to attend this event.

The Sept. 17 and 18 Community Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency Forum is a collaboration of the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie, Peace Country Health (Alberta Health Services Board), the Alberta Emergency Management Agency, the Grande Prairie District Chamber of Commerce, and the RCMP.

Our program provides a comprehensive package of topics to help attendees learn about regional emergency planning, personal emergency planning, business continuity, and municipal pandemic planning. It is being held at the TEC Centre in Evergreen Park.

The event will present opportunities for networking, enhance partnerships, and provide participants with essential connections for planning and responding to an emergency.

The forum is directed to emergency planners, safety planners, business continuity managers, community and business leaders, government workers, employees in the education and health sectors, and ambulance, police and fire personnel.

We look forward to your participation in the event. Please RSVP Kinza Trimm at ktrimm@cityofgp.com by Sept. 5. If you or a designate would like to attend the full conference, you will find attached a registration form.

Sincerely,

Bill Walker, CLGM
Director of Protective Services
City of Grande Prairie

Attachment

September 17 & 18, 2008
TEC Centre – Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, AB
cepr@cityofgp.com

Registration Form

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2008

Name of Delegate:		
Organization Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	Prov:	Postal Code:
Business Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:
I am registering for: <input type="checkbox"/> Day 1 - Wednesday only (\$50.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Day 2 - Thursday only (\$50.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Day 1 & 2 – Wednesday & Thursday (\$100.00)		

1. Return this completed form with your payment (cheque or money order) to:
- City of Grande Prairie
CEPR Forum
8111 Resources Rd.
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 7Y2
- Please make cheque/money order payable to:*
City of Grande Prairie

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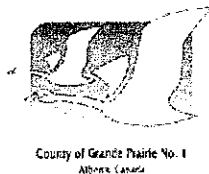
2. E-mail your completed registration form to: cepr@cityofgp.com, or fax to: 780.538.0395 and provide the following Credit Card Information:

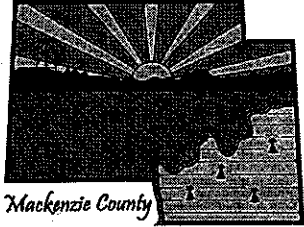
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Please indicate your choices for the following concurrent session timeslots:

Day	Time	Session Title	Choice	Session Title	Choice
Wednesday	10:30 am	<i>Before, During and After the Storm</i> - A Framework for Disaster Mental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Disaster Social Services (DSS) for Dummies</i> - An overview of the Disaster Social Services Role in Emergency Response	<input type="checkbox"/>
	11:30 am	<i>Are You Ready?</i> - Pandemic Influenza Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Considerations for Emergency Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2:30 pm	<i>Communicating In An Emergency</i> – It Starts Now	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Environmental Emergency Management</i> - Alberta Environment Support & Emergency Response Team (ASERT)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	11:20 am	Alberta Emergency Notification System (AENS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System (AFRRCS)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1:15 pm	<i>FireSmart</i> – Protecting Yourself Against Wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>There's something strange in the neighborhood... who are you going to call?</i> <i>Dangerous Goods</i> - CBRN & AIT Updates	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2:00 pm	<i>Maintain the Right</i> - Role of RCMP in Community Emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Who, What, Where, When, Why?</i> - The Incident Command System	<input type="checkbox"/>





MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Council Meeting Dates

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Administration is requesting that Regular Council meetings and budget meeting dates be set for November & December. Due to the AAMD&C Fall Convention in November and Christmas in December, administration has only recommended that one meeting be held in each month.

The following dates have been recommended:

November 6 – Budget Meeting (to review the grants to non-profit organizations)

November 18 – Regular Council Meeting

December 9 – Regular Council Meeting

December 10 – Budget Meeting

All meetings would begin at 10:00 am and be held in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Author: C. Gabriel

Review By: _____


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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

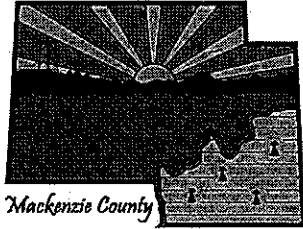
That the following Regular Council meetings and Budget meetings be scheduled as follows:

- November 6 – Budget Meeting (10 am in Fort Vermilion)
- November 18 – Regular Council Meeting (10 am in Fort Vermilion)
- December 9 – Regular Council Meeting (10 am in Fort Vermilion)
- December 10 – Budget Meeting (10 am in Fort Vermilion)

Author: C. Gabriel

Review Date: _____

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MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Annual Christmas Social & Long Service Awards

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The County holds their annual Christmas social and long service awards in December of each year. All County staff/spouses as well as Committee Members at Large and their spouses are invited.

Administration is requesting that Council select a date/location for this event as well as to provide entertainment suggestions for the evening.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Possible Dates:

Saturday, December 6th or Saturday, December 13th

Possible Locations:

Fort Vermilion Recreation Complex or La Crete Heritage Centre

Possible Entertainment/Activity:

Band/Dance, Dinner Theatre, etc.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

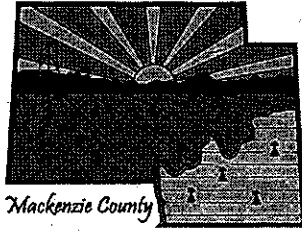
That the County hold their annual Christmas Social and Long Service Awards on December _____, 2008 to be held at the _____.

Author: C. Gabriel

Review By: _____

For
CAO *pd*

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gaddle, etc.



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Date: September 9, 2008

Presented By: Ryan Becker, Director of Planning and Emergency Services

Title: School Zone Bylaw 666/08

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

At the August 27th Council meeting School Zone Bylaw 666/08 received both first and second reading. Council requested that two amendments be included prior to the third reading; that the La Crete Public School zone be re-integrated, and that all school zone times be amended to a continuous period commencing at 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on regular scheduled school days.

Both items have been amended and included in the presented bylaw.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That third reading be given to Bylaw 666/08 being a bylaw for establishing school zones within Mackenzie County.

Author: J. Gabriel

Reviewed by: _____


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BYLAW NO. 666/08

**BEING A BY-LAW OF
MACKENZIE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF ROADS
AS SCHOOL ZONES AND OTHER SPEED ZONES
AND AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS
TO DESIGNATE THE AREAS SO DECLARED**

WHEREAS the Council of the Mackenzie County deem it advisable that specific portions of roadways herein referred to be declared as school zones for the protection of children attending the schools at the specified locations,

WHEREAS the Council has designated that certain roadway speeds be reduced due to congested residential development.

WHEREAS, provisions of the Traffic Safety Act, the Council to establish maximum speed limits of less than eighty (80) kilometers per hour for highways under its control; and to establish a maximum speed limit in excess of eighty (80) kilometers per hour for all or any highway under its control.

WHEREAS, provisions of the Traffic Safety Act, the Council of Mackenzie County may prescribe a maximum of not more than one hundred (100) kilometers per hour for a highway that is not a primary highway.

THEREFORE by virtue of the powers vested in it under the Traffic Safety Act, and the Municipal Government Act, the Council of Mackenzie County enacts as follows:

1. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - a) **“Hamlet(s)”** shall be the unincorporated communities of Fort Vermilion, La Crete, and Zama as established and designated boundaries as approved by Mackenzie County.
 - b) **“Rural Area”** shall be all other areas within the municipality with the exception of the communities noted above.
2. **SCHOOL ZONES**
 - a) That the portion of 94th Avenue from the east boundary of Lot 12, Plan 782-0147 to the west boundary of Lot 14 Plan 782-0147, within the boundaries of the Hamlet of La Crete be declared a

school zone. This school zone shall be for the Ridgeview Central School and the Sandhills Elementary School.

- b) That the portion of 100th street from south boundary of Lot C, Plan 962-4008 to the north boundary of Lot C Plan 962-4008 and the portion of 99 Avenue from the NE corner of Lot C Plan 962-4008 to 101st street, within the boundaries of the Hamlet of La Crete declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the La Crete Public School.
- c) That the portion of 50th Street from the north boundary of Lot 4, Block A, Plan 762-1591 to the south boundary of Lot 4, Block A, Plan 762-1591, within the boundaries of the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the Fort Vermilion Public School.
- d) That the portion of River Road from the east boundary of Lot 1, Plan 3279 KS to the south boundary of Lot 1, Plan 3279 KS, within the boundaries of the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the St. Mary's Elementary School.
- e) That the portion of Aspen Drive from the north boundary of Lot 4, Block 11, Plan 882-1687 to the south boundary of Lot 4, Block 11, Plan 882-1687, within the boundaries of the Hamlet of Zama be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the Zama City School.
- f) That the portion of local road, locally known as Bluehills Road, for 300 meters north and south of the Bluehills Community School located on SE 1-104-18-W5M, within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the Bluehills Community School.
- g) That the portion of local road, locally known as Rocky Lane Road, for 300 meters north and south of the Rocky Lane School located on S½ 16-109-14W5M, subdivided as Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 962-1175, within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the Rocky Lane School.
- h) That the portion of local road, for 300 meters north and south of the Private School located NE 11-108-13W5M and 300 meters from the south boundary of the same, within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the Vermilion Peace Private School.

- i) That the portion of local roads, for 300 meters north and south and 300 meters east and west of the Private School located on NE 33-105-14W5M, within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for the Peace Mennonite Private School.
- j) That the portion of local road, for 300 meters north and south of the Private School located SW 08-107-13-W5M within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for a Private School.
- k) That the portion of local road, for 300 meters north and south of the Private School located SW 14-104-17W5M within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for a Private School.
- l) That the portion of local road, for 300 meters north and south of the Private School located on NW 17-104-17W5M within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for a Private School.
- m) That the portion of local road, for 300 meters north and south of the Private School located on SW 30-104-14W5M within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for a Private School.
- n) That the portion of local road, for 300 meters north and south of the Private School located on SW 14-105-15W5M within the boundaries of Mackenzie County be declared a school zone. This school zone shall be for a Private School.

3. SCHOOL ZONE HOURS AND SIGNAGE

- a) That on any day on which school is held, no driver shall drive within the school zone so declared, at a rate of speed greater than 30 kilometers per hour, at any time between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- b) That 30 kilometers per hour school zone speed signs be erected to designate those portions of the roadways within Mackenzie County herein before referred to as school zones for the guidance of any person or driver of any vehicle travelling on the said roadways.
- c) That 30 kilometers per hour ahead signs be erected 150 meters in advance of the 30 kilometer per hour school zone signs on all streets in the hamlets where school zones are located.

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- d) That 30 kilometers per hour ahead signs be erected 300 meters in advance of the 30 kilometers per hour school zone signs on all rural roads where school zones are located.

4. **BUFFALO LAKE ESTATES**

That a maximum speed limit of sixty (60) kilometers per hour be established for the sections of road known as "Buffalo Lake Estates" or legally known as shown on attached schedule:

- a) Township Road 105-5 from Range Road 15-1 to Range Road 15-1A; and
- b) Range Road 15-1A from Township Road 105-5 to Township Road 106-6.

5. **HAMLET SPEED LIMITS**

- a) That a maximum speed limit of fifty (50) kilometers per hour be established in the hamlets of Fort Vermilion, La Crete and Zama, except in designated school and playground zones.
- b) Notwithstanding clause 5. a) that a maximum of seventy (70) kilometers per hour transition zone that connects a fifty (50) kilometers an hour zone within a hamlet increasing to a seventy (70) kilometer an hour zone to the hamlet boundary before proceeding to either an eighty (80) kilometers per hour zone on a gravel road or a one hundred (100) kilometer an hour zone on a paved highway, may be established on the outskirts of the hamlets as designated by the Director of Operations.
- c) That proper speed limit signs be placed at the boundaries of those hamlets mentioned in Section 1.

6. **RURAL SPEED LIMITS**

- a) That a maximum speed limit of eighty (80) kilometers per hour be established for all rural gravel roads within municipal boundaries.
- b) That a maximum speed limit of one hundred (100) kilometers per hour be established for the La Crete North and South Access Roads up to the Hamlet of La Crete boundary.

- c) That a maximum speed limit of sixty (60) kilometers per hour be established for all roads adjacent to and within Country Residential zoned subdivisions within municipal boundaries that front onto a rural road or an internal subdivision road
- d) Notwithstanding clause 6. a) that the speed limits may be reduced where determined by the CAO or designate.

7. PENALTIES AND RESCINDING BYLAWS

- a) That any person found guilty of violating the speed as indicated by the erected signs is subject to the penalties described in the Traffic Safety Act and Amendments thereto.
- b) That Bylaw 491/04 hereby be rescinded.

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final reading .

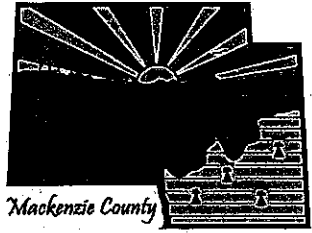
READ a first time this 27th day of August, 2008.

READ a second time this 27th day of August, 2008.

READ a third time and finally passed this ____ day of _____, 2008.

REEVE

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2008
Presented By:	William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Information/Correspondence

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The information/correspondence items will be presented on the meeting day.

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OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Author: C. Gabriel Review by: _____ CAO _____

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

Author: C. Gabriel Review by: CAO

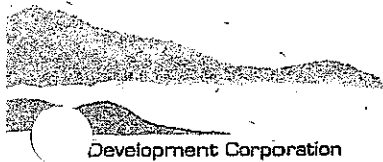
**Mackenzie County
Action List as of August 27, 2008**

Council Meeting Motions Requiring Action

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
October 10, 2006 Council Meeting			
06-714	That the Wolfe Lake Water Point be referred to the Operations Committee for review.	John K. Ed, John W. Bill N., Ryan Greg	In progress
October 10, 2007 Council Meeting			
07-10-876	That administration work on the three and seven year infrastructure plans and consult with engineers as required.	Mark	In progress
October 25, 2007 Council Meeting			
07-10-958	That the Chief Administrative Officer follow up with the Emergency Services communications network.	Ryan, Jason, John, Greg	October 2008
November 13, 2007 Council Meeting			
07-11-1050	That administration negotiate the purchase of Public Land with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development for the future urban expansion for the Hamlet of Zama.	Ryan Lisa Bill K.	In progress
March 11, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-03-187	That administration research options and costs of auditing the local non-profit organizations that operate the County owned facilities or grounds.	Joulia	In progress
March 26, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-03-227	That administration issue a request for proposals for the development of land in Zama.	Ryan Don Lisa	In progress
June 10, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-06-403	That Mackenzie County take a leadership role in lobbying for upgraded rail service.	Bill K. Walter	In progress
08-06-418	That administration inspect the sites and prepare a cost estimate for the paving of the Pioneer Homes (Fort Vermilion) and the Altenheim (La Crete) parking lots and bring it back for Council's perusal.	Bill K. John K. Dave C.	In progress
08-06-452	That the gravel pits management item be tabled for further information.	Bill K.	In progress

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
June 25, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-06-468	That administration revisit and update the Hutch Lake lot prices and bring them back for Council review and approval.	Ryan Dave C.	In progress
July 10, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-07-487	That administration investigate the options of purchasing FORTVER Range 2 Riverlot 8 in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion and bring back to Council.	Bill K. Ryan	Oct. 14/08
08-07-488	That the 10.7% fuel surcharge be approved for the L & P Disposal Ltd. waste contract for the hauling and dumping components on a condition that if the fuel price drops below \$1.03 per litre (the "base price", or November, 2007 price), the fuel surcharge shall be removed from invoices and the original contract unit price be adjusted to reflect the drop in fuel pricing.	Joulia John K.	In progress
08-07-494	That administration investigate the cost of creating a professional quality promotional package for the County.	Carol Joulia Peter B.	In progress
July 23, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-07-547	That the highway 88 report be received for information and that a condensed report be prepared for lobbying purposes only.	Bill K. Council	In progress
08-07-548	That administration be instructed to investigate the feasibility of bringing STARS into our region.	Ryan Stuart	In progress
August 12, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-08-571	That administration be authorized to finalize the gravel acquisition agreement with Wayne Mercredi at \$6.25 per cubic meter, all inclusive of royalty, stripping and reclamation costs up to the maximum \$30,000.00 from the gravel operating budget.	Mark Dave	In progress
08-08-585	That administration send a letter to the La Prairie Group regarding Highway 88 maintenance within the County.	Bill Greg	In progress
August 27, 2008 Council Meeting			
08-08-597	That letters of support be sent to the La Crete Agricultural Society for their funding applications for kitchen appliances and fencing.	Joulia	In progress
08-08-598	That administration be authorized to offer the County old computer equipment to local non-profit and volunteer groups at no cost with the remaining	Joulia Ray	In progress

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
	equipment to be disposed through a local auction sale.		
08-08-605	That the Subdivision Application from Blue Sky Alberta be forwarded to the Planning Department and the Municipal Planning Commission for review and recommendation to Council.	Ryan	In progress
08-08-610	That the County host a meeting with the Mackenzie Library Board, Fort Vermillion School Division, and the La Crete Community Library to discuss their community library facility needs.	Bill Carol	Sept. 23/08
08-08-615	That the Mackenzie County Safety Codes Order of Accreditation, No. 78446-001, in all disciplines be terminated effective March 1, 2009.	Ryan	In progress
08-08-624	That a follow up meeting be set up with all concerned parties in the fire in Zama.	Bill Carol	Sept. 17/08



August 18, 2008

Dear NCDC Member:

The Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (NCDC) is committed to ongoing efforts in promoting improvements to corridor transportation, trade and tourism infrastructure. In this, the 10 year anniversary of NCDC, the Northwest Corridor still remains an under utilized resource, leaving much left to do. Yet, as the shortest trade route to and from the Asia-Pacific region, it remains vital to Canada's Pacific Gateway, our future and that of our global trading partners.

Since assuming the role of Executive Director in April, in cooperation with an active Board of Directors, I've been working towards getting NCDC ready for the next ten years. Toward achieving NCDC goals, it's imperative to maintain a strong membership base. In this regard, I value and do require your organization's continued membership support. You will find a 2008/2009 membership renewal invoice enclosed.

In our upcoming year, commencing September 1, 2008; a myriad of issues impacting on transportation, trade and tourism in the Northwest corridor need be addressed. Dealing effectively with these issues takes funding. As a federally incorporated non-profit corporation, NCDC relies on its public/private partnership of member organizations, such as yours, for support. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation takes place the morning of Thursday, October 9, 2008 in Peace River, Alberta. You will find a meeting agenda as well as minutes of last year's AGM enclosed. I encourage all to attend and participate.

Our annual conference precedes this AGM. This year's conference, "Take Ten in the Corridor", will get underway the afternoon of Tuesday, October 7th with registration and some optional tours. This will be followed by an evening reception you won't want to miss. A full day of conference proceedings will occur on Wednesday, October 8th. Mark your calendar and set your sights on the Belle Petroleum Centre, 9403 - 94 Street, Peace River, Alberta, Canada. Further conference details will soon follow. I'd appreciate hearing from you with an email address for contacting you as the conference draws near.

I look forward to your membership renewal, seeing you at the conference, and, working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Gerard Aldridge
Executive Director, NCDC

**Notice of Annual General Meeting of
Northwest Corridor Development Corporation
8:30 a.m., Thursday 9th October, 2008
The Belle Petroleum Centre, 9403 – 94th Street,
Peace River, Alberta, Canada**

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of 2007 Annual General Meeting
2. Report of NCDC activities for the year 2007/2008
3. Presentation of Financial Statements
4. Election of 2008/2009 Directors
5. Other business

Minutes of
Annual General Meeting of Northwest Corridor Development Corporation
held at 7.00 a.m. Thursday 15th November 2007
Westin Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta.

Chair: Mrs. C. Kolebaba

Present: Twenty eight members

Regrets : Messrs: J. Burghardt, M. Davies, B. Powell, D. Zurowksi

Approval of the Agenda.

A motion by Mr. J Eglinski to approve the Agenda received unanimous support.

Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 13th October 2006.

Ms. S. Killam moved the approval of the circulated minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Corporation held on 13th October 2006. This was unanimously approved.

Report of Executive Director

Mr. Graham Kedgley commenced by informing those present that the organization was this year celebrating its tenth year. Graham then reminded the meeting about how challenged the north and particularly its transportation infrastructure was ten years ago. Graham went on to provided those present with a report of the highlights of the Corporations activities and accomplishments over the last ten years. He closed by handing out a challenge to those that must carry on the role of northern improvement.

Presentation of Audited Financial statements.

The Executive Director presented the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2007. The meeting unanimously passed a motion by Mr. J. Eglinski to approve the accounts as presented.

Election of Directors.

The Chair presented the Nominating Committee's recommended slate and called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, on a motion by Mr. S. Hoeg, the following were unanimously elected by acclamation. Mr. Laurie Brown. Mr. Maynard Angus, Mr. Jim Feeny, Mr. Ron Wiebe, Mr. Jeff Burghardt, Mrs. Marilyn Davies, Mr. Jim Eglinski, Mrs. Carolyn Kolebaba, Mr. Herb Pond, Mr. Bud Powell, Mr. Ron Vanderlee, Mr. Don Zurowski, Mr. Dan Blais, Mr. Barry Heinen, Mr. George Schmidt.

The Chair thanked the retiring Directors for their commitment and involvement over their term of office. The Chair recommended that the retiring Executive Director be named an Honorary Director.

Other Business.

Mr. G. Schmidt spoke to the work for the organization over the past ten years of the retiring Executive Director and moved a vote of thanks. This was unanimously passed.

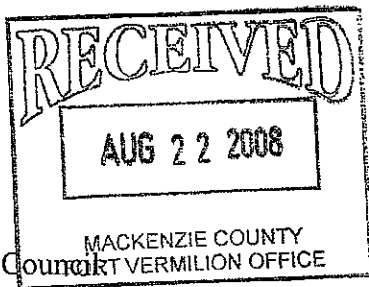
There being no further business a motion by Mrs. A. Knudsen to move adjournment was unanimously endorsed by the meeting.



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August 18, 2008



Dear Mayor and Members of Council

We are writing to provide you with a copy of an important recommendation to be considered at AUMA's 2008 AGM. The enclosed paper includes the following recommendation:

That the membership instruct the Board to present the necessary documentation to the 2009 Annual General Meeting to enable all Alberta municipalities to become regular members of the Association.

In the enclosed paper, you will find background and issues of importance when considering this recommendation. The recommendation will be discussed at the AUMA's 2008 AGM, to be held on Thursday, October 2nd from 8:00 to 9:30 AM in Edmonton at the Shaw Convention Centre.

I urge you to carefully consider the paper, as the AUMA Board of Directors feels that we are at a point in time that creates an opportunity for greater advocacy effectiveness for Alberta municipal governments. Is it time for change? We believe it is. We look forward to your comments in advance of the Convention, and at the AGM.

All the best, and see you in Edmonton at the Convention!

Sincerely,

R. Lloyd Bertschi
AUMA President

Enclosure

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDATION: That the membership instruct the Board to present the necessary documentation to the 2009 Annual General Meeting to enable all Alberta municipalities to become regular members of the Association.

Background Information

In August, 2007, the provincial government decided to establish the merged Town of Lac la Biche and Lakeland County as a rural municipality, Lac La Biche County, rather than as a specialized municipality. Many local leaders had anticipated that the new municipality would be formed as a specialized municipality which would continue the former Town of Lac La Biche AUMA regular membership.

There is currently no provision for a rural municipality to be a regular member of AUMA. There are discussions underway in various areas of the province for similar mergers so in the future the issue will be larger than simply the Lac La Biche County example, if the province takes a similar approach to those mergers. Rural municipalities are able to become Associate Members. 45 of the 64 rural municipalities are Associate Members, enabling them to purchase services from AMSC.

In addition, there is a developing body of thought that **municipal governance in Alberta would be better served if there was one Association representing all Alberta municipalities.** There is one leading association, representing the interests of all municipalities, in

- British Columbia – Union of British Columbia Municipalities
- Manitoba - Association of Manitoba Municipalities
- Newfoundland & Labrador - Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities
- Northwest Territories - Northwest Territories Association of Communities
- Nova Scotia - Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities
- Nunavut - Nunavut Association of Municipalities
- Ontario - Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Prince Edward Island - Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities
- Yukon - Association of Yukon Communities
- Canada – Federation of Canadian Municipalities

While the detailed arrangements for each of these organizations are different, there are some “big picture” features worthy of note:

- All have a primary focus on advocacy
- All provide a venue for all municipalities in the jurisdiction to participate in developing the municipal advocacy positions
- All provide a single point of contact for another order of government which wants to consult or cooperate with municipalities
- All include some means, either geographical or by type of municipality, for their members with some particular interests to consult with each other

In a report commissioned by AUMA, *Apples and Oranges* the Canada West Foundation concluded that “size affects the scale of issues, but not the issues themselves”. In the vernacular, the bigger the municipality the more zeros it takes to describe the issue. Most rural municipalities are substantial municipal corporations with transportation as a high priority. The substantial capital investment required in major cities for arterial roads, for example, is not particularly different than the issue of transportation routes for large grain trucks in rural municipalities, which also requires substantial capital investment.

While there are significant differences in density of population, rural municipalities are increasingly facing what have traditionally been called “urban” issues. Population growth in rural municipalities is being spurred by new residential development which is unrelated to agriculture. The dissolution of villages places intentional urban type of developments under the jurisdiction of rural councils. Lac La Biche County has a hamlet that was formerly the Town of Lac La Biche and other rural municipalities have fairly large hamlets. Strathcona County and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are examples of specialized municipalities which have characteristics of a rural government and of a city. **The differences between the agendas of rural councils and urban councils are disappearing.**

As long as most people can remember, municipalities have complained that the provincial government played the urban association off against the rural association. Conversely, the province has been left wondering what the municipal position is when the two associations have confidently expressed differing views as the municipal view.

Municipalities, both urban and rural, have complained that the province has taken actions without consultation. The province, after discussions with the associations, has thought it did consult. Often in the absence of a common view among the associations, the province has made whatever decision it wanted.

The Municipal Government Act does not differentiate between municipalities. In terms of the Act a municipality is a municipality. The Act states the intention that

3 The purposes of a municipality are

- (a) to provide good government,*
- (b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality, and*
- (c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.*

and that

9 The power to pass bylaws under this Division is stated in general terms to

- (a) give broad authority to councils and to respect their right to govern municipalities in whatever way the councils consider appropriate, within the jurisdiction given to them under this or any other enactment, and*
- (b) enhance the ability of councils to respond to present and future issues in their municipalities.*

So the Legislative Assembly in enacting the Municipal Government Act anticipated that different municipalities would use the powers in the Act differently. The challenge is to ensure that the

powers are sufficient to enable different types of municipalities to provide “good government” for their communities and to ensure that the powers exercised by one municipality do not prevent other municipalities from developing and maintaining “safe and viable communities”. Such cross-border implications involve members of the two associations. **There is no municipal group bringing together all of the players to develop municipal solutions to such issues. The provincial government has to step in to sort out the differences, rather than municipalities developing their own solutions.**

AUMA and AAMDC have been attempting to cooperate on projects but the process is cumbersome and the results may not be as effective as possible if one organization was overseeing the project. On some recent projects, one Association has been designated as the lead which has improved things somewhat. However, **AAMDC has been promoting itself as the representative of rural communities, meaning all municipalities outside of the cities, even though the towns and villages have no voice in AAMDC affairs.**

On the other hand both Associations have substantial commercial operations – the AAMDC Trade Division and AMSC. While there is an understanding not to compete in the general insurance field, a substantial number of AUMA members are AAMDC Trade Division customers and a substantial number of AAMDC members are AMSC customers. **In these practical respects, Alberta municipalities could be better served if the two corporations were one.**

It is known that some if not all of the AAMDC Board members are adamantly opposed to the idea of combining the two associations into one. It is likely that the AAMDC Board will see this as a “raid” on its membership. It can be expected the AAMDC Board will mount a campaign to discredit the proposal. In the extreme, AAMDC could seek an amendment to the Private Act which established it to allow urban municipalities to become members.

If the required actions are approved in 2009, the AAMDC Board will likely initiate a campaign to convince AAMDC members to ignore the opportunity offered by the AUMA initiative.

The initiative could result in the end to such cooperation as currently exists between the two Associations and result in a very negative environment between the two Associations.

However, for all their differences, AUMA and AAMDC have a great deal in common. All municipalities in Alberta belong to one or other of the associations. A great many members of each association are what AUMA terms “Associate Members” of the other organization. Each has a substantial commercial operation which provides important services to members and subsidizes the advocacy activity of the primary organization.

AUMA has a history of finding ways to respond the special interests of groups of its members, for example the big cities, and the Small Communities Committee. **AUMA can be expected to develop similar ways of respecting the special interests of rural municipalities.**

The question is whether it is time for AUMA to take the initiative which may bring a single organization into being. Considerable work will be required including

- amendments to AUMA's Object to delete reference to "urban" and simply refer to advancing the interests of Alberta municipalities and any other desired amendments
- amendments to AUMA's Bylaws to enable municipal districts and counties to be Regular Members and any other legal items
- identifying ways to understand and deal with the special rural interests of municipal districts and counties
- consideration of the place of municipal districts and counties in the membership categories and related items
- consideration of the Association name if rural municipalities become members
- transitional provisions to ensure the security of the employees of the 35 rural municipalities who are AMSC employee benefit customers

The Board believes that there should be an indication that the membership is interested in investigating this option, before resources are committed to the work involved. The purpose of presenting the Recommendation in this report is to determine the general view of the membership.



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August 20, 2008

Reeve Gregory Alan Newman
Mackenzie County
PO Box 640
Fort Vermilion, Alberta T0H 1N0

Dear Réeve Newman:

I am pleased to announce the Municipal Sponsorship Program (MSP) for 2008.

This is the eleventh year of a program that seeks to provide support for projects that improve municipal governance or administration, enhance municipal services or service delivery, and/or increase intermunicipal co-operation.

The budget for this year's program is \$14.7 million. Bonuses for intermunicipal and/or priority projects remain integral components of this program. For approved projects, grant funds can now be used to pay for work done or materials obtained between April 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. This means that projects your municipality has already initiated may be eligible for grant support. Also, as government is transferring responsibility for ground ambulance services to the province, expenditures related to ground ambulance services are no longer eligible under the 2008 MSP guidelines. Please refer to the program guidelines for more details on program changes.

The program guidelines and application form will be mailed to each municipality, and your chief administrative officer should receive this package soon. The guidelines and form will also be available on the Municipal Affairs website, located at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca.

The application deadline is September 30, 2008. Therefore, I strongly encourage you and your administration to start working on your grant application(s) as soon as possible.

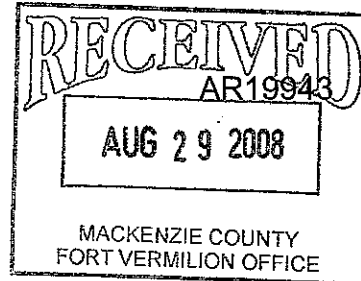
We look forward to receiving your application(s) before the deadline of September 30, 2008. I wish you the best of luck with your projects.

Sincerely,

Ray Danyluk
Minister

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August 21, 2008

Alberta Mayors and Reeves
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Dear Alberta Mayors and Reeves:

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development is pleased to provide you with copies of the June 2008 version of the booklet entitled *Economic Impact of the Alberta Forest Industry*.

Forestry is a significant economic contributor in more than 50 Alberta communities and this booklet will help to build awareness of the kind of impact that this vital industry has in Alberta. It contains key economic indicators, including regional capacity, employment generated and economic contributions by region.

I hope that this booklet will be useful in raising awareness of the industry's contributions to the working life of this province.

If you require additional copies, they are available electronically at www.srd.alberta.ca/forests or by contacting our Information Centre at 1-877-944-0313.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Harrison".

Don Harrison
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

Enclosure

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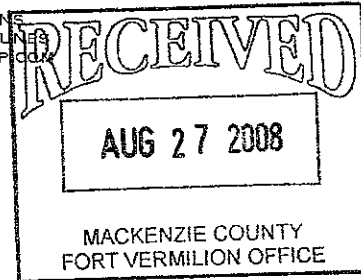


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August 2008

Reeve Greg Newman
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Dear Reeve Newman:

Re: Bill C-568 An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters)

I am writing to seek your support of my Private Member's Bill which received First Reading in the House of Commons on June 17, 2008.

Bill C-568 will amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act to include prohibitions against the manufacture, importation, sale, lease, operation and release after repair of motor vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2010, if they are not equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

According to Transport Canada, 2,889 Canadians died in vehicle collisions in 2006 (latest reporting year). Transport Canada also reports that speeding was involved in close to two-thirds of these accidents. The legislation would require all vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2010, to be equipped with speed limiters so vehicles cannot travel at more than 150 kilometres per hour. First responder vehicles or other vehicles used in emergencies would be exempt.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of Bill C-568, *An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters)*. The press release with respect to the Bill can be viewed at http://karygiannismp.com/spip/article.php?id_article=852.

Should you require additional information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-321-5454, at the address above or by email at jim@karygiannismp.com.

Working together we can stop the carnage on our streets and highways.

Sincerely,

Jim Karygiannis
Scarborough-Agincourt

HON. JIM KARYGIANNIS, M.P.
SCARBOROUGH - AGINCOURT



C-568

Second Session, Thirty-ninth Parliament,
56-57 Elizabeth II, 2007-2008

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

BILL C-568

An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters)

FIRST READING, JUNE 17, 2008

MR. KARYGIANNIS

C-568

Deuxième session, trente-neuvième législature,
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CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES DU CANADA

PROJET DE LOI C-568

Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité automobile (limiters de
vitesse)

PREMIÈRE LECTURE LE 17 JUIN 2008

M. KARYGIANNIS

SUMMARY

This enactment amends the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* to include prohibitions against the manufacture, importation, sale, lease, operation and release after repair of motor vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2010 if they are not equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

SOMMAIRE

Le texte modifie la *Loi sur la sécurité automobile* afin d'y intégrer l'interdiction de fabriquer, d'importer, de vendre, de louer, de conduire ou de remettre après réparation un véhicule automobile fabriqué après le 1^{er} janvier 2010 qui n'est pas muni d'un limiteur de vitesse activé et réglé à une vitesse maximale ne dépassant pas cent cinquante kilomètres à l'heure.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES DU CANADA

BILL C-568

PROJET DE LOI C-568

An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act
(speed limiters)

Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité automobile
(limiteurs de vitesse)

1993, c. 16

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

Sa Majesté, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes du Canada, édicte :

1993, ch. 16

1. The *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* is amended by adding the following after section 5:

1. La *Loi sur la sécurité automobile* est modifiée par adjonction, après l'article 5, de ce qui suit :

Definition of "speed limiter"

5.1 (1) In this section, "speed limiter" means a device mounted on a vehicle that, when engaged, electronically limits the maximum speed at which the vehicle is driven to the speed set on the device.

5.1 (1) Dans le présent article, « limiteur de vitesse » s'entend d'un dispositif intégré dans un véhicule qui, lorsqu'activé, limite de façon électronique la vitesse maximale du véhicule à un plafond préétabli.

Définition de « limiteur de vitesse »

Restrictions re manufacture, importation, sale and lease

(2) No person shall manufacture, import into Canada or sell or lease to another person a vehicle unless it is equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

(2) Il est interdit de fabriquer, d'importer, de vendre ou de louer un véhicule qui n'est pas muni d'un limiteur de vitesse activé et réglé à une vitesse ne dépassant pas cent cinquante kilomètres à l'heure.

Restrictions— fabrication, importation, vente et location

Duty of repairer

(3) No person who repairs or maintains a vehicle shall release the vehicle to another person unless the vehicle is equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

(3) La personne qui répare ou entretient un véhicule ne peut le remettre à un tiers que s'il est muni d'un limiteur de vitesse activé et réglé à une vitesse ne dépassant pas cent cinquante kilomètres à l'heure.

Obligation du réparateur

Restriction on operation

(4) No person who owns a vehicle or leases a vehicle from another person shall operate the vehicle or allow it to be operated by another person unless it is equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

(4) Le propriétaire ou le locataire d'un véhicule ne peut conduire celui-ci ou permettre qu'il soit conduit par un tiers que s'il est muni d'un limiteur de vitesse activé et réglé à une vitesse ne dépassant pas cent cinquante kilomètres à l'heure.

Restriction— conduite d'un véhicule

Application

(5) This section applies to vehicles manufactured on or after January 1, 2010 that are not fire-fighting vehicles, ambulances, police vehi-

(5) Le présent article s'applique aux véhicules fabriqués à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2010, à l'exception des véhicules d'urgence—notam-

Application

cles or other vehicles that are used for the purpose of emergency or vehicles that belong to a class of vehicles that is exempted from the application of this section by regulation.

ment les véhicules de lutte contre les incendies, les ambulances et les véhicules de police— et des catégories de véhicules soustraites à son application par règlement.



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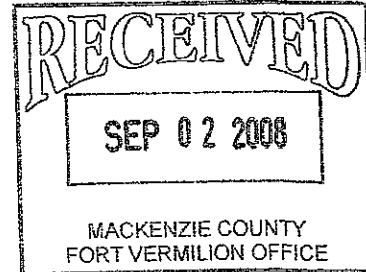


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August 28, 2008

Mackenzie County Tourism Centre
c/o Ms. Joulia Whittleton
Box 640
Ft. Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

Dear Ms. Whittleton,

I am pleased to advise you that your Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Application No. C3002821 to assist with upgrades to Tourism Centre has been approved. A cheque in the amount of \$75,000.00 is attached.

Your organization is to be commended on its hard work in connection with this project. It will have a positive effect on the quality of life in your community.

The Community Initiatives Program assists Albertans, in partnership with the Government of Alberta, to enrich the quality of family and community life in our province.

Please note that you will be required to file a statement of accounting upon project completion or within two (2) years of the cheque date. If you have any inquiries, you may contact CFEP program administration at 1-800-642-3855.

Best wishes and continued success with your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

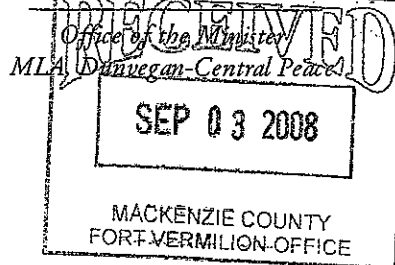
Frank Oberle, MLA

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EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION



AR 48143

August 25, 2008

Mr. Greg Newman, Reeve
Mackenzie County
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Dear  Reeve Newman:

Thank you for your letter dated June 13, 2008 and your request for funding from the Community Development Trust Fund for Footner Forest Products. I do appreciate the issues facing the forestry industry and I have directed staff to work closely with Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) to identify how we can assist communities and industry to respond to the challenges that they have identified.

In July 2008, a partnership was created among Employment and Immigration (E&I), Sustainable Resource Development and Advanced Education and Technology (AET) - Apprenticeship, to address the allocation of Community Development Trust funds allocated for the forestry sector. They developed a list of criteria for prioritizing the funds and recommendations for their allocation.

The partnership group agreed on five themes for prioritizing the requests for funding. Any proposals under the fund must comply with the Softwood Lumber Agreement. The five themes are:

- Increasing productivity;
- Looking for value added services;
- Retraining to higher skill levels;
- Helping communities to retain their workforce; and
- Working collaboratively with Federal programs aimed at staff retention and/or retraining

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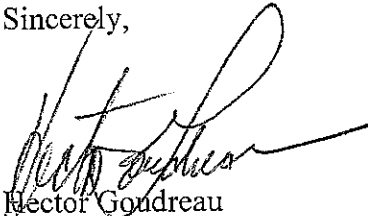
Mr. Greg Newman

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I am very interested in providing support to communities that are seriously affected by the current economic climate within the forest industry. I have asked Mr. Ken Jardine, Manager, Special Projects, to contact you in the next few weeks to further assist you in developing a sustainable plan that will address your needs and meet the themes identified above. You can call Mr. Jardine at 780-849-0131, or e-mail Ken.Jardine@gov.ab.ca.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hector Goudreau', written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Hector Goudreau
Minister of Employment and Immigration
MLA, Dunvegan – Central Peace



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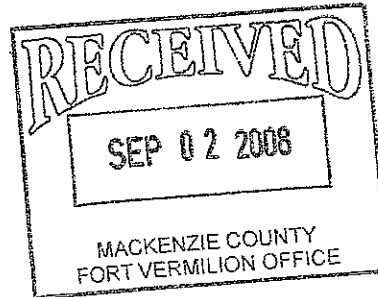
EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

Office of the Minister
MLA, Dunvegan-Central Peace

AR 47658

August 25, 2008

Reeve Gregory Alan Newman
Mackenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0



Dear Reeve Newman:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of *A Tool Box of Ideas for Smaller Centres*. This national tool was launched in Lethbridge earlier this year. It is designed to help smaller communities attract, settle and retain immigrants and is a great starting point for communities wanting to create their own immigration and settlement strategies.

Immigrants helped build this province and they continue to make valuable contributions to Alberta's economic, social and cultural life. They are vital to sustaining the province's prosperity and the on-going development of Alberta's economy, now and in the future. Marketing the attributes and services of smaller communities to attract and retain immigrants, and enhancing each community's capacity to welcome newcomers, will help make smaller centres more attractive destinations.

Staff from Employment and Immigration's Delivery Services division will provide support to Alberta communities on using the Tool Box, and they will also be available to provide information and resources related to immigrants and immigration in Alberta as a supplement to this resource. Departmental staff will follow up with you later this summer to provide more details on the Tool Box, which can also be viewed at www.icavictoria.org/toolbox.htm.

We want immigrants and their families to make Alberta their destination of choice and are also interested in ensuring the benefits of immigration are experienced throughout the province.

Sincerely,

Hector Goudreau
Minister of Employment and Immigration
MLA, Dunvegan - Central Peace

Enclosure

cc: Frank Oberle, MLA
Peace River

Carol Gabriel

From: Gerald Rhodes [gerald@aamdc.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 1:46 PM
To: admin@mdacadia.ab.ca; admin@mdwainwright.ca; administrator@countyofwarner5.ab.ca; Arlene Milot; audrey.rogers@woodbuffalo.ab.ca; Barrhead; mjones@beaver.ab.ca; Big Lakes; cao@mdbiglakes.ca; martin.buckley@mdbighorn.ca; irenec@birchhillscounty.com; gfullerton@md.bonnyville.ab.ca; brogan1@countygp.ab.ca; CAO - MD Ranchland; cao@mdnorth22.ab.ca; murray@cardstoncounty.com; carlson@strathcona.ab.ca; Carol Gabriel; cao@clearhillscounty.ab.ca; rleaf@county.clearwater.ab.ca; County of Wetaskiwin; countyadmin@vulcancounty.ab.ca; Crowsnest Pass; csmigerowsky@smokylakecounty.ab.ca; dale@fortymile.ab.ca; dan@thorhildcounty.com; Doug Henderson; duhrbach@phrd.ab.ca; ben@mdfairview.ab.ca; fcoutney@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca; jim@mdgreenview.ab.ca; gthomas@county24.com; hrc@mdfoothills.com; jack.ramme@YellowheadCounty.ab.ca; jennifer.deak@wheatlandcounty.ca; julie@countypaintearth.ca; kheyman@county.stpaul.ab.ca; kevincao@kneehillcounty.com; kporter@brazeau.ab.ca; lucien.cloutier@laclabichcounty.com; allan.h@iclamont.ca; Laverne Turnbull; dougw@leduc-county.com; allan.winarski@md124.ca; dshigematsu@county.lethbridge.ab.ca; lszybunka@gov.lacsteanne.ab.ca; lthompsn@telusplanet.net; lturcotte@mdsmokyriver.com; luc.mercier@woodlands.ab.ca; lutz@cypress.ab.ca; Wanita Mitchell; MD of Rocky View; dmarynowich@minburncounty.ab.ca; doug.plamping@mountainviewcounty.com; stephensonk@countyofnewell.ab.ca; harvey@mdopportunity.ab.ca; pvincent@parklandcounty.com; mdpeace@wispernet.ca; PonokaCounty@PonokaCounty.com; ilarson@mdprovost.ca; ramiles@northernsunrise.net; chertzberg@reddeercountry.ab.ca; Robert Jorgensen; rcoon@rockyview.ca; Ross D. Rawlusyk; sarmstrong@flagstaff.ab.ca; sgerlitz@county.camrose.ab.ca; Special Areas; Special Areas; Special Areas; Special Areas; mjeffrey@mdspiritriver.ab.ca; robyn.singleton@strathcona.ab.ca; cvanherk@sturgeoncounty.ab.ca; dkrizan@mdtaber.ab.ca; tfox@stettlercounty.ca; thager@lacombecounty.com; tpeach@saddlehills.ab.ca; eleblanc@westlockcounty.com; Wheatland; Wheatland County; Wheatland County; cindy@mdwillowcreek.com; Wood Buffalo; Wood Buffalo (Andrew Stuckey); Wood Buffalo-Elsie Hutton
Cc: AAMDC Board Dist; Policy Staff
Subject: ATTN CAO's: Input needed regarding Provincial Water Transfer System
Attachments: WATSUP Terms of Reference June 2008.pdf

Good afternoon CAOs,

As you are probably aware the AAMDC represents the rural municipal sector on the Alberta Water Council (www.albertawatercouncil.ca). Central District Director Dwight Oliver is our permanent representative on the council with President Don Johnson currently sitting in for Dwight while Dwight recovers from an accident that he had earlier this spring. The Alberta Water Council has a number of sub-committees reporting to it including the **Water Allocation Transfer System Project Team (WATSUP)**. Foothills Little Bow District Director Bob Jones is currently the AAMDC rep on this committee in substitution for Dwight Oliver. The terms of reference for this committee are as attached. The Alberta Water Council's Water Allocation Transfer System Project Team (WATSUP) will be meeting on September 11th to:

- understand the underlying interests of each sector represented on WATSUP; and
- understand the type of outcomes sectors are interested in achieving.

Within this context, 'underlying interest' means the interest or issues the sector is trying to protect or to achieve, as well as the sector's fears/concerns about the current water allocation transfer system.

The AAMDC has just received notice that comments during this "open discussion" meeting should cover the following questions:

1. What is your sector's interest in the Alberta water transfer/water market system?

2. Why is this a concern for your sector; explain how your sector's interest is 'at stake'
3. What outcomes would your sector like to achieve?
4. What needs to happen to achieve your desired outcome? and how are we going to get there?
5. Additional question: Is there a piece of information or component of the current system that your sectors needs to know more about before it can contribute fully to the discussion?

To assist the AAMDC representative in accurately answering these questions on behalf of the rural municipal sector, we are seeking membership input. If you wish to provide input we ask that you provide brief responses to these questions to Kate Hovland at the AAMDC office via email at kate@aamdc.com . To assist in compiling the answers we ask that you number your responses to match the number of the question listed above. Understanding the short timelines presented, it would be appreciated if comments could be received by Tuesday, September 9, to allow for consolidation in time for the September 11 meeting.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration, and please accept my apologies on the short notice.

Gerald Rhodes
Executive Director
AAMDC | Alberta Association of
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DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Water Allocation Transfer System Project Team

Approved by the Alberta Water Council on June 17th, 2008.

CONTEXT

The *Water Act*¹, proclaimed in force in Alberta in 1999, attempts to balance the historical water allocation system with an expanded framework of statutory principles intended to facilitate the re-allocation of water and its conservation for future generations².

Portions of the South Saskatchewan River Basin are currently closed to new applications for water licences, except for First Nations, Water Conservation Objectives (WCO) and storage projects. Other basins may face water allocation challenges in the future. The Alberta Water Council believes it is timely to undertake a comprehensive review of the water allocation transfer³ system within the existing legislative framework.

The effective reallocation of water, within the context of a finite and restricted supply is a complex task. Improvements to the existing water allocation transfer system will facilitate and complement the stated outcomes of the *Water for Life* strategy.

The Project Team will operate in a manner that is consistent with the rules, policies and procedures adopted by the Alberta Water Council, including the use of consensus to make decisions in a multi-stakeholder process.

GOAL

- Develop recommendations to better utilise and enhance Alberta's water allocation transfer system to contribute to *Water for Life* goals

Working within the context of the *Water Act*, the Project Team will:

- Identify and agree on desired outcomes for Alberta's water allocation transfer system
- Review the current water allocation transfer system to determine whether the system is meeting desired outcomes
- Identify opportunities to improve the water allocation transfer system
- Identify how improvements to the system can facilitate:
 - reallocation of water within a basin
 - water conservation and efficiency
 - protection and enhancement of healthy aquatic ecosystems
 - a sustainable economy
 - safe and secure supplies of drinking water

¹ *Water Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. W-3

² See Section 2 of the *Water Act*

³ For the purpose of this project, the word 'transfer' means any reallocation of water rights between users through amendments, assignments, transfers, and other related tools.

KEY TASKS: *topic areas the Team must explore; work the Team must do to meet its strategic intent.*

1. Identify key concerns and interests that need to be addressed.
2. Describe the existing system. Identify baseline information needed by the Project Team to complete its task, conduct gaps analysis, document lessons learned and develop a plan and timelines to compile this information.
3. Review best management practices and leading edge policies and programmes for water allocation transfer in other jurisdictions and determine their applicability to Alberta.
4. When determining improvements to the system, the Project Team will consider at a minimum:
 - a. Clear ecological objectives (WCO, Instream Flow Needs, etc.)
 - b. Public consultation, notification and transparency
 - c. Water conservation, supply and demand management alternatives
 - d. Management techniques to account for drought, climate change, and other risk management factors
 - e. A mechanism that brings those seeking a water allocation together with those willing to transfer a water allocation
 - f. Clear economic and social objectives to ensure adequate water supplies for drinking water and economic development
 - g. Complementary provincial legislation and regulation
 - h. The work of Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) and other *Water for Life* initiatives
 - i. Public information and awareness of the enhanced water allocation transfer system
 - j. The need to evaluate the effectiveness of the enhanced water allocation transfer system in meeting desired objectives.
5. Describe the essential components of a water allocation trading system that is transparent, equitable and efficient.
6. Identify barriers to achieving future system objectives, and recommend solutions to remove barriers. Barriers could include existing regulatory and statutory requirements, knowledge/information gaps, mechanisms for the transfer and allocation of water, and structural inefficiencies in the existing system.
7. Determine the need for and mechanisms to accomplish broader stakeholder/public consultation and information on the project team's deliberations.
8. Develop recommendations for how improvements will be implemented and monitored, taking into account synergy and alignment with other *Water for Life* and WPAC initiatives.
9. Develop a work plan with clear timelines for completing key tasks and providing a final report and recommendations to Council.

10. Provide regular status reports to Council:

- a. The Project Team will provide an interim report at the fall Council meeting
- b. The Project Team will provide a final report and recommendations to Council at its spring 2009 meeting.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Project Team will ensure its recommendations are consistent with existing inter-provincial and federal agreements and legislation, and do not undermine provincial and federal jurisdiction over water.

BUDGET

Estimate \$200,000

PROJECT TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Alberta Environment (GoA)

TransAlta Corporation (Power Generation)

Alberta Beef Producers (Livestock)

Alberta Irrigation Projects Association (Irrigation)

Alberta Chamber of Resources

Alberta Economic Development Authority

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (Oil and Gas)

Trout Unlimited (Fisheries Habitat)

Water Matters (Environmental)

Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils

City of Calgary (Large Urban sector)

Town of St. Paul (Small Urban Sector)

Clearwater County (AAMDC – rural municipalities)

Alberta Water Research Institute

Alberta Food and Rural Development (GoA)

Corresponding members

Alberta Forest Products Association

Ducks Unlimited



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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: September 3, 2008

NUMBER OF PAGES: 2 (INCLUDING COVER SHEET)

TO: Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Caucus

FAX NO.

FROM: Cheryl Vesseur

MESSAGE:

Attached is information for the upcoming Northern Alberta Mayors & Reeves Caucus on October 17.

Please complete and fax form back indicating whether you will or will not be attending. The final agenda will be sent closer to the meeting date.

Thank you.

Cheryl Vesseur
cheryl.vesseur@edmonton.ca

If you have difficulty receiving this transmission, please contact the above office.



MAYOR STEPHEN MANDEL
CITY OF EDMONTON

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September 3, 2008

PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 1ST
FAX TO: (780) 496-8292

Dear Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves':

I am writing to confirm the upcoming Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Caucus Meeting:

Friday, October 17, 2008, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
World Trade Centre - Conference Room A/B
[#600-9990 Jasper Avenue]

*A continental breakfast will be available at 9:30 a.m.

An agenda package will be forwarded closer to the event.

Please confirm your attendance **no later than Wednesday, October 1st**, by faxing this completed form to (780) 496-8292 or by email to cheryl.vesseur@edmonton.ca.

A block of rooms is being held for Thursday, October 16 under "Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Caucus" at the **Marriott Courtyard Edmonton** located at One Thornton Court [99 Street & Jasper Avenue]. Its location is convenient to both City Hall and the World Trade Centre.

In order to receive the preferred rate of \$115/night, you must reserve your room directly with the hotel no later than **October 16**. Rooms can be booked by phoning (780) 423-9999.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Blaire McCalla in my office at (780) 496-8105.

Yours truly,

Stephen Mandel, Chair
Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Caucus

PLEASE CONFIRM BEFORE Wednesday, October 1st:

- I **WILL** be attending the NAMRC Meeting on **Friday, October 17 at the WTC**
- I **WILL NOT** be attending the NAMRC Meeting

Name of Mayor/Reeve

Municipality



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ALBERTA
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Office of the Minister

Mr. Jeff Anderson
Chairman
Fort Vermilion Community Health Council
Box 68
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
T0H 1N0

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your June 17, 2008 letter providing a vision for health care in Fort Vermilion. I appreciate this information.

Alberta Health and Wellness hired a major consulting firm in 2005 to conduct comprehensive reviews of all health regions in Alberta. The intent was to identify potential improvements to the complex operations of health regions to ensure the optimal use of the substantial public resources devoted to them – more than \$7 billion annually.

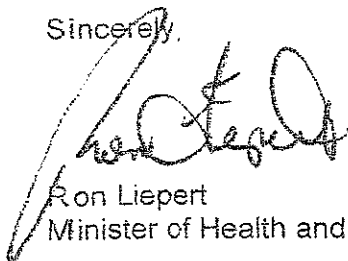
The review of the Northern Lights Health Region was conducted in the fall of 2005. The review found the St. Theresa General Hospital in Fort Vermilion to be an aged physical plant with the health region planning for its replacement. However, in addition to low occupancy observed at that time (the facility had an annual average of 10 out of 26 beds filled), another concern was the challenge in maintaining a sustainable physician service.

Given the proximity (80 kilometres) of the community to High Level, the review consequently recommended the health region evaluate a potential alternative service delivery model for a new facility in the context of a broader regional community health needs assessment.

I am pleased to hear that that the Northern Lights Health Region has now completed a Community Health Needs Assessment for the west side of the region which, along with collaborative input from the Community Health Councils, will inform planning for the delivery of health services there.

As you are aware, on May 15, 2008 I announced the replacement of the governing boards of Alberta's nine regional health authorities with a single Alberta Health Services Board. The new consolidated board was established to help streamline the provincial health system while ensuring the system is patient-focused and provides equitable access. The Board will take all factors into consideration in making its decisions around health services delivery; hearing the views of your Community Health Council is appreciated.

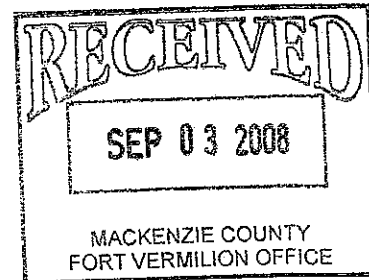
Sincerely,



Ron Liepert
Minister of Health and Wellness

August 28, 2008

Mr. William (Bill) Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
Mackenzie County
PO Box 640
Fort Vermilion, Alberta T0H 1N0



Dear Mr. Kostiw:

Alberta Municipal Affairs' ("AMA"), Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative is committed to enhancing local governance and providing your municipality with access to cost-effective and relevant training opportunities.

As a result, AMA, along with our partners, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association ("AUMA") and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties ("AAMDC"), are pleased to announce an expanded list of education courses, specifically tailored to municipal leaders.

Enclosed are brochures outlining an exciting season of workshops that will be held across the province from October 2008 to March 2009. The workshops are:

- **Finding Agreement;**
- **Negotiating Effectively;**
- **Public Input;**
- **Facilitation Skills for Public Input;**
- **Group Facilitation;**
- **Workplace Conflict (NEW);**
- **Labour Relations and Conflict Management (New);** and
- **Negotiation Skills Refresher (New).**

We ask that you forward copies of the brochures to your chief elected officials, councillors, senior administrators and planners/development officers within your organization.

Registration is easy, just follow these steps:

1. Review brochure and link to the Municipal Affairs, Let's Resolve website at <http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/ms/mediation/train/tra.html>;
2. Select the appropriate course and complete your on-line registration; and
3. Complete Course Payment Form and submit with it your payment to AUMA or AAMDC.

Mr. Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer
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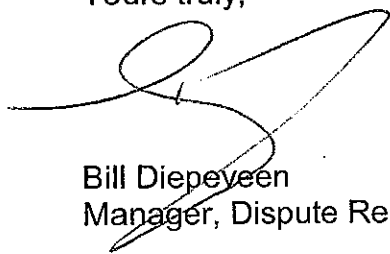
Important Note: Due to demand, seat(s) will not be guaranteed until your fee(s) are received with a Course Payment Form prior to the start of your course.

Courses are capped at 20 participants; therefore, we would encourage you to register early.

If you require additional information, please contact Ms. Lisa Awid-Goltz, Dispute Resolution Services, directly at (780) 644-3124, toll-free in Alberta by dialling 310-0000 first.

We look forward to seeing you at the courses!

Yours truly,

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Bill Diepeveen
Manager, Dispute Resolution Services

Attachments

Labour Relations and Conflict Management

This new two-day course provides an introduction to labour relations and conflict management and is geared to municipal human resource professionals. Some of the topics will include supervisory employee conflict, supervisor/union representative conflict, integrating collective agreements into conflict management, and presenting a model for conflict management.

Instructors

High Gloucks Inc. provided specializes in dispute resolution and training and has municipal, provincial, tribal and workplace experience. Instructors are familiar with union and non-union settings and collective bargaining disputes involving municipalities.

Edmonton: March 12, 13, 2009

Registration fees: \$110

To register, go to:

www.municipalrelations.gov.ab.ca/rms/mediation/train/trn.html

Negotiation Skills Refresher

Have you completed Negotiating Effectively, Workplace Conflict and/or Labour Relations and Conflict Management? Has it been a while since you practiced your negotiation skills? If you are looking to refresh your skills and build on the interest-based principles you learned in previous courses, this new two-day refresher is for you. APTe time will be given to students looking to sharpen their negotiation micro skills with particular attention to be spent on providing feedback in practice sessions.

Instructors

Co-instructors and chartered mediators, Lynn Parise and Patricia Paradis, have extensive experience in the field of conflict resolution as educators and practicing mediators. Both instructors are lawyers and professional instructors at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law.

Edmonton: January 22, 23, 2009

Registration fees: \$110

To register, go to:

www.municipalrelations.gov.ab.ca/rms/mediation/train/trn.html

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Workshops

New and Expanded Courses

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- Negotiating Effectively
- Public Hearing
- Facilitation Skills for Public Hearing
- Group Facilitation
- Workshops for Public Affairs
- Labour Relations and
- Conflict Management
- Negotiating Skills Refresher

Let's resolve

Finding Agreement

This introductory course is designed specifically for community leaders, including administrative and elected officials. The objective of the workshop is to assist participants in gaining an understanding of conflict sources, dynamics and attitudes and the impact this has on the conflict resolution process. This course will give participants the skills to better collaborate with others, resolve difficult issues, and reach effective agreements.

Instructors

Barbara McNeil and Kerry Brown bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in teaching a variety of conflict management courses, such as mediation, negotiation, and effective communication.

Peace River October 9, 10, 2008
Edmonton December 4, 5, 2008
Cochrane January 15, 16, 2009
Lethbridge March 5, 6, 2009

Registration fee is \$110

To register, go to
www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/mediation/train/tra.html

Negotiating Effectively

This three-day course introduces participants to the principled, interest-based negotiation model and delves into the communication skills introduced in the "Finding Agreement" course. Building on theory articulated by Harvard educators, Fisher and Ury in their book *Getting to Yes*, this course provides hands-on negotiation training. This model is based on clarifying and understanding the issues, interests and feelings of parties involved in negotiation or conflict.

Instructors

ADR Education Ltd. is a nationally recognized dispute resolution firm that has developed and taught courses for federal and provincial governments, the RCMP, major law firms and First Nations. The instructors are effective, engaging and highly interactive.

Edmonton November 26, 27, 28, 2008
Cochrane February 4, 5, 6, 2009

Registration fee is \$110

To register, go to
www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/mediation/train/tra.html

Public Input

This course is designed to provide municipal leaders with the tools and skills to design, deliver, and facilitate effective public input on events within a municipal setting.

Alberta Municipal Affairs worked with five municipal partners to create this course and related toolkit. The toolkit materials, specifically designed for use by small and mid-sized Alberta municipalities, are particularly relevant for staff involved in land-use planning, development approvals, recreation, and other areas where there is the potential for a high level of public interest and involvement in a project. Copies of the toolkit will be provided to all participants. **This year, we will offer an extended two-day course in Edmonton targeted specifically to municipal planners. The course will cover planning legislation under the *Municipal Government Act*, and issues to consider when implementing an effective public engagement process.**

Instructor

Mr. Bill McMillan has been a leader in the design and delivery of public consultation in Alberta for over two decades. He has designed and led major public processes such as Alberta's Water for Life Strategy, and has developed numerous courses in group decision-making process, group problem solving, creativity and public consultation.

Cochrane October 24, 2008
Peace River December 12, 2008
Edmonton March 26, 27, 2009

Registration fee is \$110

To register, go to
www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/mediation/train/tra.html

Workplace Conflict

This course is specifically designed for municipal managers and human resource professionals. It is intended to develop skills in resolving personnel conflicts where a participant is either a party to, or is responsible for the staff involved in conflict. This course provides the necessary skills to enable managers to create a collaborative conflict resolution process to resolve human resource issues, and looks at conflict dynamics in the workplace.

Instructors

ADR Education Ltd. brings extensive public sector experience from across Canada and delivers workplace conflict management courses to provincial, municipal and federal staff.

Cochrane November 5, 6, 7, 2008
Edmonton February 25, 26, 27, 2009

Registration fee is \$110

To register, go to
www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/mediation/train/tra.html

Facilitation Skills for Public Input

This two-day course provides participants with basic tools and guidelines for facilitating public meetings. This course focuses on meeting preparation, managing the agenda, encouraging participation and dealing with difficult behaviours. Participants will receive a detailed manual which can be used as a resource for planning and conducting facilitated sessions. The course includes a variety of practical experiences to help participants build skills and gain confidence as a facilitator.

Instructor

Caroline Wagenaar has worked extensively with government organizations and has conducted consultations at the local, provincial and national levels. Caroline's unique approach to facilitation is drawn from a diverse range of methodologies that include adult education, coaching, mediation, and public consultation.

Edmonton February 12-13, 2009

Registration fee is \$110

To register, go to
www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ms/mediation/train/tra.html

Group Facilitation

This three-day course begins with a one day refresher of facilitation principles, while day two and three provide in-depth information and use a participative and interactive format to discuss focused conversation and the consensus workshop method in detail. The course gives participants ample opportunity to practice what they have learned and will be of specific interest to municipal staff that are called upon to lead/facilitate public events. All materials and a workbook will be provided.

Instructor

Gene Roach brings experience in the area of public engagement, and is a facilitator and trainer with the Institute of Cultural Affairs, an international organization specializing in organization and community development, in over 35 countries worldwide.

Edmonton January 28, 29, 30, 2009
Cochrane March 18, 19, 20, 2009

Registration fee is \$110

To register, go to
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