

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008
4:00 p.m.**

**Town of High Level Council Chambers
High Level, Alberta**

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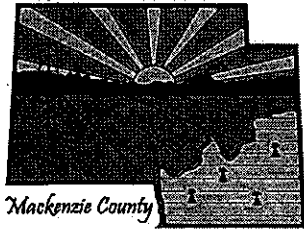
- 14. a) Personnel
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**NEXT MEETING
DATE:**

- 15. a) Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

- 16. a) Adjournment



MACKENZIE COUNTY
REQUEST FOR DECISION

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|----------------------|---|
| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Title: | Minutes of the June 10, 2008 Regular Council Meeting |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Minutes of the June 10, 2008 Regular Council meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the minutes of the June 10, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Author: C. Gabriel

Review by: _____

For
CAO *Sh*

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

| | |
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| Greg Newman | Reeve |
| Walter Sarapuk | Deputy Reeve |
| Peter Braun | Councillor |
| Dicky Driedger | Councillor |
| John W. Driedger | Councillor |
| Ed Froese | Councillor |
| Ray Toews | Councillor |
| Lisa Wardley | Councillor |
| Stuart Watson | Councillor |

ABSENT: Bill Neufeld Councillor

ADMINISTRATION:

| | |
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| William (Bill) Kostiw | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Joulia Whittleton | Director of Corporate Services |
| John Klassen | Director of Environmental Services |
| Ryan Becker | Director of Planning & Emergency Services |
| 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 June 10, 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 10:07 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION 08-06-395 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:

- 4. a) Hospitals
- 10. k) High Level Oilmen's Golf Tournament
- 11. g) Gravel Spreaders
- 14. g) Gravel Pit Management

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the May 22, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 08-06-396

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the minutes of the May 22, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) Hospitals (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-397

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Mackenzie County send a letter of support to the Fort Vermilion Health Council requesting that the St. Theresa Hospital be upgraded to an obstetrical centre for the region.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-06-398

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the municipality take a leadership role and host an invitation only forum on health services and facilities in the region, including local health representation and provincial representation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-399

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health & Wellness requesting that no downgrading or changes be allowed to our medical facilities or services at this time and that we demand consultation on any proposed changes to the system within the Mackenzie region and that the Minister be requested to attend the health forum hosted by Mackenzie County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – April 24 & May 8, 2008

MOTION 08-06-400

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 24 and May 8, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. b) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes –
February 27, 2008**

MOTION 08-06-401

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of February 27, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. c) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes –
March 26, 2008**

MOTION 08-06-402

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of March 26, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meetings.

Councillor Braun reported on the Waste Management Commission, drainage meeting with Sameng Inc., Municipal Planning Commission meetings, Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, and the High Level ratepayers meeting.

Reeve Newman reported on the Agriculture Service Board meeting, and the Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative, ski-hill study, High Level Ratepayers meeting, and the Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Veterinary Advisory Committee, La Crete Building Committee, and the FCM conference.

Councillor Toews reported on the Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, drainage meeting with Sameng Inc., High Level ratepayers meeting, and the Fort Vermilion Health Council.

Councillor Watson reported on the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management meeting, FCM conference, Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, High Level ratepayers meeting, and the Town of High Level council meeting.

Councillor Wardley reported on the hamlet steel cleanup, AGTL, affordable housing project, Partners in Prevention meeting, Hay Zama welcome supper in High Level, Child & Family Services workshop, High Level ratepayers meeting, Mackenzie Regional Governance Forum, and reported that Zama had its first two high school graduates this year.

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Veterinary Advisory Committee, Regional Economic Development Initiative, Agriculture Service Board meeting, meeting with ratepayer regarding road allowance concerns, Agriculture Land Task Force meeting, drainage meeting with Sameng Inc., and the High Level ratepayers meeting.

MOTION 08-06-403
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Mackenzie County take a leadership role in lobbying for upgraded rail service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-404
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That a letter of support be sent for Little Red regarding a traditional medicines study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-405
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter of congratulations be sent to the new Chief and Council of the Tall Cree First Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

MOTION 08-06-406
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter of congratulations be sent to the two graduates of the Zama City School through the High Level Learning Store program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-407
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Premier and the Minister of Tourism, Parks & Recreation indicating that the County is opposed to any additional special places areas within the Mackenzie County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-408

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the council verbal reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO and Director Reports

MOTION 08-06-409

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Councillors be authorized to attend the grand opening of the Phase III of the Heimstaed Lodge on July 11, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-410

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Director of Corporate Services, Director of Public Works & Agriculture, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-411

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the information on the local book release entitled "Wilderness Outpost" be included in the next edition of the

County Image.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) Bylaw 677/08 Borrowing Bylaw for the Construction of the La Crete Office Building

MOTION 08-06-412

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 677/08 being a borrowing bylaw for the construction of the La Crete office building.

CARRIED

10. b) Tax Write Off – Zama Vacant Non-Residential Lots – Tax Rolls 81637, 81638, 81639, 81646, 81649, 81659, 81660, 81661, 81662, 81663, 81664, 81665, 81666, 81667, 81668, 81669, 81670, 81671, 81672

MOTION 08-06-413

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the \$6,696.74 difference in municipal taxes calculated at the 2007 mill rate and calculated at the established minimum of \$400 per vacant non-residential lot for the 81637, 81638, 81639, 81646, 81649, 81659, 81660, 81661, 81662, 81663, 81664, 81665, 81666, 81667, 81668, 81669, 81670, 81671, 81672, tax rolls be written off.

CARRIED

10. c) Tax Write Off – Tax Roll 105991, Plan 2938RS, Block 4, Lot 06

MOTION 08-06-414

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That \$582.48 for the tax roll 105991, Plan 2938RS, Block 04, Lot 06 be rebated.

CARRIED

10. d) Local Improvement Charges to Non-Profit Groups

MOTION 08-06-415

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Policy FIN023 Local Improvement Charge Cancellation be amended as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-416

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the 2008 local improvement charge of \$197.00 for the Fort Vermilion Royal Canadian Legion be cancelled.

CARRIED

10. e) High Level Motocross Association

MOTION 08-06-417

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That a letter of support be sent to the High Level Motocross Association and that the County provide a contribution in the amount of \$3,000.00 with funds coming from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. f) Mackenzie Housing Request – Paving of Parking Lots at the Pioneer Homes (Fort Vermilion) and at the Altenheim (La Crete)

MOTION 08-06-418

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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.

CARRIED

10. g) La Crete Chamber of Commerce – Letter of Support

MOTION 08-06-419

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a letter of support be sent to the La Crete Chamber of Commerce indicating that they are an official community Visitor Information Centre.

CARRIED

10. h) Fort Vermilion FCSS Advisory Committee

Appointments

MOTION 08-06-420

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Karen Wieler be appointed to the Fort Vermilion FCSS Advisory Committee for the period June 10, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Re-gravelling Tender – 1:00 p.m.

MOTION 08-06-421

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the re-gravelling tenders be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-422

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the re-gravelling tender be awarded to the lowest qualifying tender.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 673/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lot 1 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Residential District 3 "HR3" (Hamlet of La Crete)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 673/08 to order at 1:10 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 673/08 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on May 6, 2008.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 673/08. Three written submissions were received in opposition to the proposed Bylaw.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 673/08. An adjacent landowner spoke in opposition to the proposed Bylaw expressing her concerns. The owner of the land spoke in support of the Bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 673/08 at 1:22 p.m.

MOTION 08-06-423

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That second reading be given to Bylaw 673/08, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lot 1 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Residential District 3 "HR3" in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-424

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That third reading be given to Bylaw 673/08, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 6076RS, Block 6, Lot 1 from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Hamlet Residential District 3 "HR3" in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

7. b) Bylaw 674/ 08 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Section 15-109-19-W5M from Agricultural District "A1" to Residential Condominium District (RCD) in Rural High Level

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 674/08 to order at 1:23 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 674/08 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Ryan Becker, Director of

Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on May 6, 2008.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 674/08. One written submission was received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 674/08. The developer was present to speak in support of the proposed Bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 674/08 at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION 08-06-425

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 674/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Section 15-109-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Residential Condominium District "RCD" to accommodate a Condominium and Golf Course Development in Mackenzie County in consultation with the Town of High Level.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-426

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 674/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Section 15-109-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Residential Condominium District "RCD" to accommodate a Condominium and Golf Course Development in Mackenzie County in consultation with the Town of High Level.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

12. b) Subdivision Proposal – Simon Froese (Buffalo Head Prairie)

MOTION 08-06-427

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the subdivision proposal for Simon Froese on SE 23-105-14-W5M for the two (2) fragmented parcels located in the northeasterly portion of the lands be referred to the Municipal Planning Commission for action as a fragmented parcel.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) Alliance Assessment

MOTION 08-06-428

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the report by Randy Affolder, Alliance Assessment Consultants, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. i) Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER)

MOTION 08-06-429

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

10. j) Inter-Municipal Agreement – High Level

MOTION 08-06-430

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level continue to use the current inter-municipal agreement until June 30, 2008 and use the Memorandum of Understanding until December 31, 2008.

CARRIED

10. k) High Level Oilmen's Golf Tournament (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-431
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the County participate in the High Level Oilmen's Golf Tournament on July 11 & 12, 2008 by sponsoring a flight in the amount of \$1,000.00 as well as two registration fees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Municipal Parks Bylaw 671/08 Schedule "B"

MOTION 08-06-432

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Municipal Parks Bylaw 671/08 Schedule "B" be amended as presented.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

11. b) Neufeld Petroleum & Propane Ltd. – Maintenance

MOTION 08-06-433

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration look at different options for the maintenance of equipment and repair of buildings and bring back to Council, including a request for proposals.

CARRIED

11. c) L & P Disposals – Fuel Surcharge

MOTION 08-06-434

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the L& P Disposals fuel surcharge request be referred to the County Finance Committee.

CARRIED

11. d) Loader Replacement

MOTION 08-06-435

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the County purchase a replacement loader for Fort Vermilion from Komatsu at a cost of \$133,000.00 with funding coming from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

11. e) AMA Rural Road Signage Program

MOTION 08-06-436

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County continue with the Alberta Motor Association Rural Road Signage Program and pay the estimated installation and maintenance costs as presented with funding coming from the transportation department operating budget.

CARRIED

11. f) Extension to CAMRIF Project (La Crete)

MOTION 08-06-437

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the extension to the CAMRIF project in La Crete be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

11. g) Gravel Spreaders (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-438

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the gravel spreaders item be tabled to the in-camera section.

CARRIED

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

**12. a) Development Permit 310-DP-06 Plan 962 4275,
Block 19-4 Direct Control 1 "DC1" (Hamlet of
Zama)**

MOTION 08-06-439

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a time extension be granted to June 10, 2009 for Development Permit 310-DP-06 for a Borrow Pit on Plan 962 4275, Block 19-4 in the name of Patmore Oilfield Services Ltd.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-06-440

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to Alberta Transportation requesting an increased level of recognition and support as per request from

the Deputy Minister.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-441

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Commuter Air Access Network of Alberta Association (CAANA) to update their records to Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-442

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County place an 1/8 page advertisement in both the Calgary Herald and the Edmonton Journal for the special feature on July 2, 2008 celebrating the Alberta Fish & Game Association's 100th Anniversary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-06-443

MOVED by Councillor Toews

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

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-06-444

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:12 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Ambulance
- 14. d) Airports
- 14. e) Graders
- 14. f) AUPE
- 14. g) Gravel Pits Management (ADDITION)
- 14. h) Gravel Spreaders (ADDITION)

CARRIED

MOTION 08-06-445

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 08-06-446

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the personnel report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 08-06-447

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the special projects report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

14. c) Ambulance

MOTION 08-06-448

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Request for Proposals for ambulance services be advertised as amended.

CARRIED

14. d) Airports

MOTION 08-06-449

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the airports item be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

14. e) Graders

MOTION 08-06-450

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That gravel spreaders be placed back on the graders.

DEFEATED

14. f) AUPE

MOTION 08-06-451

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the AUPE discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

14. g) Gravel Pits Management (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-06-452

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the gravel pits management item be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Town of High Level, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 08-06-453

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

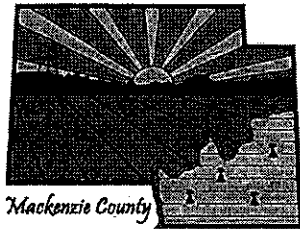
That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

Greg Newman, Reeve

Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant



MACKENZIE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services |
| Title: | DELEGATION La Crete Daycare – 5:15 p.m. |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Mackenzie County has received a request from a parent group that is forming the "Daycare Parent Society" in La Crete. They are trying to save the current Daycare facility that has been running at the High School in La Crete. They plan on opening up for business again in September 2008. Excerpt from their letter is as follows;

"This is an incredible undertaking at present. Owing to the fact that the project is soon to become an accredited Daycare, and a society is being formed, we will now be able to apply for funding available through grants and partnerships. These resources were not available up to this point. However, this will take time. As part of our agreement with the school division, we are obliged to provide funding in order to sustain the Daycare in its infancy. Through fundraising initiatives and donations we need to raise approximately forty-five thousand dollars. Therefore, as a new society, we are seeking your assistance financially to help offset costs for this year only until other resources are in place."

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

The benefits of having a daycare facility in the area are that there is safe, reliable daycare for working parents, single moms and low income families. This is an essential service when trying to new employees including teachers, nurses, policing, and other professionals.

Author: Ryan Becker, Director **Review By:** R. Becker, Director CAO

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Discussion

Author: Ryan Becker, Director **Review Date:** R. Becker, Director **CAO** _____

Daycare Parent Society
PO Box 2073
La Crete, Alberta
T0H 2H0

June 8, 2008

To whom it may concern:

You may have heard that La Crete Public School has been operating a Public Preschool Daycare facility since September 2007. This Daycare, originally a La Crete Public School initiative, has been at full capacity serving the needs of families in the La Crete area and benefiting our community.

The Daycare right now is at risk of closing its doors to children only weeks prior to becoming the only licensed daycare north of Fairview. Although La Crete Public School did feel this was a very beneficial service for the students as well as the community, funding for the program became an issue. As parents of children who attend the Daycare regularly, and who have supported this Daycare from the onset, we are deeply saddened by the thought of losing such a beneficial facility in La Crete. We have chosen to try to save the Daycare from closure by forming a Society who will take over all aspects of operation beginning September 2008. Fort Vermilion School Division has agreed to partner with us in sharing resources and assisting us in the organization and location of the Daycare until we have established a society status and can take over all aspects, including finances of the business.

This is an incredible undertaking at present. Owing to the fact that the project is soon to become an accredited Daycare, and a society is being formed, we will now be able to apply for funding available through grants and partnerships. These resources were not available up to this point. However, this will take time. As part of our agreement with the school division, we are obliged to provide funding in order to sustain the Daycare in its infancy. Through fundraising initiatives and donations we need to raise approximately forty-five thousand dollars. Therefore, as a new society, we are seeking your assistance financially to help offset costs for this year only until other resources are in place.

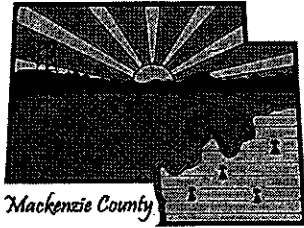
The benefits of having a daycare facility in the area can be shared by all parties involved.

- ❖ Children are provided with safe, quality care.
- ❖ Programs are provided which assist in further preparing children for ECS.
- ❖ Hassle free daycare for working parents, single moms and low income families (subsidy available after licensing).
- ❖ A recruitment selling feature to local businesses who are seeking employees outside the area.
- ❖ A beneficial service encouraging retention of essential service employees such as doctors, nurses, RCMP, etc.
- ❖ LCPS Work Experience and other programs can continue for the young ladies interested, including training them in Level One Daycare certification.

If you are willing to assist us in financially supporting this valuable community resource, a society representative will contact you within two to three business days, or you may contact one of the undersigned below. A taxable receipt will be provided by Fort Vermilion School Division as we do not yet have society status. Thank-you very much for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

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|----------------|------------|
| Dawn Thompson | (928-3703) |
| Suzanne Fehr | (928-3573) |
| Deena Aspinall | (928-2203) |
| Suzanne Fisher | (928-4717) |



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Title: | Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 20, 2008 |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Information item. The adopted minutes of the May 20, 2008 meetings are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 20, 2008 be received for information.

Author: C. Gabriel

Review By: _____

For
CAO *Ad*

**Mackenzie County
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting**

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Peter Braun | Chair, Councillor |
| Jack Eccles | Vice – Chair, MPC Member |
| Ed Froese | Councillor |
| Manfred Gross | MPC Member |
| Beth Kappelar | MPC Member |
| Ryan Becker | Director of Planning and Emergency Services |
| Vicky Krahn | Planning Administrative Support |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Braun called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 08-109 **MOVED** by Beth Kappelar

That the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

5d) Subdivision Application 07-SUB-08
NE 5-106-14-W5M; Airport Road Area
Ken Wieler

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-110 **MOVED** by Ed Froese

That the minutes of the May 8, 2008 Municipal Planning Commission meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DEVELOPMENT

Development Permit Applications 4a to 4f to be discussed later on in the meeting.

5. SUBDIVISION

Subdivision Applications 5a and 5d to be discussed later on in the meeting.

**c) Subdivision Proposal
SE 23-104-15-W5M; Buffalo Head Prairie
Simon Froese**

Simon Froese was present to discuss the proposed subdivision with the Municipal Planning Commission.

The subject subdivision proposal was presented to the Municipal Planning Commission at the May 8th meeting where it was tabled in order for the developer to attend the next meeting to provide input.

Mr. Froese stated that when Alberta Transportation constructed the access to the Buffalo Head Prairie School he was given the assurance from George Greenwell with Alberta Transportation that a subdivision of the fragmented parcels would be allowed and that he would not need to hire a surveyor to complete the subdivision as it would be registered as a descriptive plan.

The Municipal Planning Commission stated that due to the subdivision proposal exceeding the parameters of the Land Use Bylaw Mr. Froese would need to present his proposal to Council for their decision. The Municipal Planning Commission suggested that Mr. Froese attend the June 10th Council meeting in Fort Vermilion.

MOTION 08-111 MOVED by Manfred Gross

That the subdivision proposal on SE 23-104-15-W5M in the name of Simon Froese be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**b) Subdivision Application 08-SUB-08
SW 32-109-18-W5M; High Level Rural
Jake and Susanne Wolfe**

Jake Wolfe was present to discuss the proposed subdivision with the Municipal Planning Commission.

The proposed subdivision is a vacant, first parcel out of the quarter section.

Letters from a couple of adjacent landowners were received by the Planning Department with concerns regarding the sewage disposal system and possible contamination of neighbouring dugouts, spring run off, low lying lands and the proposed subdivision being taken out of the lowest piece of the quarter section.

The Municipal Planning Commission stated that water contamination is the only concern that needs to be addressed.

The Municipal Planning Commission questioned if Mr. Wolfe would be willing to subdivide else where on the quarter section.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the reason he decided to subdivide in the proposed area is due to the area being the highest part of the quarter section. The quarter section does have low spots and is wet in the spring time but the water drainage and the flow of the water along ditches should not affect neighbouring dugouts. Mr. Wolfe completed a site inspection of the quarter section in question today which revealed that there was no water remaining.

Mr. Wolfe mentioned that he had spoken with a Private Sewage Installer who confirmed that installing an appropriate sewage system and meeting the required setbacks for the acreage should not be an issue. Mr. Wolfe is considering installing a mount sewage system.

The Director of Planning suggested putting a caveat against the title to educate future landowners of the concern with the low lying lands.

MOTION 08-112 MOVED by Beth Kappelar

That subdivision application 08-SUB-08 in the name of Jake and Suzanne Wolfe on SW 32-109-18-W5M be accepted with the following conditions.

1. This approval is for a single lot subdivision, 10 acres (4.04 hectares) in size.
2. Any outstanding property taxes are to be paid on the land proposed to be subdivided or arrangements made which are satisfactory to the municipality.
3. Applicant/developer shall enter into a Developer's Agreement with Mackenzie County which shall contain, but is not limited to:
 - a. Provision of access to the subdivision and to the balance of the quarter in accordance with Mackenzie County standards and at the developer's expense.
 - b. All sewage disposals shall conform to the Alberta Private Sewage Treatment and Disposal Regulations.
 - c. Prior to any development on the proposed subdivision, the developer shall obtain a development permit from the Municipality.
 - d. The Developers Agreement for this subdivision shall be registered as a caveat on the land title due to the low lying lands and drainage.
 - e. Provision of utility right-of-way as required by ATCO Electric.
 - f. Subdivision must meet ATCO Electric's conditions as follows:
 - i. Any existing power line easements and/or utility right of ways must remain in place.

- ii. No driveways or approaches may be installed under the power line without first obtaining a Crossing Agreement from ATCO Electric.
- iii. Costs associated with changes required to correct any line clearance problems as a result of the development shall be borne by the developer.
- iv. Any costs incurred for the relocation or repair of the existing electrical facilities will be the responsibility of the developer.
- v. No work shall proceed under the power line without written permission from ATCO Electric.
- vi. There must be 9 meters clearance from all building, trees, and materials to the power line. The existing and any future power line route will require maintenance of a cleared right-of-way to ground level and to a minimum width of 7.0 meters on either side of the line route. The owner should be aware of the potential for brushing along the existing and possible future power line alignment.

CARRIED

4. DEVELOPMENT

- a) **Development Permit Application 75-DP-08
Diedrick and Anna Fehr; Deck (Partially Covered) with
Variance
Plan 792 1881, Block 15, Lot 5; La Crete**

MOTION 08-113 MOVED by Jack Eccles

That Development Permit 75-DP-08 on Plan 792 1881, Block 15, Lot 5 in the name of Diedrick and Anna Fehr be approved with the following conditions:

1. A variance of 4 feet (1.22 meters) of the west yard setback is hereby granted for the placement of the wheelchair ramp.
2. Minimum deck and wheelchair setbacks are: 3.0 meters (10 feet) south side yard; 6.40 meters (21 feet) west side (front) yard; 2.4 meters (8 feet) rear (east) yard; 1.2 meters (5 feet) north side yard, from the property lines.
3. The deck and wheelchair ramp, including the covered deck, shall be constructed and finished with similar construction materials as the residence and shall compliment the natural features of the residence and site to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.
4. The Municipality has assigned the following address to the noted property 10101-104th Street. You are required to display the address (10101) to be clearly legible from the street and be on a contrasting background. The minimum size of the characters shall be four inches in height.
5. No construction or development is allowed on a utility right-of-way.
6. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighbouring properties.

CARRIED

- b) **Development Permit Application 80-DP-08
Daniel Lapointe (Wolverine Ford); Mobile Home and
Tradesmen's Business (Repair Shop)
NE 31-109-18-W5M; High Level Rural**

MOTION 08-114 **MOVED** by Beth Kappelar

That Development Permit 80-DP-08 on NE 31-109-18-W5M in the name of Daniel Lapointe be approved with the following conditions:

1. **Construction commenced prior to the approval of the Development permit, therefore the developer shall pay the penalty fee of 1% the construction value, totaling \$750.00.**
2. Minimum building setbacks: 41.15 meters (135 feet) from any road allowances and 15.24 meters (50 feet) from any other property lines

3. The existing 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.
4. All setbacks from property lines adjacent to the Provincial Highway shall meet Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation setback requirements.
5. All conditions and requirements by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation are to be met to their specifications and standards. Failure to do so shall render this permit Null and Void.
6. The undercarriage of the Mobile Home shall be screened from view by skirting or such other means satisfactory to the development officer.
7. The sewage disposal system shall conform to the Alberta Private Sewage Treatment and Disposal Regulations.
8. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighbouring properties.
9. An unlit sign to identify the Tradesmen's Business (Repair Shop) may be placed in a window or exterior of the house and the sign shall not exceed 1.1 meters (12 square feet).
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 928-3983. Access to be constructed to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation and Mackenzie County's standards and at the developer's expense.
11. If a sign is placed on the property the sign shall be located a minimum of:
 - i. 200 meters from regulatory signs
 - ii. 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.
12. 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.
13. The sign shall be kept in a safe, clean, and tidy condition, or may be required to be renovated or removed.
14. The sign shall:

- iii. Not obstruct the orderly and safe flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- iv. Not unduly interfere with the amenities of the district.
- v. Not materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring properties.
- vi. Not create visual or aesthetic blight.

15. This permit may be revoked at any time, if, in the opinion of the Development Authority, the Tradesmen's Business (Repair Shop) has become detrimental or otherwise incompatible with the amenities of the neighborhood.

CARRIED

- c) **Development Permit Application 86-DP-08**
Ricky Paul; Fence with Variance
Plan 2938RS, Block 9, Lot 18; Fort Vermilion

MOTION 08-115 **MOVED** by Ed Froese

That Development Permit 86-DP-08 on Plan 2938RS, Block 9, Lot 18 in the name of Ricky Paul be approved with the following conditions:

1. Maximum height of fence: Seven (7) feet rear yard, Seven (7) feet side yards (Excluding the first twenty five (25) feet from the front property line).
2. Should the applicant decide to construct a fence higher than three (3) feet across the front property line, a new development permit will be required.
3. The fence must not encroach onto adjacent properties.
4. No construction or development is allowed on a utility right-of-way.

CARRIED

**d) Development Permit Application 87-DP-08
Fort Vermilion School Division; Two Portable Classroom
Units (Storage)
Plan 962 1175, Block 1, Lot 5; Rocky Lane Public School**

MOTION 08-116 **MOVED** by Ed Froese

That Development Permit 87-DP-08 on Plan 962 1175, Block 01 Lot 05 in the name of Fort Vermilion School Division be approved with the following conditions:

1. Minimum building setbacks: 41.15 meters (135 feet) from any road allowances and 15.24 meters (50 feet) from any property line.
2. All portable classroom units shall conform to the Alberta Building Code.
3. The undercarriage of the portable classroom units shall be screened from view by skirting or such other means satisfactory to the Development Authority.
4. The portable classroom units shall be constructed and finished with similar construction materials as the Rocky Lane Public School and shall compliment the natural features of the site. This condition must be completed within one year after occupancy.
5. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighboring properties.

CARRIED

**e) Development Permit Application 90-DP-08
Jake Fehr; Mobile Home (Second Residence)
Plan 6018NY, Block 1, Lot 2; High Level Airport**

MOTION 08-117 **MOVED** by Jack Eccles

That Development Permit 90-DP-08 on Plan 6018NY, Block 01, Lot 02 in the name of Jake Fehr be approved with the following conditions:

1. A variance is hereby given to allow a second mobile home within Airport Vicinity Protection Area A-M zone.

2. Minimum building setbacks: 25 feet (7.6 meters) front yard; 5 feet (2.2 meters) side and 8 feet (2.4 meters) rear yard from the property lines.
3. **Minimum of 10 feet (3 meters) between mobile homes or as required by Alberta Safety Codes.**
4. The architecture, construction materials and appearance of ancillary buildings and other structures shall compliment the natural features and character of the site to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.
5. Provide adequate off street parking as follows: The minimum parking shall be 300 square feet per vehicle owned plus an additional 500 square feet for off street parking. *"One parking space, including the driveway area, shall occupy 300 square feet."*
6. 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 and at the developers expense.
7. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affect the neighbouring properties.

CARRIED

- f) **Development Permit Application 96-DP-08
Pete Friesen; Farm Subsidiary Business (Shop)
NE 17-105-14-W5M; Wilson Prairie Area**

MOTION 08-118 **MOVED** by Manfred Gross

That Development Permit 96-DP-08 on NE 17-105-14-W5M in the name of Pete Friesen be approved with the following conditions:

1. Minimum building setbacks: 41.15 meters (135 feet) from any road allowances and 15.24 meters (50 feet) from any other property lines.
2. The new 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. The architecture, construction materials and appearance of buildings and other structures shall be to accepted standards.
4. All sewage disposal systems to be in conformance with the Alberta Private Sewage Treatment and Disposal Regulations.
5. 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 developers expense.
6. The total site area (lot) shall have a positive surface drainage without adversely affecting the neighbouring properties.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The sign shall be kept in a safe, clean, and tidy condition, or may be required to be renovated or removed.
10. 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.

CARRIED

5. **SUBDIVISION**

- a) **Subdivision Application 15-SUB-04
SE 18-110-18-W5M; High Level Rural
Leo White**

MOTION 08-119 **MOVED** by Beth Kappelar

That a time extension be granted to September 30, 2009 for subdivision application 15-SUB-04 on SW 5-110-17-W5M in the name of Leo White.

CARRIED

- d) **Subdivision Application 07-SUB-08
NE 5-106-14-W5M; Airport Road Area
Ken Wieler**

Ken Wieler approached the Director of Planning and Councillor Peter Braun stating that he had some concerns with the subdivision decision.

Condition 1 *"This approval is for a single lot subdivision, all of that northeast portion of land fragmented by the Wilson Prairie Drainage ditch, being approximately 15.0 acres (6.07 hectares) in size."*

Mr. Wieler does not want to create a 15 acre parcel; he wants his proposal of 10 acres to remain. By creating a 15 acre parcel he is not able to use the existing approach to access the remainder of the quarter section.

MOTION 08-120 **MOVED** by Jack Eccles

That the approval for subdivision application 07-SUB-08 in the name of Ken Wieler on NE 5-106-14-W5M be amended as follows:

Condition 1 - *This approval is for a single lot subdivision, 10 acres (4.04 hectares) in size.*

CARRIED

6. **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

a) **Action List**

The Action List of May 8, 2008 was reviewed.

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, June 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in La Crete
- ❖ Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Fort Vermilion

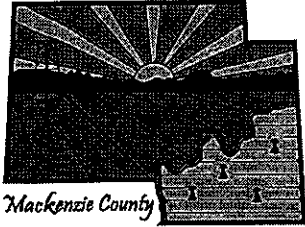
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION 08-121 **MOVED** by Manfred Gross

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 5th day of June 2008.



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Title: | CAO Evaluation & Status |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Update to be provided at the meeting.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

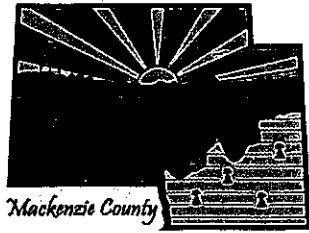
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion.

Author: W. Kostiw Review By: _____ CAO _____

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MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | John Klassen, Director of Environmental Services |
| Title: | Extension to CAMRIF Project (La Crete) |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

At the May 22nd 2008 regular Council meeting a motion was made that administration negotiate an extension to the current CAMRIF project in La Crete and bring back funding options for Council review.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

To maximize the project and reduce the per meter cost of construction.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Estimated cost of \$900,000.00

To be funded from Roads Reserve.

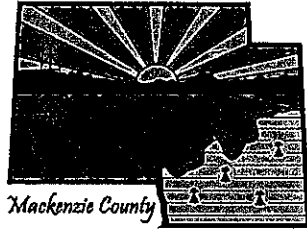
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That Mackenzie County approves the extension to the CAMRIF project in La Crete.

Author: John Klassen

Review Date: _____

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MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | Joulia Whittleton, Director of Corporate Services |
| Title: | 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 |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council deemed that 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.

Our current County's 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 679/08, Notices of Intention to Construct and calculations of the uniform tax rate (attached).

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.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Annual local improvement charge will be included in annual budgets

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That first 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.

Author: _____

Review Date: _____

CAO

BYLAW NO. 679/08

**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 102 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; and on 103 Street Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR 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 102 Street and 93rd Avenue for Plan 9620266, Block 1, Lots 2,19, & 20; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 4 - 10; and Plan 0124176, Block 3, Lots 1 – 9, & 21; and on 103 Street Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR 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 102 Street and 93 Avenue for Plan 9620266, Block 1, Lots 2,19, & 20; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 4 - 10; and Plan 0124176, Block 3, Lots 1 – 9, & 21; and on 103 Street Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR 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 no sufficient objection to the construction of Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 102 Street and 93 Avenue for Plan 9620266, Block 1, Lots 2,19, & 20; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 4 - 10; and Plan 0124176, Block 3, Lots 1 – 9, & 21; and on 103 Street Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR in the Hamlet of La Crete, and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications have been prepared and the estimated sum of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) is required for Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 102 Street and 93 Avenue for Plan 9620266, Block 1, Lots 2,19, & 20; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 4 - 10; and Plan 0124176, Block 3, Lots 1 – 9, & 21; and on 103 Street Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR 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:

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| Mackenzie County | \$200,200 |
| Benefiting Owners | <u>\$ 85,800</u> |
| Total Cost | \$286,000 |

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 9620266, Block 1, Lot 2; Plan 0124176, Block 1, Lots 19 & 20, & Block 2, Lots 3 – 10, Block 1 – 9 & Lot 21; Plan 9623343, Block 2, Lots 3 & 4; Block 3, Lots 7, 8 & 21; and on 103 Street Plan 0323561, Block 7, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 1MR in the Hamlet of La Crete as a local improvement project the sum of Eighty Five Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars (\$85,800) be collected by way of annual, uniform local improvement tax rate assessed against the benefiting owners as provided in Schedule "A" attached.

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2. The local improvement tax will be collected for Ten (10) years and the total amount levied annually against the benefiting owners is Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars (\$11,698.38)
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

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Schedule A to Bylaw No. 679/08

Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 102 Street and 93 Avenue in the Hamlet of La Crete.

| Plan | Block | Lot | Front | Rear | Average |
|---------|-------|-----|-------|-------|---------|
| 0124176 | 1 | 19 | 66.48 | 67.97 | 67.23 |
| 0124176 | 1 | 20 | 37.53 | 37.50 | 37.52 |
| 9623343 | 2 | 4 | 17.17 | 30.00 | 23.59 |
| 0124176 | 2 | 5 | 28.56 | 28.58 | 28.57 |
| 0124176 | 2 | 6 | 27.01 | 27.00 | 27.01 |
| 0124176 | 2 | 7 | 26.99 | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| 0124176 | 2 | 8 | 27.00 | 27.01 | 27.01 |
| 0124176 | 2 | 9 | 27.00 | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| 0124176 | 2 | 10 | 23.00 | 28.00 | 25.50 |
| 0124176 | 3 | 1 | 35.43 | 40.43 | 37.93 |
| 0124176 | 3 | 2 | 27.00 | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| 0124176 | 3 | 5 | 27.01 | 27.01 | 27.01 |
| 0124176 | 3 | 4 | 27.00 | 26.99 | 27.00 |
| 0124176 | 3 | 3 | 27.00 | 27.01 | 27.01 |
| 0124176 | 3 | 6 | 35.76 | 22.37 | 29.07 |
| 9623343 | 3 | 7 | 38.36 | 19.50 | 28.93 |
| 9623343 | 3 | 8 | 46.74 | 39.50 | 43.12 |
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| 0323561 | 7 | 2 | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| 0323561 | 7 | 3 | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| Total | | | | | 714.93 |

1. Total Assessable Frontage (meters) 714.93
2. Total Assessment Per Front Meter Frontage \$120.01
3. Annual Unit Rate Per Front Meter of Frontage to be payable for a period of 10 years calculated at 6.074%. \$16.36
4. Total Yearly Assessment Against All Above Properties \$11,698.38

MACKENZIE COUNTY
Frontage Rate Calculations

PROJECT: La Crete 102 & 103 Street & 93 Avenue, Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk

AMOUNT OF FINANCE: \$85,800 FOR 10 YEARS
 INTEREST RATE: 6.074% INTEREST FACTOR: 0.13634470
 ASSESSABLE FRONTAGE: 714.93 meters

1] YEARLY PAYMENT
 Interest Factor x Amount of Finance = Yearly Payment
 0.1363447017 x \$85,800 = \$11,698.38

2] FRONTAGE RATE

$$\frac{\text{Yearly payment } \$11,698.38}{\text{Assessable Frontage } 714.93} = \$16.36$$

3] TOTAL ASSESSMENT PER FRONT METER

$$\frac{\text{Frontage Rate } \$16.36}{\text{Interest Factor } 0.13634470} = \$120.01$$

4] ANNUAL UNIT RATE PER FRONT METER OF FOOTAGE PAYABLE OVER 10 YEARS

$$\frac{\text{Yearly payment } \$11,698.38}{\text{Assessable Lots } 714.93} = \$16.36$$

5] TOTAL YEARLY ASSESSMENT AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES
 Assessable Frontage x Frontage Rate = Total Yearly Assessment
 714.93 x \$16.36 = \$11,698.38

6] TOTAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES
Total Yearly Assessment Against all Properties

$$\frac{\$11,698.38}{0.13634470} = \$85,800$$

7] BALANCE TO BE PICKED UP BY MACKENZIE COUNTY
 Amount to Finance (-) Total Assessment Against all Properties
 \$85,800 - \$85,800 = \$0

Note: The County Cannot Show a profit on Item 7

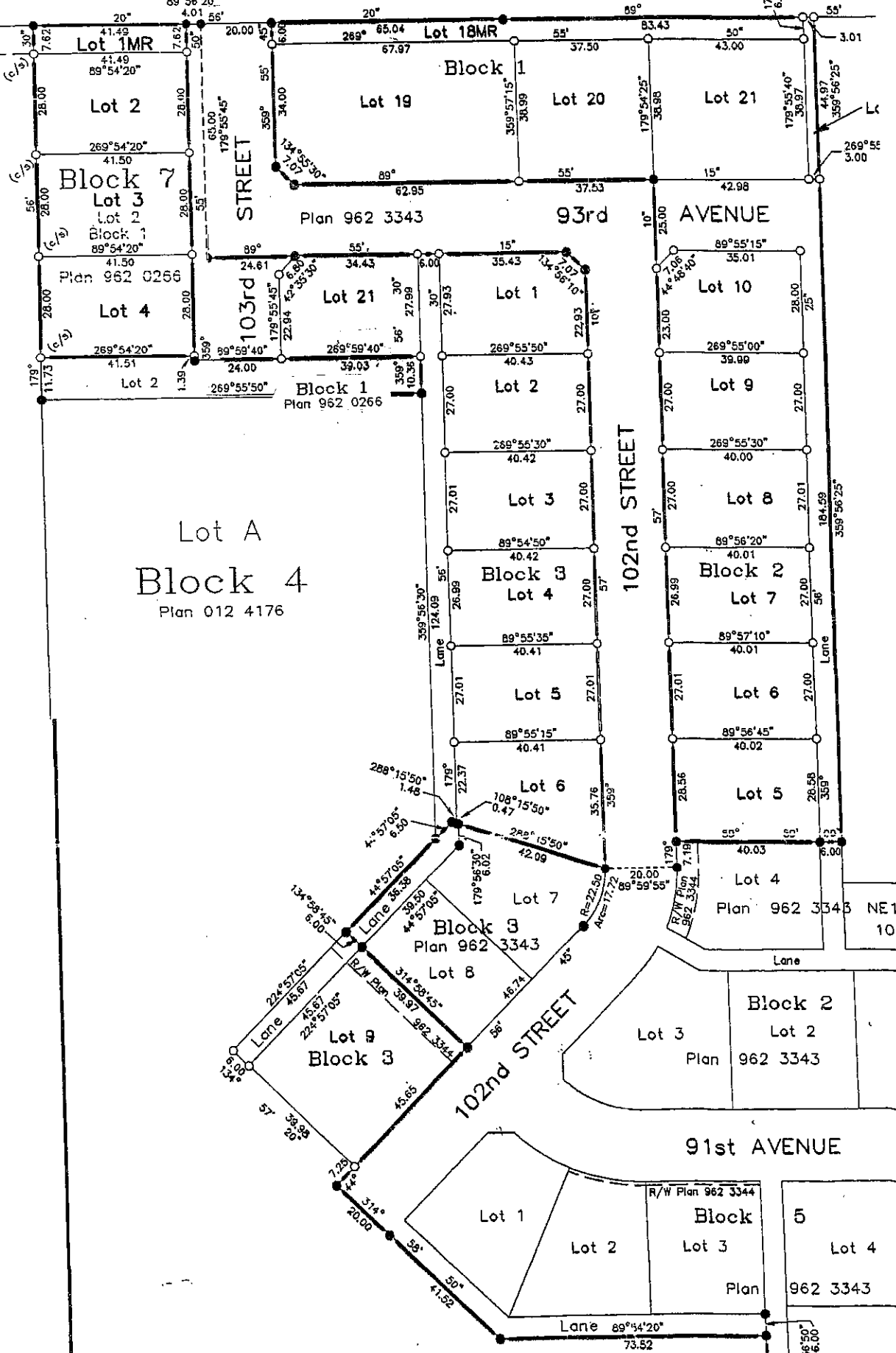
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(Reserve)
Plan 782 0147

Block 12
Plan 782 0147

Road Plan 6300 LZ

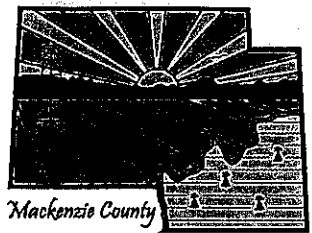
94th AVENUE

in 792 0631



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Lot A
Block 4
Plan 012 4176



MACKENZIE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 25, 2008

Presented By: Joulia Whittleton, Director of Corporate Services

Title: Fuel Tenders

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Administration reviewed the fuel supply options and identified three options for purchasing fuel. A request for decision was prepared by Mark Schonken and presented to Council at their April 10 meeting. Council deferred the matter to the Finance Committee for a review and recommendation.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS

The Finance Committee reviewed the comparative information prepared by administration and passed the following motion:

MOTION 036/08 **MOVED by Stuart Watson**

That a recommendation be taken to Council to continue purchasing 1/3 of fuel supply from each UFA, Co-Op and Neufeld Petroleum, that a quarterly fuel purchases report be provided to the Finance Committee, and that administration investigate fuel tank options.

CARRIED

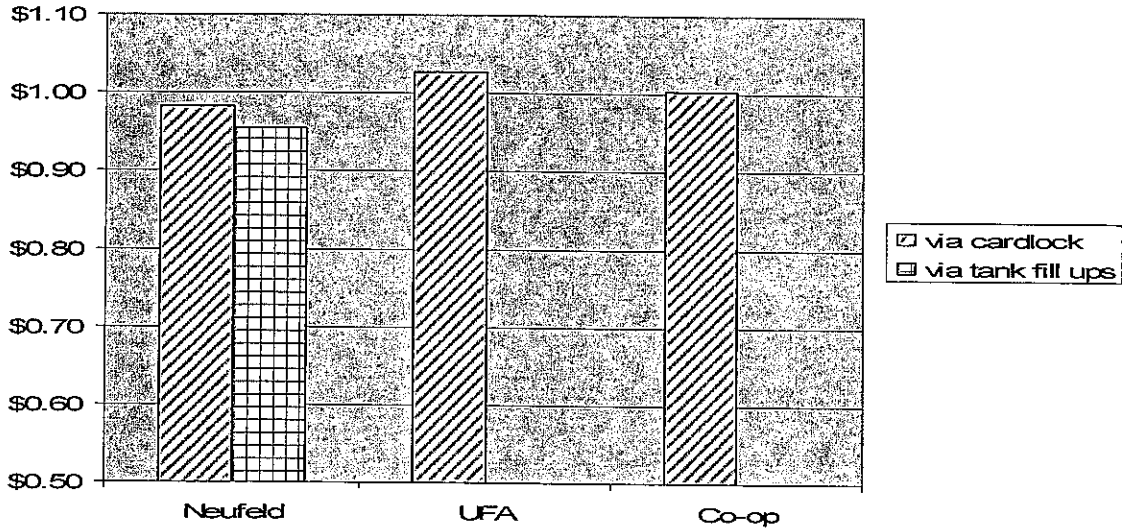
The following is some relevant information reviewed by the Committee.

Prices of fuel tanks

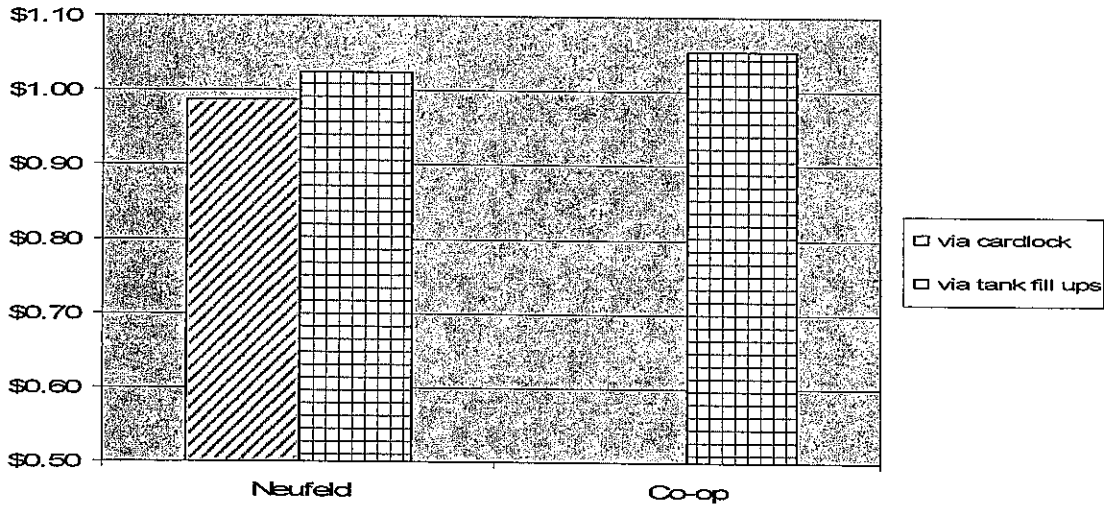
| Capacity | Price quoted by Neufeld Petroleum | Price quoted by Co-op |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4,100 litres | \$7,392 | \$7,500 |
| split tank: 5,000 litres and 10,000 litres | \$40,414 | n/a |
| 10,000 litres | \$27,803 | \$28,800 |

Author: *Subscribed* Review Date: for CAO *JW*

Gasoline: Average price per litre, Jan.-Mar. 2008



Diesel: Average price per litre, Jan.-Mar. 2008



Additional information with respect to the actual tank stations will be presented at the meeting.

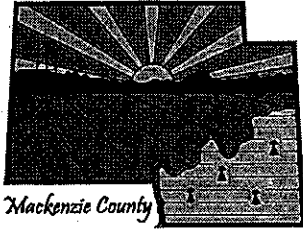
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

2008 operating budget

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That administration continue purchasing 1/3 of fuel supply from each UFA, Co-Op and Neufeld Petroleum.

Author: _____ Review Date: _____ *For CAO* *JHL*



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Title: | Edmonton City Centre Airport |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

See attached correspondence with the City of Edmonton regarding the Edmonton city centre airport.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

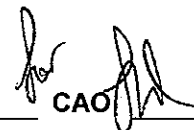
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the County respond to the City of Edmonton with a further request to keep the city centre airport accessible to the north.

Author: W. Kostiw

Review By: _____

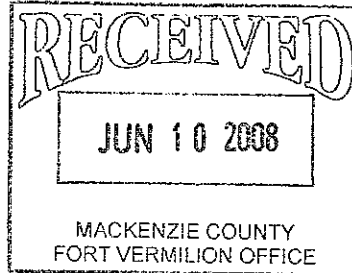

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MAYOR STEPHEN MANDEL
CITY OF EDMONTON

2nd FLOOR, CITY HALL
1 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SQUARE
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA T5J 2R7
PHONE (780) 496-8100
FAX (780) 496-8292
EMAIL stephen.mandel@edmonton.ca

June 3, 2008



Reeve Greg Newman
Mackenzie County
PO Box 640
Fort Vermilion AB T0H 1N0

Dear Reeve Newman:

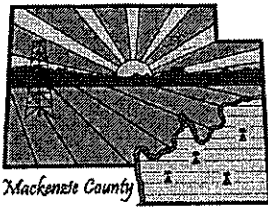
Thank you for your May 5th letter regarding the City Centre Airport. We appreciate the importance that access to our city holds for our northern communities.

We are currently waiting for a report from our Administration which will then be discussed by City Council.

All factors will be considered by our Council as we move forward.

Yours truly,

Stephen Mandel
Mayor



Mackenzie County

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Phone (780) 927-3718 Fax (780) 927-4266
www.mackenziecounty.com

May 5, 2008

His Worship Stephen Mandel
Mayor, City of Edmonton
2nd Floor, City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB
T5J 2R7

Dear Mr. Mayor:

RE: CITY CENTRE AIRPORT

Mackenzie County is very concerned and opposed to the idea of closing the City Centre Airport, especially without having a viable alternative airport on the north side of Edmonton. Access for small commercial and charter flights to the City Centre Airport are vital to our economy and probably more so to Edmonton's. If we have to fly to the Edmonton International we are better off continuing on to Calgary or Vancouver to do business as it requires very little extra time.

Mackenzie County and many other northern communities use the City Centre Airport for "medivac" purposes as the International Airport does not allow for expedited service due to excessive "red tape" and distance to a hospital. We really stress the need for appropriate medical air transportation since, as you well know, time and proper handling of patients is critical.

Mackenzie County comprises 12.5% of Alberta's land base and generates enormous oil, gas, and forestry revenue which helps feed Edmonton's economic engine as well as Alberta's coffers in general. The resources in Zama, Rainbow Lake, High Level, Fort Vermilion, La Crete, Garden River and our vast wilderness areas have and continue to generate these high revenues for central (Edmonton) and southern (Calgary) Alberta without much reciprocal service or economic consideration for the true northwest of Alberta. Mackenzie County is also Alberta's only land gateway to the territories and its vast natural resources.

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Mayor Stephen Mandel
Page 2
May 5, 2008

Our request to you and your Council is two fold which we feel will truly benefit the City and our County. Firstly, give serious consideration to better air access from the north and secondly, help us encourage the province to upgrade highway and rail access to the true north. Paving Highway 88 from Red Earth to Fort Vermilion would be a tremendous benefit to all of us.

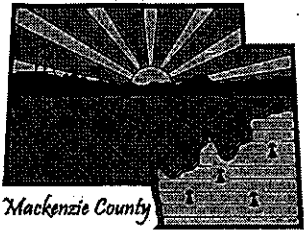
Thank you for your consideration on these matters.

Yours sincerely,



Greg Newman
Reeve
Mackenzie County

pc: Council
George Schmidt, Mayor – Town of High Level



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Title: | Zama Access Road – Phase 2 (Resource Road Program) |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

See attached letter from the Minister of Transportation regarding the Resource Road Program funding for the Zama Access Road Phase 2.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That administration be authorized to proceed with tendering the Zama Access Road Phase 2 (Resource Road Program) project with construction completion in September 2009.

Author: W. Kostiw

Review By: _____

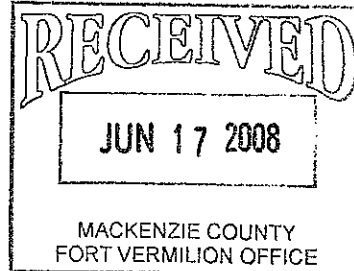
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ALBERTA
~~MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE~~
~~AND~~ TRANSPORTATION

AR35225

April 21, 2008



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

Dear Reeve Newman:

I am pleased to advise you and your council of the Alberta government cost-shared grant funding that will be provided under the Resource Road Program for the Zama Access Road - Phase 2 - Base/Pave project.

Based on your submission/application, Mackenzie County will receive a grant of 50% of the estimated eligible project costs, or \$1.5 million for the project under this program. The final grant amount will be based on the actual eligible costs at the time of the project completion, to a maximum grant of \$1.5 million.

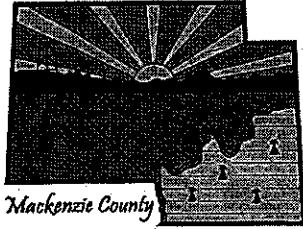
My colleague, Mr. Frank Oberle, M.L.A. for Peace River, and I are very supportive of municipal infrastructure grant programs that continue to keep rural Alberta competitive.

Alberta Transportation staff will be in contact with your administration to formalize the funding agreement to undertake this work.

Sincerely,

Luke Ouellette
Minister of Transportation
M.L.A., Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

cc: Mr. Frank Oberle, M.L.A., Peace River
Mr. Wayne Franklin, Regional Director, Peace Region



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Title: | Water Management & Road Projects |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Update to be provided at the meeting.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

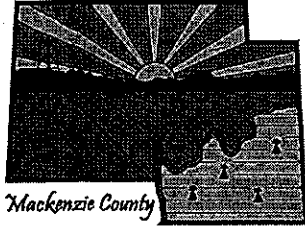
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion.

Author: W. Kostiw Review By: _____ CAO _____

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MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer |
| Title: | Mackenzie Housing Roads & Storm Water Project |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Update to be provided at the meeting.

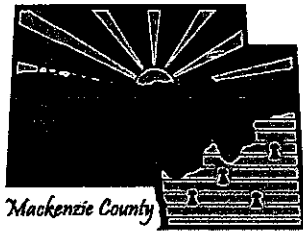
OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion.

Author: W. Kostiw Review By: _____ CAO _____



MACKENZIE COUNTY
REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25th, 2008 |
| Presented By: | Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services |
| Title: | Anti Littering Bylaw |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Mackenzie County council requested that administration bring forward a bylaw to deal with the littering issues throughout the County.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Introducing a littering bylaw allows the County to cover all aspects including uncovered vehicles, private property, merchants and places of business. The penalty for offences is listed at \$100.00 per offence. Council may wish to increase or decrease the fine. The current Provincial Fine is \$115.00, Under Section 179(1) & (2) of the Environmental Protection Act.

Some signage will be needed to create awareness and post the specified penalty.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Costs to be determined by Administration, funding can come from Emergency Services / Enforcement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion # 1

That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 678/08, being a Bylaw of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta for the prevention of littering.

Author: Ryan Becker, Director **Review By:** R, Becker, Director CAO

BYLAW NO. 678/08

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

FOR THE PREVENTION OF LITTERING

WHEREAS Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto, of the Province of Alberta, provides that a Municipal Council may enact a Bylaw respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; and nuisances;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient by the Council of Mackenzie County to pass a Bylaw for the prevention of littering in Mackenzie County.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

SECTION 1 NAME OF BYLAW

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Anti-Litter Bylaw".

SECTION 2 INTERPRETATION

Where there is a conflict between this Bylaw and any other Bylaw pertaining to prevention of littering in the Mackenzie County, the provisions of this Bylaw shall apply.

SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

- a) "Animal" means any creature not human;
- b) "Animal and Agricultural Wastes" means manure, crop residue and like materials from agricultural pursuits, stables, kennels, veterinary establishments and other such premises;
- c) "Ashes" means residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other like material for the purpose of cooking, heating buildings and disposing of waste combustible materials;

- d) "Bulky Wastes" means large items or refuse including appliances, furniture, large auto parts and large crates;
- e) "County" means Mackenzie County;
- f) "Council" means the Mackenzie County Council;
- g) "Construction and Demolition Wastes" means waste building materials and rubble resulting from construction, remodelling, repair, demolition, or fire in houses, commercial buildings, pavements and other structures;
- h) "Director" means the Director of Planning and Emergency Services or any person authorized by the Director.
- i) "Garbage" means animal and vegetable waste, including food packaging material with residual food materials, resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and serving of foods in households, institutions and commercial concerns; and market wastes resulting from the handling, storage and selling of foods in wholesale and retail stores and markets;
- j) "Industrial Refuse" means wastes arising from, or incidental to the manufacture, processing or like operation in factories, processing plants, industrial processes and manufacturing operations and includes wastes such as putrescible garbage from food processing plants and slaughter-houses, condemned foods and products, cinders and ashes from power plants and large factories, and miscellaneous manufacturing wastes;
- k) "Litter" means animal and agricultural wastes, ashes, construction and demolition wastes, dead animals, garbage, industrial refuse, rubbish, solid wastes or refuse, abandoned or unattended shopping carts, and special wastes, including but not limited to street cleanings, containers, packages, bottles, cans or parts thereof, and any deserted or discarded article, product or goods of manufacture;

- l) "Litter Receptacle" means a container in which the public may deposit litter;
- m) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind;
- n) "Public Area" means any area owned or operated by private or public interests, but excluding those areas referred to as a Public Place, that is used or held out for the use by the public, including but not limited to, school grounds; parking lots, and the necessary passage ways thereon; roadways and pedestrian ways on private property;
- o) "Public Place" means any and all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys or other public ways and any and all public parks, squares, spaces, grounds and buildings which are owned by or under the control and jurisdiction of the City;
- p) "Rubbish" means combustibles, consisting of miscellaneous burnable materials such as paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood excelsior, bedding, rubber, leather, and plastics; non-combustibles consisting of miscellaneous materials that are not burnable, such as tin cans, metals, ceramics, metal foils, and glass; and yard rubbish, consisting of prunings, grass clippings, weeds, leaves, general garden wastes and tree cuttings, exclusive of solid wastes otherwise classified herein;
- q) "Shopping Cart" is any wagon, cart or device designed to be either drawn or propelled by means of human power and intended principally for the conveyance of produce or merchandise in and about retail stores;
- r) "Solid Wastes" means hazardous wastes consisting of any waste that may present a hazard to collection or disposal personnel, or others, and includes wastes of a pathological, explosive, highly flammable, radioactive, or toxic nature, negotiable papers and like materials;
- s) "Solid Wastes or Refuse" means the useless, unwanted, or discarded solid materials resulting from

normal community activities, including semi-liquid or wet wastes with insufficient moisture and other liquid content to be free flowing;

- t) "Street" means any public highway, lane, park, square, subway, bridge, wharf, thoroughfare or way or any part thereof;
- u) "Vehicle" means motor vehicle, watercraft, aircraft or any other means of transportation.

SECTION 4 DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES

- 4.1 The Director and his or her delegates may conduct inspections and take steps to administer and enforce this Bylaw or remedy a contravention of this Bylaw in accordance with the Mackenzie County Bylaw.

SECTION 5 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Littering

No person shall dump, deposit, drop, throw, discard or leave, or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, dropping, throwing, discarding or leaving of litter upon any public place or public area or upon private property or upon or into any body of water unless:

- (a) said litter is placed into a litter receptacle or a container as required under the Solid Waste By-law except that bulky wastes, construction and demolition wastes, dead animals, industrial refuse, abandoned or unattended shopping carts, and special wastes shall not be deposited in a litter receptacle; or
- (b) said litter is deposited at a disposal site or in a location designated for the purpose during collection days or special cleanup days; or
- (c) said litter consisting of dead animals is disposed of in accordance with instructions issued by the Director; or
- (d) litter consisting of abandoned or unattended shopping carts is deposited at the retail store owning the shopping carts, or
- (e) said person is involved in an emergency situation.

5.2 Litter on Private Property

Persons owning or occupying private property shall ensure that litter does not accumulate upon that property in such a manner as to be unsightly.

5.3 Spreading of Litter

Persons owning or occupying private property shall ensure that no litter blows or is otherwise carried from that property onto a public place, public area or other private property.

~~5.4~~ No person shall spit in any public place except in a litter receptacle.

REMOVE

5.5 Sweeping Litter into Gutters

No person shall sweep, dump or otherwise deposit litter into any gutter, boulevard, street or other public place without the permission of the Director.

5.6 Persons Owning or Occupying Property

Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk and boulevard in front of and flanking, and the lane at the rear of their property, free of litter.

5.7 Uncovered Vehicles

No person shall load a vehicle used for the conveyance of litter that may be readily disturbed by vehicular movement or wind, unless such vehicle is so constructed as to totally enclose the load or the load is covered by a tarpaulin, netting or other device of adequate size and design so as to totally cover the load.

5.8 Vehicle Loads Causing Litter

- (a) No person shall drive or move any vehicle within the municipality unless such vehicle is so constructed, loaded, or covered to prevent any load, contents, or litter from being blown or deposited upon any public place, public area, or private property.
- (b) No operator of a vehicle may permit litter to be thrown, dropped, blown or dumped from the vehicle.

SECTION 6 PLACEMENT AND SERVICING OF RECEPTACLES

- 6.1 Mackenzie County shall provide adequate litter receptacles in prominent and easily accessible locations in public places and shall be responsible for the servicing and maintenance of these receptacles.
- 6.2 Owners and tenants in lawful control of a public area shall provide litter receptacles in appropriate and easily accessible locations and shall be responsible for the servicing and maintenance of these receptacles.

SECTION 7 MERCHANTS AND PROPERTIES OF PLACES OF BUSINESS

- 7.1 Persons owning or occupying places of business shall keep the sidewalk and boulevard in front of and flanking, and the lane at the rear of their business premises free of litter.
- 7.2 The proprietor of a business that sells food or drinks in containers or papers that may be removed from the business must collect and dispose of any containers and papers discarded on the premises or on adjoining public or private land within a distance of 100 metres of the business.

SECTION 8 ORDERS TO REMEDY A CONTRAVENTION

- 8.1 Any order to remedy a contravention of this By-law must be issued in accordance with Mackenzie County.

SECTION 9 ADDRESS FOR SERVICE

- 9.1 Where an address for sending a notice, order, decision or other document is required, one of the following shall be used:
 - (a) if the person to be served is the owner of real property, the address maintained by the tax collector for the purpose of issuing the tax notice for that property; and
 - (b) if the person to be served is the occupant of real property, the street address for that property.

SECTION 10 **PENALTY**

10.1 Any person who commits a breach of any provision of Section 5 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to:

- (a) For an offence to a specified penalty of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen (14) days.
- (b)

~~\$115.00~~

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

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

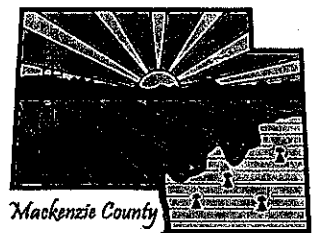
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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Myopam container bans

sales distribution

add to tax roll
Check MGA. 2

(a) uncontrolled load 10.2 self temps
Transfer Stations not allowed \$20.00



MACKENZIE COUNTY REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 2008 |
| Presented By: | Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services |
| Title: | Offer to Purchase - Lot 48, Plan 012 2639 (Hutch Lake Recreational Subdivision) |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Mackenzie County's Planning Department received an offer to purchase for lot 48, Plan 012 2639 out at Hutch Lake for a sum of \$10,000. The County's asking price for this lot is \$13,127.50. This price is based on 2000 appraised value.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

In 2001, twenty five new lots (Phase 2) were created at the Hutch Lake Recreational Subdivision. An onus was placed at the beginning of Phase 2 that being the lots would not sell below appraised value to ensure that the value of the existing lots would be maintained and that the County would recover back some of the development costs.

These costs included planning, surveying, engineering, subdividing, construction, utilities, land purchase, recreation use, and existing reserve (see attached documents). The access roads were left for the developer to construct and the value of \$1,500.00 was not included in the final price.

Please see the Hutch Lake Lots inventory sheet attached for your information.

The 2008 municipal assessed value for lot 48 is \$15,550.00.

The County has the options to reject this offer, to accept this offer or to counteroffer.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

A lot sale proceeds are recorded as revenue in the Subdivision Development Department and cost of land sold will be offset with this revenue; any profit is transferred to Subdivision Development Reserve annually.

Author: Liane Lambert,
Development Officer

Reviewed by: Ryan Becker

[Signature]
CAO *[Signature]*

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion 1:

That the offer to purchase the Hutch Lake Lot 48, Plan 012 2639 be rejected.

Motion 2:

That administration revisit and update the Hutch Lake lot prices and bring them back for Council review and approval.

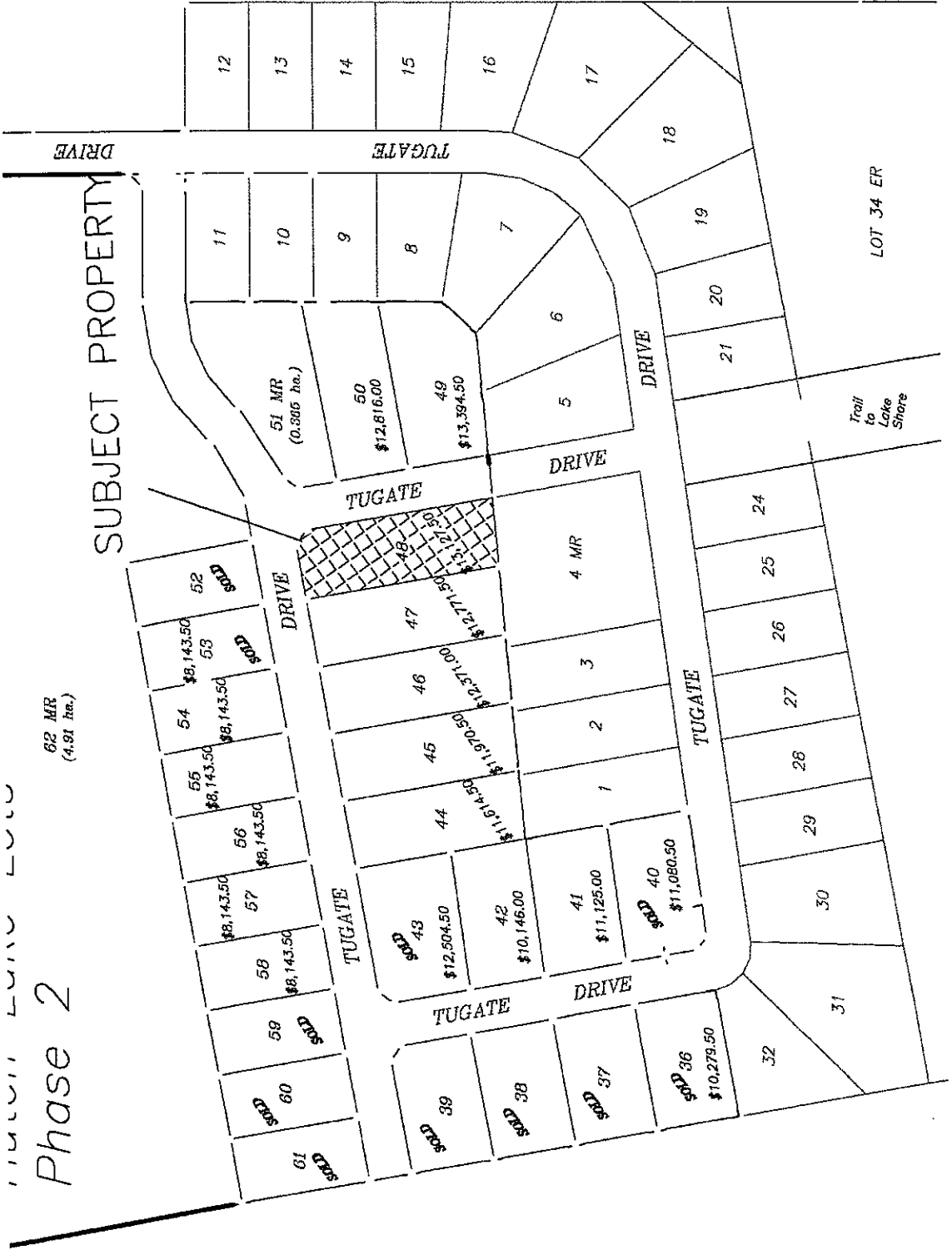
Author: Liane Lambert,
Development Officer

Reviewed by: Ryan Becker

CAO

**Mackenzie County
Hutch Lake Lots Inventory**

| | Lot # | Lot size (hectares) | 2001 Cost \$/Ha | Cost Dec.31/2001 | Sale Price | |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | 1 | 36 | 0.231 | \$ 24,203.59 | 5,591.03 | 10,279.50 |
| | 2 | 37 | 0.231 | \$ 24,203.59 | 5,591.03 | 10,279.50 |
| | 3 | 38 | 0.231 | \$ 24,203.59 | 5,591.03 | 10,279.50 |
| | 4 | 39 | 0.229 | \$ 24,203.59 | 5,542.62 | 10,190.50 |
| | 5 | 40 | 0.249 | \$ 24,203.59 | 6,026.69 | 11,080.50 |
| | 6 | 41 | 0.250 | \$ 24,203.59 | 6,050.90 | 11,125.00 |
| | 7 | 42 | 0.228 | \$ 24,203.59 | 5,518.42 | 10,148.00 |
| | 8 | 43 | 0.281 | \$ 24,203.59 | 6,801.21 | 12,504.50 |
| | 9 | 44 | 0.261 | \$ 24,203.59 | 6,317.14 | 11,614.50 |
| | 10 | 45 | 0.269 | \$ 24,203.59 | 6,510.77 | 11,970.50 |
| | 11 | 46 | 0.278 | \$ 24,203.59 | 6,728.60 | 12,371.50 |
| | 12 | 47 | 0.287 | \$ 24,203.59 | 6,946.43 | 12,771.50 |
| | 13 | 48 | 0.295 | \$ 24,203.59 | 7,140.06 | 13,127.50 |
| | 14 | 49 | 0.301 | \$ 24,203.59 | 7,285.28 | 13,394.50 |
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June 27, 2000

Hutch Lake Lot Sales and Prices

Lot Costs

Phase Two - They will not be sold below market value, this will ensure that the values of the existing lots will be maintained. The assessed value of the existing lots is approximately \$3.67 per square metre, or about \$8,000.00 per lot.

Phase One - 32 Lots Average Lot Price \$1,800.00 - \$2,000.00

The lots were initially sold for a price of .92 cents per square Metre.

Phase Two - 25 Lots Average Lot Price \$ _____.

The plan for Phase Two consists of 25 lots that occupy 57,406 square metres of land. The estimated costs are as follows:

Planning
Surveying -
Subdivision -
Engineering -
Construction -
Utilities (Power) -

Total \$110,000.00

Land Cost - \$1.50 per square metre

Total Cost \$196,109.00

Recreational Use - .29 per square metre (about \$600.00 per lot)
(Put into reserve for development of playground and wharf)

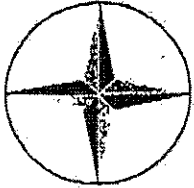
Existing Reserve - \$25,000.00

Phase Two - They will not be sold below market value, this will ensure that the values of the existing lots will be maintained. The assessed value of the existing lots is approximately \$3.67 per square metre, or about \$8,000.00 per lot.

In order to take into account all costs included, and to ensure that a fair market value is achieved, we must include all costs incurred. This would include such costs as planning, surveying, engineering, subdividing, construction, utilities, land purchase, recreation use, and existing reserve. Once we have totalled all of these costs, this is divided into our total area of 57,406 square metres. This amount is given to our assessors, and according to our individual lot size, we can attach a cost to each individual lot.

Method of Sale

Subsection 3.5 of the Area Structure Plan states that the lots will be sold in a lottery format, if there is excessive demand for the lots. Otherwise, it will be on an individual basis. The Municipal District will publicly advertise and ask for letters of intent prior to the sale, to determine if there is excessive demand and the appropriate method of sale.



COMPASS

ASSESSMENT CONSULTANTS INC.

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Bill Crozier
 Development Officer
 Municipal District of MacKenzie #23

RE: Market Value of lots at Hutch Lake

Dear Bill:

I have compiled a list of sales which Compass deems to be arm's length and appropriate indicators of value at Hutch Lake. These sales were used to determine taxable assessment for the 1999 General Assessment.

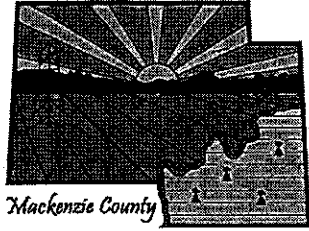
| Legal Description | Sale Price | Area | SP/M ² | Location |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 9222231,,13 | 5,500 | 1780.68 M ² | 3.09 | Second lot from highway |
| 9222231,,21 | 10,000 | 1740.21 M ² | 5.75 | Lakefront |
| 9222231,,24 | 9,700 | 1780.68 M ² | 5.45 | Lakefront |
| 9222231,,28 | 8,000 | 1983.03 M ² | 4.03 | Lakefront |

In preparing the 2000 General Assessment for the 2001 tax year, Compass will again analyze the market activity and assess properties accordingly.

I feel the above information is a fair representation of market values at Hutch Lake. If you require further assistance on this matter please call me at 469-5552.

Yours truly,

Jeff McKinnon
 Assessor
 Compass Assessment Consultants Inc.



MACKENZIE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | June 25, 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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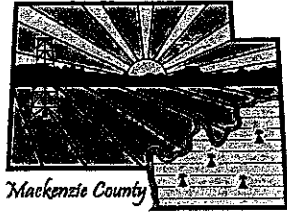
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Author: C. Gabriel Review by: CAO

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

Author: C. Gabriel Review by: CAO



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June 16, 2008

Mr. Donald Saunders
Bridge Manager
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3rd Floor Provincial Building
9621-96 Avenue
Peace River, AB
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Dear Mr. Saunders:

This letter is Mackenzie County's request to move the bridge replacement on Zama Road (KM 17) to the County's top priority and amend our letter of June 5, 2008 accordingly.

This bridge (two culverts) is in dire need of replacement and hopefully we can complete all the necessary permits in order to construct this fall. The water flows should be low enough in October to construct; however, I think we will still need a detour pipe installed on site.

The County appreciates your earliest attention and consideration as this is a vital bridge and the only all weather access to Zama and surrounding area. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer

pc: Lisa Wardley, Councillor
Wayne Franklin, Regional Director, Alberta Transportation-Peace River
Shahid Gill, Bridge Engineer, Alberta Transportation-Peace River
James Morgan, EXH Engineering Services

Report to Mackenzie County Council
Alberta Fish and Game Association Convention
February 21-23, 2008

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Alberta Fish & Game Association convention in February 2008. The following is a brief report for your review.

1. AFGA's goal is to conserve wildlife and wildlife habitat with access for all Albertans. A group has been formed to deal with areas like parks, such as the Caribou Wilderness. Locals are prohibited to use ATV's etc, while outfitters are permitted. These things can be reversed with aggressive pressure (see attached report on hunting in parks). I had a conversation with the AFGA president, Maurice Nadeau, on the caribou wilderness issue and he said that it's not a problem with the Minister, rather the bureaucrats.
2. Open spaces was discussed – AFGA objects to the government supported venture. Farmers and outfitters can buy licenses for resale to foreign hunters which cuts out our local hunters (see attached brochure). The result will be paid hunting in Alberta. This way the government figures that they don't have to pay compensation to farmers and ranchers for crop/hay damages.

Response to the Minister's report the open spaces 5 year plan, AFGA does not support paid hunting in Alberta. Game farms don't work nor will this. In effect, fall of 2008 landowners will be able to purchase game tags, this means that these tags will in turn come out of the residential allotment. I did not get the opportunity to meet with the Minister, he left right after his report.

3. Promote youth trap shoots and hunter education. With 10 or more, AFGA reps will come up to the County for a training course. The cost was not known at the time. They recommend that a youth camp for our Zone 6 be set up. Funds are available thru AFGA for youth programs. Alberta already has 17,000 youth members.
4. AFGA has already acquired over 80 properties, approximately 30,000 acres.
5. Donate all moose hides, deer, etc. to the AFGA.
6. Operation grassland – work with landowners to secure habitat for wildlife, on a volunteer basis agreement to the AFGA for all Alberta hunters.
7. AFGA also works very closely with Ducks Unlimited.
8. Bear count in the southern part of the province was found to be lower than what the government would like. The northern Alberta bear count will commence in the near future, starting in the Grande Prairie area.

9. Wolf population was 4200 in 1992, the last count. It is anyone's guess as to what it may be today. A 70% pack reduction is needed. It was noted that in the Yukon they did an aerial gunning for population control and also sterilize the alpha pair. Habitat conservation with the Alberta Trappers Association, talked to president Gordy Klassen in regards to wolf trapping, they will come up to our County to train local trappers on wolf trapping skills. Minimum of 10 trappers is required for this course. The fee would be at cost (travel, meals, accommodation).
10. Sustainable Resources Minister Ted Morton saluted the AFGA for its success for being a great resource management group. Established in 1906, the population of elk in 1907 was 1000, today there are more than 33,000. The Minister reported that an additional 1.5 million dollars was allocated for 19 new fish and wildlife officers for the coming year. Métis hunting – Métis have to prove that they have the full rights to hunt any time of the year, live in a Métis community and have needs. If charged courts will decide the outcome. A fish and wildlife website is setup for all Albertans to use to help and share information. Sunday game bird hunting is now open to the whole province.
11. It was reported that diseased deer (CWD) is out of hand. Helicopters and ground crews have cut down the population greatly in south and central parts of the province. Deer cull (shoot) will be done in various parts of the province in 2008. No infected deer have been found west of Vermilion. CWD tests can only be done after the animal is dead. The brain is what they are testing. Research is hard at work on other means of CWD testing.
12. The minister also reported that the fishery's fund (dollars) is healthy. He noted that they are restocking lakes aggressively (Lac La Biche for example) and added that a restoration plan be put in place to reduce the number of cormorant birds (large black birds). They are big feeders of small fish. Options are oiling of the eggs, culling (to shoot in other words). A special permit may be acquired from the federal government for culling of the cormorant birds. Where there are pelicans there are cormorants.
13. Special walleye licenses' (tags) is not accepted very well by AFGA. Meetings will continue on this issue. This program is a 3 year project. In 2007, 28,000 tags were available, only 11,655 were sold. Cost per tag is \$10.50. Draw dates are from March 20 to April 10 for applications. More lakes will be on the expansion list for draws in the near future (check AFGA website).
14. AFGA annual general meeting resolutions and recommendations are many! One particular resolution that caught my attention was the land disposition resolution, no more farm land? How much power does this organization have? We could be surprised, needs to be addressed by local groups and governments (see attached resolution list).

15. The walleye hatchery in Cold Lake supplies walleye fry's to 116 Alberta lakes. Fry's are transferred to lakes at the age of 2 to 3 days old. They cannot be fed like you would a trout. (see attached power point presentation)

4 day old fry=4mm long

31 day old =30mm

54 day old = 50mm

94 day old = 120mm

16. Wadlin Lake net test fishing is scheduled for sometime in September of this year. I have been asked by Fish and Wildlife Senior Fisheries Biologist, Kaydon Wilcox (Peace River) to help out again this year. I have helped them out twice in the past at Wadlin Lake.

17. Note of interest – 546 attended the conference and the oldest long time member of 50 years was 87 years old.

If you have any further questions regarding my report feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Jake J. Wolfe
Upper Hay Recreational Hunting & Fishing Advisory
Committee Member at Large
(780) 926-6191

**Ten thousand walleye licences waiting for Alberta anglers
(March 20, 2008)**

More than 10,000 walleye licences are available for Alberta anglers at Pigeon Lake (near Edmonton), Wolf Lake (near Bonnyville), and Lake Newell (near Brooks), through the Special Walleye Licence program, which allows anglers more opportunities to keep the walleye they catch.

For the first time ever, anglers will be able to use the Special Walleye Licence during ice-fishing season. This expanded season for walleye fishing will provide even more flexibility and opportunities for anglers to catch and keep walleye.

Anglers may purchase draw applications for the Special Walleye Licence from March 20 to April 10 at licence issuers or through the draw line, 1-900-451-3729. The call will cost \$3.25 for the first minute and \$1.15 for each additional minute. The cost to submit a draw application is \$3.04 plus GST. Most of the available licences and associated tags are allocated for Pigeon Lake.

List of lakes stocked with walleye in Alberta, year stocked, and numbers of types of walleye stocked. Data from Alberta SRD, Fisheries Management Information System, July 2006.

| Official Name | Common Name | Year | Eggs | Fry | Fingerling |
|------------------|---------------------------|------|------|-----------|------------|
| ANTOINE LAKE | | 1971 | | | |
| ARM LAKE | | 1961 | | | |
| ASTOTIN LAKE | | 1934 | | | |
| BARKENHOUSE LAKE | CRAWLING VALLEY RESERVOIR | 1990 | | | 305800 |
| BARKENHOUSE LAKE | CRAWLING VALLEY RESERVOIR | 1991 | | | 246900 |
| BARKENHOUSE LAKE | CRAWLING VALLEY RESERVOIR | 1992 | | | 163100 |
| BARREVRE LAKE | | 1967 | | | |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1938 | | | |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1949 | | | |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1950 | | | |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1951 | | | |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1953 | | | |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1991 | | | 50300 |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1992 | | | 52900 |
| BATTLE LAKE | | 1993 | | | 52400 |
| BEAR LAKE | LONG LAKE | 1950 | | | |
| BEAR LAKE | LONG LAKE | 1951 | | | |
| BEAR LAKE | LONG LAKE | 1984 | | | 14900 |
| BEAR LAKE | LONG LAKE | 1988 | | | 20400 |
| BEAR LAKE | LONG LAKE | 1989 | | | 20000 |
| BEAR LAKE | LONG LAKE | 1990 | | | 21400 |
| BISTCHO LAKE | | 1987 | | 1,000,000 | |
| BISTCHO LAKE | | 1988 | | 960,000 | |
| BISTCHO LAKE | | 1990 | | 3,000,000 | |
| BISTCHO LAKE | | 1991 | | 3,400,000 | |
| BISTCHO LAKE | | 1992 | | 3,000,000 | |
| BUFFALO LAKE | | 1926 | | | |
| BUFFALO LAKE | | 1960 | | | |
| BURNSTICK LAKE | | 1954 | | | |
| BURNSTICK LAKE | | 1991 | | | 16300 |

| Official Name | Common Name | Year | Eggs | Fry | Fingerling |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| WABAMUN LAKE | | 1953 | | 375,000 | |
| WABAMUN LAKE | | 1983 | 1,050,200 | | |
| WABAMUN LAKE | | 1984 | | 2,321,000 | |
| WABAMUN LAKE | | 1985 | | 1,800,000 | |
| WABAMUN LAKE | | 1986 | | 6,500,000 | |
| WADLIN LAKE | | 1990 | | | 107000 |
| WADLIN LAKE | | 1991 | | | 87100 |
| WADLIN LAKE | | 1996 | | | 111700 |
| WINAGAMI LAKE | | 1991 | | | 314500 |
| WINAGAMI LAKE | | 1994 | | | 310200 |
| WINAGAMI LAKE | | 1995 | | | 253400 |
| WINAGAMI LAKE | | 1996 | | | 183700 |
| WIZARD LAKE | | 1949 | | | |
| WIZARD LAKE | | 1950 | | | |
| WIZARD LAKE | | 1951 | | | |
| WIZARD LAKE | | 1953 | | | |
| WOLF LAKE | | 1991 | | | 15100 |
| WOLF LAKE | | 1992 | | | 15 |
| WOLF LAKE | | 1993 | | | 16100 |
| UNNAMED | LONG | 1958 | | | |
| UNNAMED | PADDLE RIVER DAM POND | 1987 | | | 2000 |
| UNNAMED | PADDLE RIVER DAM POND | 1988 | | | 5100 |
| UNNAMED | PADDLE RIVER DAM POND | 1989 | | | 5000 |
| UNNAMED | FORESTBURG RESERVOIR | 1960 | | | |
| UNNAMED | FORESTBURG RESERVOIR | 1961 | | | |
| UNNAMED | FORESTBURG RESERVOIR | 1962 | | | |
| UNNAMED | FORESTBURG RESERVOIR | 1963 | | | |
| UNNAMED | FORESTBURG RESERVOIR | 1986 | | | 16100 |
| UNNAMED | HARDISTY LAKE | 1945 | | | |
| UNNAMED | PINE COULEE RESERVOIR | 2000 | | 1,400,000 | |
| UNNAMED | PINE COULEE RESERVOIR | 2003 | | | |
| UNNAMED | TANK LAKE | 1950 | | | |
| UNNAMED | FORTY MILE COULEE RESERVOIR | 1989 | | 90,000 | |
| UNNAMED | FORTY MILE COULEE RESERVOIR | 1990 | | | 120700 |
| UNNAMED | FORTY MILE COULEE RESERVOIR | 1991 | | | 50 |

Paid Hunting in ALBERTA?

Have you heard the rumors?

What's the real story?

Fact: There is a five-year pilot project scheduled to start in 2008 called "Open Spaces" that legitimizes paid-access hunting in Alberta.

Fact: Some landowners will be paid to let hunters on their property.

Fact: Some landowners will be issued tags that they can sell on the open market, these tags will come out of the resident allotment!

If you fear the end of hunting as we know it in Alberta pick up this handout and read further . . .

Paid Hunting in Alberta?

Information you need to know if Alberta's hunting heritage is to be preserved:

- The "Open Spaces Pilot Program" represents the beginning of paid hunting of public wildlife in Alberta.
- A flawed, secretive process will put this pilot program in operation by the fall of 2008. This government promised openness, transparency and accountability but this initiative was sped through by handpicked individuals so as to look like a representative policy committee approved it. A shroud of secrecy has prevented the public from accessing needed information about the process and the details of this paid hunting abomination. Many well-connected heads of sportsmen groups have not been informed.
- The Open Spaces Pilot Program document indicates that the AFGA was represented in the development of the program. Reality: An *employee* of AFGA did participate throughout the development of the program (about five months). Elected provincial heads of AFGA were only advised of the pilot the *last two weeks* of the process. At no time were rank and file members of AFGA made aware of the initiative nor was their input sought. Most local Fish and Game executives and grassroots members are only finding out about it now. To suggest AFGA membership really *endorses* the plan is untrue.
- Recreational Access Management Program (RAMP) – the pilot program document indicates that users do not pay for access *directly*. Reality: the program will pay landowners for recreational access but fails to mention where this money will come from. Other sources indicate that the programs should be self-sustaining, presumably the users should be the ones who should pay and that likely means an increase in hunting and fishing license fees. While not wholly offensive, the RAMP program seems fraught with avenues of abuse. Worse still is the prospect that RAMP is the thin end of the paid-access wedge.

- Hunting for Habitat Program (HFH) – portrayed in the pilot program document as an “incentive” system that will “reward” landowners who will form a unit. **Members of the unit will be allotted tags that they can sell.** *Reality: this is the ultimate offense to the Alberta hunting public at large.*
 1. The pilot document currently sets the tag allotments for the units at **15 to 25% of resident tags.** Worth repeating: the tags for sale by land- owners come out of the resident allotment!
 2. In the pilot only large landowner blocks will get a piece of the action. How can other landholders be denied the same opportunities in the future?
 3. The underpinnings of the program are in direct opposition to the Alberta Wildlife Act, which maintains that wildlife is public property. Are we in support of a sea change in philosophy whereby wildlife becomes a privately held commodity that can be sold in the free market?
 4. The only carrot dangled in front of the average hunter is better access to desirable hunting areas. Is it reasonable to think that a resident with an over-the-counter draw tag will get the same unfettered access as a wealthy international hunter who has paid thousands of dollars?
 5. The bottom line is the wealthy will be able to access more quality opportunities and the resident sportsmen of modest means will be left the scraps. A few politically connected landowners profit from the public’s wildlife. This is all about big money and squeezing out the little guy.
- The Open Spaces Pilot Program document indicates a ‘Made in Alberta Solution’. Reality: RAMP was modeled after an access system currently in use in Montana, HFH was modeled after a producer managed and for-profit access program from Utah. US-style paid access is the opposite of what Alberta hunters want.
- The future. If you are undecided on this issue you need only ask yourself two questions: how does this pilot benefit the average Alberta hunter, and what kind of hunting opportunities will your children and grandchildren be left with if we do not oppose this initiative now?

This is the actual text of the pilot program.

OPEN SPACES PILOT PROGRAM

Introduction

There are limited incentives for the agricultural landowner to maintain quality habitat and participate in wildlife stewardship. Access to private land is becoming more difficult, while at the same time the demand for quality hunting opportunities and access to prime fishing areas is increasing.

Privately owned agricultural land, particularly rangelands, provide significant areas of high quality habitat for wildlife and outdoor recreation, yet few tangible incentives exist for the agricultural landowner to provide or maintain quality habitat or act as wildlife stewards. In fact, these activities can have a significant financial cost and risk to the landowner. Wildlife habitat maintenance can result in increased wildlife populations and related landowner property damage (e.g. fences, crops and cultivated forage).

The use of private land by sportsmen can also negatively impact the Landowner (e.g. damage to property). This has resulted in reduced access to private land, while at the same time there is an increased demand for quality hunting opportunities and access to prime fishing areas.

In 2006, the Alberta Beef Producers and a group of interested parties including agricultural landowners and hunting and fishing interests approached the University of Calgary to discuss strategies and opportunities that could result in increased access to hunting on private land. As a result, the University of Calgary established the Land and Wildlife Stewardship Working Group in April 2007 comprised of members from Alberta Beef Producers, Western Stock Growers Association, Alberta Fish and Game Association, Hunting for Tomorrow Foundation, Alberta Conservation Association, the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, Alberta Professional Outfitters Society, Alberta Agriculture and Food, Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry and the University of Calgary.

Concept

After reviewing programs that had been implemented in other jurisdictions, the Working group determined the need to develop a "made in Alberta solution". They developed two test programs: a program that compensates private landowners for providing recreational access for hunting and fishing for free to the public and the other compensates private landowners, by allocating wildlife tags which they can sell, for providing recreational access for hunting and fishing to the public. The intent is to provide more habitat and increased access, thereby resulting in more opportunity for hunters and anglers as well as providing more recreational opportunities in Alberta. This is achieved by providing adequate financial incentives to landowners as recognition of their contributions to wildlife habitat and stewardship.

The made in Alberta solution pilot program is called "*Open Spaces Alberta Pilot Program*". The Pilot Program will evaluate two complimentary and integrated components: the Recreational Access Management Program (RAMP); and the Hunting for Habitat (HFH) Program.

This is the actual text of the pilot program.

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1. **Recreational Access Management Program (RAMP)** — compensates private landowners for providing habitat and recreational access for hunting and fishing to the public. Users do not pay for access. *WHO PAYS - WHERE IS MONEY COMING FROM?*

Some key principals of the program are:

- Private landowners voluntarily enroll in the program, agreeing to provide enhanced access opportunities for hunting and fishing.
- Lands enrolled in the program are identified for free public access for hunting and fishing.
- Landowners are reimbursed for user days by the government; *DOES 10 people on the land constitute 10 user days. HOW IS THIS VALUE CALCULATED?*
- \$10-20 (subject to value of the habitat and recreation opportunities) per recreational user day to a maximum of ~~100~~ user days per section (\$2,000 per section or landowner). *SEASON IN 198 IS ONLY MONTH OR 4 WEEKS THU, FRI, SAT. ARE THEY GOING TO ADD 2 MONTHS OF HUNTING IN 198 OR 300*
- Days are paid only for Wildlife Identification (W.I.N.) card holders.
- A recreational user day audit.
- An appeal process.
- Development of Access Management Plan(s) for high use areas.

This program is expected to increase the amount of private land available for recreational use by 15 percent (from roughly 60 percent to 75 percent) in each Wildlife Management Unit (WMU).

2. **Hunting for Habitat (HFH) Program** — compensates private landowners for providing recreational access for hunting and fishing to the public. Landowners are rewarded by being allocated vouchers for the rights to wildlife tags which they can sell.

Some key principals of the program are:

- Landowners form a business group and create an HFH unit.
- The HFH unit must be comprised of at least 20 percent of the significant wildlife habitat on private land in the WMU in order to enroll in the program.
- The HFH unit is allocated 15 percent of the wildlife harvest in the WMU.
- If the HFH Unit contains 20 — 40 percent of significant habitat on private land in the WMU, then HFH Unit receives 20 percent of wildlife harvest allocation.
- If HFH Unit contains greater than 40 percent of significant habitat on private land in the WMU, then HFH Unit receives 25 percent of wildlife harvest allocation.
- Landowners can market tags directly to resident hunters who do not require guided services or to outfitters who may in turn market tags to non-resident or non-resident alien hunters who must use registered guided outfitters.
- Landowners participating in the HFH program must allow free access for public draw hunting.
- An access management plan to manage recreational users.

This program is expected to increase wildlife populations over the long term by providing a financial incentive to landowners to increase wildlife populations through habitat management. As populations increase so will tags available in the WMU, thus making more tag allocations available to share with the public.

This is the actual text of the pilot program.

PRIVATE LAND OWNERS PERMIT

**What can you do to stop this?
Contact the people listed below and make your opposition known.**

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This document prepared by: Resident Hunters for Justice.


Annual Report to Members
AFGA Environment Chair – Andy Boyd
February 21, 2008, Edmonton

1) AIPac/forestry issues- I have represented the AFGA on the AIPac Forest Management Task Force since its' inception in 1992. Over those years, the Task Force has provided an effective forum for two-way communication between forestry companies and stakeholders interested in, or affected by, forestry operations in the AIPac FMA area. In recent years however, the Task Force has become bogged down and we seem to have lost focus to some degree. Two external reviews of AIPac's public input policies recommended a major overhaul and Task Force members did not disagree. Currently we are in the process of drafting Terms of Reference for a new public advisory committee to be known as the Landscape Advisory Group. It is hoped renewed interest and wider public involvement will come along with the new initiative. Although I am interested and willing to stay on as the F & G rep on the new group, in the spirit of full renewal, it may be time to step aside in favor of a new representative.

There has been some concern brought forward by members regarding severe scarification techniques used by some forestry operators. The "deep plowing" and "high mounding", used to prepare cutblocks for replanting of spruce seedlings, are anything but natural and they leave the ground very difficult to get across on foot or vehicle. We will continue to push for less aggressive ground preparation methods and less prescriptive replanting requirements that will allow a more natural succession of forestry cover.

2) Mountain Pine Beetle Management Committee- As your representative on this committee I am pleased to report none of the modified harvest plans submitted by forestry companies has taken advantage of the pine beetle threat to ignore other wildlife concerns. Thus far, Sundre Forest Products, Sundance Forest Products, Weyerhaeuser GP and Alberta Newsprint have brought their MPB adjusted plans to our committee for comment.

As far as the actual status of the pine beetle infestation goes, the situation in the south seems to be unfolding as predicted. The beetle continues to slowly advance but aggressive control activities are keeping a lid on things. The big unknown is how the outbreak in the Peace River area, where the beetle has no historical presence, will unfold. There are a couple of well-established beetle core areas around which the beetle is actively being fought with a cut-and burn policy on any newly identified affected trees. Fortunately, most of the widely scattered smaller infestations have suffered high over-winter death rates so no new major outbreaks have occurred.

 **3) Hunting in Parks-** Our concern about providing access for hunting in the Caribou Mountains Wildland Park Management Plan has not been resolved. The Draft Management Plan allows guides and outfitters to continue to use ATVs as part of their hunting operations while resident hunters are prohibited. This situation is unacceptable and we have the support of APOS in our opposition to this discriminatory regulation.

The Rock Lake/Solomon Creek fiasco, where, what some bureaucrats consider a minor adjustment of the boundaries, resulted in the elimination of a viable outfitting operation and the loss of an important public hunting area also remains unresolved. We

must acknowledge the essential role the Willmore Wilderness Foundation and APOS played in bring this and similar issues to public attention.

While these serious cases point out the importance of keeping a close eye on the decision-making processes pertaining to parks and protected areas, it is critical that as AFGA members we continue to exercise our right to hunt in Wildland Parks and Recreation Areas. Continuing to “use it” will help ensure we never “lose it”.

4) Water for Life- The entire Water for Life initiative has been reviewed and support is strong to see it continue. However, there are still significant issues, which must be addressed, including what actual authority the Watershed Advisory Groups have, and how Water for Life will be integrated with the Land Use Framework and the Cumulative Effects Management System. I serve as the “non-governmental environmental group” rep on the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Integrated Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee and I’m pleased to say we are finally, after a couple of years of hesitation, making some progress towards delivering an integrated management plan.

Other Fish & Game members have served, and continue to serve, on committees addressing water planning on various drainages across the province. Efforts are now underway to establish a Water for Life program for the Athabasca drainage and the Athabasca Fish & Game Association has stepped up to the plate to serve on that committee when it finally gets off the ground.

5) Land Use Framework- For more than a year now the official launch of the Land Use Framework has been “a couple of months away”. Indeed, we had officials from the SREM office scheduled to speak at this conference on the progress of the Frame Work but, on the same day the provincial election was announced, we received notice no one would be able to attend. The seemingly endless delays in officially launching the Land Use Frame work is very frustrating to all the Fish & Game members who participated in the public input process into that Plan and the related Integrated Land Management, and Cumulative Effects Management System initiatives. We must keep the pressure on to ensure our elected officials follow through on the promise of these desperately needed planning processes. You can keep tabs on the official status of these programs by visiting the Alberta Environment website < www.environment.alberta.ca >.

6) Major Industrial Development- Back in September 2006, and again on April 4th, 2007 I represented the Association at public meetings as part of the Oil Sands Consultation. We gave Fish & Game support to many of the proposed actions put forward by the Multistakeholder Committee to ensure environmental health is maintained during oil sands development.

The Industrial Heartland Project is being touted as a working draft of the cumulative effects management approach. Due to the immediate need to set some guidelines, in Phase I of the project the government established cumulative maximum levels for air emissions and water demand. Phase II will gather public input to refine these regulations and determine how they will be “divvied up” between existing and future Industrial Heartland industries. We will continue to keep an eye on development in the Heartland and related development such as the Dodds/Round Hill coal gasification project.

**THE ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Mayfield Inn & Suites, Edmonton, AB

AGENDA

President: Maurice Nadeau
Parliamentarian: Gerry Pittman

1. Call to Order by the President Maurice Nadeau
Introductions & Moment of Silence
2. Rules of Order - Gerry Pittman
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes of the February 24, 2007 AGM
5. Heritage 100 Committee
6. Nomination Report – Randy Collins
 - a) Executive Elections
 - President *MAURICE RE-ELECTED.*
 - Vice Presidents *BOTH RE-ELECTED*
 - Fishing *RE-ELECTED.*
 - NEW* • Hunting *DOUG BUTLER*
 - NEW* • Environment *RALPH*
 - Program *RE-ELECTED.*
- 10:30 am refreshment break**
7. 2007 AFGA Auditor's Report
8. 2007-08 Budget Approval
9. Appointment of the Auditor for 2007-08
10. Parade of Donations – (11:30 am)
- 12 noon – 1:00 pm lunch break**
11. Youth Resolution
12. New Business
 - a) Resolutions – Quentin Bochar
 - b) Recommendations
 - c) Announcement of Date, Time and Place of 2009 Conference
 - d) Membership Prize Draws
 - e) Other

2:30 pm refreshment break

13. Adjournment – 5:00 pm

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER S-1-2008

Submitted by: AFGA Executive & Zone 4

Drafted by: AFGA Executive

Membership Fee Increase

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association raise the annual membership fees by the increments of \$3.00, \$4.00, and \$5.00 to the sum of \$12.00, over the next three years.

BRIEF: The reason for the increase is that the AFGA is subsidizing the costs of memberships by approximately \$16.00 and such an increase will help to eliminate this gap.

- Member services (programs, Outdoor Edge, conference, website, etc) = \$14.26
Cost of mailing, professional fees, printing = \$7.30
Leadership expenses (meetings, volunteer travel & expenses, zone fees) = \$7.83*
Office maintenance, utilities, etc. = \$2.14

Total cost of running the Association NOT including habitat programmes is approximately \$31.81 per-member.

Raising the fees to prevent the subsidization of membership dues will allow AFGA monies to be used for their original purpose of obtaining habitat and providing programs for the members.

*In reality this number is higher as not all Volunteers submit expense claims.

Passed [checked] Defeated [not checked]
Amended [70, 2, 2 + 2 / year]

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER S-2-2008

Submitted by: AFGA Executive

Drafted by: AFGA Executive

Change in Direct Membership and Articles in by-laws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association By-law 2.8(i) Direct Membership be revised to read "Open to individual adults/youths, and families at a fee to be determined from time to time by the Executive; provided that Direct Members shall not be entitled to send delegates or vote in the meetings of the Association. A Family membership consists of one regular member, his/her spouse, and any children under 18 years of age. A direct youth membership fee will be set at 50% of the direct regular membership and is available to any young person under the age of 18.

BRIEF: At present there is no direct youth membership category. By making the age under 18 years of age consistency is reached with the legal definition of a youth in Alberta. There may also be some insurance implications whereby 18 year olds may not be covered as youth.

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Amended []

Special Resolutions

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER S-3-2008

Submitted by: AFGA Executive

Drafted by: AFGA Executive

Change in Affiliate Membership and Articles in by-laws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association by-laws

2.9(v) Family Membership be revised to read:

Open to affiliated club members. A Family membership consists of one regular member, his/her spouse, and any children under 18 years of age. All family members to be clearly registered on membership records of The Alberta Fish and Game Association.

and

2.9(vi) Youth Membership be revised to read:

Open to young people under 18 years of age and fee to be 50% of the regular member affiliation fee.

BRIEF: By making the age under 18 years of age consistency is reached with the legal definition of a youth in Alberta. There may also be some insurance implications whereby 18 year olds may not be covered as youth.

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Amended _____

Defeated _____

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-1-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Willow Valley Trophy Club

Outfitter Allocations

BE IT RESOLVED THAT when outfitter permits come up for renewal that all allocations be reduced to zero in any area where residents are currently having to go through the draw system to obtain a license for that species.

BRIEF: In several provinces currently, there are no outfitter permits for those animals that are on a draw system for residents. Currently many private land holdings are "tied up" by outfitters and residents are denied access because of this system.

Passed Defeated _____
Amended _____

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-2-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3

Drafted by: Provost Fish & Game

Muzzle Loading Season

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that Alberta Sustainable Resource Development open a muzzle loading season to run the month of October. This season could use existing rifle tags and simply extend the hunting season for non-bow hunters.

BRIEF: Using the same tags as rifle season, so if you get drawn for a mule buck, you can bow hunt it starting in September. You can move up to a muzzle loader if you choose in October, then move on to a rifle in November, if you like. This should have small effect on bow hunters who have already had a month of hunting to themselves and can continue to bow hunt through October. Saskatchewan has already made this move and it has worked out very well for them, bringing in more hunters and putting hunters in the field longer, boosting rural economies.

Passed _____ Defeated _____
Amended _____
WITH DRAW TILL FURTHER NOTICE

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-3-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3

Drafted by: Provost Fish & Game

Change in Hunting Regulations Clause

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request Alberta Sustainable Resource Development remove the NO HUNTING WITH PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS clause from the hunting regulations.

Passed _____ Defeated
Amended _____

General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-4-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3

Drafted by: Provost Fish & Game

Handgun Hunting Season WMU 728, 730

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that Alberta Sustainable Resource Development open a handgun hunting season in WMU's 728 and 730 (Camp Wainwright),

BRIEF: WMU's 728 and 730 are a fenced military base where people could get Authorization to Transport to the gate, where they could unlock their handguns and take them hunting. Then, upon preparing to leave, they could lock their handguns up again and proceed home on an Authorization to Transport. In addition, removing the NO HUNTING WITH PISTOLS clause to allow hunting in WMU's 728 and 730, there are also handguns which do not need an Authorization to Transport or registration to be used and could be legally hunted with anywhere during a rifle season, the same as you can hunt with a muzzleloader during the rifle season now.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

NOTE TO CHALLENGE THE GUN PROHIBITION

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-5-2008

Submitted by: Zone 4

Drafted by: Devon Fish & Game Gun Club

OHV Restriction

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current regulation restricting the use of off-highway vehicles be removed from Alberta's Hunting Regulations.

BRIEF: The restriction applies only to hunters. Recreational riders, farmers, ranchers, and workers in the oil, gas and forestry industries may use their equipment in the forenoon in the same WMU and area where a hunter may not. Hunters with small 4 x 4 licensed for highway use may drive in the morning on lines where hunters with off-highway vehicles have to walk.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-6-2008

Submitted by: Zone 4

Drafted by: Devon Fish & Game Gun Club

Firearms on Off-Highway Vehicles

BE IT RESOLVED THAT hunters may carry a firearm on their off-highway vehicle between the hours of one hour before sunrise and noon, so long as it is in a locked case.

BRIEF: Hunters require a firearm for protection when revisiting a kill site. Also, to travel further off roads before sunrise to ensure a more private hunt.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-7-2008

Submitted by: Zone 5

Drafted by: Sherwood Park Fish & Game

Black Powder Firearms Season

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development develop experimental primitive or traditional black powder firearms big game seasons in a selection of WMU's within the 100, 200 or 300 WMU Series for future regulations.

BRIEF: A primitive or traditional black powder firearm is defined as a muzzle loading firearm with external hammer, charged with black powder or equivalent smokeless powder, loaded with a cloth patched round lead ball or non-saboted projectile, equipped with other than telescopic sights and of a size not less than 45 caliber. It does NOT include modern in-line muzzle loading firearms.

- The Fish and Game Association encourages all forms of hunting which are practiced legally, safely and in a manner of fair chase.
- Given that primitive or traditional black powder firearms/rifles have an effective range of not more than 100 yards (most realistically less than 75 yards) most observers would consider primitive or traditional firearms to be desirable and safe as shotgun or archery seasons.
- There are a number of Alberta hunters who are unable to develop the necessary skills to hunt effectively with archery equipment but, older hunters in particular, could make a relatively easy transition to primitive black powder/traditional rifle hunting.
- Pre-November primitive black powder seasons would allow many hunters to enjoy effective big game hunting when the weather is more favorable.
- Either the use of additional big game tags or the use of existing tags available could be considered
- Hunter's access to land in the above noted areas is largely controlled by the owner or lessee, and therefore will have little or no conflict with the interests of archery or other hunting.
- There are areas of the Province where larger harvests of deer are desired, a situation which would be assisted by allowing primitive black powder season hunting.

Passed _____ . Defeated _____
Amended _____

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-8-2008

Submitted by: Zone 2

Drafted by: Sarcee Fish & Game

Sunday Hunting (Archery) WMU 212

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development allow Sunday hunting in WMU 212 during the archery season.

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Passed _____ . Defeated _____
Amended _____

General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-9-2008

Submitted by: Zone 2

Drafted by: Wheatland Conservation/Zone 2 Hunt Chair

ASRD Re-Classification of Officers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Government change its current legislation and name Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Fish and Wildlife Officers as essential services personnel enabling them to take vehicles and essential tools of the job to their place of residence while on or off duty.

BRIEF: Current operation methods put at risk; public safety and protection, officers, wildlife and law enforcement. Premier Stelmach has a "Safe and Secure Communities" initiative this resolution would strengthen that program.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-10-2008

Submitted by: AFGA

Drafted by: AFGA Executive

Open Spaces Alberta

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association is in support of the proposed Alberta Sustainable Resources Development's "Open Spaces Alberta" pilot program as presented in its preliminary form to this association.

BRIEF: As this program has been presented to the hunting public in Alberta and discussed in its proposed form, there are two underlying initiatives – Recreational Access Management Program (RAMP) and Hunting For Habitat (HFH) having the potential for enhanced access opportunities in WMU's 300 & 108 for all Albertans.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

UNANIMOUSLY

FISHERIES RESOLUTIONS

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1-2008

Submitted by: AFGA

Drafted by: AFGA Executive

Senior Fishing Licenses

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta government immediately institute a Seniors Fishing License with a ~~minimal~~ fee.

Passed Defeated
Amended

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-2-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Hillcrest Fish & Game

Livingstone River Fishing Season

BE IT RESOLVED THAT fishing in the catch & release waters of the Livingstone River have the season shortened by one month, with fishing to end on October 1, rather than October 31.

BRIEF: Many B.C. residents & guides are fishing the Livingstone putting additional stress on those species that spawn in late fall and put these species at risk of survival thru the winter season where by they must compete for food in the ever increasing low water flows thru winter months.

Passed Defeated
Amended

Wildlife Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTIONS

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-1-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Hillcrest Fish & Game

Black Bear Harvest Season

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the spring Black Bear harvest season be changed to run from April 15 to May 31 in WMU's 400, 402, 404, 406 & 408.

BRIEF: The Black Bear may or may not move far from their den sites in early April. Snow pack in the backcountry is still excessive well into late April making it impossible to access bear country. This leads to only a 2-week season (May 1-15). May 1 to May 31 would better serve those who wish to pursue this activity.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-2-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Willow Valley Trophy Club

Grizzly Bear Season - General

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development reinstate the Grizzly Bear season in those areas where there is a harvestable population.

BRIEF: Statistics from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development three-year study show 90 adult grizzlies in the Kananaskis area. Bear/human conflicts occur less frequently when there is a season in the locality.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-3-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Picture Butte Fish & Game

White-Tailed Deer Draw WMU 130

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development institute a draw for rifle only in WMU 130 to be applied to white-tailed deer.

BRIEF: No Brief

Passed

Defeated

Amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-4-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Lethbridge Fish & Game

Grizzly Bear Season - S. Alberta

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grizzly Bear Hunting season be reopened in Southern Alberta.

BRIEF: Two DNA hair sample studies were done on South Grizzly populations, one in 1999 - 61 were counted after 11 were removed from area. Total population estimated at that time was 290. Recent study authorized by Grizzly recovery team also showed South Country has great density and due to cattle and human encounters a limited season is needed.

Passed Defeated
Amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-5-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3

Drafted by: Provost Fish & Game

Antelope Draw - WMU's 200 & 234

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Sustainable Resource Development open a hunting draw in a combined area of WMU's 200 and 234 for Antelope for all three types of tags (trophy, non-trophy and archery) made available in limited numbers.

BRIEF: This area has a healthy population on the extreme northern edge of their range. Limited hunting pressure would not be a factor in numbers when compared to the effect of winter conditions.

Passed Defeated
Amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-6-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3

Drafted by: Provost Fish & Game

Mandatory Testing for CWD

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that Alberta Sustainable Resource Development pick some areas of high deer density throughout the province to do mandatory head testing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

BRIEF: While we appreciate the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development's efforts to protect our deer population through an effort to stop CWD at the border, we need to know if it is still at the border or if it is already province wide. We have only one case of a wild deer that was visibly affected. Of the thousands of heads tested from hunter kills and spring culls, significantly less than 1% have tested positive, and those have not shown any visible signs of the disease. This is in areas of high population where the disease was expected and looked for. We feel we need to have testing done around the province to determine as definitively as possible that the disease does not exist outside of the border control area in our province. If these tests find positives, it will call for a complete re-evaluation of the program, but it would save millions of dollars wasted culling animals. If these tests are negative it gives more reason to do whatever possible to protect the healthy herds from CWD.

Wildlife Resolutions

Passed Defeated _____
Amended _____

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-7-2008

Submitted by: Zone 2

Drafted by: Sarcee Fish & Game

Reinstate of Lead Shot for Migratory

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association approach the Federal Government to reinstate lead shot in the Province of Alberta for Migratory bird hunting more than 200m from standing water bodies.

Passed Defeated _____
Amended _____

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-8-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Willow Valley Trophy Club

Six-Point Minimum for Elk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development institute a six-point minimum requirement on Elk in the WMU's 302, 303, 305, 306 & 308.

BRIEF: Currently with the three point minimum, the overall age spectrum for bulls is poor, with very few mature bulls being present. Competition for breeding privileges is very high.

Passed _____ Defeated
Amended _____

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-9-2008

Submitted by: Zone 5

Drafted by: Lloydminster Fish & Game

David Lake Deer & Elk Season

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Government establishes a deer and elk hunting season on the Wainwright Dunes Ecological Reserve (David Lake).

BRIEF: The ungulate densities in the Ecological Reserve are extremely high (From a 2005 survey, there is some indication from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development of 50 per square mile). There have been 9 positive cases of CWD in the Edgerton and Chauvin area.

In order that the disease be controlled if possible, deer and elk densities should be at a lower level. A hunting season should be encouraged in the Wainwright Dune Ecological Reserve for both management and recreational purposes.

Passed Defeated _____
Amended _____

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-10-2008

Submitted by: Zone 5

Drafted by: Lloydminster Fish & Game

Muzzle Loading Season

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Sustainable Resources Development to open a muzzle loading season for all deer tags, antlered and antlerless in WMU's 150, 151 and 234 for the month of October.

BRIEF: WMU's 150, 151 and 234 where Alberta Sustainable Resources Development is trying to reduce the deer population in an attempt to halt the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease. Opening a muzzle-loading season would hopefully raise the number of hunters and the success rate of hunters in this WMU. We believe it would also encourage the shooting of does as we believe people would be more willing to shoot does if using something different from their standard hunting rifle. It may also encourage father and son to hunt in the field together.

Passed _____ Defeated _____
Amended _____

Programs Resolutions

PROGRAMS RESOLUTIONS

PROGRAMS RESOLUTION NUMBER P-1-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Medicine Hat Fish & Game

Club Membership Benefits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association increase the benefits of club membership by encouraging and coordinating a hunter companion program amongst members, similar to the first time hunter program.

BRIEF: The Alberta Fish & Game Association has long struggled with the notion of member benefits, i.e.: why should someone join the Fish & Game? We are primarily hunters and fishermen engaged in conservation activity. The benefit of membership is hidden in the satisfaction of doing good work for wildlife and habitat conservation and the public (most, not members of Alberta Fish & Game Association). Through this resolution I propose that each club solicit volunteers that would act as hunter companions (BUDDIES) to a member from his, or another club, interested but unfamiliar with the area. I think this would be a good way to encourage the fellowship that we often hear about at conventions.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTIONS

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-1-2008

Submitted by: Zone 1

Drafted by: Willow Valley Trophy Club

Changes to Crown Land Status

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association be consulted by the Alberta Government if there is to be any movement toward the establishment of any provincial park, wilderness or wildland area from what is currently crown land.

BRIEF: Re-designation of any crown land from our land base only intensifies the hunting and fishing pressure on the remaining public lands. Our eastern slopes comprise only a fraction of the total land area in Alberta as it is. Any designation to restrict hunting and fishing in the eastern slopes should be preceded by extensive discussion with Alberta Fish & Game Association before further steps are contemplated.

Passed _____
Amended _____

Defeated _____

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-2-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3

Drafted by: Rocky Mountain House Fish & Game

Effects of Cutblock Treatments

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that the Alberta Government research the affects that "mounding" and other cutblock treatments have on wildlife use of the area.

BRIEF: It has been observed by some hunters that some wildlife have a hard time getting around in "mounded" cutblocks.

Passed _____
Amended _____

Defeated _____

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-3-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3


Drafted by: Rocky Mountain House Fish & Game

Agricultural Dispositions of Crown Land

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that the Alberta Government implement a moratorium on issuing any new agricultural dispositions on Crown land.

Passed _____
Amended _____

Defeated _____

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Environment Resolutions

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-4-2008

Submitted by: Zone 3

Drafted by: Rocky Mountain House Fish & Game

Grazing Leases

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that the Alberta Government stop renewing and assigning grazing leases, but instead, convert them to head tax permits.

BRIEF: Many organizations including the Alberta Government are concerned with habitat loss and are acquiring land to protect habitat. At the same time, wildlife habitat is often lost when Crown land is converted to agricultural dispositions. A head tax permit allows a livestock producer to take advantage of public land grazing, while the government still retains control of the land and other uses of that land are not so difficult to achieve.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-5-2008

Submitted by: AFGA

Drafted by: AFGA Executive

Land Use Reclassification

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association be consulted before any consideration be given by the Alberta Government regarding changes to any protected area reclassification to a more restrictive access regulations or change in land use agreements to restrict hunting, fishing or trapping.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER R-1-2008

Submitted by: AFGA

Drafted by: AFGA Executive

Hunter Survey Accuracy

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development negotiate with ISM to ensure that the address and telephone numbers on the Hunter Survey are correct for the year.

BRIEF: It appears that the address and phone numbers on the hunter survey sheets are being taken from W.I.N. cards which are, in many cases, close to five years old, and in many cases, incorrect due to people moving and/or changing phone numbers for whatever reason. This results in less surveys being completed each year. This could be corrected if the vendor selling wildlife certificates and hunting tags confirm the address and phone number are still correct.

Passed

Defeated

Amended

WALLEYE CULTURE

What have we learned?
What's next?

Alberta Fisheries Management Round Table, 12 April 2008, Hugh Norris

Stocking Efforts

- 1926 to 2007
- 116 lakes in Alberta were stocked with walleye.
- 364 stocking events (stocking in multiple years for most waters).

Egg Collection/Artificial Spawning

2007 Walleye Spawn Camps

Petitot River, Bistcho Lake, AB

Brett Creek, Primrose Lk, AB/Sask.

After the fertilization process, tannic acid is added to prevent the eggs from sticking together and the eggs are stirred and rinsed.



Spawning

Fertilization

Rinsing process

- Each incubation jar holds 350,000 to 400,000 eggs
- 8 two-tiered banks can hold 256 incubation jars
- At maximum capacity, the walleye room can facilitate 100 million eggs

The fry, 4 mm in size, are nourished for approximately 6 days by their yolk sac.

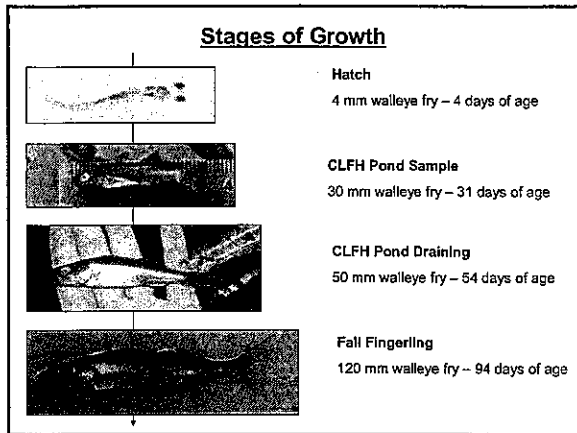
The fish are 2-3 days old when they are stocked out or transferred to rearing ponds.

2007 Incubation Stats:

• # of eggs received – 84 million

• % eye-up – 61.9%

• # of fry hatched – 50.1 million



Stocking Goal

- Create self-sustaining fisheries because:
 - Egg supply is limited.
 - Healthy fish stocks will produce more fry than we can stock.
 - Healthy fish stocks can produce better year-classes through weather events during critical life stages.
 - Healthy fish stocks can supply sustainable fishing.

Results

- Compared to average density of walleye at 5 self-sustaining fisheries.
- Of the 116 lakes stocked, 104 were assessed for success:
- 5 sustainable fisheries produced (Pine, Pigeon, Haig, Forty Mile, Crawling Valley),
- 3 irregular recruitment fisheries produced (Keho, Newell, Sylvan),
- 10 waters had a single year-class produced in enough strength to provide a potential temporary put-and-take fishery (Battle, Garner, Hutch, Sawn, Vincent, Wadin, Winagami, Pine Coulee, Jensen and Sauder (Rattlesnake).

• Success improved in later years and was about normal for North America.

What did we learn?

- Mother Nature is in charge of survival!
- Stocking fry was slightly more successful than stocking fingerlings.
- Successful stockings were produced at stocking rates lower than the suggested minimums while higher stocking densities failed.
- Pigeon Lake is a good example of multiple stockings producing little and then hitting the environmental condition jackpot with one year-class.

What did we learn?

- Can't compare walleye to the normal success of the trout stocking program. Walleye stocked amongst predators (natural system); trout stocked into ponds with generally no aquatic predators/competitors (artificial system).
- Stocking success increased in more recent years as effort became more focused.
- Stocking success is not a sure thing so need to manage the native walleye populations in Alberta for sustainability.

What did we learn?

- Need to protect the fish from harvest to give survivors time to reproduce.
- Where good walleye fisheries were produced some pike, whitefish and perch population restructuring has occurred due to competition/predation and increased angling pressure.

Future 1

- Focus stocking efforts on recovering lost populations in large waters such as Lac La Biche and Wabamun, and creating new populations in large waters such as Newell and Sylvan because:
 - Greatest chance of success, and
 - Greatest possible production of fish in the future.

Future 2

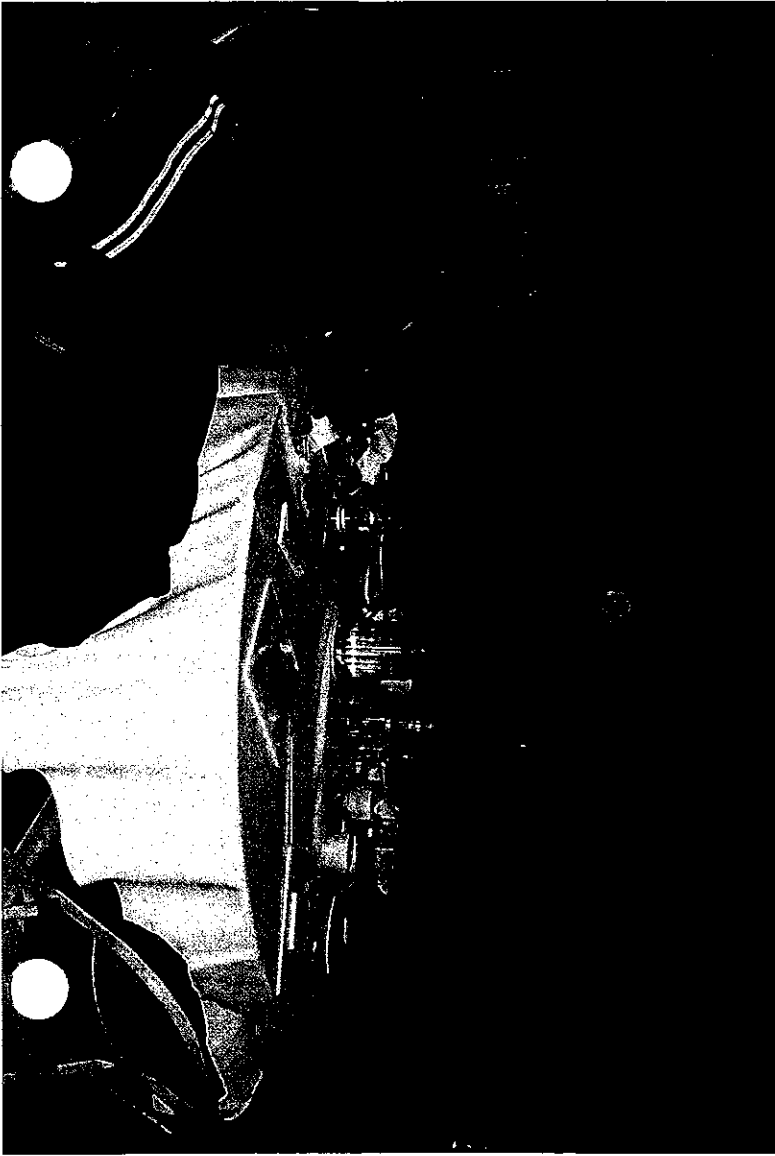
- Consider a few put-and-take fisheries.
- Develop through public consultation because current results are showing that creating a walleye fishery can lead to restructuring pike, whitefish and perch populations by:
 - Harvest effort, and
 - Predation/competition?, plus
 - There is no guarantee of success.

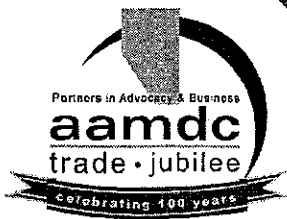
Proposed Changes to the Stocking Program to Increase Success

- Focus on fewer waters at a time and stock for more years until success achieved or failure determined.
- Increase use of incubation water temperature control to spread hatching/stocking over a longer time period for better chance to hit ideal environmental conditions at stocking time.
- Stock fry and fingerlings in the same water in the same year seeking ideal survival conditions.
- Find/develop more populations for selected egg take to try to better match donor and recipient water conditions.

Summary

- Walleye is a highly sought after fish in Alberta.
- The demand for walleye exceeds the supply.
- There has been expected (limited, but sometimes spectacular) success from stocking 115 waters through 364 stocking events over 80 years.
- Fish Culture activities are an integrated part of our Fisheries Management program.
- Focused stocking effort on specific waters will hopefully lead to substantial increases in the amount of water producing walleye for the benefit of Albertans.
- Thank you.





MEMBER BULLETIN

June 6, 2008

Proposed AAMDC Policy on Involvement in Member Legal Matters

The AAMDC Board of Directors is seeking member input into a proposed policy addressing the Association's involvement in member legal matters. The policy comes about as a result of an increasing number of member legal matters that are being brought forward for Association participation and financial backing.

The attached policy proposes guidelines including, but not limited to, the timing of the involvement in a legal matter, the level of participation and any financial contributions. Specifically, the policy outlines the following:

- a member-endorsed resolution is required before the Association will become involved
- involvement is defined as participation in legal appeals and/or the legal analysis of an issue

The AAMDC has a long-standing record of strong fiscal and resource management in support and protection of member interests. This can only be achieved through balancing financial contributions with member-directed involvement. To that end, the policy proposes the following AAMDC contribution limits:

- 25 per cent of the legal costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 in a legal appeal
- A maximum of \$5,000 in the procurement of a legal analysis or review

Any additional legal costs would be requisitioned from the membership based on the formula used to calculate membership fees. Similarly, any cost recovery realized would be returned through the same formula.

Members are encouraged to provide their feedback on this draft policy *no later than Friday, July 11* to Michelle Hay at michelle@aamdc.com.

Enquiries may be directed to:

Donald W. Johnson
President
(780) 955.3639

Gerald Rhodes
Executive Director
(780) 955.4077

Attachment

Title: AAMDC Involvement in Member Legal Matters

Policy No:

Date Approved:

Purpose: To provide guidelines for the Association's involvement in the legal affairs affecting or legal actions involving members. This includes, but is not limited to, the timing of the involvement, the level of participation and any financial contributions.

Policy Statement: The AAMDC will balance member-directed involvement in matters with fiscal and resource management in the support and protection of member interests while mitigating the risks to the organization.

Procedures:

1. It is only through an endorsed resolution that the AAMDC will become involved in member legal matters. For the purposes of this policy, member legal matters include, but are not limited to, legal appeals. Subsequent appeals will only be supported by the Association through a new member-endorsed resolution.
2. It is only through an endorsed resolution that the AAMDC can be directed by the membership to conduct a legal analysis or review of an issue.
3. The AAMDC will enter into a specific agreement for each member-directed legal matter to establish the items outlined in Procedures 4, 5 and 6 below.
4. The AAMDC reserves the right to engage legal counsel of their choice.
5. Regardless of the AAMDC being named as a plaintiff, the AAMDC becomes the lead in the legal action with full decision-making powers.
6. The AAMDC shall be the only entity authorized to provide direction to legal counsel unless expressly authorized by written consent.
7. The AAMDC will contribute 25 per cent of the legal costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 in any member legal appeal.
8. The AAMDC will contribute up to a maximum of \$5,000 to obtain a legal analysis or review.
9. Any remaining or additional legal costs pursuant to Procedure 7 or 8 will be requisitioned from the membership based on the formula used to calculate membership fees.
10. Any cost recovery that is realized from legal proceedings will be returned to the AAMDC and the members as outlined in Procedures 7, 8 and/or 9.



**CANADIAN FEDERATION
OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS.**

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June 10, 2008

Reeve Gregory Alan Newman and Council Members
PO Box 640
Fort Vermilion, Alberta T0H 1N0

Sent Via Fax: (780) 927-4266

Dear Mr. Newman:

As you know, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is a non-partisan political action organization for the interests of small- and medium-sized businesses. We represent 105,000 members across Canada, with 9,200 in Alberta.

We are writing tell you about a new CFIB report we are releasing tomorrow titled, Alberta Municipal Spending Watch. This first comprehensive review of Alberta's municipal finances reveals that growth in government operating spending has consistently exceeded population and inflation growth in most municipalities across the province. Here are the results in your community.

Between 2000 and 2006, in Mackenzie County, population and inflation increased 44.2 per cent, while operating spending increased 75.3 per cent - or 1.70 times more. This 1.70 is what we refer to as a *Fiscal Responsibility Gap*. (The provincial average is 1.65.)

- A gap of less than 1 means spending growth was less than population and inflation growth
- A gap of 1 means spending growth was held in line with population and inflation growth
- A gap of 2 means spending growth increased twice as fast as population and inflation

To put this figure in context, Mackenzie County spent \$3,300,347 more in 2006 alone than it would have had it limited increases to population and inflation growth since 2000. In addition, the report also looks at the *amount* of operating spending per person in Alberta municipalities. Mackenzie County spent \$1,922 per person, compared to the provincial average of \$1,634.

This analysis only looks at operating spending - it does not include spending on capital infrastructure. You may be interested to see how your municipality stacks up against others in the region or of similar size throughout the province, as well as review CFIB's recommendations. You can access our report on our website at www.cfib.ca. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at (780) 421-4253 or (403) 444-9290.

Sincerely,

Danielle Smith
Director of Provincial Affairs, Alberta

Janine Halbesma
Senior Policy Analyst

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Media Release

June 11, 2008

Alberta's largest Credit Union confirms head office location and name

EDMONTON: "The Board of Directors of what will soon be Alberta's largest credit union decided to adopt the name Servus Credit Union, establish a head office in Edmonton, and introduce a regionalized administration strategy that reflects our service commitment," confirmed William J. (Bill) Anhorn, Chair of the Board of Directors of the new credit union. "These decisions are suited to the growth-oriented credit union we're building for the future, while balancing our desire to introduce province-wide service following our November 1, 2008 amalgamation."

The Board considered several options for the name of the new credit union including the names of each of the existing partner credit unions and a completely new name. Each existing brand has its strength in each of its operating markets, however, the Servus brand was freshly established only 18 months ago, is recognized in a significant urban market, and has existing trademark protection. Each partner credit union will continue to operate with their existing names until October 31, 2008. Following that date and subject to regulatory approval, all three credit unions will operate under the name of Servus Credit Union Ltd. A transition plan for branch signage throughout the network is being developed.

The Edmonton head office location was made in the context of a regionalized administrative structure. Significant analysis was completed to evaluate the attributes of each of the current head office communities. Deciding factors for Edmonton were its central location and ease of access to the province-wide network of branches, its suitability for attracting and retaining employees, and its proximity to professional services and government.

The Edmonton head office, to be housed in the former Dell Building in the south end of the City, will be complimented by a Board endorsed strategy that commits to keeping the majority of employees in their current locations through a network of Regional Offices and Centres of Excellence.

"Being a credit union matters," adds Steve Blakely, President and Chief Executive Officer, "And as with any local credit union, we will continue to have senior personnel with local autonomy and decision-making authority located throughout our communities and not just in head office." This strategy will be fully developed over the coming year.

Alberta's first province-wide credit union is being created through the merger of Common Wealth, Community and Servus. When it begins operating on November 1, 2008, its 2000 employees will serve 400,000 members in 64 communities through its 94 locations. Combined assets immediately following the merger will exceed \$9 billion, making it the third largest credit union in Canada.

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Media inquiries should be directed to: Gail Stepanik-Keber, Servus 780.638.8011 or 780.913.7629
Interviews available 9 AM – 12 noon, Wednesday, June 11, 2008



Backgrounder

1. What is the name of the new credit union?

The new credit union will be called Servus Credit Union Ltd.

2. What options did the Board consider?

The Board carefully reviewed and considered each of the names of the existing partner credit unions and they also considered developing a completely new name.

3. What were the criteria that the Board used to select a name?

The Board considered very broad criteria in selecting the name. Outside of the issues of legally protecting the name itself and the website domains, Servus Credit Union was chosen as being distinct, simply pronounced, easily spelled and consciously recalled by both members and non-members alike. By choosing an existing name, the Board recognized the potential savings as well as the amount of time that would otherwise be required to re-brand an organization of our size. The Servus name includes the words "Credit Union" which is an important statement to both our members and the larger credit union system about our guiding principles and our commitment to the credit union way of banking. The new Servus brand is also relatively new in its design and is easily adaptable for a province wide credit union.

4. Will we immediately change our name?

Each partner credit union will continue to operate with their existing names in the short term. By November 1, 2008, all three credit unions will begin operating under the legal name of Servus Credit Union Ltd. for the purpose of legal agreements, such as loan documents and other contracts. Not all branch signage will reflect the new name on November 1.

5. What will happen next?

Effective immediately, we will move forward to obtain regulatory approval for the new name.

6. Where will the Head Office be located?

The Head Office, including the executive leadership team, will be located in Edmonton with a network of Regional Offices and Centres of Excellence.

7. What locations were considered?

The Board carefully considered Edmonton, Red Deer and Lloydminster for the new Head Office.

8. What decision criteria did the Board use to determine the location of the physical head office?

The Board considered several factors in their decision regarding a Head Office Strategy. In their considerations, the Board consciously looked at the requirements 10 to 20 years from now as we are only just launching our new credit union. Most importantly, the Board considered the ability to retain, attract and develop talented employees as the most critical factor in the location decision. Detailed data including economic costs, strategic location and proximity to government and business partners was also compiled as part of the review.

9. Which departments will be located within the Head Office?

The decision to locate departments in either the Head Office or Regional Offices has not been made.

10. Which departments will be located in the Regional Offices and Centres of Excellence?

The transition strategy underway will determine the next steps in defining the services delivered through the Regional Offices and Centres of Excellence. All of our communities may be considered as possible Centres of Excellence.

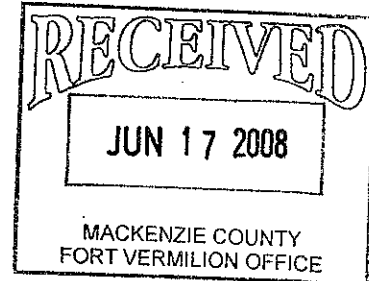
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June 11, 2008

Joany Aylward, Brand Manager
Branding the Peace Country Association
10128-95 Ave
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 0L4



Dear Joany Aylward,

Saddle Hills County would like to support Branding the Peace and other Peace Region Municipalities in having a trade show booth at the Rural Matters Conference. It is important that the Peace Region be promoted when there are opportunities.

Saddle Hills County would like to contribute to the cost of the trade show booth, provide promotional items, and contribute to the cost of registration for a representative from Branding the Peace to attend the Rural Matters conference.

It is encouraging to see the Peace Region Municipalities working together to promote the area.

Sincerely yours,

Tarolyn Peach
Chief Administrative Officer
Saddle Hills County

Cc: Northern Sunrise County
County of Grande Prairie
Clear Hills County
Municipal District of Spirit River
Municipal District of Fairview
Municipal District of Northern Lights
Municipal District of Peace
Birch Hills County
Municipal District of McKenzie
Municipal District of Big Lakes

Join us at our open house

ATCO Electric is hosting an open house for a new POWER TRANSMISSION LINE

Tuesday June 24, 2008 - 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

at the Four Winds Hotel, Banquet Room, 10203 – 97 Street, High Level

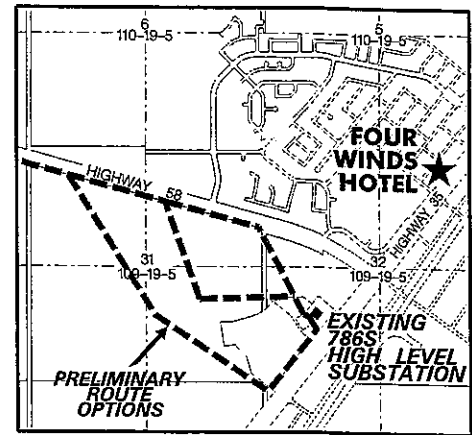
ATCO Electric is hosting an open house to share details on a new project required to strengthen the transmission system and support increasing transmission needs in fast-growing northwest Alberta.

The project will include construction of about 107 km of new 144 kilovolt transmission line between High Level and Rainbow Lake area and alterations at the existing High Level and Sulphur Point substations. Sulphur Point is about 30 km east of Rainbow Lake.

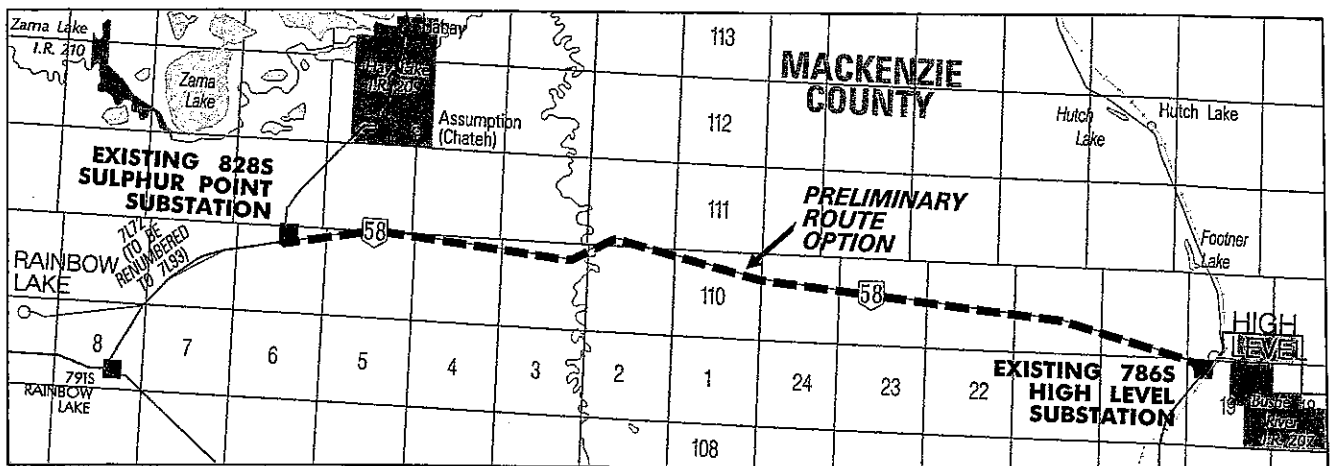
Preliminary route options are being considered for this project and we want to consult with local residents and stakeholders.

If you have any questions about the project but can't attend the open house, please contact:

Laurie Jenkin
 Toll-free at: 1-866-600-0022
 Fax: 780-420-8017
 Box 2426, Edmonton AB T5J 2V6
 laurie.jenkin@atcoelectric.com
 www.atcoelectric.com



KEY MAP - HIGH LEVEL
 Preliminary route options are shown on the map. Only one route is required.



REGIONAL MAP

Carol Gabriel

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Subject: AAMDC ZONE MEETING - AUGUST 8th
Attachments: Wabasca Community Map 2008.pub; Wabasca AAMDC Itinerary 08 2008.doc

Hello Again Everyone:

As I'm sure you are all aware, the date for our next meeting is looming ever-closer!

On May 14th we emailed everyone (see copy below) with a reminder notice and a list providing places to stay. Attached is a map of Wabasca and an itinerary developed by our hosts – *the M.D. of Opportunity*. As you can see, they have gone to no end of trouble for us.

If you **wish to stay in Wabasca, or plan to bring your campers**, please contact
Allison Gullion, Community Services Administrative Assistant
Email: allison@mdopportunity.ab.ca

Also:

Please consider this your first call for **agenda items** and/or **resolutions** you wish to have placed on the agenda.
Deadline for sending them to me: July 25th.

Also:

Please let me know the number of people attending from your respective municipality. Thank you to those who have already responded.

Deadline for getting numbers to me: July 31st.

I hope this covers everything for now. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

Val M. Weiss (Mrs.), for:
RENNIE CAUCHIE, Director
A.A.M.D.&C. Northern District # 4
Phone: 780-524-7646
Fax: 780-524-4307

Email: Val.Weiss@mdgreenview.ab.ca

Email Sent: Wed 14/05/2008 1:11 PM

Hello Everyone,

As you are aware, our next AAMDC Zone Meeting will be held on Friday, August 8, 2008, in Wabasca, Alberta.

Although it is early, I thought some of you may wish to make reservations for a place to stay. The M.D. of Opportunity is hosting this meeting, and informs the following places are available in Wabasca:

Riverside Inn 1-780-891-2020

Canada North Open Camp 1-780-891-3391

Jennifer's Open Camp 1-780-891-2267

Noralta Lodge Ltd. 1-780-891-3962

They have also secured one of the group camp sites which is located by the Wabasca Lake for the entire weekend for anyone who may be interested in camping for the night or the weekend. Contact Chantel Cardinal, Community Services Coordinator, M.D. of Opportunity, at 780-891-3778 / Fax 891-3772 (email: Chantal@mdopportunity.ab.ca) if you wish to camp.

Alternatively, you may wish to stay in Slave Lake and travel to Wabasca for the meeting. It is approximately 130 kilometers from Slave Lake to Wabasca. Places to stay in Slave Lake include:

Highway Motor Inn

Off Highway #2 SW, Slave Lake, Alberta (780) 849-2400

Northwest Inn

801 Main Street SE, Slave Lake, Alberta (780) 849-3300

Lakeside Motor Inn

612 Main Street SW, Slave Lake, Alberta (780) 849-3741

The Sawridge Inn

1200 Main Street SW, Slave Lake, Alberta (780) 849-4101 Toll Free: 1-888-729-7343

Knight Inn (Bed & Breakfast)

320 - 3 Ave NW, Slave Lake, Alberta (780) 849-6483

Super 8 Motel

Main Street and Highway 2, Slave Lake, Alberta (800) 800-8000

Mitsue Manor (Bed & Breakfast)

Approx 5 km east of Slave Lake, Mitsue, Alberta (780) 849-4009

Lakeview Inn & Suites

At the corner of Hwy 2 and Hwy 88, Slave Lake, Alberta (780) 849-9500

As in the past, all Councils and CAO's are responsible to book their own reservations and travel arrangements. I hope this early call helps you in that regard.

A call for agenda items will follow at a later date.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



**AAMD& C NORTHERN DISTRICT #4
ITINERARY**

**August 7, 8, 9, 10th, 2008
Wabasca, Alberta
T0G 2K0**

Hosted by Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17

“WELCOME AAMD&C DELEGATES”

Thursday, August 7th ARRIVAL

Registrations from 4pm-9pm at the Wabasca Community Hall
Refreshments and Cheese/ MD Power point Presentation and Community tour.

Friday, August 8th

8:00 am Wabasca Pool passes and use of exercise/fitness equipment

Continental Breakfast hosted by Pool staff

8:00 am – 10:00 am Registrations at the Wabasca Community Hall

10:00 am Meeting Wabasca Community Hall

Lunch provided: Soup/sandwiches and Traditional Cuisine

Evening: Weiner Roast/sing along at the Campsite

Saturday, August 9th Summer camping/fishing

Possible Fish Fry

Other Information:

Shuttle Service will be available

Group Campsite is booked throughout the entire weekend

Entertainment throughout the weekend

Extra boats will be available for anyone interested in fishing

BYOB (Bring your own Boat)

Any further inquiries please contact Chantal Cardinal or Bernadean Weesemat

@ 1-888-891-3778. or via e mail









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Welcome to Wabasca, Alberta

North Wabasca Lake

RV Dumping

Campground

-  Campground
-  Fishing
-  Restaurant
-  Wabasca Airstrip
-  Gas Station
-  Boat Launch
-  Car & Truck Wash
-  Tire Repair Shop

Fisherman's Wharf (Boat Launch)

The Big Rock 3 WAY STOP

Lloyd C. Yellowknives Memorial Park

Forestry Office

Library

St. Theresa School

RV Dumping

Northern Furniture Store

LakeSide Variety Store

Wabasca Carwash & Tire Shop

Paul's Auto Parts

Wabasca Steak & Pizza

Noralta Lodge

NAPA Auto Parts

SH 813 Towards Sandy Lake - Athabasca

Canada North Camp

Jennifers Open Camp & RV Park

Truck Stop

Mid Office

Raffione Service

Riverside Inn Restaurant

Northern Food Store

Sam G's Park

Tourist Booth

Post Office

Burger Baron E & M Foods

Mistessiniy School

Swimming Pool

Bigstone School

Clinic & Pharmacy

Bakery & Food Store

Arena, Hall & Youth Center

Northern Lakes College

GOC Clinic

Hospital

RCMP

754 Towards Slave Lake

754 Roadside Turnout

South Wabasca Lake

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Carol Gabriel

From: Jan Mazurik [Jan.Mazurik@gov.ab.ca]
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Subject: June 27, 2008 - NAEL and MPB meetings
Attachments: June 27, MPB Meeting DRAFT Agenda.doc

Good afternoon everyone. It looks like it's a "go" for the NAEL meeting on June 27th in Grande Prairie. Our meeting will be in the afternoon right after the Mountain Pine Beetle seminar is finished. I've attached that agenda once again for your information. Please let me know if you will be attending both sessions or just the NAEL meeting. Also if you have any agenda items for the NAEL portion of the day, please forward them on to me asap. Thanks! (If you've already indicated to me that you're attending, you don't need to reply to this message).

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Jan Mazurik

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Mountain Pine Beetle Follow-up

Friday, June 27, 2008
Holiday Inn and Conference Centre
9816 – 107 St Grande Prairie, AB



Northern
Alberta
Development
Council

Purpose:

To provide an update on the mountain pine beetle infestation, to find out what the provincial and federal government is doing, and the key role of industry.

DRAFT AGENDA

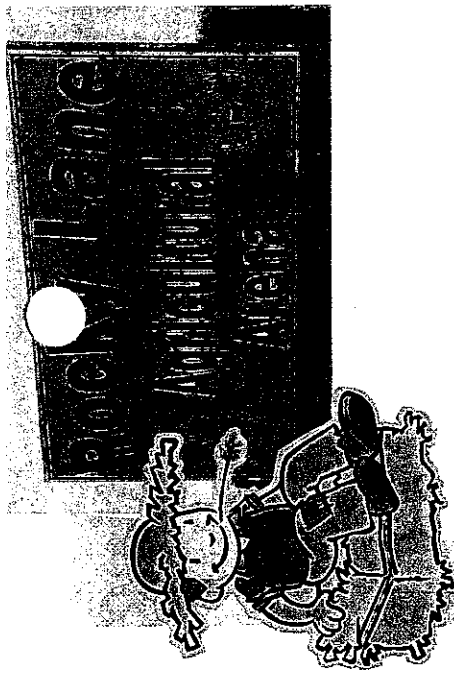
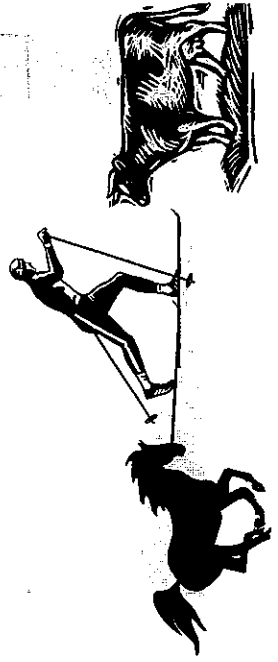
- 8:30** *Registration and Refreshments*
- 9:00** Greetings and Introductions, NADC Councilor
- 9:15** Opening Remarks – NADC Chair, Robin Campbell (MLA West Yellowhead)
- 9:30** Government/Industry MPB Panel Update and Discussion
- Mike Maximchuk Forest Health Officer, Sustainable Resource Development, Peace River
 - Canfor Representative
 - Weyerhaeuser Representative
 - Jerry Bauer, South Peace Municipalities – Mountain Pine Beetle Project
- 10:15** *Coffee Break*
- 10:30** Mill Closures and Their Effect on Communities – Drayton Valley CAO, Manny Deol
- 11:00** Forest Products Industry – Parker Hogan, Alberta Forest Products Association Director, Public Affairs, Edmonton
- 11:30** Forest Products Industry and the Alberta Government – Dan Wilkinson, Executive Director, Sustainable Resource Development, Edmonton
- 12:15** Wrap up – NADC Chair, Robin Campbell (MLA West Yellowhead)
- 1:15** *Complementary Lunch*
- 1:30** *Adjournment*

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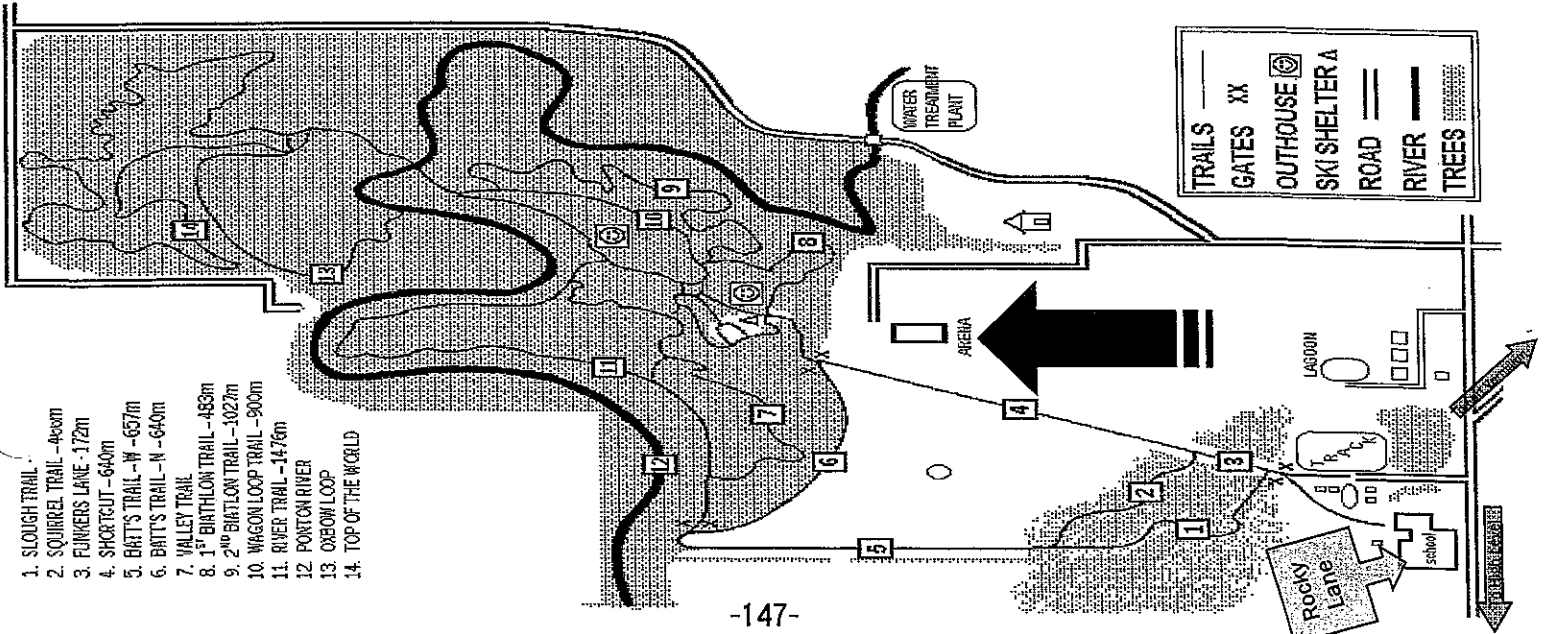
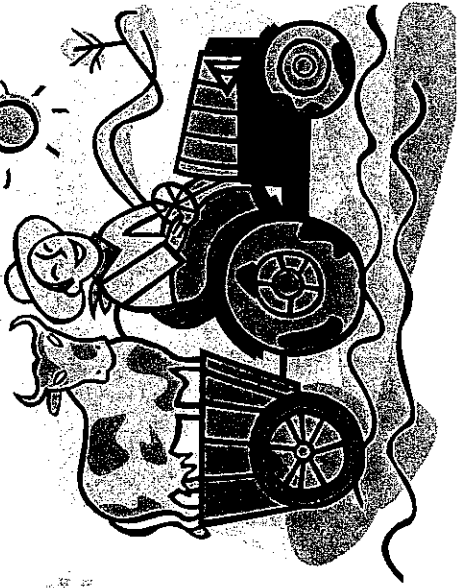


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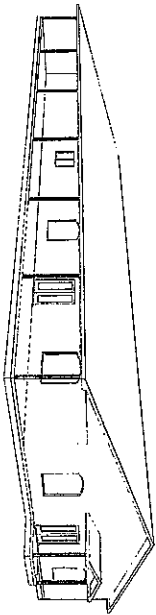
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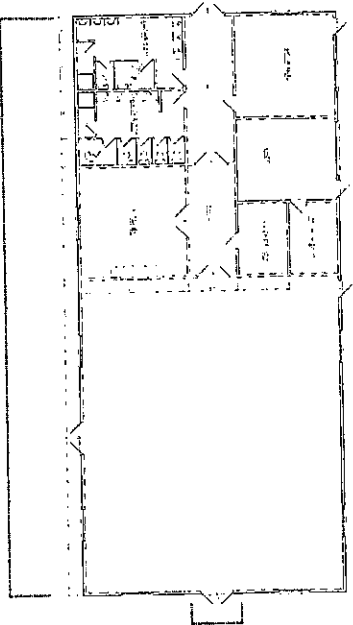


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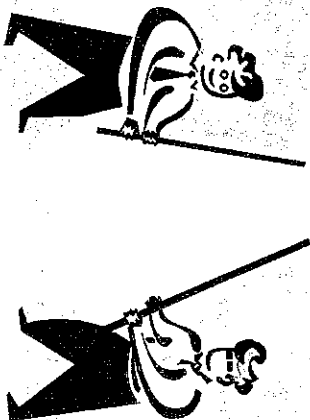
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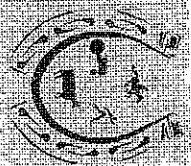
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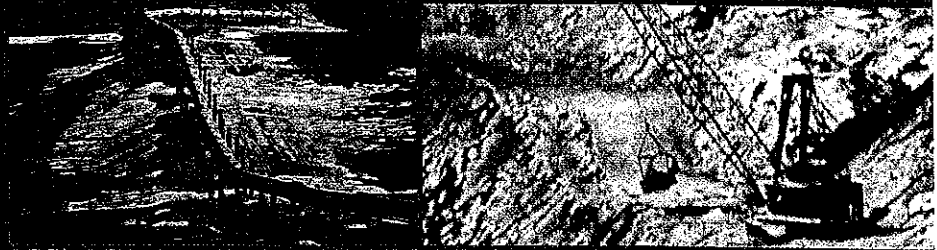
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8:00 Registration and Coffee Served ☞

8:45 Opening Remarks
from the Conference Co-Chair

Brendan Bell
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9:00 Energy and Mineral Opportunities in the North
and Motivators for Northern Exploration

Benoit Beauchamp
Executive Director
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John Percival
Program Manager, Northern Mineral Development
Geological Survey of Canada

- Examining exploration activities and assessing the areas of highest potential
- Determining the new frontiers for offshore drilling
- Upcoming exploration of the Sverdrup Basin: determining the potential for natural gas reserves
- Overcoming challenges and barriers
- What will trigger further Arctic development?
- The role of global warming: good or bad?
- Exploring current mineral development activity and areas for growth

10:15 Networking Coffee Break ☞

Overcoming Resource Development Hurdles

10:30 Extension of the Mackenzie Highway:
Is it Feasible?

Barrie Robb
Vice President, Business Development
Mackenzie Aboriginal Corporation

- How are companies moving materials North of 60°?
 - What improvements are necessary in the near-term?
- Steps necessary to have the road built

11:00 Determining Your Logistics Plan
for Your Resource Project

Stuart Russell
Vice President, Business Development
Braden Barry Expediting (BBE)

- Sourcing out the expediting and logistics to add value in the control of the materials
- Comparing shipping speeds versus costs: needing to know your transportation options
- Receiving, crating and consolidating cargo to ensure 100% reliability of goods shipped

11:30 Navigating the Regulatory Framework
North of 60° and Defining Jurisdictions

Bernie Funston
President
Northern Canada Consulting

Todd Romaine
Chief Land Administrator
Inuvialuit Land Administration

- Understanding the role of territorial governments and boards
 - water and surface rights boards
 - Yukon post-devolution
- Identifying jurisdiction in settled land claims
- Defining the role of municipalities
- Where is jurisdiction exclusive and where is it overlapping?
- Determining responsibility for regulation and permitting v. enforcement
- When is a licence necessary v. a permit?

12:30 Networking Luncheon
for Speakers and Delegates ☞☞

1:45 Identifying Ways to Improve
the Northern Regulatory Regime

Stephen Traynor
Director, Resource Policy and Programs
INAC

Nick Poushinsky
Director, Pipelines, Oil and Gas
Jacques Whitford AXYS Ltd.

- Determining current frustrations with the regulatory regime
- Sharing identified areas for improvement – learnings from the Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative
- Examining how the current regulatory regime is evolving
 - What changes can be anticipated in the near future?
- How do land claims agreements fit into the process?
- What are the next steps to bring about change?

2:45 Creating Meaningful Consultations:
A New Paradigm for the North

Robert Freedman
Partner
Cook Roberts

- Addressing existing challenges through consistent meaningful dialogue
- How were recent agreements achieved?
- What are the Consultation Protocols established between the Dene Tha' and the Government of Canada?
- Learn what makes these established protocols exemplary
- Can these protocols be followed by industry to facilitate the consultation process?
- Legal and practical requirements for consultation between government, industry and First Nations

3:30 Refreshment Break

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3:45 Recent Exploration and Drilling Activity North of 60°

John Hogg
Vice President
MGM Energy

- Current drilling activity report in the Mackenzie Valley Delta
- Recent exploration developments in the region
- Critical facts about working in NWT
- Overcoming project development challenges including environmental and stakeholder relations

4:30 Arctic Sovereignty: Government Initiatives, Areas of Concern and How Industry Can Play a Role

Robert Huebert
Associate Director
Centre for Military and Strategic Studies
University of Calgary

- Will there be a projection of Canadian Sovereignty in the north?
 - An update on government plans for this – ice breakers, army training facility at Resolute Bay, deepwater port at Nanisivik, security
- Northwest Passage - what is the impact if it becomes an International shipping route?
- Highlighting the need to define the offshore boundary between Yukon and Alaska in the Beaufort Sea

5:15 Chair's Recap and Conference Adjourns

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

8:30 Coffee Served ☕

9:00 Opening Remarks from the Conference Co-Chair

Benoit Beauchamp
Executive Director
Arctic Institute of North America

9:15 Beyond the Duty to Consult: Ways to Work with Local Stakeholders to Obtain Project Acceptance By the Community

Stephen Ellis
Akaitcho IMA Implementation Coordinator
NWT Treaty #8 Tribal Corporation

- Where are clear processes set out? Where can this information be obtained?
- Examining options for working with local communities when a clear process is not available

- Partnering: understanding what it means, determining if it is of value, and what type of partnership makes the most sense for you
- Determining if an Impact Benefit Agreement is the best route to take

10:15 Networking Coffee Break ☕

10:30 Successfully Managing Environmental Assessments (EAs)


David D. Swisher
Vice President & Sr. Project Manager
Tamerlane Ventures

- Best practices for streamlining the environmental assessment process
- Developing an understanding of your projects' physical location
- Developing an awareness of the stakeholders who may be effected by your project
- Examining how transparency and consistency play a role and how to maintain these throughout project lifecycle
- Building a solid design: what does this entail?
- Collaborating with stakeholders

11:30 Improving the Efficiency of the Fiscal Regime in the North

Russell Banta
President
Banta Consulting

- Critical facts about the current resource revenue regimes:
 - What are the models in NWT and Nunavut?
- How does the structure in Yukon differ since devolution?
- Is there a true sharing of fiscal benefits in these structures?
- How is the structure of sharing in the north different from southern regimes?
- Resource revenues - a trap or an opportunity for the north?
- What interests do the private sector, the country and the north have in northern resource revenue sharing?

12:15 Networking Luncheon for Speakers and Delegates 

1:15 Financing Your Resource Development Project

- Analyzing your investment options – what is best for your company?
- Who are key emerging investors for resource projects and what do they want?
- What operational and regulatory challenges need to be addressed before seeking investment?
- Exploring the benefits and risks of foreign investment

2:00 Interactive Panel Discussion on Workforce Development Programs: Understanding the Benefits & Challenges

Marie Robidoux
Manager
Northern and Aboriginal Projects
Challenger and Inukshuk Geomatics

Geir Utskot
Arctic Manager Oilfield Services
Schlumberger Canada

John Pahl
Vice President, Marketing North
Akita Drilling Ltd.

Low population, lack of skills and experience make staffing an issue for Northern development at all levels of the project. Also, many land claims agreements require that a certain percentage of locals be hired for the project. It is clear that there is a need to recruit and train to ensure a robust workforce exists.

- Examining what a workforce development program entails
 - Analysis of the challenges along the way and how they were overcome
 - Outlining the benefits associated
- How do these programs maintain their momentum?
 - Creative ways of continuing workforce development
- Where is the workforce going to come from?
- How is government and industry working together?

3:30 Closing Remarks from the Conference Chair,
Conference Concludes

Interactive Learning Session

Monday, September 22, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Registration opens at 1:00 p.m.)

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Wednesday, October 1, 2008

8:00 Registration Opens and Coffee is Served ☕

8:45 Opening Remarks from the Conference Chair

Bernd Christmas
 Senior Vice-President & National Practice Leader
 Aboriginal Affairs, Hill & Knowlton Canada

9:00 Understanding the Impact of Key Court Decisions in Consultation North of 60°

Kevin O'Callaghan
 Partner
 Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Vancouver

- What are the key differences in consultation north of 60° and south of 60°?
- Outlining the significance of recent case law:
 - *Platinex v. Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation*
 - *Tsilhqot'in First Nation v. British Columbia case*
 - *Dene Tha' First Nation v. Canada*
 - *R v. Morris*
- Exploring consultation do's and don'ts drawing on recent jurisprudence
- Examining provincial consultation initiatives:
 - What can be learned from BC's New Relationship with First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples?
 - Understanding Alberta's new First Nations Consultation Guidelines on Land Management and Resource Development
 - Looking into Ontario's Approach to Aboriginal Affairs

9:45 Exploring the Regulatory Framework North of 60°

Yvonne MacNeill
 Legal Counsel
 Department of Justice Canada
 Northwest Territories Regional Office

- Which entity has jurisdiction over what?
- Understanding which entities are involved in environmental assessments and regulatory processes
- Outlining the status of devolution, claims and self-government negotiations
- What do each of the northern boards do?
- How do Aboriginal groups and industries participate in the Boards' processes?

10:00 Networking Coffee Break ☕

10:15 Navigating the Consultation Landscape North of 60°

PART A: Examining Interim Measurement Agreements, Land Claims and Unsettled Land Claims


Representative (invited)
 Government of The Northwest Territories

- Understanding consultation practices in settled and unsettled areas: what are the key differences industries should know?

- Reporting on the status of territory consultation guidelines: progress made to date and future timelines
- Interim Measurement Agreements: who should be consulted on what?

Paul Kaludjak
 President
 Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

- Examining the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA)
- Understanding Inuit-owned lands
- Institutions of public government and the management of land, water, and resources
- What is the role of consultation in Nunavut?
- Outlining Article 26 of the NLCA and Inuit Impact Benefit Agreements
- Applicable legislation: Article 2 – Inuit involvement in preparation of legislation

11:30 Networking Luncheon for Delegates and Speakers 

12:45 Navigating the Consultation Landscape North of 60°

PART B: Examining the Roles of the Crown and Northern Boards in Consultation

Margaret Buist
 Acting General Counsel, Mackenzie Gas Project
 Coordination Secretariat
 Department of Justice Canada

Willard Hagen
 Chair
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Richard Edjericon
 Chair
 Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

- Understanding who is responsible for consultation: boards or the Crown?
- Investigating the duty to consult under section 35 of the Constitution
- How is adequate consultation determined?
- Best practices in working with northern boards:
 - How do boards want to be approached?
 - What should industries be bringing to the table?
 - How can industries expedite their applications?
 - Examining timelines: how much time should be allotted for consultation?
- Critical updates on upcoming projects

2:00 Networking Refreshment Break

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2:15 Moving Mackenzie Forward: Community Consultation and its Impact on the Mackenzie Gas Project

Randy J. Ottenbreit
 Development Executive, Regulatory
 Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited

- The latest updates on Impact Benefit Agreements:
 - What has been promised and to whom?
 - How was the process arrived at?
- What are future challenges to implementation and how they can be overcome?
- How will this project impact Aboriginal business opportunities and future northern developments?
- What is this project's impact on Aboriginal culture?

Robert Reid
President
Aboriginal Pipeline Group

- Who is the Aboriginal Pipeline Group?
- What is its mandate?
- How is it involved in the Mackenzie Gas Project?
- How is it ensuring meaningful and ongoing inclusion of Aboriginal groups in the development, construction and operation of the pipeline?

3:30 Structuring Effective Training and Employment Programs for Industry and Aboriginal Partnerships

Marie Robidoux
Manager, Northern and Aboriginal Projects
Challenger and Inukshuk Geomatics

- Accurately assessing training needs before the start of the project
- Incorporating employment opportunities as part of the consultation process
- Examining proven training and employment strategies from industry
- Strategies in securing manpower over the life of the project: what resources are at industry's disposal?
- Understanding the importance of cultural awareness

4:15 Engaging in Joint-Venture Partnerships: Benefits and Limitations

Joe Bruce
President
Shehtah Nabors LP

- What are the advantages of joint ventures for First Nations and industry?
- Structuring joint-venture partnerships: do's and don'ts
- What is incorporated in joint ventures?
- Understanding risks and liability
- Examples of joint-venture partnerships across Canada

5:00 Recap from the Conference Chair and Conference Adjourns

DAY TWO
Thursday, October 2, 2008

8:00 Coffee Served ☕

8:45 Opening Remarks from the Conference Chair

Bernd Christmas
Senior Vice-President & National Practice Leader
Aboriginal Affairs
Hill & Knowlton Canada

9:00 Best Practices in Consultation

PART A: Gaining an Aboriginal Perspective

Moderator

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Chief Eric Morris
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- Identifying the impacts to the social, cultural and economic well-being of Aboriginal and northern communities
- What issues remain as stumbling blocks in the consultation process?
- Looking into First Nations consultation guidelines: how do communities want to be approached?
- Understanding self-government
- Examples of best practices in collaboration: what has worked and what has not worked?
- Avoiding cultural misconceptions through awareness

11:30 Networking Luncheon for Delegates and Speakers 

12:45 Best Practices in Consultation

PART B: Investigating On-the-Ground Strategies for Industry

Eric Christensen
Manager, Business Services, Diavik Diamond Mines

Doug Willy
Community & Government Relations, Shears Minerals Ltd.

Derek Chubb
Vice-President, Sustainable Development
Baffinland Iron Mines

- Developing an effective consultation plan:
 - When should consultation be engaged?
 - Timeline considerations for environmental assessments

INTERACTIVE Q&A PANEL

- Understanding the benefits of effective collaboration between industry and Aboriginal communities
- Best practices in meaningful and ongoing consultation with Aboriginal and northern communities, boards and the Crown:
 - What concerns should industries expect to face?
- Investigating consultation strategies for junior and mid-sized companies
- The evolving practice of consultation: industry insights into the future

Christopher Loewen

Project Leader

Mackenzie Gas Project—Crown Consultation Unit

- Crown approach to consultations on the MGP
 - Overview of the CCU
 - Challenges
- Elements of an effective consultation process:
 - Developing an effective consultation plan
 - Building relationships with communities, the territorial government and industry
 - Defining the scope of the consultation
 - Developing clear understandings of concerns and recommendations
- What lessons has Canada learned?
- What's next?

Peggy Holroyd

Director, Arctic Energy Solutions, The Pembina Institute

- Summarize Pembina's recommendations for best practices in project consultation from its many years working with the oil and gas industry, First Nations communities and landowners in Northern and Western Canada.
- Specific topics that will be addressed:
 - What is appropriate consultation and accommodation?
 - Building trust and respect
 - Consultation on environmental and cumulative impacts
 - Building capacity
- This presentation will also draw from the number of guides Pembina has published to help communities and landowners negotiate through consultation with industry and government in the regulatory process such as the "Environment and Energy in the North Primer Series" and "When the Oilpatch Comes to Your Backyard: A Citizen's Guide."

3:30 Recap from the Conference Chair and Conference Concludes

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Session leader:

Carol Crowe

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In this pre-conference interactive session, we will discuss the most practical approaches to ensuring consultation is completed and the community engagement is successful.

Topics will include:

- Interpreting the best consultation process for your organization
- Engaging the community
- Addressing the tough questions
- Managing expectations
- Keeping the political issues separate
- Practical approaches to environmental monitoring and management for successful consultation

Carol Crowe, principal of Indigenous Visions Inc., has vast knowledge in indigenous government, community relations, and business leadership. Carol specializes in land and environmental management in treaty and traditional territories of First Nation people.

Carol designs an array of workshops for community, industry and government gatherings. She is an instructor for the BEAHR Learning Institute, Environmental Monitor Training Certificate program and the University of Calgary, Environmental Management Course "Aboriginal People and the Environment."

WHO YOU WILL MEET:

Senior Executives, Directors and Managers of: Community Relations, Aboriginal Relations, Internal and External Affairs, Stakeholder Relations, Project Development, Environmental Planning, Government and Corporate Affairs, Policy Analysts, Partners and In-house Counsel in:

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- Mining and Exploration
- Pipeline
- Provincial and Federal Government
- Northern Boards
- Aboriginal Communities
- Power Generation and Transmission
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