




MACKENZIE COUNTY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
10:00 AM**

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**Tuesday, September 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Fort Vermilion, Alberta

AGENDA

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October 25, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 22. a) Adjournment



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Approved Council Meeting minutes are posted on the County website.

POLICY REFERENCES:

Author: T. Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** D. Derksen

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the minutes of the September 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Author: T.Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** D. Derksen

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

Josh Knelsen	Reeve (virtual)
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor
Garrell Smith	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor (virtual)
Ernest Peters	Councillor

REGRETS:

Jacque Bateman	Councillor
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ADMINISTRATION:

Darrell Derksen	Chief Administrative Officer
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Caitlin Smith	Director of Planning and Agriculture
Byron Peters	Director of Projects and Infrastructure
John Zacharias	Director of Utilities
Louise Flooren	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Tom and Dawn Spicer	Owners – Spicer Farms
Members of the Public	

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on September 6, 2023 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. a) Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA:

2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 23-09-665

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 10. c) Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant Funding
- 13. a) Fidler Pit Sand
- 13. b) La Crete Arena Parking Lot

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 3. a) Minutes of the August 2, 2023 Special Council Meeting**

MOTION 23-09-666

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the August 2, 2023 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 3. b) Minutes of the August 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 23-09-667

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the minutes of the August 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 3. c) Business Arising out of the Minutes**

None.

CLOSED MEETING:

- 4. Closed Meeting**

MOTION 23-09-668

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:03 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Offer of Land Purchase – 1039 Aspen Drive Lot 07, Blk 11, Plan 0926864 (*FOIP Sections 23, 24, 25 and 27*)
- 4.b) Tallahassee Tax Agreement (*FOIP Section 25*)
- 4.c) La Crete Stormwater Master Plan – Request for Proposals (*FOIP Section 25*)

4.d) Proposed Bridge Locations (FOIP Sections 21 and 23)

CARRIED

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. (MGA Section 602.08(1)(6))

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Bateman
- Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer
- Don Roberts, Director of Community Services
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Agriculture
- Byron Peters, Director of Projects and Infrastructure
- John Zacharias, Director of Utilities
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

MOTION 23-09-669 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 11:01 a.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

TENDERS: **5. a) Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project No. 2320-009**

MOTION 23-09-670 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That the Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project No. 2320-009 Tender – Envelope #1 be opened.

CARRIED

Bidder	Qualifying Documents
Green Acre Ventures Ltd.	All required documents included.

MOTION 23-09-671 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project No. 2320-009 Tender – Envelope #2 be opened for the qualified bidder.

CARRIED

Bidder	Cost
Green Acre Ventures Ltd.	\$770,000.00

MOTION 23-09-672 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration review tender submissions, and bring recommendation for awarding of the Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Tenders later in the meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: **7. a) Fish Pond Supplier – Spicer Farms**

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

MOTION 23-09-673 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That the Fish Pond Supplier – Spicer Farms report be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: **8. a) Director and Manager Reports for August 2023**

MOTION 23-09-674 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Director and Manager Reports for August 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **4. a) Offer of Land Purchase – 1039 Aspen Drive Lot 07, Blk 11, Plan 0926864**

MOTION 23-09-675 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the Offer of Land Purchase – 1039 Aspen Drive Lot 07, Blk 11, Plan 0926864 be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. b) Tallahassee Tax Agreement

MOTION 23-09-676 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration enter in an amended tax agreement schedule with Tallahassee Exploration Inc. as discussed.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. c) La Crete Stormwater Master Plan – Request for Proposals

MOTION 23-09-677 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration proceed with issuing Request for Proposals for the detailed plan for the Stormwater Master Plan for the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

MOVED 23-09-678 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the deadline for proposals be set for October 10, 2023 and administration be authorized to open and score each proposal for presentation and awarding at the October 11, 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. d) Proposed Bridge Locations

MOTION 23-09-679 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That a letter of support for the Proposed Bridge Locations be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. a) Budget Amendment – Mitigation Surplus Auction June 2023

MOTION 23-09-680 MOVED by Councillor Wardley
Require 2/3

That the 2023 Capital Budget be amended by \$53,391 for the FV – Flood Mitigation project with funds coming from the June 2023 Auction proceeds.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. b) Fort Vermilion Mitigation Construction Update August 2023 – 2020 Overland Flood

MOTION 23-09-681 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Fort Vermilion Mitigation Construction update August 2023 – 2020 Overland Flood report be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) Bylaw 1302-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5 from Agricultural “A” to Institutional “I”

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk called the public hearing for Bylaw 1302-23 to order at 1:06 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1302-23 was properly advertised. Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture answered that the Bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Bylaw 1302-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5 from Agricultural “A” to Institutional “I”.

Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture presented the following:

Administration has received a request to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Institutional “I” to accommodate the construction of a church and school.

The purpose of the Institutional district is to allow for a variety of public and private uses that provide medical, public safety, religious and cultural services/amenities to the community. The proposed rezoning area is 13 acres.

Currently there is one (1) residential yard site on this part of the quarter section. There are three (3) separate titles on the remainder of the quarter section, two (2) residential yard sites and one (1) commercial yard site.

According to the Hamlet of La Crete Area Structure Plan, Section 3.6 Institutional and Community Services Policies states:

Facilities A.

- The County should encourage the development of institutional land uses that provide cultural, social or health services to residents. This includes a library and associated open space in the Town Centre Area and a new recreational center (as demand requires) located in a General Commercial Area.*

The utilities department does not have any servicing concerns.

Proposed Bylaw 1302-23 was presented to the Municipal Planning Commission on July 13, 2023 where the following motion was made:

MPC 23-07-113 **MOVED by Tim Driedger**
Requires Unanimous

That the Municipal Planning Commission recommend to Council to approve Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Bylaw 1302-23 was presented to Council on August 16, 2023 where the following motion was made:

MOTION 23-08-637 **MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk**

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", to accommodate a church and school, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Bylaw 1302-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5 from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I".

Councillor Braun – At 1st reading was access and dust control discussed?

Administration – Yes.

Councillor Wardley – So as far as road upgrades or dust control, why does it have to wait until the development permit stage?

Administration – This item is brought to the Council only for land use rezoning, development specifications come at time of subdivision and development permit as conditions of approval.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1302-23. There were 4 submissions received which were included in the agenda package and were read by Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1302-23. There were members of the public present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Jonathan Goertzen – Asked if Council had any questions, concerns are clearly written in his submission. If the property is developed, will there be restrictions applied and will the road be upgraded at the cost of the County or developer and are not to have negative affects to surrounding people?

Council – yes, restrictions will need to be applied. This is at the discretion of the development authority.

Council - Did you just buy an acre or so and add it to your property?

Jonathan Goertzen – Yes, just for a buffer zone, again I'm not against the rezoning. I just want to ensure that there are written conditions in the development stages, to ensure privacy, road upgrades, the intersection of TWP 1060 and RR152 needs to be upgraded.

Council – This is a large cost to the developer.

Jonathan Goertzen – Then there should be fair for the county to add to budget to upgrade the corner to minimum standards due to the amount of traffic. The Church is open for 5 days a week and the school as well. I'm not opposed to the rezoning restrictions need to be put in place, my neighbours are a closer distance from the road and already experience lots of dust. I do what I can for dust control at my place but with the amount of traffic =, the dust control doesn't do much. There is a steady hazard of dust, so something needs to be done and it's a huge expense.

Council – If we work with developer and County would the adjacent landowners be willing to pay a levy for paving?

Ryan Wolfe – My tax bill is a whole lot already, its not a fair expense for 6 landowners and a whole lot more users.

Council – I don't believe it is fair to put the whole expense on the few landowners on the road.

Ryan Wolfe – I stated my concerns in my letter as well, there's already dust coating my yard when there is an east wind. There's heavy traffic and no dust control and it will be a constant dust when you add a church and school. Even if its oiled up and down the road it will not last, so we can't go with that effort. I also ask for no driveway where it is currently located as it is dead center of my driveway and there will be headlights in my windows. I would like to see an access on the NW corner past my treeline for the school and church. The intersection of TWP1060 and RR152 you can hardly turn off the pavement cleanly without going off the curb into ditch with another vehicle waiting at the stop sign, it needs to be widened or upgraded. Now if there are school buses and individual traffic from kids being dropped off it will be full washboard.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1302-23 at 1:26 p.m.

MOTION 23-09-682 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", to accommodate a church and school.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-09-683 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the third reading of Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", to accommodate a church and school be TABLED to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 1:37 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

TENDERS: **5. a) Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project No. 2320-009**

MOTION 23-09-684 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger
Requires 2/3

That administration bring the Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project 2320-009 Tender Awarding to the September 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: **9. a) None**

COMMUNITY SERVICES: **10. a) 2023 Capital Budget Amendment - La Crete Walking Trail 109 Ave to 113 Street - Extension**

MOTION 23-09-685 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun
Requires 2/3

That the 2023 One Time project Budget be amended with the cancellation of the LC Walking Trail (2018) project and return \$6,000 to the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-09-686
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2023 Capital Budget for the La Crete Streetscape project be reduced by \$54,000 by returning \$25,000 to the General Capital Reserve and \$29,000 to the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-09-687
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Reeve Knelsen

That the 2023 Capital Budget be amended to include the La Crete Walking Trail 109 avenue to 113 Street – Extension by \$64,000 with funding coming from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. b) 2023 One Time Project Funding Amendment - FV Fishing Opportunities (Mackenzie Applied Research Association, Tompkins Twin Ponds) (2023)

MOTION 23-09-688
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2023 One Time project funding source budget be amended for the FV Fishing Opportunities (Mackenzie Applied Research Association, Tompkins Twin Ponds) with funding coming from Municipal Reserves.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-09-689
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the 2023 Capital Budget be amended by \$30,000 for the Machesis Lake Campground project, with funding coming from Recreation and Parks Reserve.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. c) Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant Funding (ADDITION)

MOTION 23-09-690
 Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That Council supports the submission of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) grant funding proposal for Mackenzie County Wildfire Mitigation plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE:

11. c) Funding Source Amendment – 2023 Capital County Vehicles

MOTION 23-09-691
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2023 Capital Budget funding sources be amended by \$70,000 for the LC & FV Office Vehicle projects, and \$63,000 for the Chief Administrative Officer vehicle, with funding coming from the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, returning \$133,000 to the available balance of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant.

CARRIED

**PROJECTS &
 INFRASTRUCTURE:**

12. a) Gravel Pit Security Options Update

MOTION 23-09-692

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the Gravel Pit Security Update be received for information.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Filter Pit Sand (ADDITION)

MOTION 23-09-693
 Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the 500 cubic meters of sand from the Filter Pit be donated to the La Crete Equine Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

OPERATIONS:

13. b) La Crete Arena Parking Lot (ADDITION)

MOTION 23-09-694
 Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That the La Crete Arena Parking Lot discussion be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UTILITIES: 14. a) None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 15. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 16. a) 2016 140M AWD Grader Sale Date

MOTION 23-09-695 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That administration be authorized to list the 2016 – 140M grader at the Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers heavy equipment sale on October 3 - 5, 2023.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 16. b) La Crete Agricultural Society - Request for Letter of Support

MOTION 23-09-696 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Agricultural Society for their Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application for the Flour Mill Upgrade.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 17. a) None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 18. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 23-09-697 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Council Committee Reports (verbal) be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

18. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 23-09-698

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the approved Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 10, 2023 and the unapproved Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 24, 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

19. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 23-09-699

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

CARRIED

MOTION 23-09-700

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That a letter addressing Mackenzie County's concerns regarding the impact of the Site C Dam on the Ice Bridge and Ferry Crossing be sent to the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors and BC Hydro.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING:

4. Closed Meeting

MOTION 23-09-701

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That Council move into a closed meeting at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.e) CAO Report (*FOIP Section 16, 17, 23 and 24*)

CARRIED

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. (*MGA Section 602.08(1)(6)*)

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Bateman
- Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION 23-09-702 **MOVED** by Reeve Knelsen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 3:56 p.m.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **4. e) CAO Report**

MOTION 23-09-703 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the CAO Report be received for information.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: **20. a) None**

NEXT MEETING DATES: **21. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Regular Council Meeting
September 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
October 11, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: **22. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 23-09-704 **MOVED** by Reeve Knelsen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented for approval at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Josh Knelsen
Reeve

Darrell Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

UNAPPROVED



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Agriculture
Title:	PUBLIC HEARING Bylaw 1305-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1”

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

On August 3, 2023, administration has received a Land Use Bylaw Amendment application to rezone a portion of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1” to accommodate a Retail-Liquor use, which is a discretionary use in the DC1 district.

The subject lot is adjacent to the south boundary of the Hamlet of La Crete.

The area proposed to be rezoned is a portion of the subdivision where Prairie Packers is located. This equals approximately 2.5 acres of the total 5-acre lot. The east side of the subdivision contains a residential dwelling. The applicant, Karl Driedger, would like to rezone in order to accommodate retail liquor sales out of their existing building. The existing business is considered an abattoir and there are retail sales within the existing building which was approved in 2013. The applicant feels this would be a valuable addition to the area.

This proposed bylaw amendment was originally presented to the Municipal Planning Commission on July 29, 2021, where the following motion was made:

MPC 21-07-122 **MOVED** by *Jacquie Bateman*

That the Municipal Planning Commission recommend to Council to APPROVE Bylaw 12xx-21 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1”, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

{B5420985.DOC;1}Author: J Wiebe Reviewed by: C Smith CAO: D. Derksen

It was then taken to Council for first reading on August 18, 2021, the following motion was made:

MOTION 21-08-580 *MOVED* by Councillor Bateman

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1236-21 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1” to accommodate retail – liquor, subject to public hearing input.

DEFEATED

Section 3.1.5 of the Land Use Bylaw 1066-17 provides that where an application for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw has been refused, another application for the same parcel and the same or similar amendment may not be made by the same or other application for at least 6 months after the date the bylaw was defeated. A new application was received on August 3, 2023, which is more than 6 months after the bylaw was defeated on August 18, 2021.

The proposed bylaw amendment was presented to the Municipal Planning Commission on August 10, 2023, where the following motion was made:

MPC 23-08-129 *MOVED* by Erick Carter

That the Municipal Planning Commission recommend to Council to APPROVE Bylaw 13xx-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1”, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

The following are the relevant planning documents that apply to the lands that are the subject of this application: Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 735-09, Land Use Bylaw 1066-17, the La Crete Area Structure Plan Bylaw 895-13, and the Sustainability Plan. Note that *excerpts of the planning documents are in italics*, and staff comments are in regular text:

Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 735-09 (MDP)

2.2 Strengths, Themes and Guiding Principles

The Going Forward plan review process identified community strengths, major themes for future development, and guiding principles for Mackenzie County.

2.2.1 Community Strengths

Four community strengths emerged in this process and demonstrated that Mackenzie County:

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1. Values its history and rural lifestyle;
2. Offers a small town quality of life;
3. Values its cultural diversity; and
4. Is proud of its natural resources and amenities.

2.2.2 Major Themes

Participants in the Going Forward plan review process overwhelmingly described that Mackenzie County is a desirable place to live and to raise a family. Participants also identified that they like Mackenzie County's Hamlets and rural areas, and value the services and amenities these areas currently provide. Participants clearly stated that they want diversity in employment opportunities to choose from, new facilities and recreation amenities, such as a health care centre and a swimming pool, and improvements to infrastructure, such as paving roads, and better phone service to meet their needs in the future. Mackenzie County's greatest challenge will be to balance the benefits and costs of current and future development and still provide a desirable place to live and to raise a family.

2.2.3 Ten Principles

If Mackenzie County is going to succeed in creating a desirable place to live and to raise a family, then any decision made by Council, Administration or stakeholders must recognize the four community strengths, the major themes and the following ten principles, which were identified in the Going Forward plan review process:

1. Agricultural is the most important land use in the rural area;
2. The history and culture of our unique Hamlets will be celebrated;
3. Development and growth shall be directed to specific locations;
4. Residents can find adequate, affordable accommodation;
5. Economic diversity shall be promoted;
6. The integrity of natural areas shall be protected;
7. Parks and recreation areas shall be provided;
8. The transportation system shall be safe and convenient;
9. Servicing shall be extended economically and efficiently; and
10. A unified regional vision shall be created.

These principles are the core values that: reflect the character of the community as identified in the Going Forward process; will provide a consistent set of principles for every decision made by Council or Administration; and shall provide a foundation for the vision, objectives and policies of the MDP.

2.3 Mackenzie County Vision

Mackenzie County is a prosperous community that recognizes the value of its natural environment, local culture and history, and diverse economy. The County will encourage development that creates great places where people want to live and visit, develops economic opportunities, preserves the qualities people love about their communities, and protects natural areas. This vision is unified by a community spirit that makes Mackenzie County a desirable place to live and to raise a family.

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3.0 General Development Strategy

The MDP recognizes that:

- *Better Agricultural Lands and agricultural operations are protected to ensure the County has a productive agricultural land base that will provide an abundance of food products and supports the families involved in the agri-business.*
- *Country residential developments are located in identified development nodes where services and infrastructure are readily available or planned.*
- *Development within Hamlets shall include a mix of residential types to accommodate different needs and tastes, a well-defined central commercial area, and industrial areas that are located in industrial parks and in identified development nodes.*
- *Open space, natural areas and historic resources shall be protected and where necessary, effectively integrated within developments to maintain their cultural and ecological importance.*

3.1 General Development Objectives

- *Accommodate growth and development that is orderly, meets County guidelines and standards, and enhances Mackenzie County.*
- *Maintain the rural character of the County.*
- *Involve the community in the planning process.*
- *Ensure an adequate and suitable land base exists to accommodate Hamlet growth.*

3.2 General Development Policies

- *Mackenzie County shall conform to the policies of the Province of Alberta and the Provincial Land-use Framework and any subsequent Regional Plan when considering MDP updates, MDP amendments, Land Use Bylaw amendments, or other development proposals.*
- *Mackenzie County shall plan for development that contributes to its fiscal, social and environmental well-being.*
 - *Mackenzie County may develop targets or thresholds to monitor changes to the environment, and may develop methods to mitigate or eliminate a local or regional effect.*
- *Mackenzie County shall discourage the removal of Better Agricultural Land from production, or its fragmentation.*
- *Mackenzie County encourages early dialogue with the public, development industry, and other affected stakeholders to facilitate an efficient and effective development review process.*

3.2.9 *The order of development staging shall give first priority to infilling of existing serviced areas followed by areas where infrastructure can be economically extended.*

- a) *Infill development of any land use type should be attuned to the scale and design of the surrounding built environment to integrate the proposed developments into existing areas.*

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The property proposed to be rezoned is currently developed and the change in use will not create additional infrastructure demands on the County.

4.1 Agriculture Objectives

- *Preserve Better Agricultural Land for agricultural land uses.*

4.2. Agriculture Policies

4.2.3 Proposed developments which are determined to be better suited in an urban setting shall be discouraged in an Agricultural Policy Area.

There are arguments both for and against the proposed use being ideally situated within the hamlet or outside of the hamlet. In other areas of the County there are liquor stores located both within hamlets and in the rural area.

4.2.4 Lands in the Agricultural Policy Area, as shown on Map 3 may be developed for agricultural industries, highway commercial uses, home-based businesses, public uses and utilities, recreational uses, resource extraction industries, and rural industrial land provided that:

- a) the proposal is in conformance with statutory plans and the Land Use Bylaw;*
- b) they cannot logically be used for agricultural purposes;*
- c) they do not disrupt existing agricultural operations (i.e., creation of weed problems);*
- d) the proposal is not within proximity to Hamlets, High Level, or Rainbow Lake;*
- e) they are suitable in terms of soil stability, groundwater level, and drainage;*
- f) they are accessible, serviced, or in serviceable locations; and*
- g) they are not within identified natural areas.*

This section covers non-agricultural development in agricultural areas, and suggests that non-agricultural uses may ideally be situated on agricultural lands if they meet certain conditions. Administration suggests that the parcel in question was previously identified as a suitable parcel for commercial activity, as it is an abattoir with a retail sales counter.

6.0 Hamlets

6.2.3 Mackenzie County supports contiguous development that is adjacent to existing development in order to accommodate growth in an orderly an economical manner.

6.2.5 Mackenzie County shall promote the growth and development of one compact, viable central business district for each Hamlet.

6.5 La Crete

La Crete has a residential land supply consisting of approximately 683 ha for Hamlet residential development and approximately 150 ha for future country residential development within its current boundaries. Based on rates of 7.25 and 0.93 dwellings/hectare (typical Hamlet and country residential densities respectively) and an average household size of 2.9 people/dwelling (2006 Federal Census), La Crete could accommodate a population of 19,314. The Hamlet could accommodate another 5,445

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people on lands south of its current boundaries on lands designated for Hamlet Residential development. Therefore, La Crete's current and future residential land supply could readily absorb the projected future growth presented in Appendix 1.

6.6 La Crete Policies

6.6.1 Develop the Hamlet in accordance with the Hamlet of La Crete Area Structure Plan Bylaw 895-13.

6.6.2 Support local initiatives that promote La Crete's culture and heritage.

8.1 Commercial Objectives

- Provide suitable and appropriately located areas for urban and rural commercial activities.
- Emphasize each Hamlet as principal retail and service centers in Mackenzie County.
- Minimize conflict between rural and urban commercial operations.
- Accommodate the growth and development of home based businesses.
- Broaden the County's economic base by taking advantage of retail opportunities.
- Ensure that Mackenzie County's commercial areas are attractive to tourist, regional, and local customers.

This section indicates that the County should encourage commercial development while minimizing conflicts between various types of commercial activity, while encouraging that commercial growth occurs within hamlets. The MDP recognizes the diverse types of commercial activity, and in order to reduce potential conflicts there must be an allowance for diversifying commercial locations. This was previously recognized by the County when a permit was granted for the existing business.

8.2 Commercial Policies

8.2.1 The location of commercial uses shall be limited to existing commercial areas, the junction of Highway 58 and Highway 88, and the locations shown in the area structure plans for the Hamlets of La Crete, Fort Vermilion and Zama City or in the commercial policy areas shown outside the hamlets on Maps 4 - 6.

Note that when analyzing any particular planning application, and considering provisions of a statutory plan (including a Municipal Development Plan) there will be planning principles that in application seem to contradict. This is to be expected. For example a policy to "Preserve Better Agricultural Land" could, when applied, contradict or contrast with a policy to "Create Economic Opportunities", where the proposed development may be based on better agricultural lands. Here, it is Council's role to weigh these competing principles, to determine an appropriate balance.

This section explicitly states that commercial uses are to be limited to the identified areas. This contrasts the direction provided in other areas of the MDP, and therefore it should be understood as a best practice.

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8.2.2 Mackenzie County shall promote the development of one compact, viable central business district within each Hamlet, as illustrated in each of the Area Structure Plans for the Hamlets of La Crete, Fort Vermilion and Zama City.

a) Mackenzie County shall consider the implementation of a Hamlet design concept in order to give a theme to each central business district and may undertake the necessary steps to implement such a theme.

This section encourages commercial uses to be located in one compact area in each hamlet. This again contrasts the direction provided in other areas of the MDP, and therefore it should be understood as a best practice. This policy direction is also short-sighted and does not consider any hamlet growing enough to potentially need multiple commercial hubs.

8.2.3 With the exception of agricultural industries, highway commercial uses, home-based businesses, public uses and utilities, recreational uses, resource extraction industries, and rural industrial land uses, commercial uses shall not be permitted to locate on Better Agricultural Land, unless no suitable alternative location is available.

This section discourages development on better agricultural lands, however there is no indication that land quality was contemplated when identifying any of the growth areas within the MDP. Considering applications based on land quality contrasts the lack of consideration for land quality when identifying areas for growth. The areas identified for growth are focused on transportation and utility access and avoiding/minimizing land use conflicts.

8.2.4 All commercial developments proposed in the Agricultural Policy Area shall be evaluated according to the following:

- a) Conformity with relevant statutory plans and the Land Use Bylaw;*
- b) Quality of agricultural land*
- c) Proximity to hamlets, the town of High Level, or the town of Rainbow Lake;*
- d) The location of the proposed development in relationship to other commercial uses;*
- e) The servicing requirements of the proposal;*
- f) Suitability of the site in terms of soil stability, groundwater level, and drainage; and*
- g) Provisions for access and impacts on the transportation network.*

8.2.6 At the time of development, the County shall pay special attention to the scale, design, and colour of commercial uses in an effort to maximize the compatibility of development with adjacent uses, and may require the provision of buffers, such as landscaping, fences, and berms.

At time of development, the County may impose conditions on the development approval to mitigate against potential concerns. There is a significant amount of flexibility that the County has.

La Crete Area Structure Plan Bylaw 895-13

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On the north side of the proposal area inside the Hamlet boundary, there is a map in the La Crete Area Structure Plan Bylaw 895-13 for future residential construction adjacent. (Please refer to the attached map).

Land Use Bylaw 1066-17

In 2017, with the adoption of Land Use Bylaw 1066-17, retail uses were removed from the Agricultural (A) District (some limited uses such as “home based business medium”, and “home based business minor” remain). The intent is to allow Council, through the DC District process, to review and vet any retail uses that are proposed within this area.

The DC1 District’s purpose is to allow Council to exercise specific direction and control over land use and development land and buildings in particular areas (s 9.14.1). The DC1 District provides that RETAIL-LIQUOR is a discretionary use in the district (s 9.14.2). The district provides that Council will establish development standards based on the proposed land use (s 9.14.4) and that all development shall conform to the spirit and intent of the MDP (s 9.14.9).

RETAIL-LIQUOR is defined as a store that sells alcoholic beverages and products for consumption outside the store.

Mackenzie County has approved an Industrial Growth Strategy for La Crete and is currently updating the MDP. There has been extensive public engagement on both of these projects, and one of the things that the County has clearly heard from the residents in the area is that the County needs to plan for more growth outside of the current hamlet boundaries and allow for more rural growth nodes. The property in question is outside of the lands specifically identified for Industrial growth and is for a proposed commercial use, so the Industrial Growth Strategy does not specifically address the item. The proposed growth nodes are identified for locations further away from the hamlet and do not encompass the subject property. The MDP is currently being updated to reflect the communities desire to see more growth opportunities in more areas around the County.

Soil Classification

The soil type is Carcajou (CAJ). It is a Luvisolic soil, specifically an Orthic Gray Luvisol. It has a Calcar rating of W, which means it is ‘Weakly’ calcareous (meaning that it does not have too much calcium carbonate, which can create nutrient deficiencies for plants). It has a Salinity rating of N, which means it is ‘Non to very weakly’ saline. The L9 designation describes the soil as ‘Course textured materials over fine textured materials.’ The PM1 TEX classification of MC refers to the first layer of soil below the A horizon (topsoil), and MC means ‘moderately coarse textured; sandy loam and fine sandy loam’. The GLFL designation stands for Glaciofluvial. (*Alberta Soil Names File Users Handbook Generation 4*)

Administration does not have a thorough understanding of soil classifications, but the Carcajou soil classification, including it’s subtypes, is not the dominant soil type in the region. Most surrounding soils are still Luvisolic, but have higher organic and/or mineral

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content, or are more likely to be loam and clay oriented type soils. Within the context of soils in Alberta, the Mackenzie region does not have the best soils for agriculture production. Within the local area, the soil type for the subject property is a competent soil for agriculture purposes and has no particular drawbacks when compared to many of the surrounding soil types. The area of the parcel to be redistricted is not under agricultural production.

Based on the above-noted review of the County's planning documents, Administration has found no conflict with the proposed land use bylaw amendment and current planning policies.

The MDP contemplates economic diversity (s 2.2.3), economic opportunities (s 2.3), broadening the County's economic base (s 8.1) and ensuring the County's commercial areas are attractive to tourist, regional and local customers (s 8.1). Allowing retail development on the subject lands would align with these policies.

The Land Use Bylaw provides the proposed use, RETAIL-LIQUOR, is discretionary and the DC1 district allows Council the discretion and flexibility to impose development standards and conditions to ensure the proposed development aligns with planning policies. For example, Administration has identified that if the redistricting and proposed development are approved, there may be increased traffic that will require road upgrades and this can be address through the imposition of a condition to enter into a development agreement to improve roads.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Council may pass, defeat, or table first reading of the bylaw.

If Council passes first reading of the bylaw, it may pass, defeat, or table second reading of the bylaw.

If Council passes second reading of the bylaw, it may only consider third reading if all the Councillors present unanimously agree to consider third reading.

The Requirement for a valid bylaw or resolution in section 5 of Schedule A of Order in Council 54/2001 does not apply to bylaws to amend the Land Use Bylaw.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Costs incurred during advertising the Public Hearing and sending out adjacent landowner letters, which is a cost that is borne by the applicant.

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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The bylaw amendment has been advertised as per MGA requirements, this includes all adjacent landowners. The applicant displayed a sign on the subject property as per LUB requirements.

POLICY REFERENCES:

DEV007 Rural Development Standards

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1305-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1” to accommodate retail – liquor, subject to public hearing input.

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1305-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1” to accommodate retail – liquor.

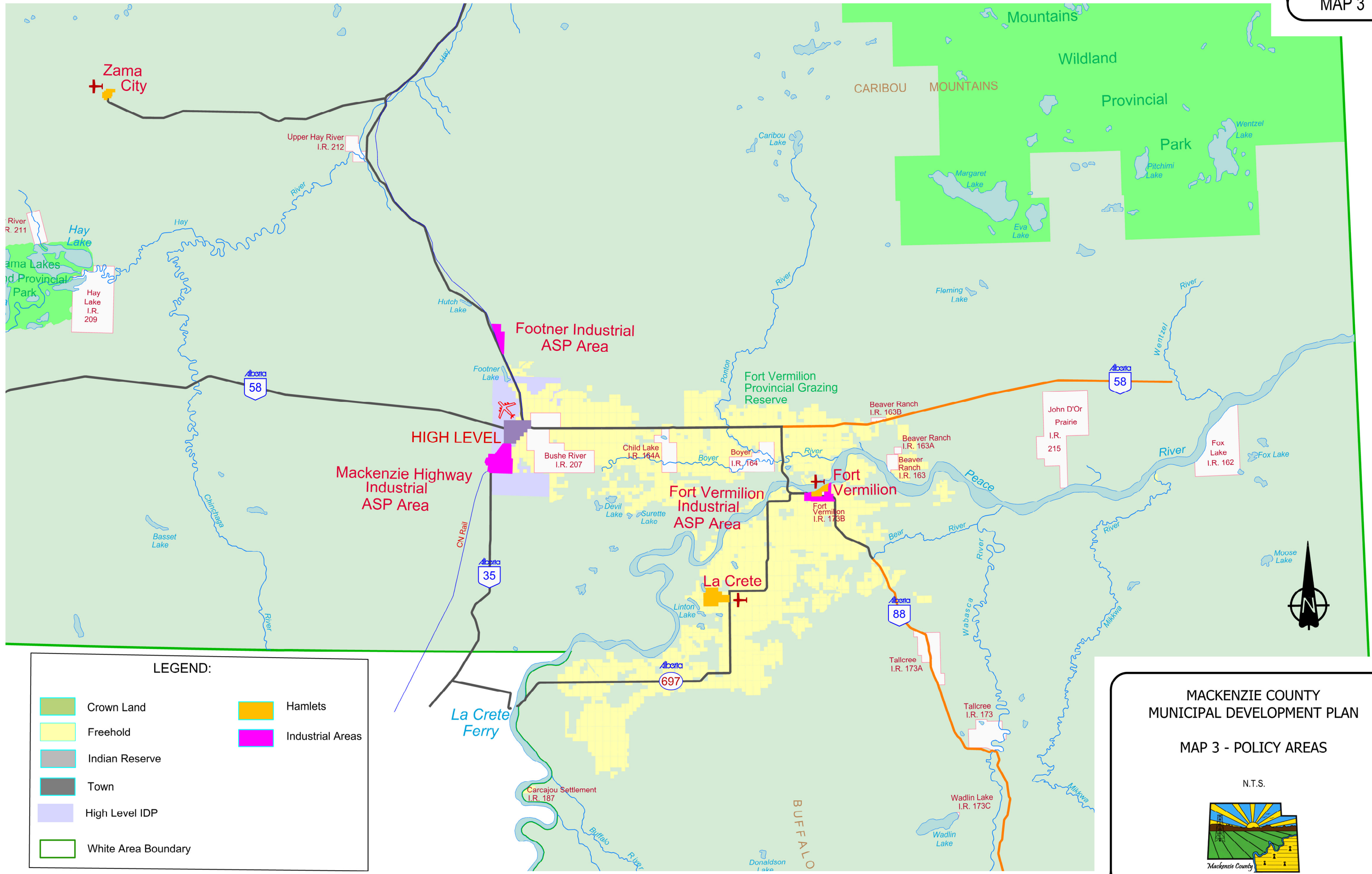
Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That consideration for third reading be given to Bylaw 1305-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1” to accommodate retail – liquor.

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1305-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1” to accommodate retail – liquor.

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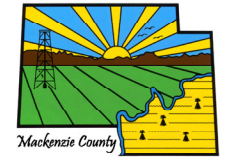


LEGEND:

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|  | Crown Land |  | Hamlets |
|  | Freehold |  | Industrial Areas |
|  | Indian Reserve | | |
|  | Town | | |
|  | High Level IDP | | |
|  | White Area Boundary | | |

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MAP 3 - POLICY AREAS

N.T.S.



Fort Vermilion Projected Population Growth, 2006-2031

Year	Conservative 0.0%	Anticipated 2.0%	Optimistic 5.0%
2006	714	714	714
2011	714	721	750
2016	714	736	787
2021	714	750	827
2026	714	765	868
2031	714	781	911

La Crete Projected Population Growth, 2006-2031

Year	Conservative 10.0%	Anticipated 20.0%	Optimistic 35.0%
2006	2,166	2,166	2,166
2011	2,383	2,599	2,924
2016	2,621	3,119	3,948
2021	2,883	3,743	5,329
2026	3,171	4,491	7,194
2031	3,488	5,390	9,712

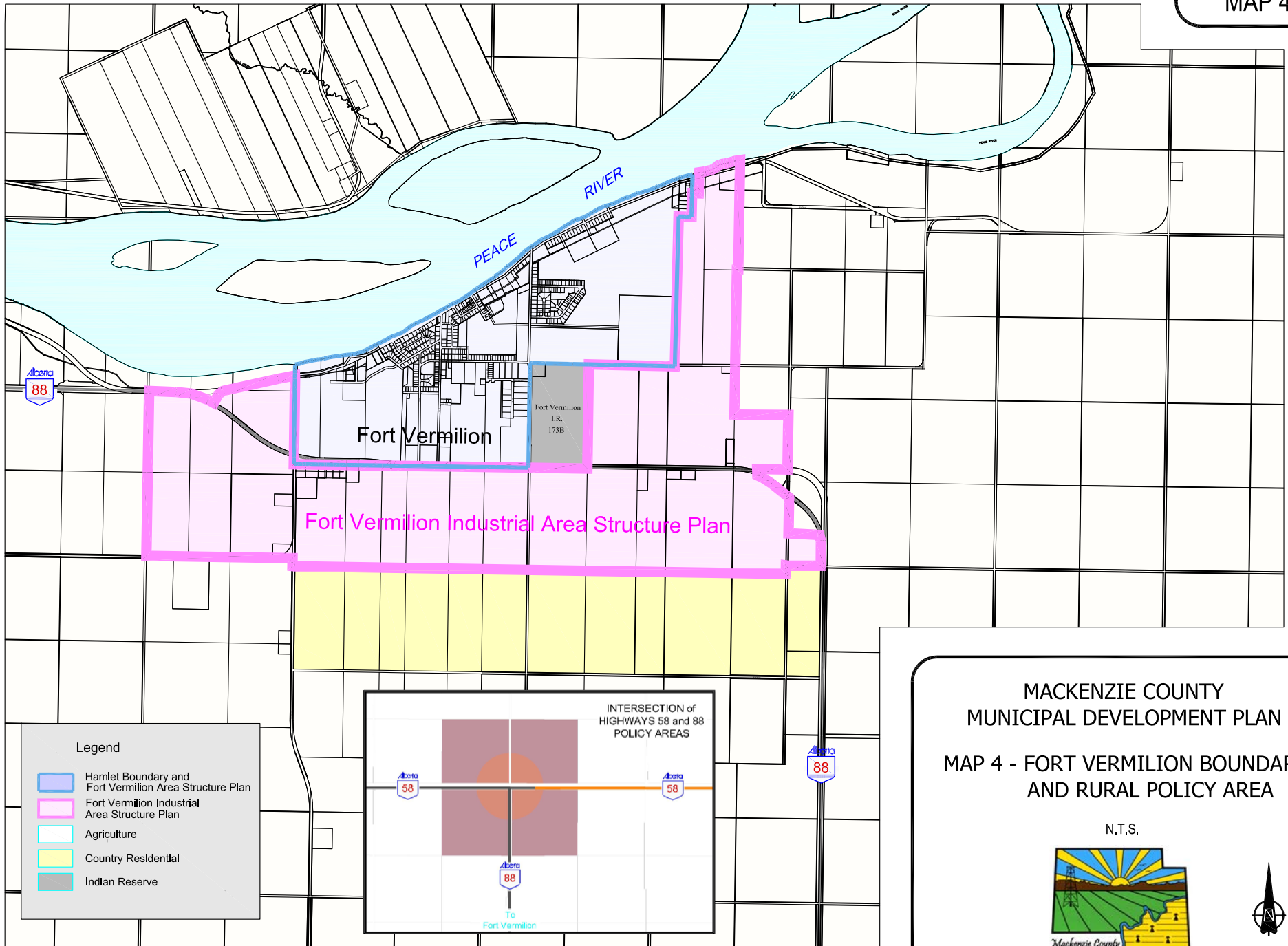
Zama City Projected Population Growth, 2006-2031

Year	Conservative 0.0%	Anticipated 15.0%	Optimistic 50.0%
2006	225	225	225
2011	225	259	338
2016	225	298	506
2021	225	342	759
2026	225	394	1,139
2031	225	453	1,709

Rural Area Projected Population Growth, 2006-2031

Year	Conservative 5.0%	Anticipated 9.0%	Optimistic 15.0%
2006	6,897	6,897	6,897
2011	7,242	7,518	7,932
2016	7,604	8,194	9,121
2021	7,984	8,932	10,489
2026	8,383	9,736	12,063
2031	8,803	10,612	13,872

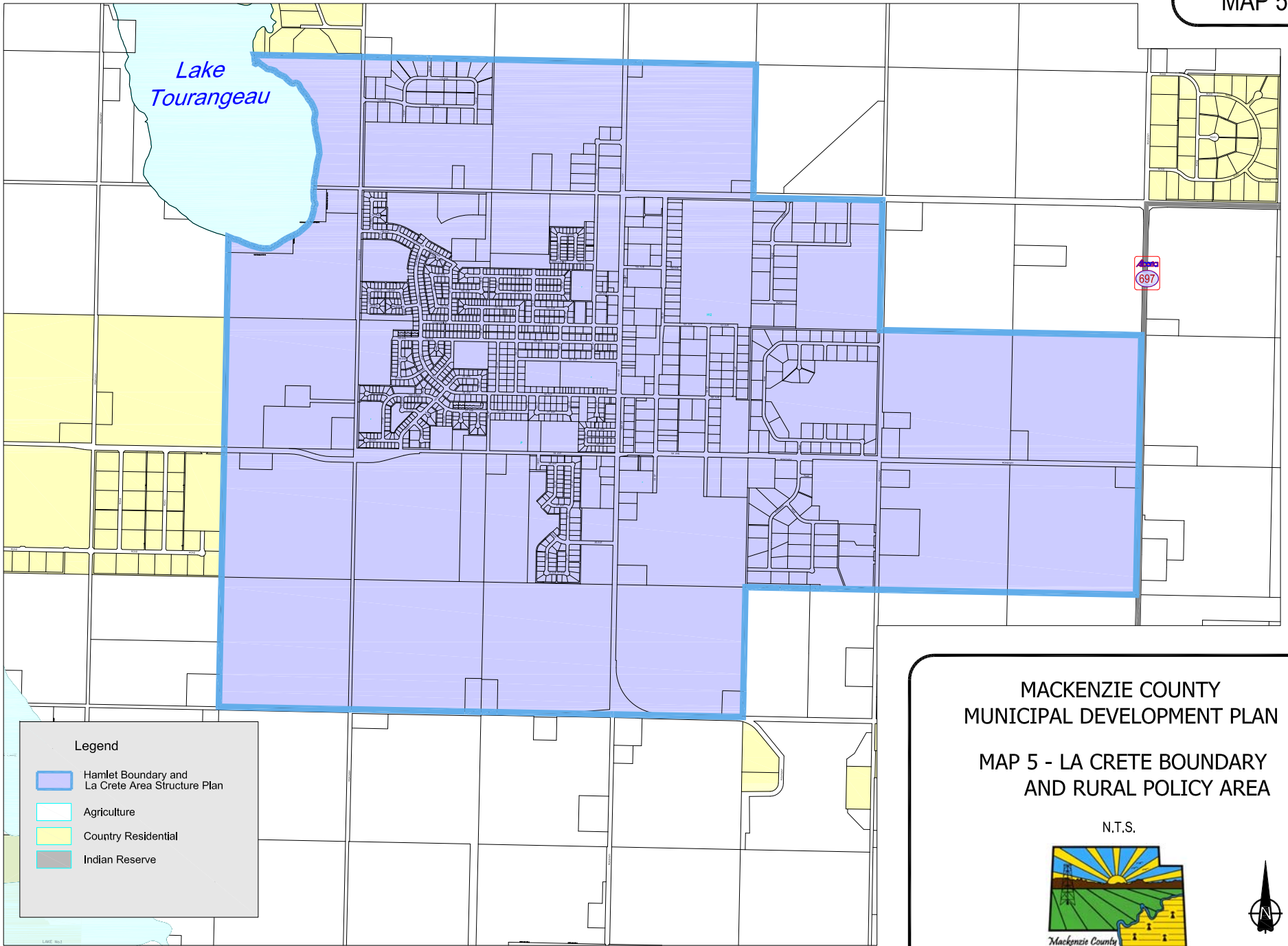
The population projections presented herein are straight linear method components of the overall County projected population growth presented in Table 3. The population projection components were prepared with the assumption that the Mackenzie County's Rural Area and each Hamlet will not experience negative growth under any of the three growth scenarios.



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MAP 4 - FORT VERMILION BOUNDARY
AND RURAL POLICY AREA

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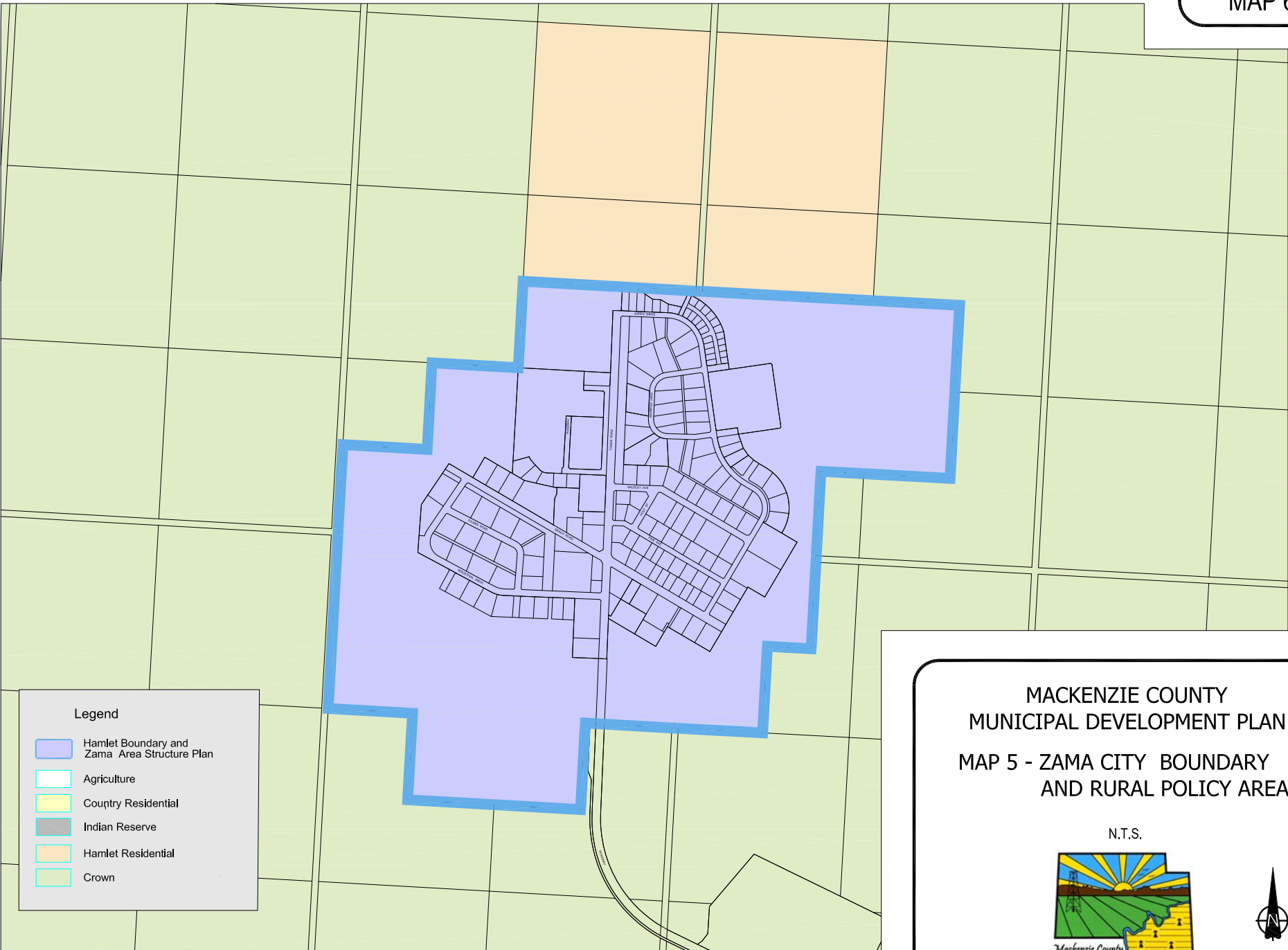
Legend

- Hamlet Boundary and La Crete Area Structure Plan
- Agriculture
- Country Residential
- Indian Reserve

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**MAP 5 - LA CRETE BOUNDARY
AND RURAL POLICY AREA**

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Legend

- Hamlet Boundary and Zama Area Structure Plan
- Agriculture
- Country Residential
- Indian Reserve
- Hamlet Residential
- Crown

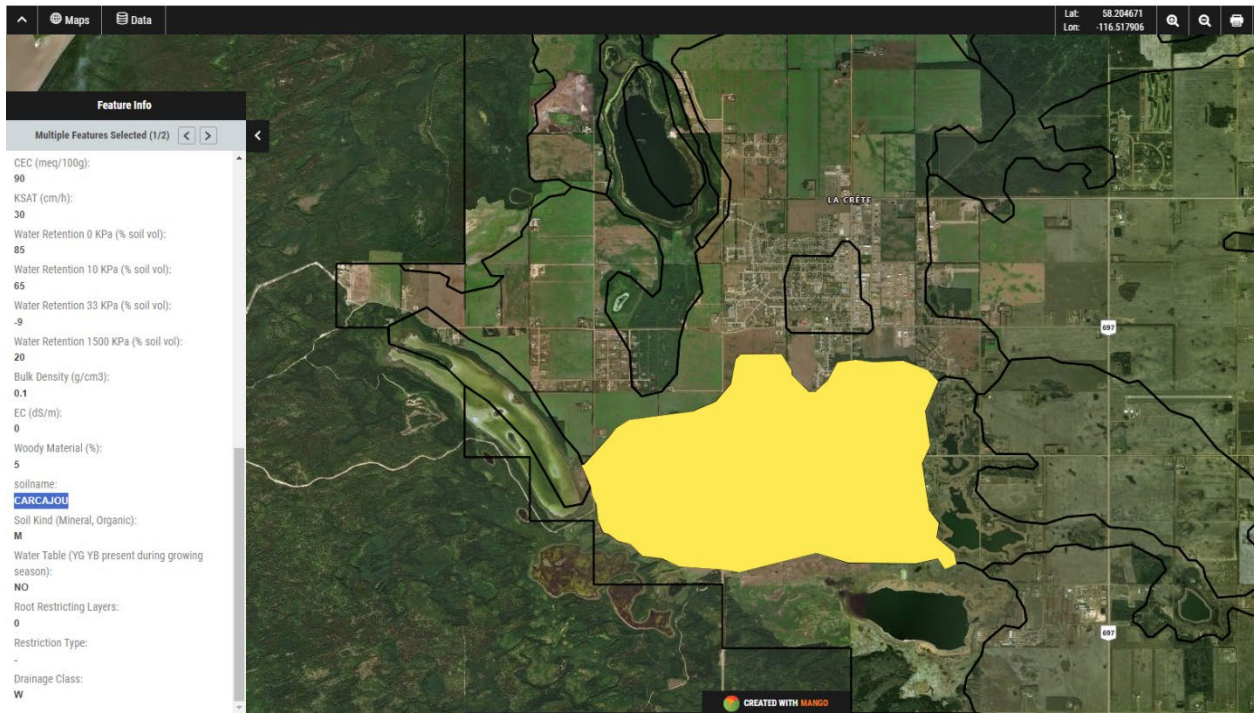
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Alberta Soils



BISON-PT	BISpt	GL	O.HG	M	N	M2	ME	GLFL		could be GLLC, GLFL, or FLLC.
BEAVER RANCH	BRH	GL	O.HG	W	N	M2	MF	FLUV		Replaced Enilda (SCA B) in SCA 22. Layered fluvial sediments are typical. Commonly associated with the better drained Jean D'Or Prairie soils. Occurs in depressions (potholes, channels) of fluvial fans and plains.
BEAVER RANCH-PT	BRHpt	GL	O.HG	W	N	M2	MF	FLUV		Replaced Enilda-pt (SCA B) in SCA 22.
BEAR RIVER	BRR	GL	O.LG	M	M	F4	FI	TILL		Developed on Lawrence till.
BEAR RIVER-PT	BRRpt	GL	O.LG	M	M	F4	FI	TILL		
BOYER	BYR	SZ	G.SS	M	W	F3	FI	GLTL		
BOYER-DA	BYRda	SZ	DG.SS	M	W	F3	FI	GLTL		
CARCAJOU	CAJ	LU	O.GL	W	N	L9	MC	GLFL	FI	GLLC Similar to Codesa-xc (SCA B)
CARCAJOU-CO	CAJco	LU	O.GL	W	N	L9	VC	GLFL	FI	GLLC B1 horizon likely SL textured.
CARCAJOU-GL	CAJgl	LU	GL.GL	W	N	L9	MC	GLFL	FI	GLLC Drainage changed to MW Nov. 27/2003.
CARCAJOU-GR	CAJgr	LU	O.GL	W	N	L1	GRMC	GLFL	FI	GLLC Substantial gravels (20-30%) in overlay (30-100 cm thick) which may be very coarse textured.
CARCAJOU-ST	CAJst	LU	O.GL	W	N	L1	STMC	GLFL	FI	GLLC Substantial stones and cobbles (10-20%) in overlay (30-100 cm thick) which may be very coarse textured.
CARIBOU	CBU	LU	D.GL	W	N	L2	MC	GLFL	MF	TILL Similar to Belloy (SCA B). Not mapped in CAESA-SIP update area but may exist outside that area.
CARIBOU-GR	CBUgr	LU	D.GL	W	N	L1	GRMC	GLFL	MF	TILL Similar to Belloy-gr (SCA B). Not mapped in CAESA-SIP update area but may exist outside that area.
CARIBOU-ST	CBUst	LU	D.GL	W	N	L1	STMC	GLFL	MF	TILL Similar to Belloy-st (SCA B). Not mapped in CAESA-SIP update area but may exist outside that area.

BYLAW NO. 1305-23
BEING A BYLAW OF
MACKENZIE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

TO AMEND THE
MACKENZIE COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW

WHEREAS, Mackenzie County has a Municipal Development Plan adopted in 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mackenzie County has adopted the Mackenzie County Land Use Bylaw in 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County, in the Province of Alberta, has deemed it desirable to amend the Mackenzie County Land Use Bylaw to accommodate a Retail – Liquor Use.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MACKENZIE COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the land use designation of the subject parcel known as:

Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M

Within Mackenzie County, be rezoned from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1” as outlined in Schedule “A” hereto attached.

READ a first time this ____ day of _____, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING held this ____ day of _____, 2023.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

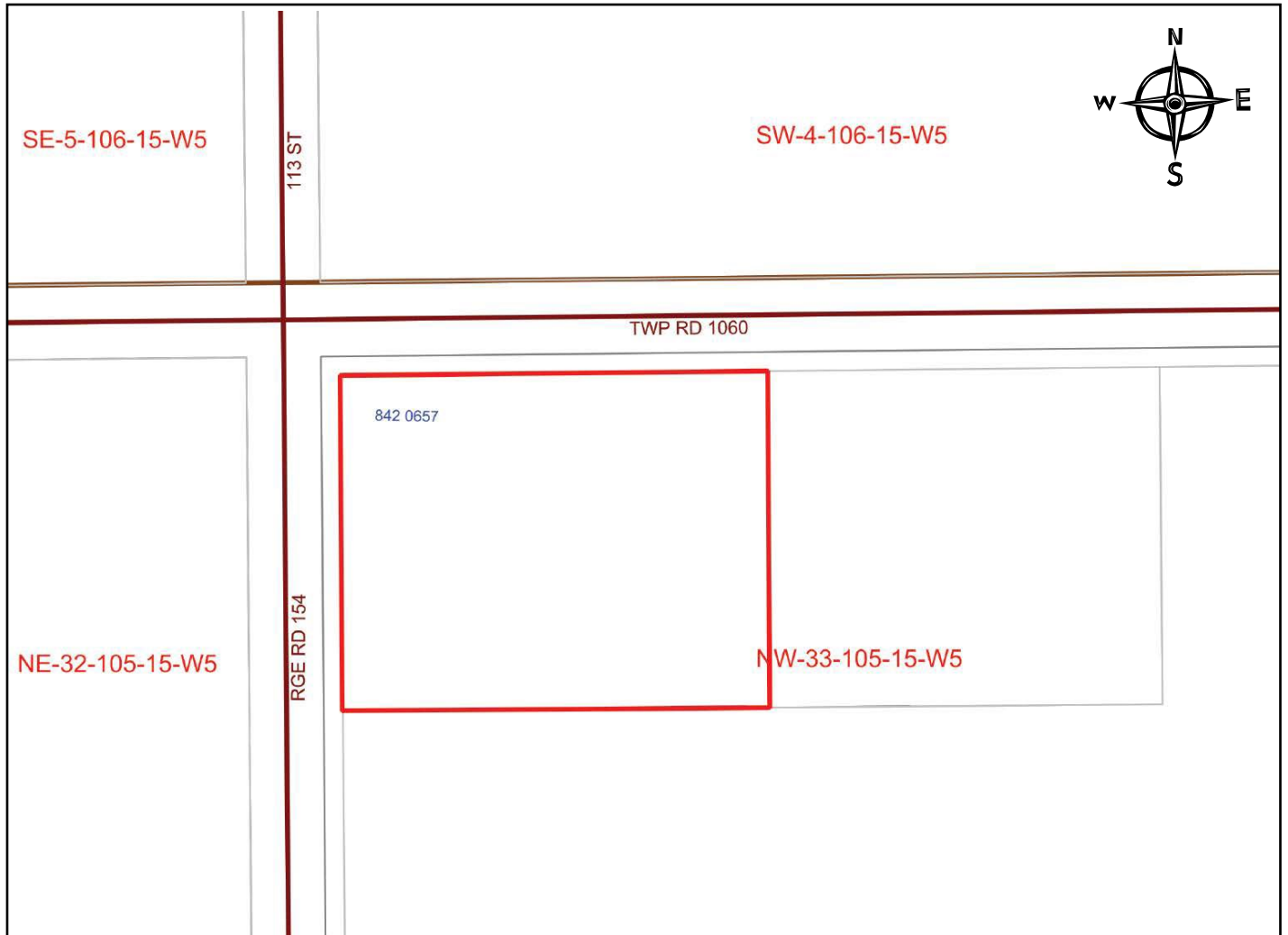
Darrell Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW No. 1305-23

SCHEDULE "A"

1. That the land use designation of the following properties known as:

Part of NW 33-105-15-W5M within Mackenzie County, be rezoned:



FROM: Agricultural "A"

TO: Direct Control 1 "DC1"

Application No: _____

Mackenzie County LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT – REZONING APPLICATION

Name Of Applicant <u>KARL PRIEDGER</u>		
Address:		
City/Town		
Postal Code	Phone	Cell
Applicant Email		

Complete only if different from Applicant

Name of Registered Owner		
Address:		
City/Town		
Postal Code	Phone	Cell
Owner Email		

Legal Description of the Land Affected by the Proposed Amendment: All or Part of:

QTR./LS.	SEC.	TWP.	RANGE	M.	or	PLAN	BLK	LOT
NW	33	105	15	5				

Civic Address: 15373 Twp Rd 1060

Land Use Classification Amendment Proposed:

From: Agricultural "A" To: Direct Control "DC1"

Reasons Supporting Proposed Amendment:

<u>see attached letter</u>

I have enclosed the required application fee of: _____ Receipt No.: _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Registered Owner Signature _____ Date Aug 3 2023

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

The personal information on this form is collected in accordance with Section 33 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act for the purpose of processing this application, issuing development permits and Land Use Bylaw Enforcement. The name of the permit holder and nature of the permit are available to the public upon request. If you have any questions regarding the collection, use or disclosure of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator or (780) 927-3718.

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Reading this on behalf of Karl Driedger

Hi my name is Karl Driedger, I am from a Multi-generational family. I have founded and currently operate a business in this committee for better than a decade.

To add what I believe to be a valuable business that is missing, and long overdue.

Concerns/Safety

WHY A LIQUOR STORE

It's my belief the reasons that I am about to tell you.

Driving to services such as this outside of our community. And the known hazards associated with it.

Spend local, let's keep the money in our community

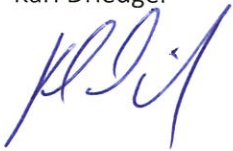
Location, Private land, located in rural area.

Benefits are less foot traffic down town, and interaction with the public.

Days of operation Monday – Saturday.

Thank you for your time and consideration, welcoming further discussion.

Karl Driedger



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From: [Caitlin Smith](#)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Subject: FW: E-mail
Date: September 14, 2023 1:22:22 PM

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From: Karl Driedger <karldriedger@yahoo.ca>
Sent: September 14, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Caitlin Smith <csmith@mackenziecounty.com>
Subject: Re: E-mail

Good morning Caitlin

Do with all respect

I would like to send in a request that on Tuesday, September 19 2023. The decision wouldn't be made at the public hearing that I would get a chance to have conversations with people that have concerns seeing that I didn't get it before the meeting.

Thanks

Karl Driedger

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2023, at 12:01 PM, Karl Driedger <karldriedger@yahoo.ca> wrote:

Got it

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

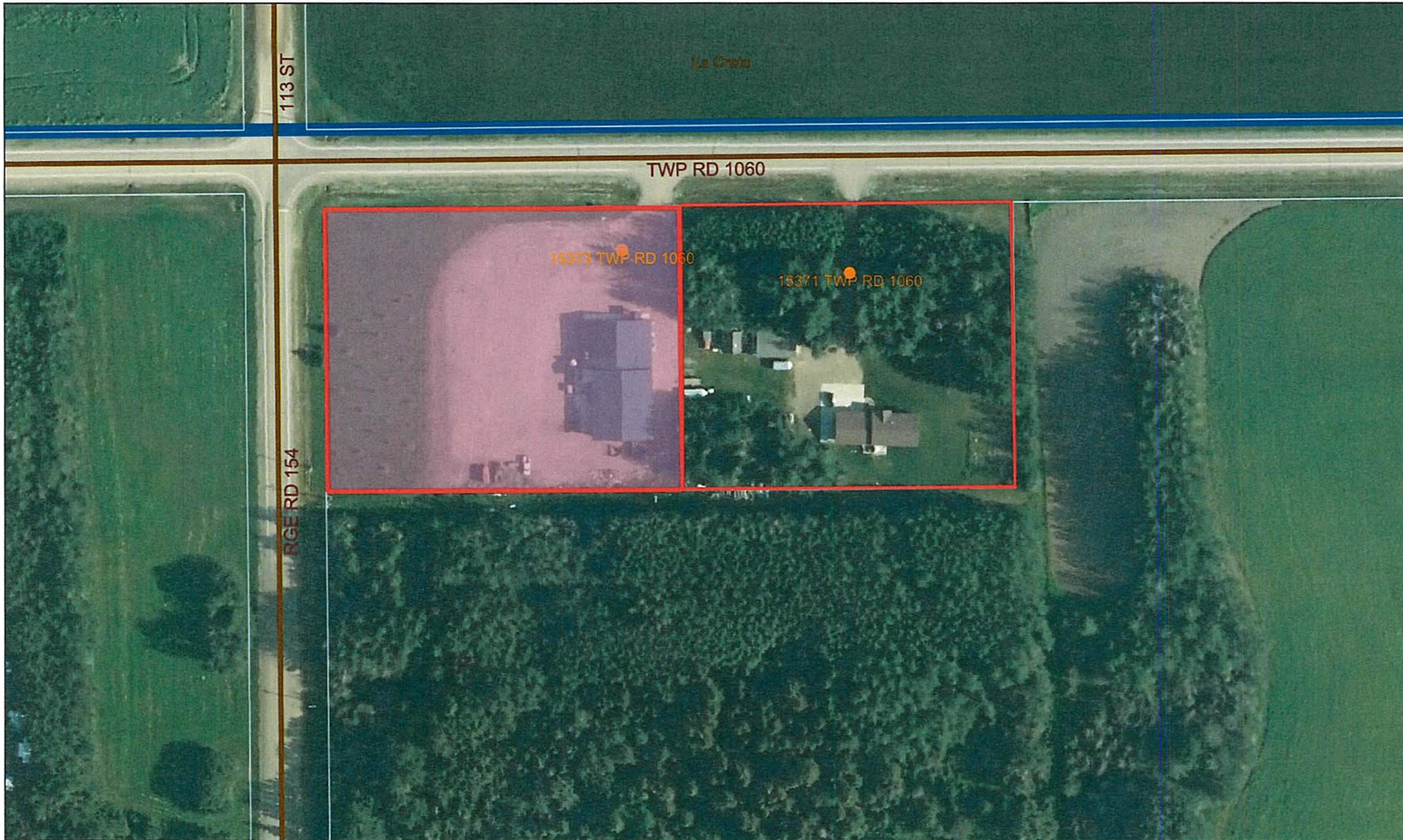
On Sep 13, 2023, at 12:00 PM, Caitlin Smith
<csmith@mackenziecounty.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Karl,

Please let me know if you have received this e-mail.

Thanks,

Caitlin Smith | Director of Planning and Agriculture | Mackenzie County



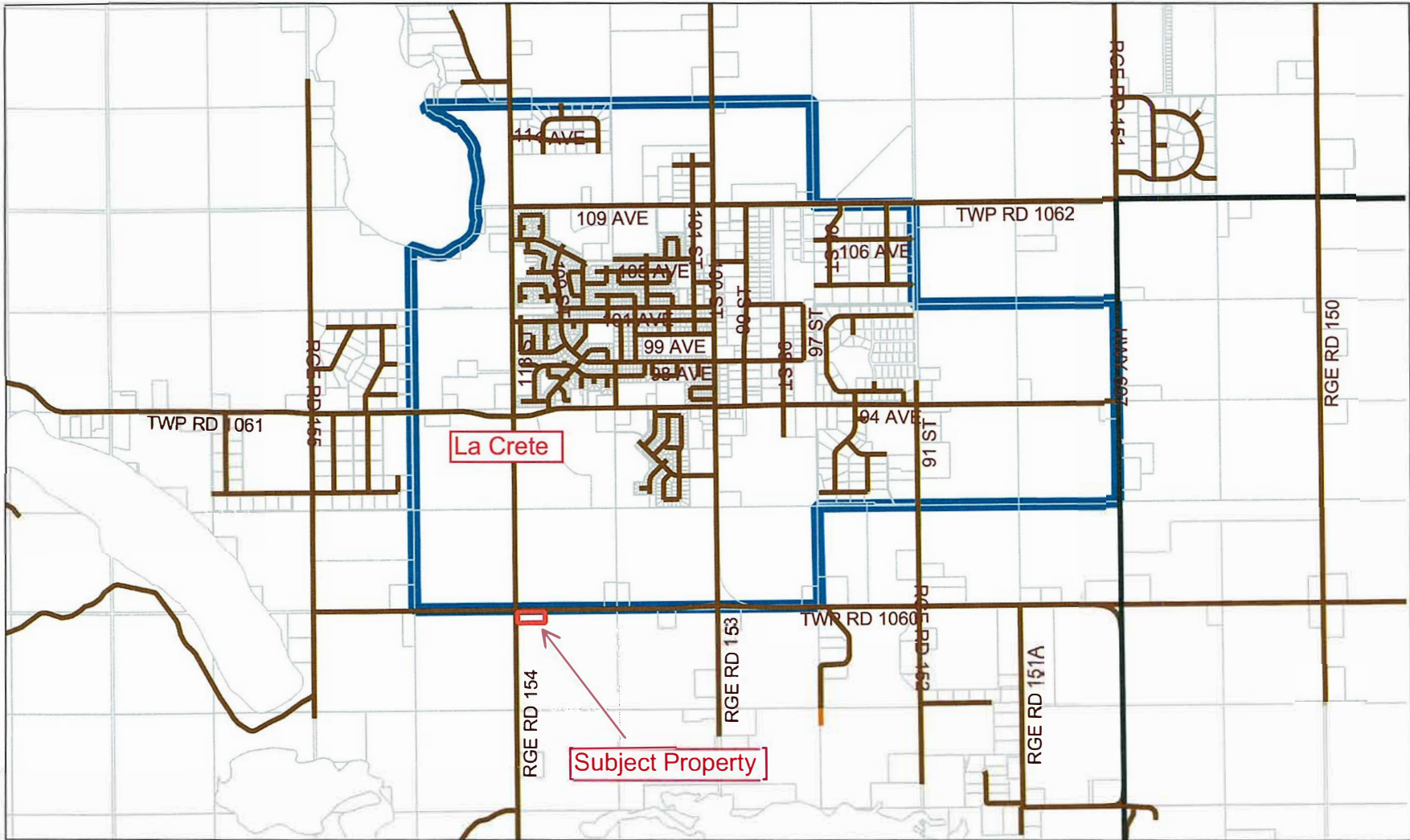

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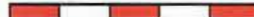
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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT –
REZONING**

BYLAW 1305-23

Order of Presentation

_____ This Public Hearing will now come to order at _____.

_____ Was the Public Hearing properly advertised?

_____ Will the Development Authority _____, please outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Rezoning and present their submission.

_____ Does the Council have any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Rezoning?

_____ Were any submissions received in regards to the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Rezoning? *If yes, please read them.*

_____ Is there anyone present who would like to speak in regards of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Rezoning?

_____ If YES: Does the Council have any questions of the person(s) making their presentation?

_____ This Hearing is now closed at _____.

REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Letters of Support

Section 17
(1)

September 8, 2023

Planning and Development Department
Mackenzie County
4511 46 Avenue
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB.
T0H 1N0

Dear Council Members,

As a human and a contributing member of general society, I've always known the dangers of drinking and driving, but as a young La Cretean, I often chose to ignore them.

Weekends always included booze runs to Fort Vermilion, if I wasn't driving there myself or riding along with friends, I made sure my order was placed in the "bulk" order.

The ride back from Fort Vermilion usually became a competition between those in the cab as to who could be the drunkest by the time we got back to La Crete, we had half an hour to kill, no pun intended. Imagine that? Imagine your child in that car? Now, as a parent, I cannot let my mind wander there even for a second! In any case, it is only by the grace of God that I wasn't killed despite many close calls. Others have not always been so lucky. Others have succumbed to the 90km's it took to get from La Crete to Fort and back.

Becoming a mom and being made privy to all that entails, has changed the way my brain thinks. To have been entrusted with thee most precious of gifts, has changed the way my heart beats. If my children ever find themselves in a position where they want to drink, I would much rather we have adequate Policing to ensure they are able to do so safely; get a case of beer, drive 3 minutes down a dead dirt road, and call me for a ride home when they are ready. And truly, my greatest hope is that I am not alone in this. As a parent, to keep my head buried in the sand is doing my children a disservice.

I do not take lightly, and am not above knowing the dangers that lurk around alcohol and the consumption of it, but the reality still remains; they will drink anyway, regardless if La Crete sells it or not. Drunks have been tearing up our streets for years, and what is the excuse? The devil you say? He will torment anyway.

The biggest claim to fame that many La Creteans are so proud to blurt out every chance they get is "La Crete is a dry town". This is deeply false and makes a complete mockery of our entire town.

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Recently the Town Council of Cardston lifted a 121-year liquor ban. The bylaw does not allow for liquor stores, but it allows for liquor to be sold at restaurants, and recreation facilities. Community members of La Crete take no issue with driving 7 hours south to sit in an arena while having a few pops at an Oilers game, nor are there any qualms in playing 18 holes on a big fancy golf course with a few cold beers if that's what it takes to rub elbows with big wigs, and having drinks with dinner at a licensed restaurant is also a non-issue if you are on the OTHER side of the river. 121 years is a long time, but it is coming.

Often, to appear Holy in La Crete is far superior to actually being Holy; and the people of La Crete would do well to remember that Christianity is not a defence. It also doesn't exempt our children from drinking or buying alcohol, regardless of it being sold in La Crete. Our children will sin, even if they can buy a case of beer locally. And just the same, when La Crete does get a liquor store, be it this time, next time, or years from now, our children will still disappoint us, and at no point will we be able to pin that on a local liquor sales either.

In conclusion; I can only speak for myself and I will choose to mind my own Salvation.

Please let it be known that I am in favour of the proposed Bylaw Amendment and Rezoning to allow for local liquor sales.

Sincerely,


Section 17 (1)

Martha Wiebe

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed bylaw 1305-23
Date: September 13, 2023 8:13:32 AM

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Section 17 (1)

Sent: September 12, 2023 11:08 PM

Section 17 (1)

Subject: Proposed bylaw 1305-23

I Steven Penner am for the liquor store and would like to put a vote in for yes that it gets approved in LaCrete.

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed bylaw 1305-23
Date: September 13, 2023 8:13:43 AM

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From: Section 17 (1)
Sent: September 12, 2023 11:49 PM
To: Section 17 (1)
Subject: Proposed bylaw 1305-23

I, Channele Penner am in favor of proposed bylaw 1305-23

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Jamie Wiebe

From: Section 17
Sent: September 15, 2023 8:25 AM
To: Jamie Wiebe
Subject: FW: Proposed bylaw # 1305-23

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Wall Section 17 (1)
Sent: September 14, 2023 9:27 PM
To: Section 17 (1)
Subject: Proposed bylaw # 1305-23

Dear Councilmen & Councilwomen,

I'm not a big alcohol drinker but don't understand why it would be such a big deal having a liquor store in La-Crete when we all know that the majority of the people drink, the reason we know that is when 3 or more liquor store owners/employees say they will probably have to shutdown due to the sales being down because La-Crete people are there main customers.

I would also hope that this would cut down on the drinking and driving. We all know that will never stop completely especially on weekends which is super dangerous and scary. They think they have to start drinking right away because weekends are so short and they have to drive so far for the alcohol and then when accidents happen because of the poor choices they make of drinking and driving it's just an "accident".

Those are just a couple of the main reason I would support a liquor store in La-Crete

Sincerely,

M. Wall

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Jamie Wiebe

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Sent: September 15, 2023 8:25 AM
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-----Original Message-----

From: Teresa Section 17 (1)
Sent: September 14, 2023 9:05 PM
To: Planning and Development <planning@mackenziecounty.com>
Subject: Proposed bylaw 1305-23 D

I Teresa Banman vote yes to having a liquor store in La Crete Sent from my iPhone

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September 14, 2023

Dear Councilmen & Councilwomen,

Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard.

With regards to the proposed **Bylaw #1305-23**, I would like to express my thoughts and concerns.

I have lived in Mackenzie County most of my life. I graduated grade 12 from La Crete Public School & then continued to work within the county area until the present. I have seen a lot of changes over the years. Some good, some not so good.

As for the community of **La Crete**, where this proposed liquor store is wanting to set up shop. I have a really **HARD** time **UNDERSTANDING** why this liquor store is such a **HUGE** issue? There is absolutely **NO DENYING** that La Crete **LOVES** their alcohol!! They will travel great distances, in good or bad weather, in order to get their alcohol. On a regular basis, especially weekends, there are people drinking and driving while returning to La Crete from their booze run from Fort Vermilion.

So why is having a liquor store in La Crete SOOO BAD?

- ***Personal Religious Beliefs**

- ***Afraid to be seen buying alcohol**

- ***Too Convenient**

- ***Drink More**

- ***Less sales for Fort Vermilion or High Level**

In all honesty, if an alcoholic wants alcohol, they will find it one way or another. It truly boils down to

- ***Personal Self Control**

- ***Personal Choice**

- ***Educating the younger generation**

Parents **NEED** to do their part! Lead by example, teach their children safe & controlled consumption. **Teach What You Preach!!** By having the liquor store in La Crete, the drinking & driving would slow down significantly between La Crete & Fort Vermilion, in return that may even help to bring in more Policing to the community. Which they have been wanting for a very long time. Also, the revenue/sales would stay within the community instead of other towns or city's. Community functions, gatherings, sports events would help generate more revenue for La Crete, as many out of town guests that come for tournaments or

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community events choose to stay in High Level because there they have access to alcohol.

La Crete is a very unique & diverse growing community. As the population increases, and the town gets bigger, the community will need to grow & adapt to provide more services. For example, the community has allowed large franchises to set up in La Crete. Well, look at what that did to our **LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED RESTAURANTS**. And look at all the extra trash you see laying around in the ditches and along the sidewalks. But, that's ok, we can look past that. There are lotto sales in town. Where was the **BIG UPROAR** about that! Oh, that's ok as well. The UFA Convenience Store sells Christian books & music right next to the **Health Hazard Cigarette's and Chewing Tabacco!!!** That's ok too. The **BAD STUFF** is hidden behind a curtain. So That makes it totally ok then! What about all the locals that leave town to go drink, party & do other **UNMENTIONABLES** where "No One Will See Them"!

BUUUUTTT HOW DARE LA CRETE HAVE A LIQUOR STORE !!!!

A liquor store is **NOT A BAR!** It is a retail store just like Super J Foods or The Co-op Grocery store. You choose to shop at the store **YOU CHOOSE** to shop at.

END OF STORY!!

As councilmen/women of our county, you need to consider the county as a whole when making your decision. Not by personal choice, or by who screams the loudest or who has the most financial push in the community. This tax paying business owner should be granted a business license in my opinion. Just like any other tax paying business application in La Crete, High Level or Fort Vermilion or anywhere in the county. Currently there are 2 Liquor Stores in the small community of Fort Vermilion, 1 store along highway 58, and 3 liquor Stores in High Level. It is time La Crete takes their head out of the "Old School" sandbox and look to the future and allow this application to be approved.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION!

Sincerely,

N. Driedger

Nellie Driedger

As it pertains to Bylaw 1305 for liquor sales.

Dear Council and other Honourable Guests,

I am writing to state that I am in favour of the implementation of a liquor store in the La Crete area. I have placed much thought in my stance and do not take this decision lightly. Originally from Ontario, I have now resided within the Hamlet of La Crete for more than ten years and can honestly say that an absence of a liquor store had no influence on my decision to move nor stay within the area.

I have spoken to many members of the community and other bodies such as other business owners as well as serving RCMP members regarding the potential opening of a liquor store in the area. As a result of these discussions, I have come to the conclusion that the benefits of having a locally run liquor store far outweigh the disadvantages for several reasons;

1. **Local Economy:** as a small community, we do a wonderful job of boosting our economy and attempt to keep purchases local as much as possible. Why should the purchase of alcohol be any different? Rather than spend our money outside the hamlet or even in some cases, outside the municipality is detrimental to our economic growth. Although we are considered a dry hamlet, alcohol is still consumed within our borders. So why not benefit as a whole by keeping such purchases local.
2. **Safety in Community:** Upon discussion with several of our outstanding RCMP officers, it has been noted that there is a much higher occurrence of people driving while under the influence between Fort Vermilion and La Crete. This is a danger for many, including the many individuals who do not partake in the consumption of alcohol. By having a vendor with closer proximity, we can limit and lessen the amount of such drivers on our road.
3. **Location:** We are depicted as a dry hamlet, and with the proposed location, we would technically still remain a dry town as the placement of this establishment falls outside hamlet lines. It is an ideal location for such a business as it is away from our general commercial area. It is close enough in proximity to our habitants but more importantly, is more than a sufficient distance from any of our schools as stipulated by municipal law.
4. **Lastly,** as we grow as a community, it is equally important to provide increased amenities to our populace. Although this is not currently offered it is simply a matter of time before our community establishes a liquor store in the area. I believe it is extremely beneficial to have one of our own community members responsible for the sale of such items. We also often discuss drawing in other people such as professionals, health care workers and specialists to our area. Although we may not promote the consumption of alcohol, it is a draw for some and may also be a deterrent to not have such amenities.

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In the end, it remains the choice of the individual to consume or not to consume alcohol. Yet we cannot prevent alcohol from entering our borders, even if from the outside. The least we can do is benefit from this as a community rather than support those outside. The addition of a liquor store will not change our current philosophies nor our community composure. We will still approach the idea of alcohol consumption in much the same way we always have. I strongly believe that there are far too many reasons to continue pushing against the opening of such an outlet. As a result, based on the points provided, I am in favour of opening a liquor store in the La Crete area.

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Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

James Weller

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Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

Tracey Weller

Section 17 (1)

La Crete, AB,

TOH 2H0

To Reeve & Council

I am writing in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1305-23. Let me start off with saying that I am a mom to 2 children. I would never want my children to abuse alcohol or drink & drive. The responsibility to teach my children not to do those things rests entirely on myself. Self-control must be taught to our young people. I know many people who currently live or grew up within 10 minutes of the liquor stores in Fort Vermilion. They are not alcoholics because they themselves have learned to be responsible, their parents taught them self-control, or they choose to not drink at all.

I have heard many say that as a Christian, you shouldn't drink and use that as an argument to express their concern against having a liquor store in our town. They are more than welcome to have their own convictions but it made me dig into the Bible and see what it actually says regarding drinking. There are many verses in the Bible where it talks about drinking without overindulgence. Here are some examples:

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. John 2:7-11 (Turning water into wine for people to consume was a MIRACLE, not a sin)

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. Timothy 5:23 (Wine was consumed for ailments)

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18 (Drinking is okay as long as you stay within its limits)

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things. Titus 2:3 (everything in moderation)

For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries. 1 Peter 4:3 (Christians should not drink too much wine as well as stay away from other temptations)

There are many more verses in the Bible that talk about consuming alcohol within limits. It is not wrong as a Christian to consume alcohol. Everything must be done in moderation. Everyone must possess a level of self-control. There will always be temptations but it is completely up to the individual to make those choices for themselves. Part of being a Christian is to stand up against temptation.

Considering the amount of people who travel to Fort Vermilion every weekend to stock up on liquor, I know that the vicinity of the liquor store is not the problem. A store in La Crete will not make that much of a difference in our community in my opinion. It is what is taught in our own homes that makes a difference.

Alcohol is not new to the world and is talked about many, many times in the Bible. Not to drink in excess but everything in moderation. God has given us the responsibility to make the right choices and to stay within the limits that He has set. It is not the liquor store owner's responsibility to ensure that a person stays within those limits but rather, 100% of it rests upon ourselves. Even the young people of La Crete will have to make that choice for themselves whether a store like this is 30 minutes away or 5 minutes away.

In saying that, I support a liquor store in La Crete.

Section 17 (1)

Laura Braun

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Letters of Opposition

Samuel Driedger
Section 17 (1)

August 31, 2023

Planning & Development Department, Mackenzie County

Subject: Concerns and Opposition to Proposed Bylaw Allowing for Retail Liquor Sales

Dear Members of the Mackenzie County Council,

I am writing to express my deep concerns and opposition to the proposed bylaw allowing retail liquor sales within our community. While I understand this issue is complex and multifaceted, allowing liquor sales could significantly negatively impact our community's social fabric, public health, overall well-being, and the long-standing Christian values that have made it the prosperous community it has become. As a concerned citizen, I urge you to carefully consider the potential consequences before making a decision that could have lasting effects on our community.

First and foremost, I am concerned about the potential increase in alcohol-related incidents and behaviours resulting from allowing local liquor sales. The easy accessibility of alcohol through retail stores could lead to a rise in public intoxication, impaired driving, and disturbances within our community. This not only jeopardizes the safety of our residents but also puts an additional strain on law enforcement and emergency services.

Furthermore, retail liquor stores could normalize and encourage excessive alcohol consumption, especially among young and vulnerable populations. Research has consistently shown the detrimental effects of excessive alcohol consumption on physical health, mental well-being, and family dynamics. Allowing liquor sales could exacerbate these issues and potentially contribute to a rise in alcohol-related health problems, placing an undue burden on our healthcare system.

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Moreover, introducing retail liquor sales could change the overall character of our community. Our current atmosphere is one of family-friendly and community-oriented values, and allowing retail liquor sales erodes these qualities and contributes to a more transient and less cohesive community.

While I understand the potential revenue benefits the county might gain from a liquor store, I strongly believe these short-term gains do not outweigh the long-term negative consequences. Rather than relying on alcohol sales to boost revenue, I encourage the county to explore alternative avenues for economic growth and community development that do not come at the expense of our social well-being.

In conclusion, I would like the Mackenzie County Council to reconsider the proposed bylaw. Our community's health, safety, and sense of identity should be our utmost priorities. Please listen to the concerns of concerned citizens like myself and carefully weigh the potential negative impacts against any perceived benefits.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make a decision that reflects our community's best interests and values.

Sincerely,
Samuel Driedger

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Kramer](#)
Cc: Section 17 (1)
Subject: FW: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23
Date: August 29, 2023 4:19:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good Afternoon;

I received a submission in regards to Bylaw 1305-23.

Thank you.

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From: Section 17 (1)
Sent: August 29, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Section 17 (1)
Subject: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23

Hi,

We are writing in response to the proposed bylaw of a retail liquor store for the hamlet of La Crete. We strongly oppose this not only morally and Biblically, but also because we live nearby to the proposed property area. We also do not want this business near to our residence or in the La Crete area for that matter.

Thank you,

Reuben and Dorothy Driedger

2 Signatories

From: Section 17
To: [Jamie Kramer](#)
Cc: Section 17 (1)
Subject: FW: Bylaw 1305-23
Date: August 31, 2023 8:47:29 AM
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From: Section 17 (1)
Sent: August 31, 2023 8:46 AM
To: Section 17 (1)
Subject: Bylaw 1305-23

Good morning. I totally do not support a liquor store for the la crete area. Please consider my message. My name is Tena Schmidt.

Thank-you

Dear members of council

I'm writing to you today in regards to the proposal brought to you to amend a bylaw change for NW 33-105-15WSM from agriculture to DC1 so as to accommodate a liquor store outlet.

The argument that is out there that people will get it regardless of location is not a valid objection in my view. As a follower of Jesus Christ, and deeply convicted and convinced that alcohol has never had any benefit for any individual, but rather has caused many a family and marriages to fall apart, never mind the crime that is connected to consumption of alcohol; putting members at large at great risk. I speak from the angle as having been involved in alcohol myself, and having been a child when alcohol was in the house, so I do know why I am greatly apposed to this request.

The question is, why place the items within arms reach to those that may already have addiction issue?

I ask the requester to seriously consider the damage and hurt that this can and will cause our community. I have a young family and to purposely have them get used to having the option to have liquor at their finger tips is very burdensome to even ponder on.

We as parents are to set and be examples to our children in Christian conduct. It would be a stumbling block to the Christian community.

Proverbs 20:1-3 KJV Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: And whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: Whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul. It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: But every fool will be meddling.

Peter Wiebe

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Sept. 11/23

Date

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To the people who rule our land,

We are very disappointed to hear of plans to start up a liquor store near La Crete. It's a greater temptation for anyone and especially persons with drinking problems, to have an alcohol source so near. And to think of... Is that the light we want the world to see.

Proverbs 23:31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red...

v32 At the last it biteth like a serpent...

v33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

- Philip + Naomi Banman

2 Signatories

Sept 12, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam: to whom it may concern

We do Not want a ligour store in our town.

reasons: breaks up marriages
destroys relationships
causes drinking, driving
& accidents.
forbidden by God.

read: I Corintians Chap 5 v 11
" " Chap 6 v 10

Frank Wolfe
Section 17 (1)

Anne Wolfe
Section 17 (1)

Jena Wolfe
Section 17 (1)

3 Signatories

Sept. 11. 2023

Dear Sir, Reeve: Josh Knelsen

RE: Liquor Store within the hamlet
OF LA CRETE, AB.

- We don't want more thievery and vandalism going on in town.
- We don't want street bums.
- We don't want addicted neither intoxicated minors on the streets
- THIS is WAY TOO convenient for the minors + all other people too.

Sincerely yours,
Section 17 (1)

Maria Wall

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Sept. 11 / 23

Dear Sir-Reeve Josh Knelsen,

RE: Liquor store within the
Hamlet +/or community of
La Creta.

- we don't want our minors
intoxicated.
- we don't want bums.
- we don't want addicts.
- This is TOO CONVENIENT
for minors...

Sincerely Yours,
Section 17 (1)

Mary Wall

1 Signatory

Sept. 11 / 23

Dear Sir Reeve - Josh Knudsen

RE: Liquor Store within
the community of La Crete.

- we don't want the convenience.
- we don't want our minors
to have such easy access.
- we don't want our minors
intoxicated.
- we don't want bums.

Sincerely Yours,
Section 17 (1)

Frank Wall

1 Signatory

Sept. 11, 2023

Dear Sir. Reeve: Josh Knelsen,

RE: Liquor Store within
the Hamlet +/- community
of LA CRETE.

- We don't want drunks.
- We don't want addicted
People.
- We don't want intoxicated
People.
- We want to keep our
town special.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Wall

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept. 11 / 23

Dear Sir; Reeve Josh Knelsen,

RE: Liquor store within the
town of +/- or community
of LA-CRETE.

- We don't want bums.
- This is too convenient for
minors...
- We want to KEEP our town
welcoming, and inviting.
- We don't want our minors
intoxicated.

Sincerely yours,
Section 17 (1)

Gertrude Wall

1 Signatory

Dear Sir .

Sept. 12, 2023

In regards to the liquor store thats planned to be coming to the La-Crete community We would like to express our concern against it, and the reason for it, namely .

1. It will endanger our road conditions.
2. It breaks up marriages,
3. It puts our young people into temptation it being so readily available.
4. It is forbidden in the New Testament in 1 Corinthians chapter 6 verse 10 that such will not inherit the Kingdom of God.
5. Why would we have to look any farther, when our heavenly Father forbids it.
6. Lets Keep our community as safe as possible.

This is our concern.

Anne Derksen
&
Peter Derksen

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Cc: Section 17 (1)
Subject: FW: Liquor Establishment.
Date: September 12, 2023 2:24:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Sent: September 12, 2023 12:38 PM

Section 17 (1)

Subject: Fwd: Liquor Establishment.

Begin forwarded message:

On Sep 12, 2023, at 10:35 AM, **Section 17 (1)** wrote:

Sept. 12/23

Good morning Section 17 (1)

Re: Bylaw 1305-23 Retail Liquor Sales.

As a lifetime member of our community I am concerned about a local liquor store.

You and I both know that alcohol has had a negative impact on many homes in our country

and also in our community.

We know that easier access will lead to more consumption. We only need

to go to our local
grocery store and see how easier access to an item leads to more sales.

With easier access to liquor we could see a rise in crime, a rise in family
breakdowns, and a rise in
traffic fatalities.

I think I can say that every night when I hear sirens I wonder could it be
one of my children or grandchildren
involved in an accident.

God has richly blessed our community without a liquor establishment. I
wish we could keep it that way.

Sincerely
Bill Janzen

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Subject: FW: Liquor Store
Date: September 12, 2023 1:44:58 PM

Please include in the submissions, remove ^{Section 17 (1)} info.

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Sent: September 12, 2023 1:42 PM
To: **Section 17 (1)**
Subject: Fwd: Liquor Store

Please include in submissions for bylaw.

Section 17 (1)

Begin forwarded message:

Section 17 (1)

Date: September 12, 2023 at 11:01:57 AM MDT
Section 17 (1)

Subject: Liquor Store

September 12/23

Dear ^{Section 17 (1)}

I want to express my concern for having a liquor store in our town. I am so thankful for this community. God has blessed us so richly through the years. I would say the majority of people living in this community believe in God who created all of us for His glory. And He has blessed us with many families and many children that will also grow up to establish their own homes. Let us older ones keep on being a good example to them by not allowing this to happen.

Easier access will destroy more families, churches, lives and so on. I personally am not in favour of a liquor store in our town of La Crete..

Helen Janzen

Sincerely:

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Subject: FW: Liquor outlet: I am not in favour of having a liquor store in our community. I am aware that this won't stop people from drinking.
Date: September 13, 2023 8:12:49 AM

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Sent: September 12, 2023 6:56 PM

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Subject: Fwd: Liquor outlet: I am not in favour of having a liquor store in our community. I am aware that this won't stop people from drinking.

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Begin forwarded message:

Section 17 (1)

Date: September 12, 2023 at 6:50:17 PM MDT

Section 17 (1)

Subject: Liquor outlet: I am not in favour of having a liquor store in our community. I am aware that this won't stop people from drinking.

Agnes Wiebe

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Subject: FW: La Crete liquor outlet
Date: September 13, 2023 8:12:57 AM

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Sent: September 12, 2023 6:54 PM
Section 17 (1)

Subject: Fwd: La Crete liquor outlet

Section 17

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Begin forwarded message:

Section 17 (1)

Date: September 12, 2023 at 6:36:03 PM MDT
Section 17 (1)

Subject: La Crete liquor outlet

Peter, please take note that I'm against the proposed rezoning application to allow for a liquor outlet just outside of La Crete!

I'm not sure of the statistics of how an outlet just outside of La Crete would effect the alcohol consumption in our area but all these years we have been able to keep such outlets away from the immediate area so please do your part in preventing the passing of the proposal.

For some personal background I started drinking in my early teens but by my late teens I did a total turn and said a complete no and have been free of any alcohol consumption for 50 plus years!

Regards,
Henry Wiebe
Section 17 (1)

From: Section 17 (1)
To: [Jamie Wiebe](#)
Subject: FW: Liquor store La Crete
Date: September 13, 2023 8:13:05 AM

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Sent: September 12, 2023 5:31 PM
Section 17 (1)

Subject: Fwd: Liquor store La Crete

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Begin forwarded message:

Section 17 (1)

Date: September 12, 2023 at 5:26:37 PM MDT
Section 17 (1)

Subject: Liquor store La Crete

I am writing this because I am very concerned. I love this community and I think it makes us unique that we don't have a liquor store, and I think if we got one it would change our community in a negative way. This community is so family oriented, and I believe it's positive that there is not access to a liquor store in our town. And personally I am a believer so I do not believe it is right, it's my conviction! Thank you!
Sent from my iPhone

Frank Wiebe

Section 17 (1)

September 11, 2023

Mackenzie County

Box 640

Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0

To County Council,

This is a letter opposing proposed bylaw 1305-23 to re-zone a parcel of land to DC1 in order to allow retail liquor sales. This is something that is not needed in the community. It isn't that alcohol will not make its way in to the community anyway, but the more accessible it is the worse the problem will be.

Frank Wiebe

To Whom this may concern;

Sept 5 / 2023

As an adjacent land owner in regards to gaining the licence to setting up a liquor store at the Prairie Packers, Butcher Shop in rural LaCrete, AB. Canada

"My appeal" to rezoning NW 33-105-15 W 5 M from Agricultural "A" to Direct Control "DC1" permitting sales of liquor / Alcohol

We appreciate the fact of getting input how our community is run / operating, we get to vote, etc.

This would go against our moral standards. Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise

There are so many people addicted to alcohol as it is, without us bringing it into our community. God warns against addictive behavior

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

We feel we have a very Blessed community and want to continue to receive the Blessings.

Passing this bill, would send a message to our youth / young + old people that we are OK with alcohol being readily consumed.

LaCrete is considered to be a Christian Community, therefore we do not want alcohol being sold in LaCrete or any surrounding areas.

We ask that you "DON'T" pass the rezoning amendment or grant a liquor / Alcohol licence

Thank You

Caroline Braun

Section 17 (1)

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Sept. 12, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is concerning the bylaw that would allow liquor to be sold in La-Crete. We, Joseph + Anna Dyck, see this as a threat to the moral future of our community. We find many examples in the Bible that drinking for pleasure and drunkenness is a great sin before God. We feel that this will lead to bars and other drinking places to be opened in La-Crete. To give consent for such things to proceed will someday hold great accountability.

With Concern,

Joseph Dyck
Anna Dyck

Section 17 (1)

September 12, 2023

2 Signatories

To Whom it may concern

This is to notify you that we do not support or approve the idea of a liquor store/bar in La Crete. Places of this sort bring only evil and no good. We want to protect our children from this.

Thank-you for listening.

Andrew + Angela Wolfe
Section 17 (1)

Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Dear Sir-Ma-am

We would very much appreciate you canceling the plan of a liquor store in LaCiete, we have grandchildren, family, church members with families growing up, which we would much rather turn away from drinking. As the Bible teaches that a drunkard shall not see the Kingdom of God, where we all hope to meet someday. Sincerely hoping to give our future generations a place to live and learn to live for our Saviour and Lord. Fit to inherit the Heavenly home on High.

Jake + Margaret
Dyer

No!

We don't need any liquor outlets, or liquor sales. In LaCrete or in this community!

We don't need more crime and violence!

We won't see anything good by supplying liquor to the public. We feel we should all work against this together.

Thanks

Ben + Betty Dyck
La Crete

To Whom It Should Concern

Having been made aware of a proposed plan to open a alcohol facility in the LaCrete area I felt I should write to you. This said for the fact that I do not support the idea for Biblical reasons. Hoping the safety and Health of Concerned Citizens is Considered with thought and Respect.

Concerned From

Peter Klassen
Margaret Klassen

Section 17 (1)

To: Mackenzie County Council,

I am strongly against having a wine or liquor store in the La Crete Community. Here are only two of the many reasons why:

- It is completely against the Christian faith.
- Children/families suffering from verbal and physical abuse, lack of attention and food.

Isaiah 24:9-11

They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. The city of confusion is broken down. Every house is shut up, that no man may come in. There is crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

Proverbs 20:1

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Tena Teichroeb

09/11/23

Dear whomever this may concern,

this letter is regarding the liquor store that is in the plans for the LaCrete area.

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There are many reasons why this will have a negative impact on our community. This would mean easier access to booze for all the young kids out there. With all the vandalism that our town has seen this summer, its not going to get better. LaCrete is a pretty safe town and should this liquor store start up I feel thats going to come to an end. My sister walks back and forth from work everyday in town ~~and~~ and that would become concerning. To know shis walking home in the dark and there is a way bigger chance that someone under the influence sees her, and decides to make trouble.

We are a mostly christian town and we all know drinking is something God does not like! Especially when his own people take part in bringing something # like this into the Community.

Thank you for reading this letter and I pray you make the right decision. Sincerely
Darcy + Betsy Peters

Sept. 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention, that a proposal has been made to build a liquor store in our town. I believe such a move would bring nothing but trouble to our community, and would like to add my voice against the proposal. Already too many homes suffer under alcohol abuse and this would only make it even easier to access. Alcohol and its evil effects have been the downfall of many a youth. Let us consider 1 Corinthians 6 verses 9 and 10 where it says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither adulterers, nor thieves, nor drunkards shall inherit the Kingdom of God.", and keep our town a dry town.

Sincerely,

Jason Driedger

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Sept. 12/023

I am fully convinced that a public service business like a liquor store should NOT be approved and legal to have in La Crete or La Crete area.

We all know that one thing leads to the next.

All churches in La Crete teach against (Drunkards) and we are NOT to support such.

It tells us very clearly in the word of God.

So please I hope it will not be legalized.

Thank
you!
George D. Friesen

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To - the Mackenzie County Council

From a concerned resident of rural Lacrete.

We strongly disagree with the plan of setting up an establishment selling strong drinks (wine, alcohol) for a few reasons

- strong drink in the homes used by fathers, and mothers only results in abuse, children suffering from lack of christian parenting leading to problem children, which can go on from one generation to the next.
- Young children using strong drink results in more crime and family problems
- As a adult we need to be a good christian example for the younger generation.

Romans 14:13

Let us walk honestly as in the day,
not in rioting and drunkenness.

Galatian 5:21

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and such like. of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Jake & Florence Teichroeb

2 Signatories

To: Mackenzie County

Sept 12, 2023

I am responding to the proposal for a retail liquor store in the La Crete Rural. I am 100% against it. The way I see it is we will have more people using liquor & more addictions, More late night activity & possibly more crime. All things we don't need. The only person that will benefit from this retail store is the owner.

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David Neudorf
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September 13/2023

David & Tammy Schellenberg

Section 17 (1)

Planning & Development Department
Mackenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB
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Re: Bylaw 1305-23

This letter is in regard to the proposed bylaw 1305-23 – rezoning to accommodate retail liquor sales. We are against this proposal and feel strongly that making alcohol more accessible would not be a benefit, nor would it improve our community in any way.

We have all seen how liquor stores in other small towns, even though there is police presence, increased instances of alcoholism, and all other negative issues associated with it are prevalent.

La Crete and the surrounding area would see increased alcohol consumption and abuse, especially by our youth. With a liquor store more accessible there would be more drinking and driving, not less, and we could certainly expect an increase in crime.

Please carefully consider the huge impact this would have on both our families, and our community. Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

David & Tammy Schellenberg



Sept. 12, 2023

To the members of Council of Mackenzie County,

I am writing this letter to you to express my very deep concern regarding the proposal of a liquor store near La Crete. And I write this letter to you, because as I understand, the vote is in your hands to either approve or oppose the proposal. So I ask you, dear member of council, before you make any rash decision, to seriously consider not only the negative effects a liquor store will have on our community, but also the Christian values and principles that our community has been built upon, (and I believe the majority of our people would still hold to those values and principles.) And you, council member, have been put in your position by the people for the people, so I ask you to accurately represent us and to vote NO to the liquor store. We are a community who has without a doubt, experienced much prosperity through the years, and it is ultimately the blessing of God upon us, and I believe that this blessing has come, because in the past, we as a community have stood against such evils as this, and have held to the values of an ordered family and church life, and hard work. To allow a liquor store will bring innumerable consequences and will no doubt, eventually destroy our wonderful community as we know it, and take God's blessing from us. Easier access to liquor will increase the consumption of it, and an increase in consumption will lead to more addictions and bad lifestyles, increase in crime, and ultimately lead to the destruction of our church and family oriented community. (we do not want drunks loitering on our streets). Scripture says to hold fast to that which is good and do away with that which is evil, so why would we want to do away with that which is good and bring in that which is evil? I ask you to consider this letter and seriously consider your vote on behalf of the people that you represent.

Sincerely,

Curtis & Rebecca Fehr

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September 13, 2023

George & Frieda Boehlig
Section 17 (1)

Planning and Development Department
Mackenzie County
Box 640
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Re: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23

We are writing to express our concern of the Proposed Bylaw 1305-23. We understand that this proposed bylaw is to amend the land use zoning to accommodate retail liquor sales outside of the La Crete hamlet boundary.

Please do not allow the zoning to be amended to accommodate retail liquor sales outside or inside the La Crete hamlet boundary!

We urge you to consider the well being of the entire community of La Crete. A few years ago the Heritage Center hosted a presentation on drug awareness. The speaker, a member of the RCMP, said that among all the drugs, **the one that was most widely used and therefore caused the most harm was alcohol.**

Please consider the far reaching consequences of making alcohol more easily available to the residents of La Crete. We all recognize that anything that is more easily available is also more frequently used.

Please, for the sake of every individual in the La Crete area, but especially for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and any loved ones that are recovering alcoholics or alcoholics - we ask again that you do not allow the re-zoning for retail liquor sales.

Together, let's always work towards making our communities better, safer, and healthier places.

Thank you for your commitment to serve our communities.

Sincerely,

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George Boehlig

Frieda Boehlig

To whom it may concern,

We have recently heard of the plans to build a liquor store and bar in our area close to La Crek, AB.

It deeply concerns my husband and myself. As a mom, it is important to me that my children can grow up in a place where drunkenness and other such bad influences are not in easy reach.

Please do not allow such a place to be built here.

Respectfully,
Matthew and Laurena
Bergen

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2 Signatories

We Nick and Margaret Friesen
do not support the liquor store
being brought to La Crete Area

Nick Margaret Friesen

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2 Signatories

Sep 12, 2023

To whom it may concern.

We sincerely ask that you reconsider building a liquor store in the town of LaCrete. We fear it will negatively effect the lives, and souls, of this community, the appearance of our town, and the future for our growing children!

Thank you.

Section 17 (1)

William Friesen

Section 17 (1)

Liesa Friesen

Section 17 (1)

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To Mackenzie County, Bylaw 1305-23.

We do NOT want a liquor store

in our Christian community

and our concerns are the health

and safety for us and future
Generations.

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Richard Schmidt

I disagree that there should be a liquor store in the La Crete area. In our faith we do not suport any strong drinks or liquor. We do not want anyone to be tempted by such.

Elizabeth Peters

1 Signatory

Sept. 11/23

As a resident of the La Crete community I strongly believe that any place to buy alcohol should not be allowed in our community. Alcohol does not have room in a religious community and does not set a good example for the children growing up. Alcohol will not only bring Alcohol into our community but it would only be a start of a lot of more problems.

John D Sanzen

Section 17 (1)

we as parents are
trying to raise our children -
in a christian community,
trying to keep them away
from Alcohol drugs etc. for the
Sake of our next generation
and all our children Please
dont set up a liquor store.

-Sincerely
Cornie Leanna
Teichroeb

2 Signatories

09/11/23

Dear Mackenzie County Council,

I am writing to you in concern about the request for approval for a liquor store near the town of La. Crete.

As a Christian community there is no place and no need for a liquor store.

In my view, it would be mostly our young people who would visit the store.

A liquor store will demoralize our Christian community.

The sole reason for someone to operate a liquor store is for the profit it would bring.

Please do not grant approval.

Thank you.
Comie Martens

Section 17 (1)

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Regarding the Liquor Store
We John & Betty Buhler are
100% against it

We read in 1 Peter Chap. 4 verse 3

For the time past of our life may
suffice us to have wrought the will
of the Gentiles when we walked in lasciviousness,
involuntaries, lusts, excess of wine,
revellings, banquetings and abominable idolatries. And Chap 5 v 3
Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary
the Devil, as a roaring Lion,
walketh about seeking whom he may
devour.

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Concerning the application for the Liquore store in La Crete, we don't need one in La Crete because the closer it is to our home town the more out of control it would get, we call ourselves a christian town and there for shouldn't be drunk with wine, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 6:21

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George Driedger

Section 17 (1)

I, SaraJane Friesen do not support the idea of having a liqueur store in the town of La Crete.

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Section 17 (1)

To the party concerning our proposed liquor outlet. I am strongly against bringing alcohol into our community. We as a God fearing Christian community don't need a nearer access to this. I am a concerned grandmother about our future generations.

The Bible teaches us against alcohol drinks

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I strongly agree to keeping a liquor store out of our Christian Town. For I believe that this will effect our people, 'Be thou NOT drunken' Lets keep La Crete a dry town.

Peter + Diona

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To the MO 23

Have we stopped to consider where God has lead our ancestors... to La Crete, a God given place, where we are able to practice what we believe.

Have we stopped to consider the consequences of a liquor store... people will be staggering along our sidewalks of our town... homeless victims will be left to beg to find refuge because of the bottle... crime is sure to increase... what, La Crete a so called Monnonite town needs a Liquor Store? Who needs a liquor store, if we stop to consider the fact?

Is it perhaps a money making business?

Could we expect God's blessings upon a liquor store stocked with Satan's idle works?

A stop, an absolute halt needs to made of such a waste of money in a Christian town and keep La Crete the way it is!

John and Martha Boehlig

2 Signatories

Sept. 12/23

To : The honorable Counsellors of MD 23

Re: The rezoning of NW 33-105-15-W5M

I have been a member of the community of La Crete for 52 years ; I care about the community, the individuals and families who live in this community and that is why I am taking the time to write this letter. I care not only for the present day community and its people but also for the future generations. Our decisions today, whether large or small, have an impact on the future to some extent.

When researching the impacts of a liquor outlet in a community I found that it contributes to higher rates of crime, violent crimes, assaults, child maltreatment and physical abuse, all of which are a detriment to our individuals, families, schools and businesses. I am sure that most of us would agree that this is not what we want for the future of our community and its members.

The reasoning that people who desire to consume alcohol will find a way to access alcohol is true, but it is also true that increased access and visibility lead to increased usage and usage at a wider range of ages. Consider this concept in relation to chocolate bars placed in close proximity to the check out counters in the stores - visible and accessible to young and old, easily seen and bought.

People in La Crete consume alcohol and will continue to do so but does that mean we as a community want to support them by agreeing to a liquor outlet in our town?

I ask you all to take a moment and consider the following : will a liquor outlet in the community of

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La Crete be an enhancement to the growth and quality of our community and its people or will it bring destruction and hurt to our individuals, families and businesses? Vote accordingly.

Thank you for the opportunity to share.

Lina Krahn
Section 17 (1)

Kept 12, 23

Dear County of MD 23,

We are coming to you with concerned hearts about the liquor store they are planning to bring in at Prairie Packers.

Our wish would be if you would not let that go through. For we would like to see the drinking stop rather than make it worse in our community.

It's so much easier for all those under age to go there and get something if it's so close at hand. Yes I know that they are not suppose to sell that stuff to under age children but it's sad to say that it happens all the time. In the Bible it telkus in a lot of places that Christians are not suppose to have strong drink or wine, So let us Fear our Lord God and keep such stores away from here.

Proverbs 20:1

Wine is a mocker,
strong drink is raging;
and whosoever is
deceived thereby
is not wise.



Sincerely, Ernest + Tina
Wall

Section 17 (1)

Sept. 13, 2023

2 Signatories

Mackenzie County,

To whom it may concern,

We are concerned about the future for our youth, if alcohol is being brought to our hometown there is even greater temptation for it, and just harder to resist it. We have enough trouble with alcohol and drugs as is.

1 Corinthians 6:10

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

- David & Margaret Krahn

Section 17 (1)

To whom it may concern,

Please reconsider the decision to open a Wine store in the Mackenzie County. The results will be long lasting and will not bring any blessing to our Mennonite community. As parents of a large family it is our thought, that it takes away the shame of buying alcohol if they can buy it in our own community. In 1 Corinthians 6, vs. 10 it is written,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

In Proverbs 23 vs. 20, 21

Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

We believe any counselor who would approve of a liquor permit does not have the peoples best interest in mind and should be asked to resign.

John + Lisa Braun

2 Signatories

Sept 12 2023

We feel that as a professing Mennonite Christian community it is not right in God's eyes for us to have a liquor store in our midst. Let us strive to live the way as becometh Godly people.

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may drink strong drink that continue until night till wine inflame them.
Isaiah 5 VII

Wine is a mocker strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
Proverbs 20 VI

George Wolfe
Debbie Wolfe

2 Signatories

I cannot understand why anyone would want to bring in a liquor store to our area. Is this man a father? Does he not care? Is this what we want our precious children and grand children to grow up with, the influence of liquor getting worse and worse in our community. What would Jesus do? Does this man who wants a liquor store, not believe in God? Then he must know, and feel, that God would never approve of what he is planning. Let us all pray earnestly that no liquor store will ever be allowed to come here. They are much too close already.

Sincerely Martha Boehlig

1 Signatory

SAY NO TO LIQUOR } Sept. 12/23

Dear Sir or Madame,

2 Signatories

Satan is like a roaring lion
Roaming to and fro
Seeking whom ~~he~~ he may devour
The Bible tells it so!

Greater is He that is in me
Than ~~he~~ he that is in the world!

(Taken from a song by Waldner family)

We can very well picture Satan having his way, ~~by~~ setting up another liquor store. He will be so glad to have more families torn up, marriages broken, young people disobedient and rebellious, immorality... nothing but ruined lives, heartaches... eventually eternal damnation. Let us fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called... 1 Tim. 6:12

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
Ephesians 5:18

Let's fight against a liquor store!

To The Mackenzie County Counselors or To Whom
it May Concern:

We have heard that a Business in the
La Crete/Surrounding Area wants to sell Liquor.
We sincerely Hope and Pray That it will not
Come to Pass.

We as a Christian Community do not want to
support the selling and the use of liquor
Proverbs 20 verse 1- wine is a mocker strong drink is
raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 24:33- Thine eyes shall behold strange
women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

We really appreciated the way COVID was
handled in La Crete. That was a community
working together to keep the Churches and
the Businesses open! Lets work together
to oppose Liquor in La Crete and Area!

May God Grant You Wisdom in Making Decisions for
The Community.

2 Signatories

From: Robert + Susanna Wiebe
123 & Children

Sept 12 '23

Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to bring to your attention that we do Not support a liquor store in La Crite. A liquor store does not belong in a Christian community. Access for the younger generation would be easier, but not good.

Johan Doerksen & Margaret Doerksen

2 Signatories

Sept 12 '23

Dear Sir / Madam

We would like to bring to your attention that we do Not support a liquor store in La Crete. A liquor ^{store} should not be found in a Christian community. Access for the younger generation would be easier, but not good.

2 Signatories

Section 17 (1)

David Doerksen

Henry Doerksen

To Whomever this may concern:

We do not support and do not want a figure store in LaCrete. We believe it would bring many issues and negative factors with it. One of them being the issue of creating an unsafe environment for everyone. We do not see any good in having a figure store in our community. Thanks

Sincerely,

Paul & Nelly Peters

Section 17 (1)

Sept 12 2023

The reason I'm against a liquor store is, it's against our religion and all the tribulation it brings with it.

Once you pass the first liquor license, what's to stop bars, lounges, dance + Party Halls to come in. Do we want an unsafe community for our future generations? Do we want drunkards loitering on our streets, making fools of themselves? Do we want to push God out of our Mennonite Community?

NO to liquor license + stores. NICK BOEHLIG

Section 17 (1)

* He would like to speak at the
Public Hearing on September 19, 2023

Section 17 (1)

Sept 12/23

I am voting against the liquor store,
since we're close neighbours and it would
never be the same again.

Section 17 (1)

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Jennifer Markens

128 **1 Signatory**

August 11, 2023

To: Mackenzie County.

Regarding the proposal to allow for a
Liquor Sales outlet near La Crete, I would
say that for mature adults, the availability
or access to liquor is ok, although for the imature,
(generally the younger generation) it is better when
alcoholic beverages are harder to access. I request
that you accept this note as a vote against the proposal

Section 17 (1)

Daniel Duck

Section 17 (1)

129

1 Signatory

The Bible says,

Sept. 12, 2023

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5:21

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. Luke 21:34

Therefore we are against a wine or liquor store here in La Crete.

Peter + Judy Zacharias

To: Mackenzie County

I am writing because of the proposed Liquor store in La Crete rural. I'm 100% against this idea for a number of reasons. It increases Partying, Night life and Drunk Driving which NOBODY would want for their family or children. We are also a Christian based Mennonite community trying to be a little separate from the world how could a liquor store fit in the middle of this?

Signed by a

Concerned Citizen

Patrick Neudorf

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To Whom It May Concern...

Please let us not have a liquor store in La Crete. Our town seems to be a reasonably safe place so far, which could change if people had such easy access to liquor, and strong drink has done so much damage to so many families. At the very least let us not supply those who want it so much in our own town. Let us not assist anyone in getting hold of it, which we surely are doing if a liquor store is set up in La Crete.

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! Habakkuk 2:15

Do we want to take responsibility to set our neighbor drunk? Are we not called Christians, and are to set an example to the world? Then let us continue to fight evil and be strong, let us not allow a liquor store to be set up in our midst!

- John & Barb Penner

2 Signatories

Sept. 12, 2023

I am not for the liquor store, I am a close neighbour and don't think this neighbourhood, would ever be the same again.

Section 17 (1)

Melvin Martens

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

We the undersigned are opposed to the liquor store anywhere in or near the Hamlet of LaCtete

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Katie Wolfe

Bomb Wiebe

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Abe Newfield

Peter Dyck

Sara Dyck

Marge Krahn

Section 17 (1)

Dave Boehman

Section 17 (1)

Bill Denton

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Through citizens, we should not forget we are but Pilgrims and Strangers

We the undersigned are opposed to the liquor store anywhere in or near the Hamlet of LaCtete

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Kathy Harder

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Mary Friesan

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Sept. 11 - 2023

A Plea to the Counsellors of Mackenzie County
of La Crete.

Please keep the proposed liquor outlet out,
as it would increase intoxication
on our roads, cause broken marriages
and wasting family livelihoods.

Drunkards will not inherit the Kingdom
of God. I Corinthians 6 verse 9-10

Sincerely

Cornelius Klassen

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To: Our Counsellors

Sept. 11, 2023

I am 100% against a liquor outlet in La Crete and area.

Reason #1. It is totally against the Bible, The Holy word of God. I. Corinthians Chapter-6 vers 10
'Not thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.'

Reason #2. We do not want our precious children and grandchildren to have ready access to alcohol and thereby led to the path of alcoholism.

Reason #3. So far we have had a peaceful town, we have no need to fear a drunk lying around the corner. Please! Let's keep it that way and help keep the crime rate down.
Thank-you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Klassen

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1 Signatory

Sept 13/23

Dear Counsellors at Mackenzie County:

We do NOT NEED a liquor store in La Crete

Section 17 (1)

David Wall
Section 17 (1)

Box 1796,
La Oute AB T0H2H0
September 12, 2023

Mackenzie County La Oute

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please stop the liquor store that
is planned for the La Oute area.
We don't want our children to visit
such a place.

Thank you,
Joanne Wall

Section 17 (1)

Box 1796
La Crete AB T0H 2H0
September 12, 2023

Mackenzie County

Dear Gentlemen,

Please don't allow them to establish a
Bar + Liquor Store in the La Crete Area.

Thank-you,
Margaret Wall

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

I am against having a liquer
Store in La Crete. We moved
here 3 years ago to a Christian
community to raise our Children.
With a liquer store in town
that would be agianst the Christian
teaching. Lets rather thrive to
Keep La Crete a Christian
Community.

Thanks. Isaac Thiessen

1 Signatory

To Whom it may concern,
We would really like to keep
the hamlet of La Crete a hamlet
and not get a liquor store in
La Crete. Its a big concern
to have it brought to
La Crete due to what
all will be brought in
after which could cause
a lot of damage and
is against God's Will.

1 Signatory

Henry ¹⁴⁴ Pehr

Following is a poem that I believe puts in focus the threat that our community is facing.

I AM ALCOHOL

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world;
I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the nations;
I have caused millions of accidents and wrecked more homes than all the floods.
 tornadoes and hurricanes put together;
I am the world's slickest thief. I steal billions of dollars each year;
I find my victims among the rich and the poor alike, the young and the old, the strong
 and the weak;
I loom up to such proportions that I cast a shadow over every field of labor;
I am relentless, insidious, unpredictable;
I am everywhere - in the homes, on the street, in the factory, in the office, in the sea
 and in the air;
I bring sickness, poverty and death;
I give nothing and take all;
I am your worst enemy;
I am alcohol.

Author Unknown

Dear Mackenzie County Councillors
I would be very opposed to any
approval of selling liquor or drugs
in the Hamlet of La Crete. The
Bible teaches it is wrong as you
can read in 1-Corin 5, 1-13 and 1-Cor
6, 9-10.

- Sincerely
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Dear, to whom it may concern

I have heard that you had said yes to building a Liqueur Store in Lacrete but i do not think it's a good idea cause what would get worse there would be more people under age drunk and more accidents, more work for the cops to keep things under control and i hope and pray that there will be enough people against it that you don't have to build it.

Sincerely

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Frank Doerksen

To Whom It May Concern,

Sept. 12/21

I Peter Wiens am not in support of a liquor store being set up in La Crete, Alberta. I do not see any benefits for our christian based community and would only bring disgrace and shame.

Section 17 (1)

Peter Wiens

To Mackenzie County Councillors and staff

When we read in the Holy Scriptures we find a big word written to drunkards! If we as a christian community allow a liquor store amongst our people what kind of a picture are we to the world? I think we should keep it away from us. For the people that want booze there are stores for that not that far away

David Dyck

Sept. 12/2023

Dear Sir/Madam.

We are parents and grandparents and are very concerned about our children and grandchildren. Since we had an alcoholic in my family we know exactly how alcohol can ruin a families life with nothing but hatred and bitterness. The idea of having a liquor store right next door is a scary thought, afraid this will only bring more and more sorrow to our area. I think we should all turn to God and pray for help.

Thank-you.

Best wishes

Fr: Abe & Helen Martens

2 Signatories

September 14, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am not in favor of this rezoning as the purpose to set up a liquor store here. As a concerned citizen of La Crete, I would like to take this opportunity of working for the betterment of our community. I realize that there is a problem with liquor in and about La Crete and realize that just not letting in the store will or can take care of this problem.

Seeing groups work against drunk driving and hearing of people suffer the consequences of drinking and driving I would rather see us deal proactively. Of which there are different ways to deal with. As a simple solution I don't think it is

Thank you for hearing my concern.

Sincerely

Section 17 (1)

Wilhelm Friesen

1 Signatory

To whom it may concern.

For the concern of Proposal liquor store
Please read Proverbs 23 verses 20+21
"Be not among winebibbers, among riotous
eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the
glutton shall come to poverty and
drowsiness shall clothe a man with
rags"

From,

Concerned Citizen of
LaCrete.

Garth & Tina Zacharias

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

September 12, 2023

Ladies and Gentle men:

It has been brought to my attention that some people want a Liquor Store in La Crete, but I do not want it. If the permission is granted to set up the Liquor store, the Drugs Store will come next. It is already to convenient for the juvenile to have a liquor store in Fort, never mind in their home town.

I would appreciate it if the matter of having a liquor store in La Crete would be dropped.

Sincerely yours,
Lena Wall
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

We as parents and grandparents are concerned about the future of our children, grandchildren, and also our community. We all stood together during COVID times; all the churches got together for a meeting and decided to still have church like normal. We gained a lot of respect from the rest of the world during that time by doing what we thought was right. So why ruin that respect by having a liquor store and most likely a bar to follow? Do we want all those drunks, non-working people and fights in our town like we see in our neighboring towns?

Let's consider what Scripture has to say.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink, is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20:1

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioner shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

Corinthians 6:10

- Phillip + Helen Krahn and family
Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Section 17 (1)

Attn: Planning & Development Department
Box 640 Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0

Please be advised that I, as a member of our County & the Sommerfeld Church, wish to take this opportunity to oppose the bylaw 1305-23 for 2 reasons.

(1) I consider a liquor outlet the devils tool. Ephesians 5:18 reads. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess: but be filled with the Spirit."

(2) We have plenty enough problems with alcoholism in our homes & on our roads. Making it more easily accessible will not make those problems lesser.

Andy Zacharias

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept 11 2023.

To Mackenzie County Board.

We have heard there are plans of opening a liquor store near the town of LaCote. We have a deep concern on this, for we all know what happens when people are under the influence of alcohol.

For us claiming to be a Christian community we shouldn't even consider something as this. If we read in Matthew 6 v 24 where it states we cannot serve two masters... Ye cannot serve God and mammon. We know a drunkard does not serve God. Then also in 1 Corinthians v 9th 10 it states who will not inherit the Kingdom of God, verse 10 it mentions the drunkard.

Then as a question - if we give the O-Kay for wine^d liquor to be sold will we be held accountable on judgement day for the souls that have gone lost who turned to alcohol? Yes I think we will.

Let us rather be a true light to the world.

Thank-you you for your time and may you only allow that which will be found on the narrow way.

With deep concerns

Section 17 (1)

Peter + Aganetha Fehr

2 Signatories

Sept 13, 2023

Dear Council,

We ask and pray that the liquor store in La-Crete may not be accepted and believe it is not God's will, according to the scriptures in more than one place: Lev. 10:9 says, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, ~~the~~ nor thy sons with thee when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generation:.

* please accept this letter with love.

Section 17 (1)

David Unrau -

Annie Unrau -

Helen Unrau -

Christina Unrau -

Lena Unrau - }

Antony Unrau -

Frederick Wall Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

Daniel Derksen

Daniel Thiessen

9 Signatories

September 11, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam.

We kindly ask that you would refrain from permitting a liquor store to be established, in or near, our town of La Crete.

There are rich values in our community and liquor would be the downfall of our town.

Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging; and ~~those~~ whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 20:1

It is good... not to drink wine nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Romans 15:21

Sincerely,
Henry & Nella Fehr

Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

September 13, 2023

We heard that someone is planning on setting up a liquor store here in La Crete. We thought it might be only fair if you first heard some opinions from local people. We found some reasons ~~that~~ ^{why} we're against it. We think it would increase the drunk driving rate here in La Crete, and more drunk people wandering along the streets. There would most likely be more underage drinking around if a store was so close by. We hope you can understand our concerns and hopefully change your mind about letting a liquor store start up in La Crete.

-Matthew + Trudy Unrau

2 Signatories

Peter and Caroline Dyck

Section 17 (1)

To: MD 23 Council of La Crete.

We, namely Peter and Caroline Dyck are strongly opposed to the liquor store proposal.

As citizens of our Christian Community we are greatly concerned about said proposal.

We know how Satan, uses liquor as the base to all evil, which leads to all human misery. Examples are:

- family break ups
- child abuse
- addiction leading to alcoholism
- spiritual death of the human soul.

Please let us stand up together for what is right in the eyes of God and men.

Sincerely

2 Signatories

Section 17 (1)

To Whom it may concern: Sept. 12, 2023

It has come to my attention that a request has been made for LaCrete. Why do we, who claim to be God-fearing people, NEED a liquor? To encourage our young people, and the even younger ones that as soon as they are 18 they can buy alcohol by having it available so close to home?

This does not agree with Christian values.

Is God for having a liquor store? Do you feel He would support this? Would it bring more souls to repentance or bring them deeper into sin + hopelessness?

What is more important, money in the pocket or a soul saved?

1 Signatory

Because of drinking alcohol, the mind cannot make valid decisions (as you well know) This causes accidents, which really

are "on purpose" accidents. I have no longing for a call to inform me of someone having been killed due to drinking.

If it was your son/daughter or grandchild who was killed, would you encourage more drinking? Are you waiting for sorrow? Would you not rather see everyone, young, middle age & old travel the road to heaven than to hell?

Please, consider carefully who it is that is encouraging you to allow, a liquor store to be set up.

A Kingdom divided against itself WILL fall.

Very Concerned,

Getrude Wall

Say "NO" to liquor. (+ Drugs which are likely next)

Mackenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

September 13, 2023

Re: Bylaw 1305-23

Dear Mackenzie County councillors and CAO:

As a nearby land owner, I am writing regarding the proposed rezoning on NW 33-105-15-W5 to allow for a liquor store.

I stopped by the La Crete county office on September 13 to see if they had a form to fill out to express my concerns. I talked to three county staff members and all three of them said I had until September 19 to submit my letter. I was concerned about the date because the letter I received says September 15. I called the CAO and he said that he would look into it – which he did.

I wish to express my deep concerns about this and hopefully this application for a liquor store will be declined.

My concern is the future affects of a liquor store in our community. What comes next? A cannabis store? A safe injection site? An increase of addicts? A need for a future recovery centre? Whose taxes are going to fund these facilities just so one business can make a profit? Even more so, I'm concerned for the many individuals/families' lives that will be harmed and quality of life destroyed.

In the best interests of the people you serve, please do not approve a liquor store in the La Crete area.

I would like to request to permission to speak at the public hearing on Sept. 19/23

Sincerely, Section 17 (1)

Menno Peters
(780)285-9664

1 Signatory

Mackenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

September 13, 2023

Re: Bylaw 1305-23

Dear Mackenzie County councillors and CAO:

As a nearby land owner, I am writing regarding the proposed rezoning on NW 33-105-15-W5 to allow for a liquor store.

I wish to express my deep concerns about this and pray that this application for a liquor store will be declined. Why would we bring such a harmful business into our community, our county? This is where we need to draw the line!

My concern is the future affects of a liquor store in our community. What comes next? A need for a future recovery centre? Whose taxes are going to fund these facilities just so one business can make a profit?

Even more so, I'm concerned for the many individuals/families' lives that will be harmed and quality of life destroyed.

Surely each of you would not want your children and grandchildren to have easy access to alcohol!

In the best interests of the people you serve, please do not approve a liquor store in the La Crete area.

Section 17 (1)

Sincerely,

Kathy Peters
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

September 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I DO NOT WANT
A LIQUOR STORE IN
LACRETE!

Sincerely Yours
Heinrich Wall

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept 12 2023

Mackenzie County
Councillors and Management

I am disappointed to hear that the County is considering approving an application for a liquor store in La Crete

I DO NOT APPROVE!

This is too convenient for people who are addicted and want to quit. and think of the young people who are easily tempted to make poor decisions. They have too easy access to Booze the way it is.

I do not want this plague in La-Crete, we have all seen the drunks laying on sidewalks and back alleys in other towns, lets not have that in La-Crete.

We need Bussiness that will help grow and support this town, not tear it down.

I ask you to listen to your Conscience and Turn down this application

Sincerely Jake F Wall

Section 17 (1)

P.S. a town that can say no to covid brainwashing can Turn down a liquer Store

1 Signatory

Ernest and Katharina Wiebe
Section 17 (1)

September 13, 2023

Mackenzie County
9205-100 Street, Box 1690
La Crete, AB, T0H 2H0

To Mackenzie County:

I am writing due to my concern about the establishment of a retail liquor store near the hamlet of La Crete, Alberta. The proposed location is adjacent to a high collision intersection; the potential increase in traffic would not diminish that risk. The location also quite close to the La Crete Heritage site and that could lead to unwanted activities taking place on that location due to alcohol consumption.

We are fortunate to live in a Mennonite community founded on Christian values; I believe an establishment selling a mind-altering substance that can lead to addictions would have a negative effect on our town as well as on the surrounding areas. Many of us have seen or even suffered the consequences of so-called social drinking turning into uncontrollable alcohol consumption, thereby causing people of all ages to make regrettable decisions, with consequences often affecting the rest of their lives and the lives of others. Although alcohol can currently be purchased in Fort Vermilion, for a person trying to shake the grip of alcoholism, wouldn't it be better to keep retail liquor outlets away from our people?

Sincerely,

Section 17
(1)
Ernest Wiebe

Section 17 (1)
Katharina Wiebe

2 Signatories

To: Mackenzie County Councillors

Re: Proposed Bylaw 1305—23 Rezoning to allow for retail liquor sales

I would urge this council to reject the proposal for the following reasons.

1- Crime

Increased alcohol accessibility is very likely to result in increased alcohol consumption. While it is not illegal to consume alcohol it is widely accepted that alcohol and crime (especially violent crime) have a very close relationship.¹ In an effort to avoid this potential increase and since La Crete does not have a RCMP detachment, I would urge that this application be denied.

2- Homelessness

Alcohol and homelessness also have a very close relationship. Addiction and substance abuse (including alcohol dependence) are often cited as a cause of housing loss.² In an effort to avoid an increase in homelessness this application should be denied.

3- Precedent

If this application were to be approved, it's reasonable to assume that this council would eventually see applications for a variety of other establishments that serve alcohol. For these there would likely be more opposition from the community, but this Council may find they have handicapped their ability to deny those applications because they have approved this one.

4- History

La Crete was settled by a largely conservative people who were looking to distance themselves from the influences of things like alcohol. While La Crete's culture is changing and not all would hold to the same values held by its founders, it does seem reasonable to at least consider the beliefs and intents of those that built this community into what it is today.

For these reasons I would urge this council to reject this application

Print name David Schellenberg

Section 17 (1)

Signature_ _____

Date: Sept 14 2023

¹ Canadian Centre on substance abuse (April 2002) Proportion of crimes associated with alcohol and other drugs in Canada

² National Library of Medicine PMC9955533

1 Signatory

Hi I'm Jennifer Barman, writing regarding the potential liquor store. I'm strongly apposed to it as I believe it is wrong to indulge in strong drink, for any reason especially pleasure. I can in no way see how it could be good to have more drunk drivers and drunks on the street as it would be with store so close and handy.

Section 17 (1)

Jamie Wiebe

From: Section 17
Sent: September 14, 2023 1:22 PM
To: Jamie Wiebe
Subject: FW: Liquor store

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PO Box 640, 4511-46 Ave. | Fort Vermilion | AB | T0H 1N0
Main Line: 780.928.3983 | Fax: 780.928.3636
Toll Free: 1.877.927.0677 | Cell: 780.841.5529
www.mackenziecounty.com

Section 17 (1)

Sent: September 14, 2023 1:21 PM
Section 17 (1)
Subject: Fwd: Liquor store

Section

Section 17 (1)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Martha Dyck Section 17 (1)
Date: September 14, 2023 at 1:00:36 PM MDT
Section 17 (1)
Subject: Liquor store

As a Christian community I feel very strongly that we shouldn't allow our community to have a liquor store. We what God's blessings and yet we rob ourselves by allowing the evil forces to enter our community. I pray this will not be allowed

1 Signatory

Hi I'm Jeffrey Benman regarding the potential setup of a liquor store in La Crete. We as christians (as I believe most of the community would call themselves) would not support a liquor store at all. I do not believe in strong drink and believe it would cause more impaired drivers and more outsiders in our till now dry town.

Section 17 (1)

No For Liquor Store in La Crete,

- It destroys lives
- It breaks up marriages
- It causes abuse to spouse & Children
- Then there is also drinking and driving which kills innocent people

◦ I personally know of someone who was an alcoholic, so it causes a great concern for the future of ~~the~~ the families of La-Crete,

- praying God will help you make the right decision, about this matter,

Sincerely,

Frank & Agatha
Martens

Section 17 (1)

- Darlene Martens Section 17 (1)

I do not wish that there would be a liquer store in La Crete, because it breaks up Marraiges, familys, et. We would have drunk people on Streets, La Crete would never be the same again. It takes lives that are so young. It ruins relationships. if you really think about it, then i think a lot of people would agree. that La Crete doesnt need a liquer store. I think we are a community that should stick together against the world.

1 Signatory

MEMOS

I Don't Agree
with Alcohol in
La Crete Because

1. There is more crime
2. It destroys families
3. it bring drunk people on
the ~~the~~ streets
4. its bad for are children
5. it doesn't benefit
anybody
6. Somebody want to
make money on other
people's lives

Sincerely Steven Martels

Section 17 (1)

Petition against Liquor store
at La Crete,

Because it is not right for
Christians to consume alcohol,
as it leads to much trouble,
like addictions and domestic violence.

If anyone needs it for medical
reasons it is available elsewhere,

Section 17 (1)

— Jake Banman

— Helen Banman

2 Signatories

Dear Sirs (or whoever this may concern):

Whoever would think that we need a liquor store? Who ^{kes} to go past a drunk lying on the sidewalk? Anyone that has slightly weak nerves and has a hard time controlling him/herself may fall in stressful times. I would feel very bad if I had sold liquor to anyone that got killed drunk. The Holy Bible gives no hope for a drunkard of inheriting the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:10) (Gal. 5:21). I would hope that anyone that has been drinking may repent and seek help from above for "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7-9)

We have nine children and would not wish for any one of them to fall into such a snare of satan as drink is. Nor would we wish it for anybody else's children. We know there are many places that pull people down into destruction; like the Smoke + Vape Shop, any drug dealers or movie rentals or sales etc. We won't be able to stop them all from coming to our town, but we were asked for opinions, so we are willing to give you ours. We will try not to support a liquor store with God's help. May the Good Lord have His hand in the matter.

Henry Dyck

Agatha Dyck

wife - x

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

From:
Linda Knelsen

Section 17 (1)

September 14, 2023

To:
Planning & Development Department
Mackenzie County
PO Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0

I am writing regarding By-law 1305-23. I am strongly opposed to any and all liquor being sold in the hamlet or anywhere near the hamlet of La Crete.

Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

Linda Knelsen

1 Signatory

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have heard that someone wants to set up a liquor store in La Crete, AB, and would like to make an appeal against it.

We all know liquor is being misused, especially amongst young people. They are on the road, not fit to drive, and then the law has to deal with it. Often times we pray or sing for those that have authority over us. The song in our German song book, number 724, especially this one verse - "Make, O God, their hearts wise, as the King Salomo; That they live to Your praise; Be Thou their protection and reward." The Bible states in Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

All this put together, for you and us as parents, and young people in our community, if we want to work for the well being, of our children and community, we can not support something like this.

Respectfully yours,

Bernhard Dyck
Mary Dyck
Elizabeth Dyck
Kathy Dyck
Margaret Dyck

5 Signatories

Please do not allow a
alcohol store to come
into our Community. As
a Christian we oppose to
this! Having been raised in
LaCrete, I hope this does
not happen!

Lisa Klassen
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

LIVING HOPE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
LA CRETE AB. T0H-2H0

Sept 12/23

Mackenzie County
La Crete Ab. T0H-2H0

Dear Councilors,

We are grateful for and pray for those who are in leadership in our county.

Re: Bylaw 1305-23 regarding Retail Liquor Sales.

This item was discussed at our Sept. 11/23 Brotherhood meeting and concerns were voiced about what kind of an impact a liquor establishment would have on our community.

We believe that God has richly blessed our community and for that we are truly thankful.

Our community is generally considered a God fearing community and any given Sunday morning when one travels our local hi-ways you meet thousands of people going to church to worship God.

We believe that by far the majority of people who live in our community believe the Bible. The Bible reminds us over and over again of the dangers of alcohol.

We feel that easier access to alcohol could lead to more consumption, which could lead to more difficulties and even violence in our homes. Easier access could also bring with it more crime, more impaired driving, more accidents and possibly even more death on our hi-ways.

In our discussion and vote at our meeting the decision was unanimous that we would ask our councilors to not approve of a Liquor sales establishment.

We thank you for considering our request.

On behalf of the Living Hope Evangelical Church Brotherhood and Leadership Committee.

Willy Friesen (chairman)

1 Signatory

Sarah Wiebe

Section 17 (1)

September 14, 2023

Mackenzie County
9205-100 Street, Box 1690
La Crete, AB, T0H 2H0

To Mackenzie County:

I am writing to communicate concerns regarding the proposed opening of a liquor retail establishment near LaCrete. For multiple reasons, such an establishment will be a detriment to our area. Because of the negative effects and situations commonly occasioned by alcohol consumption, promotion of liquor sales obviously contradicts the Christian beliefs and values largely held by our community. Additionally, safety will be compromised not only on the road and around town but also in the home.

Drunk driving is a definite danger that costs lives and causes needless suffering and sorrow. Around town, inebriated individuals are a hazard to the public in numerous ways. With appalling swiftness, social drinking degenerates into alcoholism; a broken home is a frequent by-product of alcohol addiction. Loved ones are abused. Marriages are shattered. Families suffer.

While these problems and pitfalls exist regardless of where alcohol is obtained, they would undoubtedly be increased by a liquor sales establishment just outside our hamlet. Why facilitate the purchase of a product that damages, devastates, and destroys?

Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

Sarah Wiebe

1 Signatory

Mary Wiebe

Section 17 (1)

September 13, 2023

Mackenzie County
9205-100 Street, Box 1690
La Crete, AB, T0H 2H0

To Mackenzie County:

It has recently been brought to my attention that a liquor sales establishment has been proposed for the area of La Crete, Alberta. As a resident of La Crete, I am writing to you, Mackenzie County, to inform you that I am opposed to any liquor sales establishment within the county.

My reasons for opposition to a local liquor store are as follows:

1. Various references in the Bible make it clear that strong drinks such as alcoholic beverages are not allowed for those living within God's guidelines for Christian life.
2. While the community currently has access to alcoholic beverages from neighbouring towns, having local access to liquor increases the temptations for imbibement simply due to the easier access. This results in further issues, especially for energetic, bored youth.
3. Increased access to alcoholic beverages will very likely lead to increased local drinking and driving, thus increasing the risks of collisions resulting in injury or death.
4. Local access to liquor increases the risk of additional broken homes, abusive situations, homelessness, street activity, and other social issues.
5. Easier access to alcoholic beverages doubtlessly will lead to increased addiction potential and concerns, thus increasing the utilization of healthcare resources.

Do we have the fiscal and human resources to deal with the above problems? We do not. Furthermore, God has clearly stated in His Word that his blessings do not fall on ungodly people; this means a liquor sales establishment will include further loss of God's protection and blessing for our community. Please do not allow such evil to enter the county.

Should you have questions about my communication, feel free to reach out to me at the address above.

Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

Mary Wiebe

1 Signatory

Peter R. and Helen Wiebe

Section 17 (1)

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Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

Peter Wiebe

Section 17 (1)

Helen Wiebe

2 Signatories

To Oppose A Liquor Store In LaCrete Please Reconsider

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler and whoever is led astray by it is not wise." (Proverbs 20:1)

Numerous passages in the Bible teach against drunkenness, like Ephesians 5:18 and Galatians 5:16-21.

There are people who are wise enough not to drink enough to get drunk, but

"Beware lest this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak, for if anyone sees you [drinking] will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to [drink] those things offered []? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ." (1 Corinthians 8:9-12) (Proverbs 28:10)

Are our youth strong enough to resist peer pressure and temptations?

"Do not be deceived. Evil company corrupts good habits." (1 Corinthians 15:33) (Proverbs 13:20; 23:20)

"You shall not tempt the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 6:16) (Luke 4:12) to save you from temptation if you don't keep yourself away from it. Those who play with fire will get burned by it.

"I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness," (2 Corinthians 11:3) so the physical presence of all that the store offers combined with the influential powers of peers will lead many of our community members, our loved ones, astray.

3 Signatories

For myself, I do not wish to contend with any of the effects of drunkenness. Examples: Drunkards, riotousness,

violence, harassment, vandalism, late evening or night traffic, pedestrians, and noise.

With conviction

Eva Martens

A. Martens

Sarah Martens

To Whom it may concern,

Sept. 14, 2023

Regarding the liquor store

As a concerned citizen of La Crete and area, I am NOT in favor of having a liquor store.

The negative effects are many, both short-term and long-term! I have major concerns about safety. Alcohol is well-known to raise the crime rates. Higher levels of violence, domestic abuse, drinking and driving, alcohol involved pedestrian ~~and~~ collisions and vehicle accidents to mention a few. Any research of the negative effects of adding a liquor store to a community will provide ample reasons as to why this would not benefit the community.

La Crete is a wonderful community and I am deeply concerned of the negative impact it will have on the community in the future.

Kyler Knelson

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

To Whom It may concern,

Sept. 14 '23

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Vanessa Kneisen

1 Signatory

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To: The Mackenzie County Counselors

Good day. I am writing you this letter to let you know that I, as a law abiding, tax paying citizen of Mackenzie County, I am adamantly opposed to having a liquor store in the hamlet of La Crete. A few reasons are as follows:

1. Having a liquor store in La Crete only makes it easier for young people to access, and abuse alcohol. Alcohol related accidents and incidents are two things I would like to see less of.
2. If my understanding is correct, then having a liquor store in La Crete changes the status from a hamlet to a town. Again, if my understanding is correct, a town is required to have a police station, a courthouse building, and possibly a hospital. All of these services cost dollars, tax dollars, to build and operate. Taxes would most likely go way up.
3. Rumour has it that the applicant for this liquor store needs and wants this license and liquor store status to be able to apply for, and receive the paperwork/license to eventually sell cannabis. Assuming this rumour is correct, it will be easy for young people to access cannabis. I am adamantly opposed to having a cannabis supplier in the hamlet of La Crete.

To summarize, having a supplier of alcohol, and possibly, eventually a supplier of cannabis, changes the status of La Crete from a hamlet to a town, driving up taxes due to the necessary police department and court building, just for the sake of being able to supply two products that consumers can purchase in neighbouring areas. This is outrageously unnecessary. NO LIQUOR STORE IN LA CRETE!! Let the people be heard.

Sincerely, John Wolfe
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

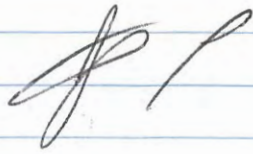
To whom it may concern,

Sept. 12/23

I do not want a liquor store put up in/near La Crete. It is not the heritage that our parents and grandparents left for us. And also liquor has ruined so many marriages and homes. Please keep it away.

Signature

3 Signatories



A. S

C. Peters

WE ARE WRITTING THIS SHORT LETTER
TO YOU THE MACKENZIE COUNTY ON A CONCERN
WE HAVE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE AREA
OF LA-CRETE GETTING A LIQUOR OUTLET.

FIRST, IT WOULD PROVIDE A READILY AVAILABLE
SUPPLY OF LIQUOR TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS, POSSIBLY
IN WALKING DISTANCE AND VERY LIKELY GET PASSED
ON INTO THE HANDS OF OUR YOUTH, THUS CAUSING
A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS.

SECOND, IT WOULD STAIN THE CHRISTIAN
CHARACTOR OF LA-CRETE BEING A DRY HAMLET.

AND BE NOT DRUNK ON WINE, WHEREIN
IS EXCESS; BUT BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

EPHESIANS 5 verse 18

MAY GOD GRANT WISDOM

HENRY + MARY UNRAU

2 Signatories

Sept 12th, 2023

We strongly disagree with having a liquor store in or around this community, here in La-Crete.

We are very concerned about our young people and anyone else who would take to drinking, and a liquor store closeby would only add to hardships in our community, especially teenagers.

We DO NOT want liquor available around this area or in this community.

Ben Dick

Thankyou,

Betty Ann Dick

2 Signatories

To Mackenzie County

As a young father living in Mackenzie County, I'm against having a liquor store in the community. Having it so close would make the temptation greater for young and old alike. We have no use for more drunk drivers on the roads and walking along sidewalks. It does not belong in a Christian community. In 1 Corinthians 5:10 it says "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Proverbs 20:1

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Please do not allow a liquor store in our community

from Kevin Krahn

1 Signatory

To the Board of MD

No! We do not want a liquor store
in La Crete!

I cannot think of one good thing about
having a liquor store. And yet, a whole book,
could be written of the evil strong drink
can do.

Galatians 5 verse 21

Envy, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and
such like; of which I tell you before, as I
have also told you in time past, that they
which do such things shall not inherit the
Kingdom of God.

Romans 13 verse 13

Let us walk honestly, as in the day;
not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering
and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

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Sincerely,

Margaret Teichroeb

1 Signatory

September 11/2023

WE ARE AGAINST Selling Liquor

We are aware of the plans of selling Liquor in the La-Crete area. People of other areas look at La-Crete as a Christian Community, why not live up to it?

We do not need drunk drivers on the roads or sidewalks of La-Crete.

It would be a great temptation for many people. It can wreck families

★ Proverbs 20 verse 1

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Sincerely,

Geroge & Margaret Krahn

2 Signatories

Re: liquor store:

We strongly oppose the opening of a liquor store in La Crete. God's Word instructs us to not indulge in strong drink, and having it so readily at hand would increase the amount of liquor being consumed, (which is too much already,) thereby increasing crime and impaired drivers. Underage drinking would also increase if youth could just walk into a local store. (We know they are supposed to ID, but do they always?) Please keep the liquor out of our town!

Sincerely,
Abe & Annie Wiebe

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2 Signatories

Sept. 11, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam:

In regards to whether a liquor store should be permitted in LaCrete, there is no other place to turn to for the answer than to God's Word. God's Word is Law. He says strong drink is wickedness. To invite wickedness into our community is to kindle God's wrath upon us. How can we wish God's wrath upon ourselves? The consequences of allowing a liquor store in LaCrete will have far-reaching effects, including an increase of violence, fornication, and foolishness.

PLEASE let us pass on to our future generation a community that supports love, peace, and holy living. Let's live so that God's blessing can rest on us rather than His curse!

Sincerely,
Section 17 (1)

Linda Teichroeb
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

To Whom This May Concern

Concerning The Liquor Store That
Someone is Trying To set up In our Community
I Strongly Disagree !! With Having Liquor
Sales In our Neighbourhood

We have enough Trouble In our Community
Without offering liquor Sales Right at our doorstep.
The people That would like to set up Such Sales
I Hope They Take into consideration what They are
actually doing To our young people and people That
Have a drinking Problem already

There are many ways We can make money
To earn a living... BUT Let's Leave liquor Sales out !!
and STOP Ruining Lives

1 Signatory

Section 17 (1)

Jake Fehr

September/23

We Peter & Sarah Bergen with our four children, would like to ask:

Why would you want a liquor store in LaCrete??

We are concerned about our children!!

3. "The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet."
Isaiah 28:3

"Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech."
Isaiah 28:23

Hoping and Praying it won't happen!!

Thank You and may God bless
You!

2 Signatories

I believe it would not be right to
have a liquor store in La Crete,
I'm asking please respect our Christian
beliefs and do not let it happen.

Section 17 (1)

ANDREW UNRAU.

1 Signatory

I believe our town is much better off without a Liquor Store. Just think how many more people would be tempted to drink with such a place close by. I can see no good thing coming from it!

*Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow?
who hath contentions? Who hath babbling?
Who hath wounds without cause?
Who hath redness of eyes?
They that tarry long at the wine;
they that go seek mixed wine.
- Proverbs 23: 29, 30

Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- 1. Thessalonians 5: 6

Judith Teichroeb

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1 Signatory

To whom it may concern!

I strongly oppose to having a liquor store in La Crete, the reasons being many.

First why should we make alcohol more accesable than it already is especially for those already addicted to it, and also for youth, There are far to many dangerous temptations already. Yes those that seek it will find it but that is no excuse to make it easier to get.

Who \$wants to be accountable for the lives lost ~~due~~ due to intoxication, or the crumbling marriages ~~due~~ or other of the many damagges done because of alcohol?

So who \$would benefit from this store? No one, oh the owner may think he \$will but it is at the expense of other lives and ~~tragetics~~ ~~thead~~ tragedy's.

It also makes me wonder why there is a Smoke and Vap shop.

Concerned resident 1 Signatory

Danny Terchroeb
Section 17 (1)

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September 14, 2023

To whom it may concern,

We received the Bylaw Amendment Application regarding the Rezoning.

We are not in favor of this rezoning as the purpose to set up a liquor store there. We are elderly and would like to see the peace remain by not encouraging more or easier access to liquor than what it already is. We can see the damage of what the liquor has done and is doing in, not only our community but in our nation as well. We see group as MADD working against the driving under the influents of liquor. Our view to keep and rather improve the peace would be to keep out the vending of liquor and rather educate our young people the damage of drinking.

Thank you for hearing our concern.

Sincerely

Section 17 (1)

Wilhelm Zacharias

Section 17 (1)

Justina Zacharias

2 Signatories

We are against having a liquor store close to La-Crete.

We don't want more impaired drivers in our area, and increasing the chance of a family member or anyone else to not come home because of an impaired driver.

It would also increase the chances for the ~~underaged~~ underaged people to get their alcohol and send them down the wrong path. Do we need more crime?

Thankyou for considering!

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Proverbs 20:1 wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Eccles. 10:17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy King is the son of nobles and thy princes eat in due season for Strength and not for drunkenness.

Romans 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Sept 11/23

TO: Mackenzie County Council Members

RE: Liquor Store in LaCrete

We are very concerned and very disturbed of the rumors we are hearing that a liquor store is planned on being opened in the community of LaCrete.

We feel we have a strong community in standing ^{right} together against what we feel is wrong. ~~and~~ If we want to prove that we are a strong Christian community lets all stand together to prove that a liquor store in our backyard is against ~~the~~ God's word.

Here are a couple of ~~ver~~ Scripture verses to help understand our standing against it

1 Corinthians 6 v 10

Galations 5 v 21

2 Signatories

Phillip & Susan
Diedger

Sept 13'23

To Whom it may concern:

Regarding the liquor store in La Crete, AB

As a concerned citizen of La Crete, I am opposed to La Crete having a liquor store!

The negative affects are many:

I have major concerns about safety, as it is a well known fact that alcohol is related to higher levels of violence, domestic abuse, higher levels of crime, drinking and driving, alcohol involved pedestrian collision and vehicle accidents, to mention a few.

Any research of the negative affects of a liquor store on a community will provide ample reasons as to why this is not a good idea.

La Crete is a wonderful community and I am deeply concerned about the negative affects it would have on our community.

Thank You,

Susan Janzen

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Thank You,

Isaac Janzon
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

No to Liquor Store in La-Crete!

To keep this a Christian Community
we have No room for a Liquor Store!

I totally disagree to accept that
business into our Community!

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Trudy Klassen Judy Klassen

2 Signatories

Sept. 2023

I am not in favor of a
Wine/Liquor Store in our community.

I believe we should fight off
crime instead of feeding it, and
selling strong drink seems like
feeding it.

1 corinthians 6:

9. Know ye not that the
unrighteous shall not inherit
the kingdom of God? Be
not deceived: neither fornicators,
nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor
effeminate, nor abusers of
themselves with mankind,

10. Nor thieves, nor covetous,
nor drunkards, nor revilers,
nor extortioners, shall inherit
the Kingdom of God.

Proverbs 20

1 Signatory

1. Wine is a mocker, strong drink
is raging: and whosoever is deceived
thereby is not wise

Out of great concern for our Mennonite Community. Dear leaders of our County #23, I Jake Unrau believe wine is not forbidden but to be used in respect as a med. Too much is sinful as we read so many places in the Holy Bible. Proverbs 23 ver. 19-21, Proverbs 23 v. 29-35 are just 2 examples. I also thought of how it could ^{be} to missuse if it was always handy and close to home. So I ask you as leaders to stop all temptations from entering our community. (liqu. store)

Also even for our reputation as Mennonites. I wish we could be a light for the world instead of the reputation the Mennonites have in Mexico. Known for Alc. + Drugs.

Thank you **2 Signatories**
From: Jake & Hellen Unrau

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Sept. 12/23

We don't think it's a good idea
to get a Liquor store built in
La Crete because we want our
Community to be as healthy and
safe as possible, we don't want
all those kind of stores in our town.

2 Signatories

Andrew + Frieda Peters

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Section 17 (1)

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We are against
the Liquor store
for safety reasons
we are concerned
about our Children
and Grandchildren

Section 17 (1)

DAVID EVA BERGER

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Dear Councilers of Mackenzie
County

We are disappointed to learn that
our Councilers would even consider letting a
liquor store open in our community.

Here are several reasons:

- It would make it easier for our youth
to access it. And cause a lot more partying.
- We must remember an alcoholic will
have no part in heaven.
- Alcohol destroys the Christian morals
in our community.

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Lisa Klassen

I Margaret Fehr am a mother
of seven children. It is gruesome
to think of having a liquor store
so close and handy for our
children. It would not be good for
our future and ruining our heritage
We are praying against it.

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Sept 13, 2025

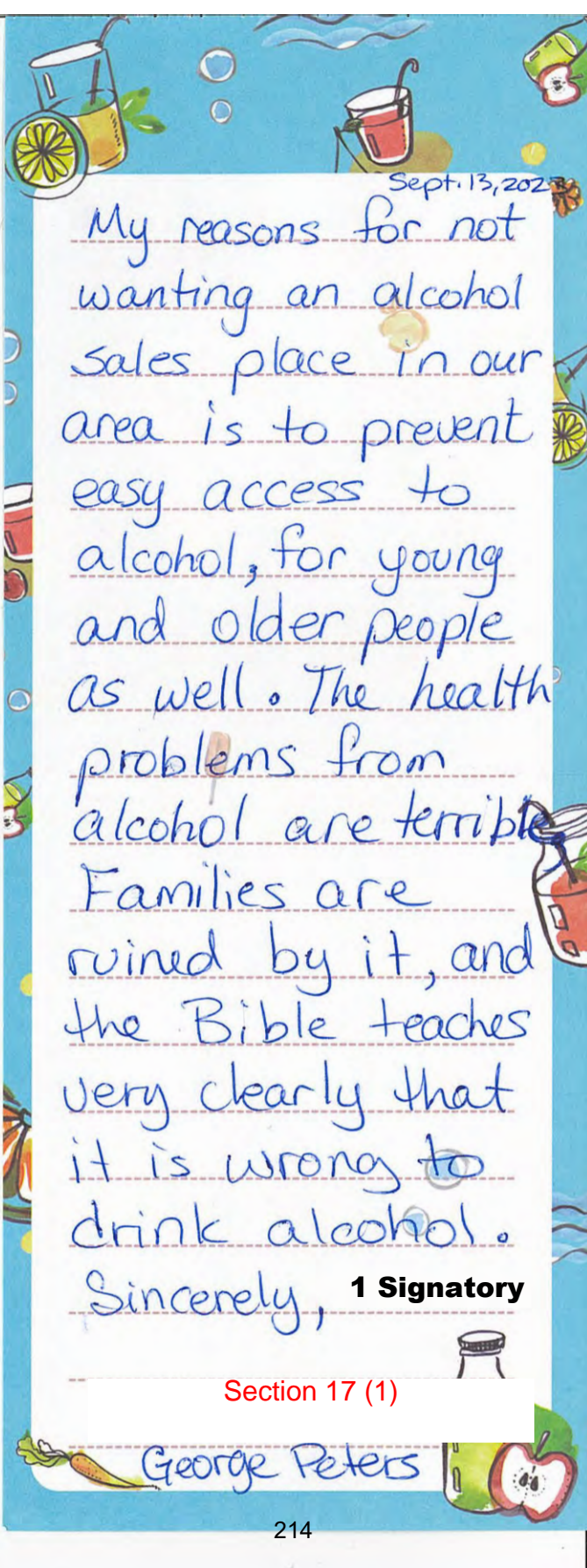
The reason I don't want an alcohol-selling business in our area is simple. The easier something is to get the easier people will be tempted to buy it. I have taught children in school that had Fetal-Alcohol-Syndrome. Let's prevent that from happening here. We are all better off without alcohol to ruin lives.

Sincerely,

1 Signatory

James Peters

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Sept. 13, 2023

My reasons for not wanting an alcohol sales place in our area is to prevent easy access to alcohol, for young and older people as well. The health problems from alcohol are terrible. Families are ruined by it, and the Bible teaches very clearly that it is wrong to drink alcohol.

Sincerely, **1 Signatory**

Section 17 (1)

George Peters

Address to Mackenzie County Councilors

Regarding the 1305-23 bylaw which if legalized would allow the sale of Liquor in the LaCrete Rural area.

We as Ministers of the SMC would like to express our views against such a by-law that would permit liquor sales in our community.

We have heard comments like (If we have the liquor store locally maybe we can keep the young people off the roads) Meaning those that drive certain distances to get it anyway. Isn't this very false and shallow reasoning. Two wrongs have never made a right. And hopefully anyone with such thoughts can realize his error before he takes comfort with such reasoning. We feel having a local liquor store would increase drunk driving and drunks wandering around in town getting run over or hit after dark which we see and hear of in neighbouring towns that have liquor sales. We have all heard, read, or experienced enough of what kind of Terrible Tragedy's have happened due to the use of liquor. Tearing apart what once were happy family's, Innocent people getting killed by drunk drivers, Men getting together with old friends and drinking while there wives and children are waiting for them at home. The list could go on and on. We have plenty enough drinking going on in our community without local availability. Let us all stand up for what is right and be the Light that we are supposed to be or we will be accountable on the Judgement day.

Read Proverbs Chapter 23 verses 29-33 over →

v 29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

v 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

v 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

v 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

v 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

From all Ministers of the Semmerfeld Mennonite Church

Section 17 (1)

NICK BOEHLIG

JOHN H. BOHLER

PETER WIELCH

DAVID ENNS

JOHN NEUFELD

ANDREW TEICHROEB

CORNYL TEICHROEB

GEORGE PETERS

HEINRICH GIEBRECHT

WILLIAM S. FEHR

GEORGE P. FRIESE

RONALD BOEHLIG

DAVID DICK

RICK KLASSEN

14 Signatories

Sept 14 2023

We are concerned to liquor
We dont need a liquor store anywhere
near La Crete A.B.

1 Corinthians 6: 9-10

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Proverbs 23: 29-33

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1 Corinthians 10: 22.

Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy?
are we stronger than he?

2 Signatories

Psalms 1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful,

Heinrich Susana Giesbrecht

Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

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To whom it may concern,

Sept. 11, 2023

We are concerned community members, writing to petition against a liquor store being opened in our community. There is no doubt, that easier access to liquor (and likely to follow: drugs/cannabis) will only lead to greater destruction of families, relationships and souls bound for eternity.

As fellow citizens as well as fellow believers, let us work together for the higher good.

Galatians 5:1+10

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage... the works of the flesh are... drunkenness... they which do ~~these~~ such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

2 Signatories

It is also clear that whether we do those things ~~we~~ are the stumbling block for others to do those things, they shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Praying that God will lead and strengthen our counsellors in making a decision that will honor God and not man.

Edwin & Martha Doerksen

As a Christian based community we do not support a liquor store in La Creta. We have a large young generation and we believe having easy access to liquor could harm our community.

Please, take Our Concern into Consideration.

Thank You.

Julius Unrue
Maria Unrue
Joanne Unrue

3 Signatories

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we do not support having a liquor store in our town of La Crete
we have a Large young Generation and we believe having easy
access to Liquor could harm our Community.

Please take our concern into consideration.

THANK YOU!

Section 17 (1)

Bernard Doerksen

Section 17 (1)

Martha Doerksen

Jeffery Doerksen

3 Signatories

Dear, To Whom it may concern
I am a resident of Mackenzie County and
have overheard that you are planning to set up a
Liquor store in LaCrote. I am strongly opposed to
such an Idea for it will bring more drunks to the
streets of La Crote and In Romans 12 verse 2 it
says: And be not conformed to this world; but be ye
transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye
may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and
Perfect, will of God.

Sincerely yours,
Abe P Doerksen.

Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

Margaret Doerksen

2 Signatories

September 11, 2023

I have a concern about the liquor store that is being planned in Lacrete. I feel that this is against my beliefs and community.

We read in the bible

Galatians 5. Verse 21

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

David Durek
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept 13, 23

Attn: Mackenzie county council

We kindly ask that you do not allow a liquor store to be set up in La Crete AB. We feel it would be a bad choice to let a liquor store be set up in La Crete AB just for the sake of business. Because we think there would be some much more negative consequences involved, like easier access to alcohol for some that might otherwise not have it so readily obtainable, that could cause more alcohol abuse that leads to family abuse, alcohol on the streets, alcohol later in the evenings, with more people out on the town being loud and damaging properties and making it unsafe to ~~to~~ live peacefully in our community. As Christians we do not want our children to be involved in, nor do we have the need for alcohol abuse. It can be readily obtained in neighboring communities for anyone having a need for it, it is very obvious the way of life could be downgraded and crime could go up. La Crete started as a safe and mostly christian community, and we would like to keep it that way. Thank you for reading and considering.

John Doerksen

Section 17 (1)

Judith Doerksen

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Sept 12, 2023

To whom it may concern

As concerned community members we are writing to petition against a liquor store being opened in our community.

We are concerned that with easier access to liquor, there will only be greater destruction within families & relationships, ... as fellow christians we are concerned for all the souls bound for eternity.

Galatians 5: 19-21

... the works of the flesh are ... drunkenness ... they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

With liquor (and drugs that may follow) we fear it will be harder to guide our youth to become upstanding citizens (the next generations)

Titus 2: 1-6

... aged men be sober ... that they may teach the young women to be sober ... young men likewise to be sober minded.

1 Signatory

Praying God will lead and strengthen our counsellors in making a decision to honor God, not to please men. - Abe & Betty Doerksen

Section 17 (1)

Dear: To whom it may concern

I heard you wanted to build a liquer store in La Crete. But what will cause if you do is there will be more accidents and way more underage drinking, And cops will be busier than they already are cause there will be even more drinking and driving. I hope and pray that you won't build it.

2 Signatories

- Anna Doerksen
- Agatha Doerksen

Sept. 12, 2023

To whom it may concern,

As a community member I am writing to petition against opening a liquor store in my community.

At the age of 20 I am witnessing the damage that liquor is doing to the youth and new young families, and I fear how much greater the damage might be if we might have liquor (and maybe drugs with time) at our doorsteps.

Wanting the best for our community's next generations, I am praying that God will guide and strengthen our counsellors in making a decision to honor God, not just to please man.

Janice Doerksen

1 Signatory

Section 17 (1)

I Ben Friesen am
against Getting a liquor
Store close to LACRETE.

I would like less ~~the~~
alcohol access for or
Children's Sake. Maybe if
we don't have a liquor
Store so close we can Save
a Soul.

God would be against it
to so I hope and pray we
will not get it

Thank You!

1 Signatory

HI I don't Think we
Need a Liquar Store in
Town of La Crete

Section 17 (1)

ABE Funk

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Frank Giesbrecht

Dear Machenzie County, I heard they wanted to Bring a Liquor Store into La crete, and I think that it's not a good Idea for My family and others, I alway Hoped we could keep it a nice Mennonite town.

Leviticus 10 verse 9

Do not drink wine nor strong
Drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee,
when ye go into the tabernacle of the
congregation, Lest ye die: it shall be
a Statute for ever throughout your
generations.

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Section 17 (1)

To the Mackenzie County:

I would like to express a concern about the building of a liquor store in the county.

I feel this is precisely why our forefathers moved to this area, trying to avoid this.

I also have seen firsthand how drinking can affect driving. I feel all people can have happy and fulfilling lives without drinking.

Please don't let this happen!

Sincerely:

Andrew Friesen

1 Signatory

To the Mackenzie County :

I received news , with great concern ,
about the building of a liquor store !

I feel this would be a very bad
influence to our community and
also for our future generations.

As a mother of four small children
I feel this is a big cause how
innocent lives are wasted and affected
by drunken driving and drinking.

We don't need this in La-Crete!

With big concern :
Karen Friesen

1 Signatory

September 13, 2023

Dear Council Members;

RE: Opposition to Bylaw 1305-23 Rezoning from Agriculture “A” to Direct Control 1 “DC1”

Whenever there is a development proposed in a community, the question to ask should be, will it benefit the area or will it hurt the area? How would a liquor store benefit the area of La Crete?

We are a unique hamlet, there are very few like it that is why I love it so much. Most hamlets have 3 to 4 liquor stores. Are these places as desirable to live in as La Crete?

One of the arguments in support of a liquor store is that kids drive under the influence from Fort Vermilion to La Crete. Having a liquor store just outside of La Crete will not minimize drinking and driving. If the individual wants to drive while drinking, it will still happen, only the roads on which they travel might change.

Crime will most likely rise in La Crete with a liquor store in the vicinity. We do not have enough police presence for this increase.

I admit that we are not a perfect community. There will always be issues wherever you go. However I love La Crete, the Christian values that many adhere to and the safe playgrounds that my grandkids can play on. I feel bringing a retail liquor store into the community will change things and not for the better. This is why I do not support the rezoning to accommodate a liquor store in La Crete or in the area.

I vnda Washkevich
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

David + Eva Zacharias

Section 17 (1)

To: Mckenzie County of La Crete,

We, David + Eva Zacharias would not like
to see a liquor store in La Crete,

Thank-you

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Jamie Wiebe

From: Section
Sent: September 15, 2023 10:47 AM
To: Jamie Wiebe
Subject: FW: Liquor store

Section 17

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Sent: September 15, 2023 9:51 AM

Section 17 (1)

Subject: Fwd: Liquor store

One more

Section 17 (1)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Delilah Derksen [Section 17](#) [i@](#)
Date: September 15, 2023 at 9:33:15 AM MDT
[Section 17 \(1\)](#)
Subject: Liquor store

To the council of the Mackenzie County:

It has been brought to our attention that a proposal is being made to rezone a piece of agricultural land to land that can have a retail liquor store just outside of La Crete. We are opposed to this proposal. The town of La Crete does not need a liquor store. We are a community of many youth and children, and to have such easy access to liquor will create many problems for the community as a whole.

To our understanding, it is the council of the Mackenzie County that will be voting on this decision. The council represents the people, so please vote according to what the people want. The people in La Crete voted in the council, so let your decision reflect what the population would have voted for. Let's stand together, and not allow a liquor store to be built and destroy our community, youth, and children.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Thank you for your time, and have a good day!

Bob and Delilah Derksen

2 Signatories

DEAR Sir/Madam:

Sept 15,2023

We,Jacob & Justina Zacharias have lived here in La Crete community for 60+ Years and we really appreciated the streets being free of walking drunks, unlike nearby towns that actually have liquor stores in town. We see ZERO benefits coming out of establishing one in or nearby La Crete.

We strongly oppose against it here in La Crete. As Bible Honoring Residents of La Crete please take into consideration the value of living in a clean and sober-minded life.

Signed By;

Section 17 (1)

Sept 15,2023.

Jacob Zacharias _____

Justina Zacharias

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Mackenzie County

La Crete, Ab

September 14, 2023

To whom it may concern in regards to Proposed Public Hearing Bylaw Sept 19,2023

It has been brought to my attention that there is an application for a liquor store in the La Crete area. And that the public have opportunity to give their input. Thank you.

It takes effort to sit down and write a letter, and possibly opposition. However, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer has said, "Not to act, is to act". Too many people, including myself, sometimes remain silent and then complain about the direction of certain things.

Even, if citizens aren't opposed to alcohol personally, it can be very damaging and destructive to have a liquor store in the community. I don't think any alcoholic ever wanted to be so, when he/she took their first drink. And, every alcoholic started with a first drink.

I have seen the damage alcohol has done in the lives of others. It not only affects that individual but ripples to family, friends and neighbours etc. Alcohol has been the cause of much sadness and brokenness.

It so often breaks families and relationships. Poverty and homeless can also often be attributed to alcohol.

It might start the deterioration of our great community as we know it. Our community can pride themselves in still being a dry town. I realize there is certainly alcohol in the community, but the closer the access to it, the more prevalent, it becomes.

There are so many people attending or in need of rehab. Why not attempt prevention instead of rehabilitation. I am opposed to passing the proposed By law.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Martha Friesse

To The Mackenzie County Councillors
or

To Whom it may concern

With deep concern we write to you about the decision which has been made in order to accept the fact that there is a Liquor outlet to be stationed in the rural area of La Crete (namely Prairie Parkes)

We as a family are totally against such a decision for our community.

Our forefathers moved away from areas where all such things had been accepted, that is because the Bible teaches us in Romans 12 v 2 Be not conformed to this world:

Would a liquor outlet not be exactly against our Bible Teaching?

Why do people use Liquor?

The biggest by far the most, when they start consuming alcohol is Peer Pressure and to fulfil the lust of their own flesh.

We can read in 1 John 2 v 15 + 16: Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life is not from the father, But is of the world.

Is this not exactly what a Liquor outlet would fulfil?

What does the use of Liquor all bring with it?

With too much Liquor it gives intoxicated minds, and with all the pornography, marriage problems and even such as Divorce + murder, this is only to name a few.

If we read in 1 Corinthians 6 v 9 + 10 Know ye not that the Unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?

Be ye not deceived: Neither fornicators, nor idolaters

8 Signatories

nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves
nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards shall inherit the
Kingdom of God.

All these things come together with the use of Liquor
So we ask you kindly Please do not let a Liquor
outlet ever take place in or around LaCrite.

Please help us to get Better Control of Less Consumption
of Liquor instead of more.

And we unto the People that support such misbehavior
by selling Liquor,

That Big Judgement Day will not be easy on such
willful wrong doing.

WILLIAM S FEHR

Marie Fehr

Katherina Fehr

Daniel E Fehr

David J Fehr

Anna Fehr

Martin Z Friesen

Elizabeth Friesen

Section 17 (1)

I Wm S FEHR WOULD LIKE
TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING ON SEPT 19/73

Dear Sir or Madam:

A big NO to a liquer store in our Community, with the majority of people in La-Crete professing to be Christians why would we want or need a liquer store? WE DON'T.

There are too many broken homes, broken marriages and crime already. Having a liquer store in the Community would dramatically increase those numbers, and definitely increase the temptation for drink for young and old alike, as it is not right for a christian to drink and get drunk, lets not tempt them with drinks so close by

1 Signatory

With Great Concern,

Andrew W

Section 17 (1)

Andrew
Wall

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With Great Concern,
(Isaac Wall)

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With Great Concern,

Aganetha Wall

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So close by

1 Signatory

With Great Concern,

Barbara Wall

Section 17 (1)

Sept. 15/2023

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention, that a liquor store may be planned to be opened for business in our community (La Crete) As a Christian parent of a young family I have a great concern about the impact such a facility would have on our community.

Please consider the long term effects a liquor store would have on our community: attracting alcohol inclined people (from within & outside of our community), increase in crime, increase in immorality, decrease in mental health, decrease in economic health of community, & increase in homelessness, to name a few.

Although I have listed both the economic & spiritual disadvantages of a liquor store, I do believe as a Christian community our focus needs to be primarily on the spiritual health of our community. As such I believe we need to reject this venture on the basis of, 1 Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

1 Signatory

Thank you for your consideration,

Joseph (Joe) Wiebe

Section 17 (1)

Jamie Wiebe

From: Section 17
Sent: September 15, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Jamie Wiebe
Subject: FW: Liquor Sales

Section 17 (1)

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Sent: September 15, 2023 12:56 PM

Section 17 (1)

Subject: Fwd: Liquor Sales

Another one

Section 17 (1)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill Fehr Section 17 (1)
Date: September 15, 2023 at 12:36:36 PM MDT
To: Section 17 (1)
Subject: Liquor Sales

Just to let you know we are opposed to a Liquor Store in our community. I am fully aware that there is much liquor being consumed in this community but it changes a community completely when it is right here. I would have much more to say on this subject but Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns.

Bill Fehr
Sent from my iPhone

1 Signatory

To Mackenzie County Planning and Development Department,

My name is Jason Thiessen. I am submitting this letter to you in regards to the proposed bylaw 1305-23 for the purpose of rezoning. I own a residential property adjacent to the proposed site. I am strongly opposed to this change due to multiple reasons. First of all, it would bring an undesired amount of traffic and the party scene that a liquor store would bring. We already have some traffic issues, especially on weekends. I feel that a rural site is a terrible place for this type of business as it would lack community policing and bring in even more illegal activity such as drug trafficking etc.

Secondly, we purchased this property because it was an excellent place to raise our children where we could teach them to raise animals and enjoy the outdoors, as this area was zoned for.

I am also sure that this would lower our property value as most of the people in our community are like minded and would not want to raise their family near a liquor store.

As a whole, the La Crete area's population has a large majority that is opposed to having a liquor store in our community due to our Christian and family values. Knowing this, I do not believe that you could in good conscience vote in favor of this, as you would not be representing the vast majority of the people you are supposed to represent.

Sincerely, Jason & Tina Thiessen & Family

2 Signatories

OUR NUMBER

359433

DATE

Sept. 15, 2023

CUSTOMER'S ORDER

1 Signatory

Prod. Herman A Friesen
Section 17 (1)

Concerning the liquor outlet in La Crete

SOLD TO

M.D. County

ADDRESS

Fort Vermilion and La Crete

SHIP TO

ADDRESS

TAX REG. NO.

SALESPERSON

FOB

TERMS

VIA

INVOICE

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	In my time I had to get involve with Pepel in liquor most of the time, it is not match.		
	But when it comes to the point, to lay it of, it's not that easy and does not happen.		
	I now of Pepel ween outlets away lik Manning or Percie River, They would pick some up ween they don't see.		
	But because of th listens, it did not happen so many times.		
	We have never seen anybody Pace Away because we not know of liquor.		
	But we have seen some Pace Away off to Moush.		
		TOTAL	

To Whom it may concern,

We are against the idea of having a liquor store in the town of La Grate. It is against our beliefs. We are aware our youth drives miles for liquor but it's not what we want for them.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
Proverbs 20:1

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envyings, murders, DRUNKENNESS, revellings, and ^{also} such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

I Thessal. 5:7+8

Benny Peters

Section 17 (1)

Dorothy Peters

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Dear Mackenzie County Councilors
and all to whom it would concern.

It is my understanding that there is a proposal in progress to open a liquor store and possibly a cannabis outlet in the town of La Crete. I would strongly disagree for this to be allowed.

In Bible verse Ephesians 5, verse 17, 18 it says wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, where in is excess, but be filled with the spirit. And Romans 14 verse 21 it says It is good neither to eat flesh nor drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

I am 46 years of age and have young children and also married children too, having seen the difficulty that some young people and also some mid to old married couples and how they truly struggle with addictions of alcohol + drugs. How could anyone think that we would need more or better access to these things in La Crete.

I know people will drive north half hour to get what they want, but would it not be too easy for anyone just to stop in local and get it and possibly make it another problem in a world where there are too many problems already.

Please before proceeding with this liquor licence or Cannabis licence, please think of our dear young people, don't they deserve a chance without these possible addictions in there lives.

Yours truly, Abe Derksen
Kathy Derksen, Sarah Wiebe,
Derek Wiebe

4 Signatories

Dear Sirs

I am agance a Tiger Store
in Labete, Thank you.

Henry Wiens

Section 17 (1)

v

1 Signatory

George Friesen
Section 17 (1)

Sept. 15, 2023
Section 17 (1)

Dear Planning Board.

My wish is that people would rely more on God rather than alcohol

I strongly disagree with setting up an liquor outlet in Mackenzie County which brings more side affect, family problems etc. than goodness. Please

George Friesen
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Helen Friesen
Section 17 (1)

Dear Planning Board

I strongly disagree with setting up
an liquor outlet in Mackenzie County

Helen Friesen
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept. 15, 2023

To the Mackenzie County council of La Crete:

It has been brought to our attention that there is the danger of a liquor store coming to the community of La Crete. May you council attain support and strength to deny permission to proceed with such a venture. We depend on you, the council, to make constructive choices for the people of La Crete and area. (May God bless the person who is attempting to pursue such a commodity and help him change his view on this matter.)

Back to when Covid was in full swing, we considered our community to stand together strong and were blessed by God's protection. May we all stand together now and keep this community free from any liquor stores. There seem to be more than enough evils and sinful influences, to be dealt with.

May God bless us all.

In defense of our families, our future...

Thank-you! With respect,
Toby + Eva Harms

Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

John W Martens

Section 17 (1)

To The Planning Committee

Dear Sir or Madam

I do not think we should have a
Liquor outlet in the La Crete area
as we have seen the damages done
in the area from alcohol consumption.
I think a liquor outlet would make
The problem worse.

Sincerely

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept 15. 23

1. m totally against
a liquor store in
Labete. AB

Section 17 (1)

ABE WIELER

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Anna Martens

Section 17 (1)

Sept. 15, 2023

I am very opposed to having access to liquor. I believe liquor makes problems and is against what we believe. I think easy access to liquor would bring more trouble

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept. 15, 2023

To the Mackenzie County Committee

We have become aware that another attempt is being made to get a liquor store established in the LaCrete area. I do Not want a liquor store here. There is too easy access for the young people under peer pressure. And still worse for the married men who have families suffering under the influence. We know it's still available at other places, but we do not want one here.

Thank you for supporting my plea,

Helena Friesen

Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Sept. 15, 23

To the Mackenzie County Planning Committee

I have become aware that another attempt is being made to get a liquor store established in the La Crete area. I do not want a liquor store here. I don't want there to be easier access than there already is, for my children and future generations.

Thank you for Supporting my concern.

From:

Peter Friesen

Section 17 (1)

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Dear; Sir/ Madam.

Sept 15,2023

Good Afternoon to everyone,Our prayers are that many have come out to listen to the concerns being raised about the proposed liquor store establishment in our community. As the ministerial and congregation of the Lacrete Reinland Church, we strongly oppose to having a liquor store in our community. This is a Christian community,and as such we believe the evils that a liquor store would bring would be harmful to all ages and especially to our youth "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."1Timothy 4:12 KJV

And as we can read in Matthew 7 as followers of Jesus Christ we desire to walk the narrow way and deny the lusts of the flesh.

13"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Sept 15,2023

Signed by:

Section 17 (1)

Herman Loewen _

Section 17 (1)

Paul Fehr.

2 Signatories

Marie Martens

Section 17 (1)

To the Planning Committee

Dear Sir or Madam

I think a Liguor outlet in LaCrete area would make the drinking problems worse because it would be so much easier to get. I think we're better off if the Liguor outlets are farther from LaCrete.

Sincerely

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

William W Martens
Section 17 (1)

Sept 14 / 23

Dear: Planning Board

Do not Let There Be any Alcohol Outlet
in our M.D.

Easier access To Alcohol Will increase
all our Alcohol Related Troubles.

1 Signatory

Section 17 (1)

Sarah Martens

Section 17 (1)

September 15, 2023

Dear Planning Board:

Please do not allow an alcohol outlet in LaCrete or surrounding areas. Crime rate will rise. Our town will not be as peaceful. People often get very poor who spend their money on alcohol; we could have more homeless people.

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

September 15, 2023

Dear Planning Board:

Just to let you know that I,
Aganetha Wall, do not approve of
the proposed Liquor Outlet in
Machenzie County.

Easier access to liquor would
mean more problems in our community.

Sincerely,

Section 17 (1)

Aganetha Wall

Resident of Machenzie County.

1 Signatory

Isaac W Martens

Section 17 (1)

Sept. 15/23

To the Planning Board

Please do not allow an alcohol outlet in the
La Crete area. Our town will not be as peaceful,
Crime rate will rise,

Section 17 (1)

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Helen Martens
Section 17 (1)

Sept. 15, 2023

I do not want to have a liquor store. Liquor is against our belief, brings marriage breakups, children abuse etc.

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To the Mackenzie County
in regards of the Proposed Bylaw
1305-23 Retail Liquor sales
Near La Crete AB.

I object going ahead with
the liquor sales near La Crete.

Reason #1 Our ^{underage} youth can
~~buy~~ ~~buy~~ buy vape stuff and smokes
in La Crete with no ID or
with extra cash at some
stores and I fear that's going
to happen with this liquor sales
as well which will lead to more
drunk driving and broken families.

Reason #2 The echo Pioneer is full of
mental health and addiction awareness
articles and getting a local liquor
store will ONLY make matters
worse.

Thanks for your concern!

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Andrew Wall

To Whom it may concern,

This letter is in objection to the proposed setting up of a liquor store near LaCrete. I am concerned that the rate of drunk driving and public intoxication in our area will rise. We like the peacefulness of our small town and fear it would have a negative impact on the community. Thank you for your concern.

Section 17 (1)

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Ashley Wall

1 Signatory



Mackenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

September 13, 2023

Dear Mackenzie County Councillors and CAO,

Re: Bylaw 1305-23

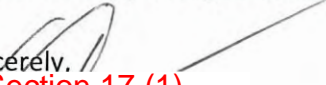
The board of the La Crete Agricultural Society is unanimously and strongly opposed to having a liquor or cannabis store on land adjacent to NE-32-105-W5.

The board is not necessarily opposed to the rezoning of the land description: Part of NW 33-105-15-W5 - provided it does not allow for the above-mentioned type of retail businesses.

We believe it would be very detrimental to our organization and the community we serve.

We have a no-alcohol policy on our property and we can only begin to imagine the negative affect that a nearby alcohol store might have on our reunions at the community hall. Never mind the vandalism that could possibly ensue. It does not make any sense to have to drive pass a liquor store to have fundraisers for recovery centres at the La Crete Heritage Centre, the community hall that we manage.

We respectfully request that the county carefully consider the long-term harmful affects that would result from approving such an endeavor.

Sincerely, 
Section 17 (1)

Jake D. Wiebe
President
La Crete Agricultural Society
Section 17 (1)

Jake Reimer
Vice-president
La Crete Agricultural Society
Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Mackenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

September 13, 2023

Re: Bylaw 1305-23

Dear Mackenzie County councillors and CAO:

As a taxpayer, I am writing regarding the proposed rezoning on NW 33-105-15-W5 to allow for a liquor store.

I wish to express my deep concerns about this and trust that this application for a liquor store will be declined. This is NOT something that should be allowed in a Mennonite community! This is where we need to draw the line!

I'm concerned for the many individuals/families' lives that will be harmed and quality of life destroyed.

Surely each of you would not want your children and grandchildren to have easy access to alcohol!

In the best interests of the people you serve, please do not approve a liquor store in the La Crete area.

Sincerely,
Section 17 (1)

Susan Siemens
Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Jamie Wiebe

From: Planning and Development
Sent: September 15, 2023 3:26 PM
To: Jamie Wiebe
Cc: **Section 17**
Subject: FW: Land use zoning amendment-Liquor Retail

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Sent: September 15, 2023 3:22 PM
To: Planning and Development <planning@mackenziecounty.com>
Cc: **Section 17 (1)** **Section 17 (1)**
Subject: Land use zoning amendment-Liquor Retail

To Mackenzie County Councilors,

It has come to our attention that someone is asking for a land use zoning amendment to sell alcohol close to the hamlet of La Crete.

We are very aware of a person's right to set up a viable business but as a council we ask that you seriously consider a couple of thoughts before approving this venture.

The County as a whole has many diverse communities and as you know La Crete prides itself as seeing alcohol, for the most part, as a negative aspect of society.

Almost all of us could tell a story of someone close to us for whom alcohol has had a very negative role in their life.

We realize it's not good to make claims without backup data, but basically, we could say that use of alcohol comes with a variety of consequences. As a Council, are you prepared to spend more and more resources on social infrastructure like added health care, schools dealing with more FAS children, more policing, potential homelessness, addictions counselling, and the list goes on.

Similar to the government having a right to put restrictions on us with Covid to slow down the impacts on the health care system, so too should you have a right to slow the pace on our local system.

Thank you.

Regards,

Peter Janzen
Kathy Janzen

2 Signatories

September 15, 2023

To the Councillors of the Mackenzie County,

In regard to the proposed liquor store being set up close to the Hamlet of La Crete, we at Tompkins Evangelical Church are opposed for the following reasons:

1. There is no benefit to the community as a whole.
2. This opens the door for other establishments that would negatively affect the community.
3. The negative consequences of such an establishment are long lasting and far reaching.
4. The long-term impacts of a local liquor store cannot easily be reversed.

Regards,

Byron Janzen

for Tompkins Evangelical Church

1 Signatory

Cornerstone Evangelical Church

P.O. Box 460 La Crete, Alberta T0H 2H0

September 15, 2023

Planning and Development Department
Mackenzie County
Box 640 Fort Vermilion, Alberta T0H 1N0

Re: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23

1 Signatory

Dear sir/Madam:

Hi. My name is Monty Thiessen. The purpose of this letter is in response to an opportunity given the public by the Mackenzie County to voice any concerns over an application they received for a liquor sale outlet near La Crete. I reject the proposed zoning change of the NW33-105-W5M from agricultural "A" to direct Control 1 "DC1 in order to accommodate retail liquor sales outside of the hamlet of La Crete.

It is well known that La Crete is not a dry community, that in fact alcohol is consumed and often excessively indulged in by some in our town and outlying community, and that has been that way for many years. However, I am concerned that making the purchase of alcohol more accessible and more convenient to purchase for consumption will have the potential of further hindering the already difficult work the evangelical church and its corresponding community have in establishing & maintaining Christian families, with god-honoring values, principles & morals.

Due to the nature of my work as a pastor, the Bible is our source for preaching, teaching and counselling. In our service and studies we find that the Bible speaks a great deal about wine and strong drink. A couple of times God speaks in a neutral sense of using strong drink, and for the sake of a medical condition which Timothy had, Paul mentioned the benefit of wine as a positive, helpful thing. But in the vast majority of cases where this drink is mentioned it is spoken about in a negative sense, with a warning attached to it.

It's a proven fact that consuming alcohol, even in moderate measure can and does effect the mind's ability to think totally clear and make good choices. Alcohol is known to dull the senses, distort perception and pervert one's judgment. God teaches us in the Bible that we are to always be alert and discerning having the mental & emotional capacity to make wise decisions and to deal right with our families & our fellowman.

The family, as God ordained it to be, is already under attack in so many ways and to various degrees. Our instructions as church leaders is to encourage the mother & father to establish a stable home in which an emotional, mental, psychological and physical safe environment exists for children to grow up and thrive in. Someone is quoted having said: "*What parents do in moderation, their children take to access.*" When it comes to alcohol, we realize that not in all cases does this happen, but in far too many families this saying proves true.

Therefore, all things considered, can the church endorse that which God strongly warns society about? I believe the answer is obvious.

Pastor: Monty Thiessen

Personal note:

The community of La Crete had been built through a lot of hard labor and perseverance through difficult times. The result of all that in the last 75+ years has been the establishment of grocery stores, parts suppliers, petroleum agents, hardware & building centres, dealerships, many retail shops, restaurants, medical facilities, senior centres, RV parks & recreation opportunities, etc. These are all important venues for building and maintaining a strong community and a good place to live and raise a family. But how is an alcohol outlet a building block for a community?

Also from standpoint of teaching good work ethics, the church is constantly encouraging it's congregation to

I'm against a
Liquor store
for safety reasons.
for our kids and
future generations

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Section 17 (1)

Barb Bergen

1 Signatory

We would prefer not to have a liquor store in La Crete because we are concerned about future generations. We need less drunks instead of more addictions.

Section 17

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1 Signatory

Anna Klassen

To whom it may concern,

This letter that I'm writing is in regards of the proposed Bylaw 1305-23.

We live in a very unique community, sometimes good and in some ways bad. That we don't have a liquor store in our area is one of the very unique positive things.

Our people should rather stand together to build a home for the needy, instead of getting more people addicted to drugs and alcohol. We know that we can't run away from all problems, but should strive for the best we can in our community.

Ephesians 5:18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the spirit.

God is richly blessing this community, not just in material things, but also in safety from the wickedness of this world.

Thanks in advance.

Kathy Loewen

1 Signatory

To Whom it may Concern,
I'm writing in regards
to the Proposed Bylaw 1305-23.

I don't think Lacrete should
get a liquor store,
because the Bible says
we shouldn't drink. And
get drunk.

1 Signatory

M. Loewen

To Whom It may Concern
This letter is regarding the
proposed by-law 1305-23

To Live in a community without a
Liquor store is very unique!
I would love For you as a MD
to stand up against this and let's
try to help our community stand up
For what is right and help keep
our young people out of trouble.

Thank you

1 Signatory

Jacob Loewen

September 15, 2023

To the Council and Community of La Crete Alberta, and Area:

This letter is in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1305-23. I am opposed to this Bylaw because I believe the presence of a liquor store would ultimately be harmful to our community, and here are some of the reasons why:

- A 2018 study on proximity to liquor stores and adolescent alcohol intake* found that having a liquor store within 800 meters of school, home, or both was a significant predictor of alcohol intake for adolescents, specifically 17 year old's, according to the National Library of Medicine.
- According to the Alcohol Research Group, A 10% increase in access to alcohol outlets is significantly associated with a 4.2% rise in violent crime**.
- A study in Minneapolis found that in all neighborhoods with increased alcohol establishment density also had in increase in rape, robbery, assault as well as combined crime***, according to the NIH.
- According to a study conducted by the Prevention Research Center of the Pacific Institution for Research and Evaluation, if it is easier to obtain alcohol, the more alcohol problem will occur in general. The results also show that injury crashes were more frequent in areas with more retail alcohol outlets, not less frequent.****

These are only a few of the many studies I've researched involving the negative impacts of liquor stores in communities. Furthermore, I could not find any data or statistics that would suggest a liquor store would have any sort of positive impact on society. Therefore I am opposed to Bylaw 1305-23

Thank you,
Pollyann Pohl

Sources:

- *<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29656918/>
- **<https://arg.org/news/violent-crime-linked-to-liquor-stores/>
- ***<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3412911/>
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1 Signatory

Mackenzie County, Ft. V.

Sept. 15/23

Re: proposed bylaw 1305-23

I do not want a Retail Liquor Sales outlet in our area for a lot of reasons: the RCMP news usually involves liquor; plus marriage breakups, physical abuse, murder, etc.; also Biblical reasons.

Yours truly
Section 17 (1)

Anna L Penner

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Jamie Wiebe

From: Office
Sent: September 15, 2023 3:56 PM
To: Section 17
Cc: Jamie Wiebe
Subject: FW: Planning and Development

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From: Lina Buller Section 17 (1)
Sent: September 15, 2023 3:14 PM
To: Office <office@mackenziecounty.com>
Subject: Planning and Development

Attention to Planning and Development

In regards to the proposed liquor store in La Crete, I ask you are aware of the high volume of traffic by Prairie Packers. There's traffic from events at the Heritage Centre, the riding arena, Knelsen's gravel trucks plus two high collision intersections. Traffic seldom slows the 50km and 80km by the intersections. Before a liquor store adds to the traffic on this stretch of road our community needs an educational revamp on driving when alcohol has been consumed. There are already safety concerns with people not understanding intersection laws and drag racing on weekends. Adding drinking and driving to these busy intersections puts all drivers at risk.

I am extra concerned as we live in this neighbourhood and my children bike, drive and jog on this road. A liquor store means unsafe traffic for them.

In the past I was involved in MADD in La Crete: Mothers against Drunk Drivers. We tried to educate at schools and had the RCMP help with check stops. More of this education is needed in our community. And it needs to target all ages. Drinking under the influence is not just a youth problem!!

Thank you for your time,
Helen Buller

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September 14, 2023

Jake and Myrna Letkeman
Section 17 (1)

To the committee of planning and development department for the Mackenzie County;

We, Jake and Myrna Letkeman, strongly oppose a liquor store in La Crete/La Crete area, due to the fact that easy access leads to more indulgence and can attract those that would not otherwise go out of their way to obtain alcohol, which translates into disruptive and destructive lifestyles and behaviors, as we all know.

We stand for quality of life and the betterment of families, marriages and all people -both now, and for the future of our community.

May goodness and truth win,
Section 17 (1)

2 Signatories

Andrew Wiebe

Section 17 (1)

September 15, 2023

Mackenzie County

Box 640

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2 Signatories

Dear Council of Mackenzie County:

RE: Proposed bylaw 1305-23

We would like to outline concerns in regards to proposed bylaw 1305-23. Our understanding is that a parcel of land is potentially going to be rezoned from *Agriculture* to *Direct Control* for the purpose of retail liquor sales. Allowing this will undoubtedly have an irreversible impact on the community. We wish to briefly address the effect of having liquor readily available on a society.

The greatest benefit, albeit intangible, of consuming liquor is that it releases dopamine in the brain. Dopamine is a natural chemical that the brain produces that causes a person to "feel good". The problem however, is that it is a fleeting sensation, and consuming more alcohol does not repeat the dopamine effect. A human is created with a sense that he or she is incomplete, sadly many try to fill this void with alcohol, when in reality a person can only be fulfilled by making Jesus Christ the Lord of his or her life. By consuming alcohol and consequently impairing brain functions they set themselves at a disadvantage

against Satan, becoming more impulsive, aggressive, violent and susceptible to indulge in pleasure, regardless of the cost to others. Ultimately it is the drinker who will pay the highest price, even while the community carries a huge expense.

To comprehend some of the perils associated with having alcohol available locally, it is important to have a basic understanding of how this drug affects the human body. First, alcohol, which is classified as a drug, is fat and water soluble. Because of this it can impact all the organs including the brain very soon after consumption. The drug quickly and easily penetrates the blood brain barrier which God created to protect our brain from harmful viruses, chemicals and drugs. Attacking the brain, the drug initially suppresses the prefrontal cortex which subsequently impairs important brain functions. The prefrontal cortex is the area of the brain that controls crucial functions that include but are not limited to: moderating behavior, impulses, regulating emotions, delaying instant gratification, planning and making decisions. While these are often viewed as short term effects, studies show that alcohol is indiscriminate and consuming it shrinks the prefrontal cortex and literally kills brain cells and other cells through out the body. Additionally, studies indicate too that traces of alcohol stay in the human body for a long time, with some reporting that the drug affects cognitive capacity for a full two weeks. Obviously, alcohol is extremely harmful to the brain, but it is vital we realize, that as a drug it is detrimental to the whole body. The long-term physical effects of alcohol consumption cannot be over emphasized. It causes a myriad of health problems including mental health, cancer, bone disorders, liver disease and so the list could go on.

As alcohol consumption increases, the effects will be felt by the whole community. It is difficult to present a full spectrum of consequences, but consider a few. Beginning with young adults, peer pressure, feelings of insecurity and various other factors can lead to alcohol abuse. Vital brain functions are impaired when

the drug is consumed. Intoxicated drivers are a risk. People and property are disrespected. Law enforcement become a necessity. Unplanned parenthood occurs. Unfortunately, the practice of drinking frequently continues even after marriage or other relationships are formed. Alcohol is relied upon to nurse "bad" days. Subsequently depression develops or worsens. Statistics show that domestic abuse increases as the drug is consumed. Family members, spouses, children and even babies suffer. Due to the chemical structure of alcohol, pregnant woman who consume it harm the unborn child. Many babies are born mentally impaired as a result. Damage is inflicted through breastfeeding. Innocent children become victims of emotional and sometimes physical abuse at home or in school. Learning capabilities are hindered. Conditions deteriorate and the cycle generally tends to repeat its self. While not everyone experiences the effect to this degree, the existence of alcohol rehabilitation centers and programs as well as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder awareness and mitigation programs are evidence that alcohol is a very real and a very prevalent problem in modern society. Governing bodies have to get involved in different ways. Expending resources for health care, security, legal proceedings, counseling and rehabilitation programs to just name a few. While these costs can be measured to an extent, the damage incurred on the innocent people involved is irreversible. Emergency personnel have affirmed that health problems, abuse and crime rates are much higher in the areas where alcohol is readily available. Clearly, increased consumption will result in rising numbers of intoxicated drivers, rising numbers of crimes and rising numbers of victims.

While there are numerous people in the area consuming liquor to varying degrees, having it available locally will only increase overall usage. It has been said that the people who drink will drink regardless of how far they have to travel to get their liquor. Having it available locally however will tempt people who had no previous intentions to consume it and likely embolden them. Though the property owner which is directly affected by the proposed bylaw, presumably does not intend to fuel any parties and the problems

associated to them, by rezoning the parcel of land to allow *Retail Liquor Sales*, the County relinquishes control. The business's successor could well expand business hours and practices to directly accommodate alcohol abusers in an attempt to grow his business at the ultimate cost of his customers, the community and government. Please consider that in the event of our community hosting evacuees like it has in the past, the havoc it would likely wreak should liquor be readily available.

Members of the council, please consider the few noted effects of having a liquor retailer in the area. It would only lead to a moral decay, homelessness, indulgence and more crime. Recall how united the community was during the Covid-19 mandates and the freedom we subsequently enjoyed. With all due respect to the Councillors of Mackenzie County, other community organizations and members, we believe it was truly a blessing from God. Please do not risk forfeiting God's rich and bountiful providence by allowing a liquor store to be set up in our midst. In summary, while we respect the land owner and hope his existing business can flourish, we are strongly opposed to a liquor store in our community.

Sincerely

Andy & Anna Wiebe

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La Crete Bergthaler Mennonite Church
Section 17 (1)

September 8, 2023

Planning and Development Department
Mackenzie County
Box 640, Fort Vermilion, Alberta T0H 1N0

Re: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23

We are writing this letter in objection to the proposed zoning change of the NW33-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Direct Control 1 "DC1" in order to accommodate retail liquor sales outside of the hamlet of LaCrete.

The basis of our objection to the land use change is for the obvious cost to society that alcohol and other drugs have had on society for many years. We recognize that this is a change in zoning, not an application for a liquor sales establishment, but we feel and understand that this is the reason for the zoning change.

We all know that society suffers from the use and abuse of substances such as alcohol. Our concern may also be what other substance sales (considered legal by somewhat recent law changes) may follow if this is approved. Costs to society include the deterioration of the consuming individuals' health, the breakdown of marriage in the case of married individuals, the breakdown of the family unit when there are children involved, and the general decay of society. This decay of or cost to society would include health and health care costs (physical and mental), crime (theft / reckless behavior / abuse / especially with no law enforcement), homelessness (due to financial resources used for substances), reduced productivity to our work force, and the safety and possibly the cleanliness of our community. According to Government of Canada facts found online at Canada.ca, the Canadian society (taxpayers) spends a net \$14.6 Billion annually on the alcohol problem, from awareness and education to the health care costs as a result of alcohol use. (2014 figures – net of \$10.9 Billion revenue)

Considering these costs to society, we would then ask "what are the benefits?" Only a few members of our community would possibly gain financially whereas the rest / entire community would suffer from the results of increased consumption due to the increased availability and accessibility.

La Crete, Alberta and the surrounding area has historically and still has an excellent report from almost anyone visiting our community. We feel that this is largely due to our higher standard of moral living. Are we willing to risk this reputation that our Heritage has built over the past almost 100 years? If we as a community support, accept or allow this type of business to enter our community, our fear is that many more related establishments could follow as this would be precedent-setting.

We fully understand that La Crete is not a dry community. We do feel, however, that the lack of public accessibility in our community to alcohol has deterred some people from the use and abuse, promoting a very close-knit community. Accepting this type of business could have a detrimental effect on this close-knitted community spirit. We are writing our concerns, expressing them to our elected counsellors, expecting them to represent us.

Respectfully Submitted by the Leadership on behalf of the LaCrete Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Pastor Jack Neudorf

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Elder Steve Thiessen

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Pastor Jake Derksen

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Elder Darryl Goertzen

Deacon Larry Buhler

Elder George Dyck

7 Signatories

Regarding bylaw 1305-23

Dear councilors and community members

Society has a cycle and it goes like this; hard times create strong people, strong people create good times, good times create weak people, weak people create hard times.

The reason I mentioned this is because looking back at our communities' founders, we have to recognize that they were the strong people that created what we see today, a thriving community with many luxuries and very comfortable living conditions. It was our parents and grandparents that paved the way for us. They came to this land with very little but used what they had to accomplish a lot. We are now reaping those benefits and must continue to remind ourselves that we are riding on their coat tails.

Our parents and grandparents based their life principles upon good morals founded in the Bible. In order for us to continue in this way we must look to that as an incredible example. Our town is not without faults and I recognize that people still have access to alcohol from surrounding communities.

That being said I still believe the majority of the people in La Crete would not support our town taking part in selling something that destroys so many lives every year.

According to University of Victoria in 2014, alcohol use by Canadians caused 14 827 deaths and cost the public \$14.6 billion, with direct health care costs contributing \$11.1 billion.

You as councilors have been elected by the people of La Crete and surrounding area to represent us. You know as well as I do that by far the majority would not approve. If you disagree you need to bring it to the people's attention and get their feedback and approval before passing this bylaw.

When Gods people were about to enter the promised land back in the Old Testament God reminded them that when life would be good, they were not to forget His ways and stray from Him. He told them to teach their children about his greatness and what he has done for them. How He delivered them from bondage and blessed them so tremendously. This applies to us today as well.

Allowing a liquor store in our community would communicate to our young people that it was OK for them to take part in drinking which has nothing but negative effects. There is not one positive aspect from having a liquor store and to pass this bylaw would be a victory for the devil who has come to steal kill and destroy. But God has come to give life, joy and peace and ultimately eternal life. Let's continue to do things His way for we must all stand before him and give an account for our lives one day! I want to hear "well done good and faithful servant" and I'm sure you all do as well!

Thank you,
Sheldon Krahn

Section 17 (1)

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No to Liquor Store

There's enough sandness
in our community already
as is.

I'm concerned over the generations
to come. We want our Family's
and children safe.

Section 17 (1)

G. Giesbrecht

1 Signatory

From: [Planning and Development](#)
To: [Section 17 \(1\)](#)
Cc: [Section 17 \(1\)](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23
Date: September 15, 2023 4:26:53 PM
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From: Mark Doerksen [Section 17 \(1\)](#)
Sent: September 15, 2023 4:22 PM
To: Planning and Development <planning@mackenziecounty.com>
Subject: Proposed Bylaw 1305-23

I respectfully ask you to decline the proposed zoning change of agriculture A DC1 in order to accommodate RETAIL LIQUOR SALES. NW 33-105-15-W5M from
The abuse of alcohol and drugs has taken a huge toll on our society

[\(Alcohol-related deaths have risen by over one-fifth \(+21%\)\)](#) since the beginning of the pandemic, with 3,875 deaths attributable to drinking alcohol in 2021. Approximately two-thirds of alcohol-related deaths in 2021 occurred among Canadians aged 64 years and younger (2,525), while one-third occurred among those aged 65 years and older (1,345).

From 2019 to 2021, the number of alcohol-related deaths among Canadians aged 64 years and younger (+27%) rose at more than three times the pace compared with those aged 65 years and older (+8.0%)

This was take off off Statistics Canada website online.

I see no benefit of having a liquor store in our community, rather I see it as harming our community. I believe the more assessable liquor is made the more it'll get abused, bring crime and disorder with it.

Mark Doerksen

Section 17 (1)

Illegible Letters of Opposition

Sept. 4, '23

To whom it may concern:

There is an idea out there of setting up a liquor store in La Crete area. I have some concerns in this matter, that I felt I would like to share.

Its a big temptation to access liquor any time more often.

Doesn't drinking create: wrecked marriages, broken homes? No stability in strong families. I'm sure it's a very hard atmosphere to live in..... More crime. Is this what we want for the future generation?

Confusion, *Kaios*, hurts ect.....
What does the Bible say about stuff like this? Please, please, reconsider.

Thank You,
for letting me,
have a bit of
say in this subject.

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

Hilroy

Aganetha Driedger

Section 17 (1)

La Crete, AB
T0H 2H0

To Planning and Development Dptmt
McKenzie County
Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB.
T0H - 1N0



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To Whom this may concern;

Sept 5 / 2023

As an adjacent land owner in regards to gaining the licence to setting up a liquor store at the Prairie Packers, Butcher Shop in rural LaCrete, AB. Canada

"My appeal" to rezoning NW 33-105-15 W 5 M from Agricultural "A" to Direct Control "DC 1" permitting sales of liquor / Alcohol

We appreciate the fact of getting input how our community is run / operating, we get to vote, etc.

This would go against our moral standards, Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler. and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise

There are so many people addicted to alcohol as it is, without us bringing it into our community. God warns against addictive behavior

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

We feel we have a very Blessed community and want to continue to receive the Blessings.

Passing this bill, would send a message to our youth / young + old people that we are OK with alcohol being readily consumed.

LaCrete is considered to be a Christian Community, therefore we do not want alcohol being sold in LaCrete or any surrounding areas.

We ask that you "DON'T" pass the rezoning amendment or grant a liquor / Alcohol licence

Thank You

Section 17 (1)

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Sept 11 2023

Hello I William Gerbrandt have lived in this area 43 years, I am married and have 5 children and 7 grandchildren growing up.

I disagree with a lagoon stone in La Crete because I feel that if there's easy access to it, it will be harder to say "no" and harder to stay away from it.

It says in the Bible "A Drunkard won't be able to enter Heaven, his reward will be in the burning lake of fire!"

Section 17 (1)

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1 Signatory

To Mackenzie County Councillors

I am writing in regards to my concern about a wine / liquor store that is potentially being set up in the La Crete Community. I am concerned about the effects it could possibly have on our community.

1) As a representation of a Christian community, La Crete should stand for their faith which strongly teaches against drunkenness and strong drinks

Galatians 5:21

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Proverbs 20:1

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

1 Signatory

2) Giving the locals (adults and underaged) an easier access to liquor and wine could result in an increase of alcohol use and abuse. The increase of alcohol consumption could result in an elevation of a numerous amounts of sinful acts which include crime and violence along with physical and verbal abuse. These acts of violence could be to a innocent community member or the loved one.

Thank you for your time,
Please Consider God and the
Community of La Crete when making
a decision that will impact the
Whole Community

Section 17 (1)

No to Liquor Store

There's enough Sadness
in our community already

I'm concerned over the generations
To come we want our Family's
and Children Safe.

Section 17 (1)

1 Signatory

2 Signatories

We Danny and Tina do not
support the liquor store being
brought to La Crete Area.

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Section 17 (1)

To: Mackenzie County

We would be disappointed if a liquor store would open up in the La Crete area. We feel that it would greatly affect the atmosphere of the town. Our opinion is that there are liquor stores close enough for the people who want it.

Section 17 (1)

Susanna Dyck

1 Signatory

Sept. 13 2023

1 Signatory

Dear Sir or Madam.

To whom it should concern, in fact all of us, in this community, and I think we all know, that people joining community are proud of the Peace we are having, although it could be a lot better, Let us strive for the better and not for the worse.

What I'm saying is lets keep liquor out of our village or hamlet, lets keep our sidewalks so we can feel free and comfortable, sidewalks and walking trails are for everybody and seniors as well.

So lets keep it like that, so that the drunk person does not feel at home on our sidewalks.

And we ~~should~~ should all know that consuming too much alcohol and trying to create a happy life is totally wrong for a Christian, and he that drinks and does not repent on that behalf, will not enter the Kingdom of God, (Gods own word).

Let us all as true believers in Christ strive to keep this poison, ^{for} substances out of our hamlet, let us pray for Godly wisdom and we will surely find that we don't need liquor readily more convenient, lets be very careful of what we are doing and how we are using it. Why call him the Lord our Master if we don't want to be Mastered? So lets all pray the Lord that we might have Peace and not War.

God word has more power than the whole world has to offer,

Thank You.

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To the County

I'm aware plans are for opening a liquor store, which is totally against our Christian way of life.

The World is looking at La Crete as Christian people. Why not live up to it.

Having liquor store in the community would be so much more tempting for the people. I am totally against it.

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Proverbs 20-1

1 Signatory

To Mackenzie County Counselor Regarding the change in
bylaw 1305-23

It is scary with so many young people in our area
growing up, and to have them get the opportunity to become
drunkards so close to home.

Please read: Habakkuk 2.15

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that
putteth thy bottle to him, and makes him drunken.

Habakuk 2.15

Weh dir, der du deinem Nächsten einschenkst und mischest
deinen Stimm darunter, und ihn trunken machst.

Jacob Dyck	Section 17 (1)
Annie Dyck	Section 17 (1)
L. D.	Section 17 (1)
Illegible	Section 17 (1)

4 Signatories



1 Signatory

Do not drink wine or strong drink, thou,
nor thy sons with thee, when you go
into the tabernacle of the congregation,
lest ye die: it shall be a statute forever
throughout your generations:

Leviticus 10:9

Woe unto them that are mighty, to drink
wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink

Isaiah 5:22

There will be more drunk driving and
unsafe roads

To Mackenzie County

I don't want a ^{Liquor} Liquor Store built in La Crote or near La Crote I don't think it would be nice to tempt more to drink we don't like drunk drivers so let not promote it by building something we don't need in La Crote it would only make it easier to drive to if you had it in LaCrote

Let's not build thanks

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I vote against having a liquor store
in the vicinity of La Crete.

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Petition with no Position

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Jason Teichner		Sept 14/23
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Justin Justin		Sept 15/23
Henry J Driedger		Sept 15/23
Elizabeth Peters		Sept 15/23
Helen Peters		Sept 15/23
Eddy Neufeld		Sept 15/23
Mattho Neufeld		Sept 15/23
LENA DRIEDGER		Sept 15/23
Bob Derksen		Sept 15/23
Lisa Wiebe		Sept 15/23
Suzanne Wiebe		Sept 15/23
Hori Derksen		Sept 15/23
David Krohn		Sept 15/23
Jenna Peters		Sept 15/23
MDJ		Sept 15/23
JOHN WIEBE		Sept 15/23
Tina Driedger		Sept 15/23

245 Signatories

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Katherina Peters	Section 17 (1)	Sept 15 - 2023
MARTIN WIELE		Sept 15 2023
Anne Peters		Sept 15 2023
Henry Peters		Sept 15 2023
Agatha Gries		Sept 15 2023
Martha Froese		Sept 15 2023
Henry Froese		11 11 11
Wesley Derksen		11 11 11
Danny Derksen		11 11 11
Isaac Janzen		11 11 11
Lisa Fehr		Sep 15 2023
WILLY TEICHROEB		SEPT 15 2023
Isaac Martens		11
Judy Teichroeb		Sept-15/2023
Amanda Teichroeb		Sept 15 / 2023
Mary Wolfe		Sept. 15, 2023
Lena Wolfe		Sept. 15, 2023
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David Newfeld		Sept 15 2023
Linda Newfeld		Sept 15 2023
George Teichrods		Sept 15 2023
Glannon Schmidt		Sept 5 23
Dustin Schmidt		Sept 5/23
Thomas Wiebe		Sept 15/23
John K Bergen		" 15/23
Esther Neustaeter		Sept. 15/23
Margaret Krahn		sept. 15/2023
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Nettie Peters		Sept 15/2023
Nathan Teichroeb		Sept 15, 2023
Linda Peters		Sept 15, 2023
Judith Gerbrandt		Sept. 15, 2023
Marie J. Miele		Set. 15
Susan Friesen		Sept. 15
Margaret Friesen		Sept. 15, 2023
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Peter Peters		Sept 15/23
Eva Martens ⁸⁴¹⁻⁹¹⁶⁴		Sept. 15/23
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Brenda Neustaeter		Sept 15/23
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Esther Braun		sept. 15, 2023
Gertrude Schmitt		Sept. 15, 2023
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Lisa Fehr		Sept 9, 2023
Joe Martens		Sept 9 2023
Delma Gerbrant		Sept. 9 2023
Bill Barman		Sept. 11 2023
Justine Klassen		Sept. 11 / 23
Susan Wiebe		Sept 11/23
TINA DYCK		Sept 11/23
Ben Peters		Sept 11 / 23
Helen Urnuh Nelen Urnuh		Sept. 11 / 23
JAKE R UNRUH		" / "
Bill Derksen		Sept 11/23
Mary Driedger		Sept. 11, 23
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Jerome Teichroeb		Sept. 11/23
Kristandra Friesen		Sept. 11, 2023
Tammy Schellenberg		Sept 12, 2023
Heather Wieler		Sept 12 2023
Kathy Friesen		Sept 12, 2023
David Schellenberg		09/12/2023
Ken Dyck		Sept. 12/2023
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Henry P Klassen		Sept 13 / 2023
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Megan Krahn		Sept. 13 / 2023
Henry Zacharias		Sept 13 - 2023
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Lorna Martens		Sept. 13 / 2023
Alla Doerksen		Sept 13 / 2023
Helena K Giesbrecht		Sept 13 / 2023
Anna Wuter		Sept 13 / 2023
Helen Doerksen		Sept 13 / 2023
Philip Doerksen		Sept 13 / 2023
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Hailey Martens		Sept 14, 2023
Henry Gebhardt		Sept 14, 2023
Mrs. ^{Annie} Wolfe		Sept. 14, 2023
William Wolfe		Sept-14, 2023
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maria wolf		Sept. 14/23
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Kathy Parkson		Sept 14/23
Ann Webster		Sept 14/23
Amy Krahn		Sept 14/23
Andrew Peters		Sept 14/23



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Jennifer Batt – Director of Finance
Title:	La Crete Recreation Society – Arena Parking Lot Capital Project – 2023 Budget Amendment

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

During the 2023 Budget Development, Council approved an Arena Parking Lot Project for the La Crete Recreation Society. The La Crete Recreation Society has submitted a request that the project requires a scope change in volumes of material, increasing the budget required substantially.

The estimated project amount is \$150,000, and the Society has committed to fundraising \$75,000, and are requesting the county increase the funding contribution from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

If approved, administration is requesting a 2023 Budget amendment for both the La Crete Recreation Society portion of fundraising, and \$25,000 from Mackenzie County.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Option 1

That the 2023 Capital Budget be amendment by \$100,000 with funding coming from the La Crete Recreation Society in the amount of \$75,000, and \$25,000 from Mackenzie County

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Capital Reserve - \$50,000

If approved:

La Crete Recreation Society - \$75,000

Additional funding - General Capital Reserve - \$25,000

Total Budget if approved- \$150,000

Author: J. Batt **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** D. Derksen

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Administration to communicate Council decision.

POLICY REFERENCES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the 2023 Capital budget be amended for the La Crete Recreation Society's – Arena Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$100,000 with \$75,000 of funding coming from the La Crete Recreation Society, and \$25,000 in funding coming from the General Capital Reserve.

Author: J. Batt Reviewed by: _____ CAO: D. Derksen

La Crete Recreation Society
Box 29
La Crete, AB
T0H 2H0

Dear Mackenzie County Council

RE: Capital Funding Request for La Crete Arena Parking Lot

The La Crete Recreation Society would like to thank the Mackenzie County for the parking lot grant that was approved in 2022. It was recently confirmed with Donny Roberts that the grant funding approved was \$50,000 and that we could purchase this amount of gravel from Knelsen Sand & Gravel whenever our project started.

The La Crete Recreation Board passed a motion this summer to proceed with the construction of a new gravel parking lot on the east side of the Raymond Knelsen Arena. The new area will accommodate four new rows of parking alongside the whole arena which is desperately needed since the addition of the new rink.

After receiving a few different quotes, we have decided to award the parking lot project to Northern Roadbuilders. Please see the attached quote as provided to us by email.

It was recently discovered that we will need to strip approximately 12 inches of top soil instead of 6 inches as quoted. So this means we will need more funding than the quote to allow for removing extra top soil and adding extra gravel. It was also recommended that we use 12 inches of gravel instead of 6 so that the filter cloth will be more effective and so larger traffic (busses) will not get stuck in the soft spring conditions.

We estimate that the total Norther Roadbuilders invoice, with extras as explained, will be around \$75,000 plus we will need over \$75,000 worth of gravel. We talked about doing this project in two phases and apply for another grant to help complete it but if we do that the price will be even higher. La Crete Recreation Society is requesting that the Mackenzie County would increase the grant funding from \$50,000 to \$75,000 so that we can properly complete this project all at once to reduce costs and help us pay for all of the gravel needed. This would still act as a matching grant as we would pay for all the equipment and labor if you would pay for all the gravel needed.

We appreciate your urgent attention to this matter as we are planning to complete this project before winter 2023. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Joe Driedger - Chairman
La Crete Recreation Board
780-841-2955
Joe.driedger@gmail.com



September 7, 2023

Northern Roadbuilders

Following is our QUOTE to develop a parking lot along east side of the Arena as per site visit on Friday August 18, 2023. The parking lot proposed is from the asphalt pad (old tennis courts) to south property line, from gravel pad adjacent to building east to the chain link fence.

110m x 32m

3520m²

QUOTE

Strip & dispose of topsoil - \$6/m² (\$21,120)

Remove concrete basketball pad and haul to KSG (\$2,500)

Remove & dispose 10 steel posts - \$100/post (\$1,000)

Subgrade Prep 150mm - \$5/m² (\$17,600)

Woven geotextile (Supply and Place) - \$3/m² (\$10,560) – not sure how much this would benefit with only 150mm gravel on top of it.

Gravel Pad 150mm depth (Place only) - \$5/m² (\$17,600)

TOTAL \$70,380



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
Title:	Financial Reports – January 1 – August 31, 2023

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The Finance Department provides financial reports to Council as per policy, which the January – August 31, 2023 reports are attached for review.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Financial Reports to Council

Council shall receive the following reports monthly:

- Statement comparing actual operating revenues and expenditures to budget for the year-to-date (January – August 31,2023);
- A report of funds invested in term deposits and other securities.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

Policy FIN010 – Financial Reports

Author: J. Batt **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** D. Derksen

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the financial reports for January to August 31, 2023 be received for information.

Author: J. Batt Reviewed by: _____ CAO: D. Derksen

Mackenzie County
Summary of All Units January - August 2023

	2023	2023 Actual	\$ Variance
	Budget	Total	(Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
100-Municipal Taxes	\$26,842,350	\$26,812,664	\$29,686
101-Lodge Requisition		(\$121)	\$121
102-School Requisition	\$6,379,443	\$6,386,264	(\$6,821)
103-Designated Ind. Property	\$73,830	\$73,825	\$5
124-Frontage	\$35,000	\$49,166	(\$14,166)
261-Ice Bridge	\$130,000	\$135,000	(\$5,000)
420-Sales of goods and services	\$1,084,586	\$1,388,486	(\$303,900)
421-Sale of water - metered	\$3,861,992	\$2,566,408	\$1,295,584
422-Sale of water - bulk	\$951,093	\$768,935	\$182,158
424-Sale of land	\$10,000		\$10,000
510-Penalties on taxes	\$300,000	\$118,479	\$181,521
511-Penalties of AR and utilities	\$25,000	\$20,135	\$4,865
520-Licenses and permits	\$54,000	\$60,473	(\$6,473)
521-Offsite levy	\$20,000	\$44,672	(\$24,672)
522-Municipal reserve revenue	\$80,000	(\$34,893)	\$114,893
526-Safety code permits	\$350,000	\$342,879	\$7,121
525-Subdivision fees	\$125,000	\$52,488	\$72,512
530-Fines	\$9,000	\$13,705	(\$4,705)
531-Safety code fees	\$12,000	\$10,535	\$1,465
550-Interest revenue	\$425,000	\$861,278	(\$436,278)
551-Market value changes		\$84,464	(\$84,464)
560-Rental and lease revenue	\$203,367	\$122,784	\$80,583
570-Insurance proceeds			\$0
597-Other revenue	\$25,000	\$25,533	(\$533)
598-Community aggregate levy	\$85,000		\$85,000
630-Sale of non-TCA equipment	\$500	\$1,610	(\$1,110)
830-Federal grants			\$0
840-Provincial grants	\$973,704	\$416,119	\$557,585
909-Other Sources -Grants	\$75,301	\$62,628	\$12,673
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$1,497,240		\$1,497,240
940-Contribution from Capital Reserves	\$76,444		\$76,444
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,704,850	\$40,383,517	\$3,321,333
Excluding Requisitions	\$37,251,577	\$33,923,548	

Mackenzie County
Summary of All Units January - August 2023

	2023	2023 Actual	\$ Variance
	Budget	Total	(Remaining)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$7,383,659	\$4,084,055	\$3,299,604
132-Benefits	\$1,582,330	\$879,638	\$702,692
136-WCB contributions	\$84,904	\$18,280	\$66,624
142-Recruiting	\$15,000		\$15,000
150-Isolation cost	\$57,600	\$17,464	\$40,136
151-Honoraria	\$615,761	\$387,583	\$228,178
211-Travel and subsistence	\$389,038	\$141,070	\$247,968
212-Promotional expense	\$43,000	\$21,365	\$21,635
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$144,656	\$82,388	\$62,268
215-Freight	\$127,950	\$56,470	\$71,480
216-Postage	\$52,000	\$30,710	\$21,290
217-Telephone	\$119,930	\$70,753	\$49,177
221-Advertising	\$80,100	\$73,973	\$6,127
223-Subscriptions and publications	\$11,700	\$6,508	\$5,192
231-Audit fee	\$120,000	\$105,500	\$14,500
232-Legal fee	\$85,000	\$64,003	\$20,997
233-Engineering consulting	\$217,000	\$15,993	\$201,007
235-Professional fee	\$219,100	\$174,756	\$44,344
236-Enhanced policing fee	\$780,501	\$112,815	\$667,686
239-Training and education	\$85,938	\$16,010	\$69,928
242-Computer programming	\$228,655	\$53,919	\$174,736
243-Waste Management	\$462,067	\$275,196	\$186,871
251-Repair & maintenance - bridges	\$159,500	\$15,238	\$144,262
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$139,850	\$79,516	\$60,334
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$471,550	\$227,268	\$244,282
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$117,300	\$37,517	\$79,783
258-Contracted Services	\$762,152	\$384,035	\$378,117
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$2,072,000	\$592,328	\$1,479,672
260-Roadside Mowing & Spraying	\$465,801	\$251,429	\$214,372
261-Ice bridge construction	\$125,000	\$82,458	\$42,542
262-Rental - building and land	\$67,100	\$63,585	\$3,515
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$66,253	\$15,282	\$50,971
266-Communications	\$155,967	\$61,789	\$94,178
271-Licenses and permits	\$15,300	\$19,438	(\$4,138)
272-Damage claims		\$13,500	(\$13,500)
274-Insurance	\$705,431	\$504,491	\$200,940
342-Assessor fees	\$247,820	\$102,335	\$145,485
290-Election cost	\$3,000		\$3,000
511-Goods and supplies	\$1,211,062	\$722,337	\$488,725
515-Lab Testing	\$52,000	\$14,092	\$37,908
521-Fuel and oil	\$1,162,604	\$580,281	\$582,323
531-Chemicals and salt	\$428,800	\$149,046	\$279,754
530-Oil Dust Control	\$100,000	\$91,546	\$8,454
532-Calcium Dust Control	\$130,000	\$69,094	\$60,906
533-Grader blades	\$143,000	\$61,327	\$81,673
534-Gravel (apply; supply and apply)	\$1,300,000	\$1,121,182	\$178,818
535-Gravel reclamation cost	\$50,000	\$2,548	\$47,452
543-Natural gas	\$202,061	\$112,495	\$89,566
544-Electrical power	\$878,157	\$489,137	\$389,020
550-Carbon Tax	\$200,000	\$116,291	\$83,709
710-Grants to local governments	\$2,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
735-Grants to other organizations	\$2,390,744	\$2,199,934	\$190,810
747-School requisition	\$6,379,443	\$3,210,941	\$3,168,502
750-Lodge requisition		\$561	(\$561)
760-Designated Ind. Property	\$73,830	\$58,151	\$15,679
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$4,371,489		\$4,371,489
810-Interest and service charges	\$22,360	\$18,039	\$4,321
831-Interest - long term debt	\$333,735	\$140,971	\$192,764
832-Principle - Long term debt	\$1,183,120	\$587,671	\$595,449
921-Bad Debt/922-Tax Cancellation/Writeoff	\$1,005,000	\$90,244	\$914,756
Non-TCA projects	\$1,357,532	\$443,354	\$914,178
DRP Expenses		\$121,802	(\$121,802)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$43,704,850	\$20,789,704	\$22,915,146
Excluding Requisitions	\$37,251,577	\$17,520,052	
995-Amortization of TCA	\$9,978,821		\$9,978,821

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
100-Municipal Taxes	\$26,842,350	\$26,812,664	\$29,686
101-Lodge Requisition		(\$121)	\$121
102-School Requisition	\$6,379,443	\$6,386,264	(\$6,821)
103-Designated Ind. Property	\$73,830	\$73,825	\$5
TOTAL REVENUE	\$33,295,623	\$33,272,632	\$22,991
Excluding Requisitions	\$26,842,350	\$26,812,664	
OPERATING EXPENSES			
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	\$33,295,623	\$33,272,632	\$22,991

Mackenzie County
11-Council

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
OPERATING EXPENSES			
132-Benefits	\$50,728	\$31,574	\$19,154
136-WCB contributions	\$5,535	\$1,147	\$4,388
151-Honoraria	\$529,461	\$282,720	\$246,741
211-Travel and subsistence	\$254,098	\$98,308	\$155,790
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$70,425	\$50,175	\$20,250
217-Telephone	\$7,700	\$4,229	\$3,471
221-Advertising	\$1,000	\$678	\$322
235-Professional fee	\$8,000	\$950	\$7,050
239-Training and education	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
266-Communications	\$15,615	\$8,032	\$7,583
274-Insurance	\$2,194	\$1,828	\$366
290-Election cost	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
511-Goods and supplies	\$9,700	\$1,983	\$7,717
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$960,256	\$481,624	\$478,632
Excluding Requisitions	\$960,256	\$481,624	\$478,632
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$960,256	\$481,624	\$478,632
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$960,256)	(\$481,624)	(\$478,632)

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
420-Sales of goods and services	\$39,500	\$28,809	\$10,691
510-Penalties on taxes	\$300,000	\$118,479	\$181,521
511-Penalties of AR and utilities	\$13,000	\$6,982	\$6,018
550-Interest revenue	\$425,000	\$861,278	(\$436,278)
551-Market value changes		\$84,464	(\$84,464)
560-Rental and lease revenue	\$77,800	\$35,968	\$41,832
597-Other revenue	\$25,000	\$24,510	\$490
598-Community aggregate levy	\$85,000	\$0	\$85,000
630-Sale of non-TCA equipment	\$500	\$0	\$500
830-Federal grants			\$0
840-Provincial grants	\$190,370	\$10,820	\$179,550
909-Other Sources -Grants	\$21,301	\$0	\$21,301
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$696,797		\$696,797
940-Contribution from Capital Reserves		\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,874,268	\$1,171,312	\$702,956
Excluding Requisitions	\$1,874,268	\$1,171,312	\$702,956
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$2,011,178	\$1,070,881	\$940,297
132-Benefits	\$454,920	\$217,862	\$237,058
136-WCB contributions	\$19,924	\$4,667	\$15,257
142-Recruiting	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
150-Isolation cost	\$14,400	\$9,600	\$4,800
211-Travel and subsistence	\$38,500	\$12,112	\$26,388
212-Promotional expense	\$25,000	\$16,825	\$8,175
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$23,156	\$8,626	\$14,530
215-Freight	\$9,000	\$3,740	\$5,260
216-Postage	\$24,500	\$30,213	(\$5,713)
217-Telephone	\$44,050	\$33,049	\$11,001
221-Advertising	\$68,000	\$64,270	\$3,730
223-Subscriptions and publications	\$5,700	\$3,321	\$2,379
231-Audit fee	\$120,000	\$105,500	\$14,500
232-Legal fee	\$75,000	\$64,003	\$10,997
233-Engineering consulting		\$620	(\$620)
235-Professional fee	\$65,000	\$64,345	\$655
239-Training and education	\$8,758	\$2,047	\$6,711
242-Computer programming	\$126,510	\$24,984	\$101,526
243-Waste Management	\$7,800	\$4,168	\$3,632
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$45,350	\$25,775	\$19,575
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$10,100	\$8,368	\$1,732
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$6,000	\$5,257	\$743
258-Contracted Services		\$3,555	(\$3,555)
259-Repair & maintenance - structural		\$0	\$0
262-Rental - building and land		\$0	\$0
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$8,353	\$5,670	\$2,683
266-Communications	\$51,880	\$29,365	\$22,515
271-Licenses and permits	\$100	\$252	(\$152)
274-Insurance	\$119,906	\$89,916	\$29,990
342-Assessor fees	\$247,820	\$102,335	\$145,485
511-Goods and supplies	\$104,906	\$71,647	\$33,259
521-Fuel and oil	\$35,166	\$11,911	\$23,255
994-Change in Inventory		\$0	\$0
543-Natural gas	\$29,257	\$18,452	\$10,805
544-Electrical power	\$97,324	\$61,649	\$35,675
710-Grants to local governments	\$2,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$394,489	\$0	\$394,489
810-Interest and service charges	\$21,000	\$17,239	\$3,761
921-Bad Debt/922-Tax Cancellation/Writeoff	\$1,000,000	\$90,244	\$909,756
Non-TCA projects	\$400,851	\$244,063	\$156,788
DRP Expenses		\$68,222	(\$68,222)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,978,898	\$3,844,755	\$4,134,143
Excluding Requisitions	\$7,978,898	\$3,844,755	\$4,224,387
995-Amortization of TCA	\$322,004	\$0	\$322,004
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,300,902	\$3,844,755	\$4,456,147
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$6,426,634)	(\$2,673,443)	(\$3,753,191)

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
420-Sales of goods and services	\$126,000	\$579,162	(\$453,162)
840-Provincial grants			\$0
909-Other Sources -Grants	\$15,000		\$15,000
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$15,000		\$15,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$156,000	\$579,162	(\$423,162)
Excluding Requisitions	\$156,000	\$579,162	(\$423,162)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$45,408	\$26,682	\$18,726
132-Benefits	\$8,112	\$6,323	\$1,789
136-WCB contributions	\$509	\$105	\$404
151-Honoraria	\$86,300	\$104,863	(\$18,563)
211-Travel and subsistence	\$9,000	\$7,006	\$1,994
212-Promotional expense	\$3,000		\$3,000
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$3,630	\$0	\$3,630
215-Freight	\$1,000	\$2,259	(\$1,259)
217-Telephone	\$27,440	\$12,379	\$15,061
235-Professional fee			\$0
239-Training and education	\$36,180	\$3,840	\$32,340
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$11,500	\$9,920	\$1,580
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$42,000	\$16,660	\$25,340
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$12,000	\$4,783	\$7,217
258-Contracted Services	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$1,500	\$3,698	(\$2,198)
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$27,000	\$2,530	\$24,470
266-Communications	\$69,012	\$14,546	\$54,466
271-Licenses and permits	\$4,000	\$28	\$3,972
272-Damage claims		\$0	\$0
274-Insurance	\$53,211	\$40,323	\$12,888
511-Goods and supplies	\$128,984	\$42,857	\$86,127
521-Fuel and oil	\$23,859	\$11,334	\$12,525
543-Natural gas	\$23,818	\$12,314	\$11,504
544-Electrical power	\$20,899	\$11,186	\$9,713
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$100,000		\$100,000
Non-TCA projects	\$30,000	(\$0)	\$30,000
DRP Expenses		\$32,901	(\$32,901)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$776,862	\$333,635	\$443,227
Excluding Requisitions	\$776,862	\$333,635	\$410,326
995-Amortization of TCA	\$195,023	\$0	\$195,023
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$971,885	\$333,635	\$605,349
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$815,885)	\$245,527	(\$1,028,511)

Mackenzie County
25-Ambulance/Municipal Emergency

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
560-Rental and lease revenue	\$40,500	\$23,625	\$16,875
TOTAL REVENUE	\$40,500	\$23,625	\$16,875
Excluding Requisitions	\$40,500	\$23,625	\$16,875
OPERATING EXPENSES			
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$7,000	\$2,879	\$4,121
274-Insurance	\$4,599	\$2,500	\$2,099
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,599	\$5,379	\$6,220
Excluding Requisitions	\$11,599	\$5,379	\$6,220
995-Amortization of TCA	\$12,328	\$0	\$12,328
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,927	\$5,379	\$18,548
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	\$16,573	\$18,246	(\$1,673)

Mackenzie County
26-Enforcement Services

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
520-Licenses and permits		\$5	(\$5)
530-Fines	\$9,000	\$13,705	(\$4,705)
560-Rental and lease revenue	\$13,827	\$10,370	\$3,457
630-Sale of non-TCA equipment			\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$22,827	\$24,080	(\$1,253)
Excluding Requisitions	\$22,827	\$24,080	(\$1,253)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$15,136	\$9,050	\$6,086
132-Benefits	\$2,704	\$1,840	\$864
136-WCB contributions	\$170	\$35	\$135
211-Travel and subsistence	\$2,000	\$30	\$1,970
214-Memberships & conference fees		\$0	\$0
215-Freight		\$0	\$0
217-Telephone	\$1,200		\$1,200
223-Subscriptions and publications	\$2,500	\$3,187	(\$687)
235-Professional fee	\$2,000	\$920	\$1,080
236-Enhanced policing fee	\$780,501	\$112,815	\$667,686
239-Training and education	\$8,000	\$2,520	\$5,480
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$12,050	\$0	\$12,050
258-Contracted Services	\$8,000	\$8,036	(\$36)
266-Communications	\$500	\$360	\$140
274-Insurance	\$6,240	\$5,521	\$719
511-Goods and supplies	\$1,000	\$3,824	(\$2,824)
521-Fuel and oil	\$2,668	\$238	\$2,430
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$844,669	\$148,376	\$696,293
Excluding Requisitions	\$844,669	\$148,376	\$696,293
995-Amortization of TCA	\$6,404	\$0	\$6,404
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$851,073	\$148,376	\$702,697
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$828,246)	(\$124,296)	(\$703,950)

	2023	2023 Actual	\$ Variance
	Budget	Total	(Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
124-Frontage	\$35,000	\$30,872	\$4,128
261-Ice Bridge	\$130,000	\$135,000	(\$5,000)
420-Sales of goods and services	\$262,036	\$435,551	(\$173,515)
520-Licenses and permits	\$4,000	\$3,085	\$915
560-Rental and lease revenue		\$1,200	(\$1,200)
570-Insurance proceeds			\$0
597-Other revenue		\$298	(\$298)
630-Sale of non-TCA equipment		\$1,610	(\$1,610)
830-Federal grants			\$0
840-Provincial grants	\$242,524	\$0	\$242,524
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$723,560	\$607,615	\$115,945
Excluding Requisitions	\$723,560	\$607,615	\$115,945
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$2,925,924	\$1,557,837	\$1,368,087
132-Benefits	\$592,487	\$332,863	\$259,624
136-WCB contributions	\$32,497	\$6,790	\$25,707
142-Recruiting			\$0
150-Isolation cost	\$28,800	\$8,141	\$20,659
211-Travel and subsistence	\$15,600	\$8,945	\$6,655
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$12,450	\$645	\$11,805
215-Freight	\$28,000	\$5,580	\$22,420
217-Telephone	\$16,380	\$8,438	\$7,942
221-Advertising	\$900	\$0	\$900
223-Subscriptions and publications	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,200
232-Legal fee			\$0
233-Engineering consulting	\$90,000	\$2,882	\$87,118
235-Professional fee	\$10,000	\$18,542	(\$8,542)
239-Training and education	\$6,000	\$2,551	\$3,449
251-Repair & maintenance - bridges	\$159,500	\$15,238	\$144,262
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$28,900	\$19,276	\$9,624
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$201,000	\$113,398	\$87,602
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$60,000	\$11,869	\$48,131
258-Contracted Services	\$225,000	\$127,421	\$97,579
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$1,405,050	\$420,258	\$984,792
261-Ice bridge construction	\$125,000	\$82,458	\$42,542
262-Rental - building and land	\$3,900	\$1,725	\$2,175
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
266-Communications	\$12,740	\$7,470	\$5,270
271-Licenses and permits	\$3,225	\$9,027	(\$5,802)
272-Damage claims		\$0	\$0
274-Insurance	\$190,873	\$157,135	\$33,738
511-Goods and supplies	\$442,239	\$304,909	\$137,330
521-Fuel and oil	\$989,827	\$102,199	\$887,628
531-Chemicals and salt	\$165,000	\$1,110	\$163,890
530-Oil Dust Control	\$100,000	\$91,546	\$8,454
532-Calcium Dust Control	\$130,000	\$69,094	\$60,906
533-Grader blades	\$143,000	\$61,327	\$81,673
534-Gravel (apply; supply and apply)	\$1,300,000	\$1,121,182	\$178,818
535-Gravel reclamation cost	\$50,000	\$2,548	\$47,452
543-Natural gas	\$22,467	\$11,935	\$10,532
544-Electrical power	\$322,403	\$200,830	\$121,573
550-Carbon Tax	\$200,000	\$116,291	\$83,709
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$1,703,750	\$0	\$1,703,750
831-Interest - long term debt	\$317,623	\$136,340	\$181,283
832-Principle - Long term debt	\$942,133	\$467,607	\$474,526
Non-TCA projects		\$0	\$0
DRP Expenses		\$20,680	(\$20,680)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,543,784	\$5,626,087	\$7,384,781
Excluding Requisitions	\$12,543,784	\$5,626,087	\$7,384,781
995-Amortization of TCA	\$6,309,770	\$0	\$6,309,770
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,853,554	\$5,626,087	\$13,694,551
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$18,129,994)	(\$5,018,471)	(\$13,578,607)

Mackenzie County
33-Airport

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
420-Sales of goods and services	\$52,500	\$19,108	\$33,392
560-Rental and lease revenue	\$42,062	\$28,746	\$13,316
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$47,707		\$47,707
TOTAL REVENUE	\$142,269	\$47,854	\$94,415
Excluding Requisitions	\$142,269	\$47,854	\$94,415
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$24,848	\$0	\$24,848
132-Benefits	\$6,565	\$0	\$6,565
136-WCB contributions	\$278	\$58	\$220
211-Travel and subsistence	\$4,000		\$4,000
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$4,500	\$3,523	\$977
215-Freight	\$1,000	\$89	\$911
223-Subscriptions and publications	\$300		\$300
235-Professional fee	\$10,000	\$2,400	\$7,600
239-Training and education	\$3,200		\$3,200
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$3,500	\$125	\$3,375
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$28,000	\$15,093	\$12,907
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$3,300		\$3,300
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$26,200	\$4,030	\$22,170
262-Rental - building and land	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
266-Communications	\$2,720	\$451	\$2,269
271-Licenses and permits	\$725		\$725
274-Insurance	\$7,534	\$6,096	\$1,438
511-Goods and supplies	\$1,000	\$2,137	(\$1,137)
521-Fuel and oil	\$854	\$0	\$854
531-Chemicals and salt	\$17,500	\$0	\$17,500
994-Change in Inventory		\$0	\$0
543-Natural gas	\$5,220	\$5,145	\$75
544-Electrical power	\$39,205	\$21,569	\$17,636
Non-TCA projects	\$47,707	\$17,036	\$30,671
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$298,156	\$137,751	\$160,405
Excluding Requisitions	\$298,156	\$137,751	\$160,405
995-Amortization of TCA	\$197,221	\$0	\$197,221
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$495,377	\$137,751	\$357,626
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$353,108)	(\$89,897)	(\$263,211)

Mackenzie County
41-Water Services

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
124-Frontage		\$5,926	(\$5,926)
420-Sales of goods and services	\$69,000	\$43,404	\$25,596
421-Sale of water - metered	\$2,596,873	\$1,778,093	\$818,780
422-Sale of water - bulk	\$942,693	\$764,210	\$178,483
511-Penalties of AR and utilities	\$12,000	\$13,153	(\$1,153)
521-Offsite levy	\$20,000	\$44,672	(\$24,672)
597-Other revenue		\$725	(\$725)
630-Sale of non-TCA equipment			\$0
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$207,842	\$0	\$207,842
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,848,408	\$2,650,182	\$1,198,226
Excluding Requisitions	\$3,848,408	\$2,650,182	\$1,198,226
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$578,394	\$324,271	\$254,123
132-Benefits	\$107,964	\$62,695	\$45,269
136-WCB contributions	\$6,575	\$1,342	\$5,233
150-Isolation cost	\$8,640	(\$277)	\$8,917
211-Travel and subsistence	\$39,600	\$11,377	\$28,223
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$3,020	\$866	\$2,154
215-Freight	\$81,600	\$43,687	\$37,913
216-Postage	\$21,500	\$0	\$21,500
217-Telephone	\$18,000	\$8,959	\$9,041
221-Advertising	\$500	\$0	\$500
233-Engineering consulting	\$51,000	\$1,207	\$49,793
239-Training and education	\$10,750	\$1,980	\$8,770
242-Computer programming	\$17,270	\$3,536	\$13,735
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$15,900	\$9,046	\$6,854
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$132,500	\$67,426	\$65,074
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$14,000	\$6,040	\$7,960
258-Contracted Services	\$36,600	\$33,398	\$3,202
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$102,200	\$21,849	\$80,351
262-Rental - building and land	\$3,200	\$1,860	\$1,340
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
266-Communications	\$2,500	\$1,055	\$1,445
271-Licenses and permits	\$950	\$374	\$576
272-Damage claims		\$0	\$0
274-Insurance	\$180,654	\$104,056	\$76,598
511-Goods and supplies	\$312,400	\$155,712	\$156,688
515-Lab Testing	\$46,500	\$14,092	\$32,408
521-Fuel and oil	\$68,606	\$20,337	\$48,269
531-Chemicals and salt	\$135,300	\$72,533	\$62,767
994-Change in Inventory		\$0	\$0
543-Natural gas	\$114,159	\$60,823	\$53,336
544-Electrical power	\$343,064	\$169,185	\$173,879
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$923,265	\$0	\$923,265
831-Interest - long term debt	\$9,303	\$4,955	\$4,348
832-Principle - Long term debt	\$217,529	\$108,461	\$109,068
921-Bad Debt	\$5,000		\$5,000
Non-TCA projects	\$207,842	\$19,954	\$187,888
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,817,785	\$1,330,800	\$2,486,985
Excluding Requisitions	\$3,817,785	\$1,330,800	\$2,486,985
995-Amortization of TCA	\$1,410,469	\$0	\$1,410,469
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,228,254	\$1,330,800	\$3,897,454
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$1,379,846)	\$1,319,381	(\$2,699,227)

Mackenzie County
42-Sewer Services

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
124-Frontage		\$12,369	(\$12,369)
421-Sale of water - metered	\$1,265,119	\$788,315	\$476,804
422-Sale of water - bulk	\$8,400	\$4,725	\$3,675
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves			\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,273,519	\$805,408	\$468,111
Excluding Requisitions	\$1,273,519	\$805,408	\$468,111
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$351,829	\$199,907	\$151,922
132-Benefits	\$72,685	\$43,994	\$28,691
136-WCB contributions	\$4,005	\$816	\$3,189
150-Isolation cost	\$5,760	\$0	\$5,760
215-Freight	\$4,250	\$347	\$3,903
232-Legal fee		\$0	\$0
233-Engineering consulting	\$6,000		\$6,000
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$1,750	\$1,537	\$213
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$16,200	\$4,592	\$11,608
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$138,150	\$20,320	\$117,830
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$3,000	\$1,740	\$1,260
271-Licenses and permits	\$100		\$100
274-Insurance	\$13,448	\$10,753	\$2,695
511-Goods and supplies	\$10,500	\$4,517	\$5,983
515-Lab Testing	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500
521-Fuel and oil			\$0
531-Chemicals and salt	\$36,000	\$1,810	\$34,190
543-Natural gas	\$6,156	\$3,375	\$2,781
544-Electrical power	\$34,394	\$15,741	\$18,653
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$539,985	\$0	\$539,985
831-Interest - long term debt	\$6,809	\$624	\$6,185
832-Principle - Long term debt	\$23,458	\$11,604	\$11,854
Non-TCA projects			\$0
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,279,979	\$321,677	\$958,302
Excluding Requisitions	\$1,279,979	\$321,677	\$958,302
995-Amortization of TCA	\$698,464	\$0	\$698,464
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,978,443	\$321,677	\$1,656,766
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$704,924)	\$483,731	(\$1,188,655)

Mackenzie County
43-Solid Waste Disposal

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
420-Sales of goods and services	\$432,290	\$226,875	\$205,415
909-Other Sources -Grants	\$0	\$21,928	(\$21,928)
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$7,000		\$7,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$439,290	\$248,803	\$190,488
Excluding Requisitions	\$439,290	\$248,803	\$190,488
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$58,584	\$26,300	\$32,284
132-Benefits	\$10,951	\$5,458	\$5,493
136-WCB contributions	\$656	\$136	\$520
214-Memberships & conference fees		\$0	\$0
221-Advertising	\$800	\$0	\$800
235-Professional fee			\$0
243-Waste Management	\$454,267	\$271,028	\$183,239
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$5,400	\$2,458	\$2,942
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$12,750	\$382	\$12,368
258-Contracted Services	\$141,352	\$83,625	\$57,727
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$36,600	\$5,966	\$30,634
271-Licenses and permits	\$200	\$5	\$195
274-Insurance	\$5,908	\$5,284	\$624
511-Goods and supplies	\$2,100	\$1,045	\$1,055
521-Fuel and oil	\$12,505	\$192	\$12,313
544-Electrical power	\$17,922	\$8,262	\$9,660
810-Interest and service charges	\$1,360	\$800	\$560
Non-TCA projects	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$5,000
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$791,355	\$435,941	\$355,414
Excluding Requisitions	\$791,355	\$435,941	\$355,414
995-Amortization of TCA	\$18,112	\$0	\$18,112
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$809,467	\$435,941	\$373,526
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$370,177)	(\$187,138)	(\$183,039)

Mackenzie County
51-Family Community Services

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
840-Provincial grants	\$308,763	\$229,052	\$79,711
909-Other Sources -Grants			\$0
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$2,520	\$0	\$2,520
TOTAL REVENUE	\$311,283	\$229,052	\$82,231
Excluding Requisitions	\$311,283	\$229,052	\$82,231
OPERATING EXPENSES			
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles		\$20	(\$20)
274-Insurance		\$355	(\$355)
735-Grants to other organizations	\$894,410	\$788,748	\$105,662
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$20,000		\$20,000
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$914,410	\$789,123	\$125,287
Excluding Requisitions	\$914,410	\$789,123	\$125,287
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$914,410	\$789,123	\$125,287
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$603,127)	(\$560,071)	(\$43,056)

Mackenzie County
61-Planning Development

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
420-Sales of goods and services	\$23,000	\$21,795	\$1,205
520-Licenses and permits	\$50,000	\$57,383	(\$7,383)
526-Safety code permits	\$350,000	\$342,879	\$7,121
525-Subdivision fees		(\$1,294)	\$1,294
531-Safety code fees	\$12,000	\$10,535	\$1,465
560-Rental and lease revenue		\$0	\$0
630-Sale of non-TCA equipment		\$0	\$0
840-Provincial grants	\$55,800		\$55,800
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$390,223	\$0	\$390,223
TOTAL REVENUE	\$881,023	\$431,298	\$449,725
Excluding Requisitions	\$881,023	\$431,298	\$449,725
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$653,102	\$421,880	\$231,222
132-Benefits	\$138,917	\$87,546	\$51,371
136-WCB contributions	\$6,722	\$1,516	\$5,206
142-Recruiting			\$0
211-Travel and subsistence	\$9,000	\$347	\$8,653
212-Promotional expense	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$6,535	\$3,865	\$2,670
215-Freight	\$2,000	\$754	\$1,246
216-Postage	\$4,000	\$497	\$3,503
217-Telephone	\$980	\$593	\$387
221-Advertising	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
232-Legal fee	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
233-Engineering consulting		\$0	\$0
235-Professional fee	\$20,000	\$5,704	\$14,296
239-Training and education	\$4,400	\$754	\$3,646
242-Computer programming	\$75,875	\$25,399	\$50,476
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$2,000	\$2,893	(\$893)
258-Contracted Services	\$250,000	\$86,987	\$163,013
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$12,000	\$1,292	\$10,708
271-Licenses and permits	\$2,000	\$8,990	(\$6,990)
272-Damage claims		\$1,000	(\$1,000)
274-Insurance	\$5,060	\$4,662	\$398
511-Goods and supplies	\$14,000	\$14,159	(\$159)
521-Fuel and oil	\$2,506	\$2,863	(\$357)
Non-TCA projects	\$446,023	\$29,796	\$416,228
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,670,120	\$701,497	\$968,623
Excluding Requisitions	\$1,670,120	\$701,497	\$968,623
995-Amortization of TCA	\$10,783	\$0	\$10,783
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,680,903	\$701,497	\$979,406
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$799,880)	(\$270,199)	(\$529,681)

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
420-Sales of goods and services	\$6,700	\$9,513	(\$2,813)
560-Rental and lease revenue	\$29,178	\$22,876	\$6,302
840-Provincial grants	\$176,247	\$176,247	\$0
909-Other Sources -Grants	\$39,000	\$40,700	(\$1,700)
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$56,939	\$0	\$56,939
TOTAL REVENUE	\$308,064	\$249,336	\$58,728
Excluding Requisitions	\$308,064	\$249,336	\$58,728
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$361,204	\$207,657	\$153,547
132-Benefits	\$69,161	\$42,752	\$26,409
136-WCB contributions	\$4,046	\$838	\$3,208
211-Travel and subsistence	\$12,840	\$1,954	\$10,886
212-Promotional expense	\$2,000	\$115	\$1,885
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$5,495	\$1,219	\$4,276
215-Freight			\$0
216-Postage		\$0	\$0
217-Telephone	\$2,220	\$1,683	\$537
221-Advertising	\$500	\$250	\$250
232-Legal fee			\$0
233-Engineering consulting	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
235-Professional fee	\$79,000	\$73,864	\$5,136
239-Training and education	\$1,450	\$190	\$1,260
242-Computer programming	\$9,000		\$9,000
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$500		\$500
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$10,000	\$1,050	\$8,950
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$8,000	\$3,239	\$4,761
258-Contracted Services		\$0	\$0
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$276,500	\$84,976	\$191,524
260-Roadside Mowing & Spraying	\$465,801	\$251,429	\$214,372
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
271-Licenses and permits		\$84	(\$84)
272-Damage claims		\$12,500	(\$12,500)
274-Insurance	\$17,031	\$15,712	\$1,319
511-Goods and supplies	\$146,933	\$100,084	\$46,849
521-Fuel and oil	\$24,007	\$5,352	\$18,655
531-Chemicals and salt	\$75,000	\$73,593	\$1,407
994-Change in Inventory		\$0	\$0
735-Grants to other organizations	\$155,000	\$133,391	\$21,609
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$500,000		\$500,000
Non-TCA projects	\$87,539	\$37,954	\$49,585
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,337,227	\$1,049,887	\$1,287,340
Excluding Requisitions	\$2,337,227	\$1,049,887	\$1,287,340
995-Amortization of TCA	\$40,206	\$0	\$40,206
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,377,433	\$1,049,887	\$1,327,546
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$2,069,369)	(\$800,551)	(\$1,268,818)

Mackenzie County
66-Subdivision

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
424-Sale of land	\$10,000		\$10,000
522-Municipal reserve revenue	\$80,000	(\$34,893)	\$114,893
525-Subdivision fees	\$125,000	\$53,782	\$71,218
597-Other revenue			\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$215,000	\$18,889	\$196,111
Excluding Requisitions	\$215,000	\$18,889	\$196,111
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$259,130	\$166,871	\$92,259
132-Benefits	\$52,213	\$34,307	\$17,906
136-WCB contributions	\$2,879	\$601	\$2,278
211-Travel and subsistence	\$2,000	\$488	\$1,512
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$1,225	\$725	\$500
215-Freight		\$0	\$0
216-Postage	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
217-Telephone	\$960	\$351	\$609
233-Engineering consulting	\$30,000	\$2,005	\$27,995
235-Professional fee	\$25,000	\$8,032	\$16,968
239-Training and education	\$2,000	\$928	\$1,072
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment	\$5,400	\$4,050	\$1,350
511-Goods and supplies	\$4,000	\$405	\$3,595
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$80,000		\$80,000
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$466,807	\$218,763	\$248,044
Excluding Requisitions	\$466,807	\$218,763	\$248,044
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$466,807	\$218,763	\$248,044
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$251,807)	(\$199,874)	(\$51,933)

Mackenzie County
71-Recreation Department

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$17,212	\$0	\$17,212
940-Contribution from Capital Reserves	\$26,444	\$0	\$26,444
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,656	\$0	\$43,656
Excluding Requisitions	\$43,656	\$0	\$43,656
OPERATING EXPENSES			
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings			\$0
274-Insurance	\$91,102	\$54,678	\$36,424
511-Goods and supplies		\$0	\$0
544-Electrical power		\$0	\$0
735-Grants to other organizations	\$1,079,252	\$1,023,903	\$55,349
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$60,000		\$60,000
831-Interest - long term debt		(\$949)	\$949
832-Principle - Long term debt		\$0	\$0
Non-TCA projects	\$51,570	\$42,791	\$8,779
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,281,924	\$1,120,423	\$161,501
Excluding Requisitions	\$1,281,924	\$1,120,423	\$161,501
995-Amortization of TCA	\$644,710	\$0	\$644,710
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,926,634	\$1,120,423	\$806,211
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$1,882,978)	(\$1,120,423)	(\$762,555)

Mackenzie County
72-Parks Playgrounds

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
420-Sales of goods and services	\$73,560	\$24,269	\$49,291
930-Contribution from Operating Reserves	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
940-Contribution from Capital Reserves	\$30,000		\$30,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$109,560	\$24,269	\$85,291
Excluding Requisitions	\$109,560	\$24,269	\$85,291
OPERATING EXPENSES			
110-Wages and salaries	\$98,922	\$72,719	\$26,203
132-Benefits	\$14,923	\$12,425	\$2,498
136-WCB contributions	\$1,108	\$230	\$878
211-Travel and subsistence	\$2,400	\$501	\$1,899
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$1,720	\$245	\$1,475
215-Freight	\$1,100	\$15	\$1,085
217-Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,070	(\$70)
221-Advertising	\$400	\$0	\$400
233-Engineering consulting	\$20,000	\$9,279	\$10,721
235-Professional fee	\$100		\$100
239-Training and education	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$1,200
252-Repair & maintenance - buildings	\$8,000	\$8,500	(\$500)
253-Repair & maintenance - equipment	\$19,000	\$299	\$18,701
255-Repair & maintenance - vehicles	\$12,000	\$3,418	\$8,582
258-Contracted Services	\$92,700	\$41,012	\$51,688
259-Repair & maintenance - structural	\$85,800	\$31,231	\$54,569
263-Rental - vehicle and equipment			\$0
266-Communications	\$1,000	\$510	\$490
271-Licenses and permits	\$4,000	\$677	\$3,323
272-Damage claims		\$0	\$0
274-Insurance	\$4,018	\$2,496	\$1,522
511-Goods and supplies	\$33,300	\$19,059	\$14,241
521-Fuel and oil	\$2,606	\$29	\$2,577
534-Gravel (apply; supply and apply)			\$0
994-Change in Inventory		\$0	\$0
543-Natural gas	\$984	\$451	\$533
544-Electrical power	\$2,946	\$716	\$2,230
763/764-Contributed to Reserve	\$50,000		\$50,000
Non-TCA projects	\$36,000	\$26,761	\$9,239
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$496,427	\$232,842	\$263,585
Excluding Requisitions	\$496,427	\$232,842	\$263,585
995-Amortization of TCA	\$113,327	\$0	\$113,327
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$609,754	\$232,842	\$376,912
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$500,194)	(\$208,573)	(\$291,621)

	2023	2023 Actual	\$ Variance
	Budget	Total	(Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
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OPERATING EXPENSES			
212-Promotional expense	\$11,000	\$4,425	\$6,576
214-Memberships & conference fees	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
221-Advertising	\$5,000	\$8,775	(\$3,775)
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,500	\$25,700	\$2,801
Excluding Requisitions	\$28,500	\$25,700	\$2,801
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,500	\$25,700	\$2,801
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$28,500)	(\$25,700)	(\$2,801)

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual Total	\$ Variance (Remaining)
OPERATING REVENUES			
940-Contribution from Capital Reserves	\$20,000		\$20,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Excluding Requisitions	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
OPERATING EXPENSES			
274-Insurance	\$3,653	\$3,176	\$477
735-Grants to other organizations	\$262,082	\$253,891	\$8,191
Non-TCA projects	\$20,000		\$20,000
DRP Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$285,735	\$257,067	\$28,668
Excluding Requisitions	\$285,735	\$257,067	\$28,668
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$285,735	\$257,067	\$28,668
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(\$265,735)	(\$257,067)	(\$8,668)

Investment Report for Period Ending July 31, 2023

Reconciled Bank Balance on July 31, 2023

Reconciled Bank Balance 31-Jul-23 \$ 27,215,637

Investment Values on July 31, 2023

Short term T-Bill (1044265-26)	\$ 264,418.37
Long term investments (EM0-0374-A)	\$ 8,993,542.52
Short term notice on amount 31 days	\$ 6,496,136.99
Short term notice on amount 31 days (Mitigation)	\$ 1,645,854.69
Short term notice on amount 60 days	\$ 4,226,006.71
90 Day Non Redeemable GIC	\$ 4,145,095.79
Vision Credit Union - 2 year	\$ 2,197,694.07

Total Investments **\$ 27,968,749**

Total Bank Balance and Investments **\$ 55,184,386**

These balances include
'market value changes'.

Revenues

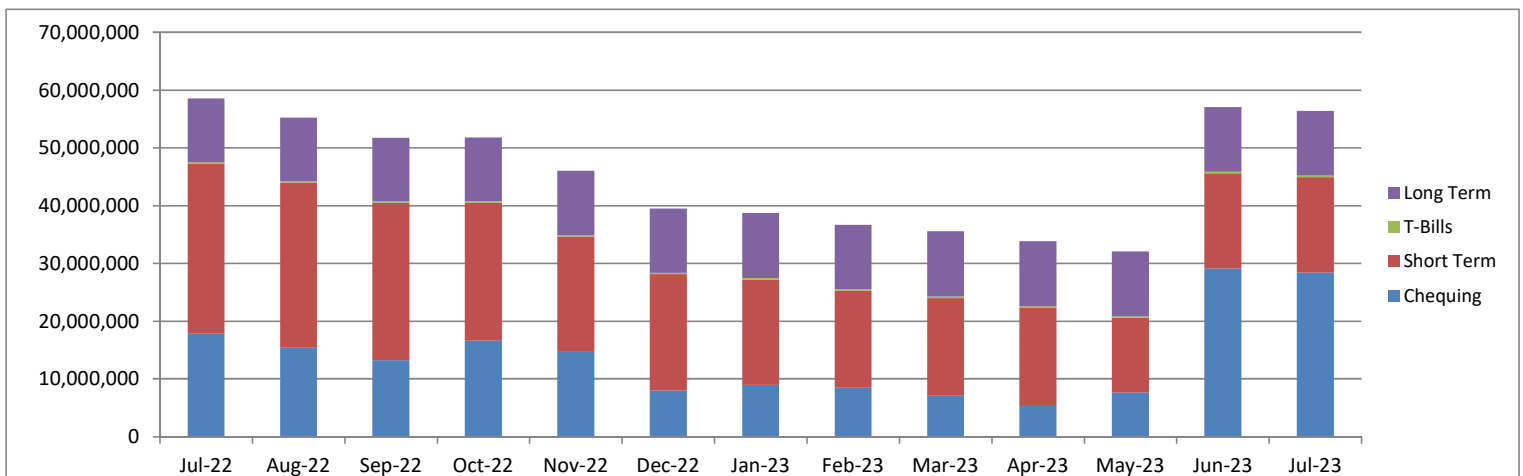
Interest received from investments
Interest accrued from investments but not received.

Total YTD	Short Term YTD	Long Term YTD
\$ 384,597.40	\$ 262,262.90	\$ 122,334.50
\$ 230,806.60	\$ -	\$ 230,806.60
\$ 615,404.00	\$ 262,262.90	\$ 353,141.10

Interest received, chequing account
Total interest revenues before investment manager fees
Deduct: investment manager fees for investments
Total interest revenues after investment manager fees

\$ 361,721.56	\$ 361,721.56	
\$ 977,125.56	\$ 623,984.46	\$ 353,141.10
\$ (17,655.38)		\$ (17,655.38)
\$ 959,470.18	\$ 623,984.46	\$ 335,485.72

Balances in the Various Accounts - Last 13 Months





Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services
Title:	Councillor Expense Claims

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Councillor Honorariums and Expense Claims are reviewed by Council on a monthly basis.

A copy of the following councillor Honorariums and Expense Claims will be presented at the meeting:

- July – Councillor Bateman
- August – All Councillors

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

2023 Operating Budget

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

1272-22 Honorariums and Expense Reimbursement Bylaw

Author: T. Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** D. Derksen

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Councillor Expense Claims for July and August 2023 be received for information.

Author: T. Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** D. Derksen



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative and Support Services
Title:	Members at Large Expense Claims

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Members at Large expense claims are reviewed by Council on a monthly basis.

A copy of the following Members at Large Expense Claims will be presented at the meeting:

Month	Board/Committee	Name
August	Municipal Planning Commission	Erick Carter
August	Municipal Planning Commission	Tim Driedger
August	Municipal Planning Commission	Andrew O'Rourke
September	Agricultural Service Board	George Fehr
September	Agricultural Service Board	Anthony Peters
September	Agricultural Service Board	Joseph Peters

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

2023 Operating Budget.

Author: T. Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** D. Derksen

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

Bylaw 1272-22- Honorariums and Expense Reimbursement Bylaw

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion 1

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Member at Large Expense Claims for August and September 2023 be received for information.

Author: T. Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** D. Derksen



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	John Zacharias, Director of Utilities
Title:	Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project 2320-009 Tender

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Tender was opened at the September 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. One bid was received from Green Acre Ventures Ltd. for \$770,000.

The finalized scope of work was awaiting approval from Disaster Recovery Program (DRP). A motion was made to award the Tender at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION 23-09-684 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger
Requires 2/3

That administration bring the Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project 2320-009 Tender Awarding to the September 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

A recommended action will be presented at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, after further follow up from the DRP visit on September 12, 2023.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The complete scope of work was estimated at \$983,800 including engineering fees.

Author: J. Schmidt **Reviewed by:** J. Zacharias **CAO:** D. Derksen

The project may partially or completely be paid by Disaster Recovery Program (DRP). Any repairs not fully funded by DRP will come out of the Water Sewer Infrastructure Reserve.

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

Author: J. Schmidt **Reviewed by:** J. Zacharias **CAO:** D. Derksen



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture
Title:	Bylaw 1302-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I"

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Administration has received a request to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I" to accommodate the construction of a church and school.

The purpose of the Institutional district is to allow for a variety of public and private uses that provide medical, public safety, religious and cultural services/amenities to the community. The proposed rezoning area is 13 acres.

Currently there is one (1) residential yard site on this part of the quarter section. There are three (3) separate titles on the remainder of the quarter section, two (2) residential yard sites and one (1) commercial yard site.

According to the Hamlet of La Crete Area Structure Plan, Section 3.6 Institutional and Community Services Policies states:

Facilities A.

- *The County should encourage the development of institutional land uses that provide cultural, social or health services to residents. This includes a library and associated open space in the Town Centre Area and a new recreational center (as demand requires) located in a General Commercial Area.*

The utilities department does not have any servicing concerns.

Proposed Bylaw 1302-23 was presented to the Municipal Planning Commission on July 13, 2023 where the following motion was made:

Author: J Wiebe **Reviewed by:** C Smith **CAO:** _____

MPC 23-07-113
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Tim Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission recommend to Council to approve Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Bylaw 1302-23 was presented to Council on August 16, 2023 where the following motion was made:

MOTION 23-08-637

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", to accommodate a church and school, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

Proposed Bylaw 1302-23 was presented to Council on September 6, 2023 where the following motion was made:

MOTION 23-09-682

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", to accommodate a church and school.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-09-683

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the third reading of Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", to accommodate a church and school be TABLED to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Author: J Wiebe Reviewed by: C Smith CAO: _____

On September 6, 2023, Council tabled third reading of Bylaw 1302-23 until more information is provided such as:

1. Would the developer be willing to upgrade Range Road 152 to accommodate increased traffic?
2. Would the developer be willing to upgrade the South intersection located on Range Road 152 and Township Road 1060 to accommodate increased traffic?
3. Is a buffer and fence on the property a feasible option for the Developer?
4. Does the developer have a plan for permanent dust control along Range Road 152 due to increased traffic?

Administration reached out to the developer and asked for the information Council inquired about. The developer responded in the attached letter.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Options are to pass, defeat or table third reading

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

All costs of development shall be borne by the developer.

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Bylaw Amendment was advertised as per MGA requirements, this includes all adjacent landowners. The applicant was also required to display a sign on the subject property as per MGA requirements.

POLICY REFERENCES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Institutional "I", to accommodate a church and school.

Author: J Wiebe Reviewed by: C Smith CAO: _____

Gospel Light Fellowship (La Crete)
Box 3880
La Crete AB
T0H 2H0

Planning and Development Department
Mackenzie County
Box 640, Fort Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

Re: Mackenzie County Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Bylaw 1302-23)
Legal Land Description: Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M

In response to the letters and recommendations proposed to Gospel Light Fellowship,

Gospel Light Fellowship has made extensive effort for 2-3 years in search of Land within the county and yet trying to keep it somewhat central and convenient to all attending for Worship services.

For as reasonable as we have been to adjacent neighbors of this proposed property, we feel we have not been heard out at all.

Now this might also be in part a bit of our fault, I believe the thinking is out there we are planning to build a mega church, this is not the case indeed, we are only wanting to have a congregation size of 250-300 people, we will plan on a bigger building design still as we will be having the option to have funerals and wedding there as well.

So, say we had 250 people per worship service, this is only 50-60 cars on a Sunday morning. This amounts to a lot less than we would see on 697 early mornings headed to work and turning off in every direction.

Currently the school has 40ish children, this does have the potential to grow a bit, this amounts to approx. 15-20 cars morning and afternoon, to eliminate this traffic in town now only makes even more sense. I know this sounds like little but does add up.

It is great for others to point out where to look for land or to offer us to go elsewhere and find a piece of property, but it's not that easy, we gave this property a long review and looked at the traffic and safety of it, the plan is and will remain so that all buildings would be off the main road approx. 100+ - meters and the area of fellowship and playing is behind that.

A mention was made as to why not go off the very north end where the CSC (Countryside Church) is, with one intersection to get traffic off can be busy, now imagine two churches where services are usually done at the same time. A very big reason why we chose a road with the option of left and right turns.

1 - When we review what is said about the road, this road has needed great repair and still needs it, but that said we know whether we get approved, that this road rebuild will happen at some point.

In no way are we pointing fingers on the Mackenzie County people, they are doing what is best at the time with the information that is presented, but when we look at the many sub-divisions that have been built, and still today, and if we look per say at HWY 697, this is where we see the real busyness of traffic and danger. And it works still.

There is no turning lanes, we can't always look to the past as we are improving the systems and roadway network, but some are very recent, busy six (6) plus days per week, yes they are paved but with the expectation of a return of investment (ROI) in due time, but to have a church to rebuild an intersection or suggest a rebuild of a road that uses it at the most quietest time of the week, I am not sure what to say, we are non-profit and don't sell memberships.

I really hope the county will take this into consideration.

So, would we be willing to upgrade the road? We won't have the means to do such a thing as big as this. This upgrade my friend's cost money, now maybe if we went with all residents along the road to share the cost as we all have the same concern on the upgrades, maybe we should consider looking at the cost share frontage, everyone with a driveway along Rge rd 152 pay say \$50,000.00 over 10 years? But we feel, as well as would the others, this should not be the option the County should be looking at as we are already all rate payers in the Municipality.

2 - As for the intersection on Range Road 152 and township 1060, this goes without saying that we have intersections that are of greater risk during weekdays than we feel this one is. Now again we need better clarification about what type of upgrade you are thinking.

- Type 1
- Type 2
- Type 3

Cost can vary so much depending on requirements needed or asked for.

3 - We agree that having some sort of fence might be required for our own benefit at some time, now is it a feasible option? This would again depend on what would be requested, but perhaps if we were given 3-5 plus years after final inspection? We would open to that.

We can do the tree planting as was mentioned, this was always the plan to plant as required for privacy and wind protection. We would like again to see what type we are talking about or need.

Offsetting a driveway was also mentioned in one of the letters, this is too easy this was also the plan as we had done our unofficial drawing and would place it on the NW corner.

4 - Dust control is an easy and temporary solution and to that we would agree with 100%, to do 150 meters past each end of our approach, this could be done every year alongside with the county when they do their program. The fact that we all don't like dust is very real, yet if we chose to live in the countryside is that this will most likely come with the package, but still needs to be controlled to the best we can, whether it be oil, calcium or best of all actual Asphalt. But to have the developer become responsible for the complete road when it will use it mostly on the Sunday morning service? This could not be truly acceptable, and I believe we would all agree to that.

We believe fully that in a community where Christians values and morals have been taught from our great great grandfather to great grandfathers to grandfathers, to dads and now to our children, that as a community we should all

want to make a sacrifice for those that desire to hear the word of the Lord, that we would rather see them at a worship service Sunday morning than to have them on the streets at night or in rehabs across the country, this town is fast outgrowing the size of what church buildings hold, what are we willing to sacrifice?

Psalms 122:1 says it like this, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord".

In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says to those that are oppressed, "Come to me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest, this is what we desire to have for those that are in need, to show them the way of truth, much rather than to hear the words at the end if Jesus had to say" depart from me for I know you not".

That all said, we ask that you accept our request as such that we are willing but limited in options financially.

Thank you.

Jake Wiebe

BYLAW NO. 1302-23
BEING A BYLAW OF MACKENZIE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
TO AMEND THE
MACKENZIE COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW

WHEREAS, Mackenzie County has a Municipal Development Plan adopted in 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mackenzie County has adopted the Mackenzie County Land Use Bylaw in 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County, in the Province of Alberta, has deemed it desirable to amend the Mackenzie County Land Use Bylaw to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Institutional “I”, to accommodate a church and school.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MACKENZIE COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the land use designation of the subject parcel known as:

Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M

Within Mackenzie County, be rezoned from Agricultural “A” to Institutional “I” as outlined in Schedule “A” hereto attached.

READ a first time this ____ day of _____, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING held this ____ day of _____, 2023.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2023.

READ a third time and finally passed this ____ day of _____, 2023.

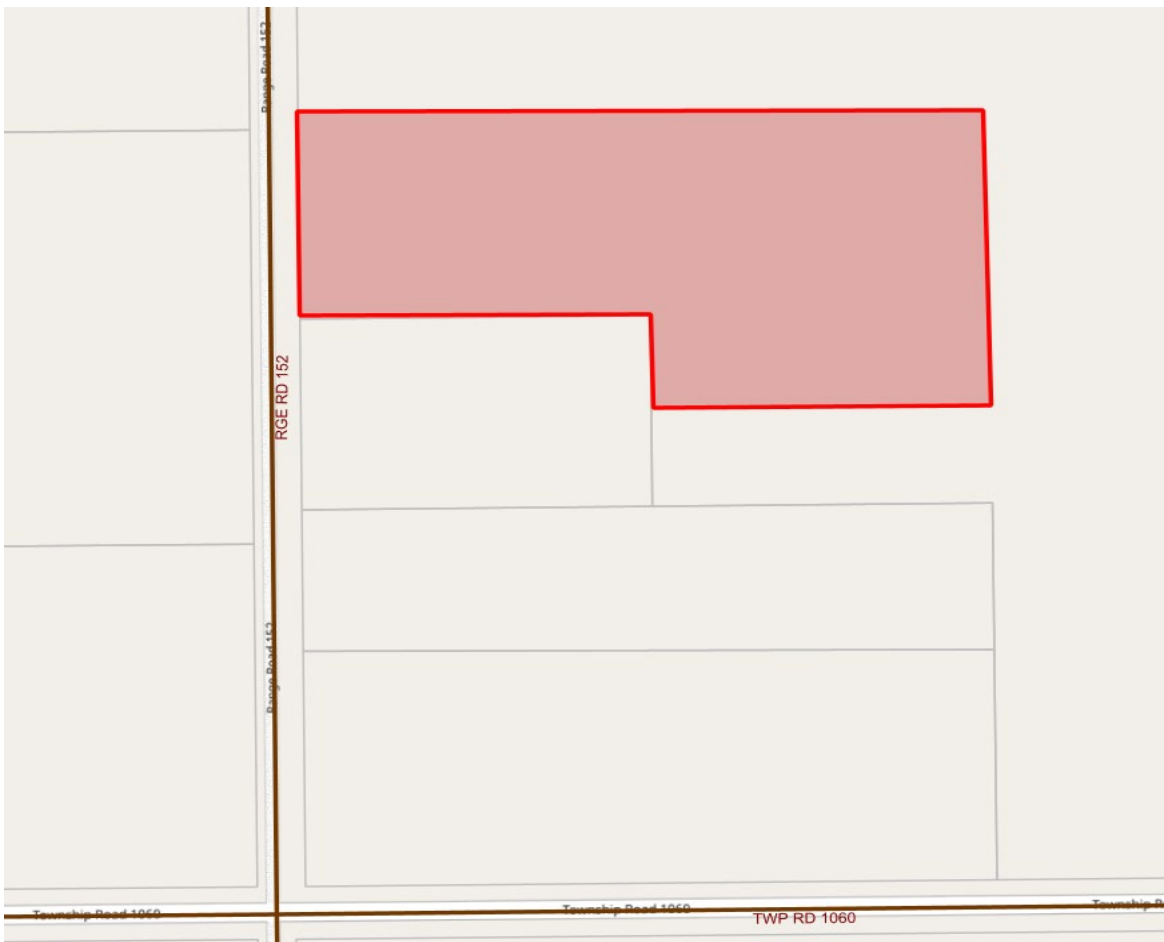
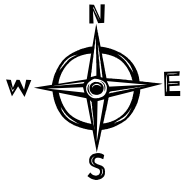
Josh Knelsen
Reeve

Darrel Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW No. 1302-23

SCHEDULE "A"

1. That the land use designation of the following property known as Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M within Mackenzie County, be rezoned:



FROM: Agricultural "A"

TO: Institutional "I"

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION

APPLICATION NO. _____

NAME OF APPLICANT
Gospelight Fellowship (La Crete)

COMPLETE ONLY IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT
NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER
Nicky Wiebe

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

QTR./LS.	SEC.	TWP.	RANGE	M.	OR	PLAN	BLK	LOT
SW	2	106	15	5				

LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT PROPOSED:

FROM: Farm Land TO: _____

REASONS SUPPORTING PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

After having seached many loacations GLF came to the conclusion that this would be a suitable location.

The impact on residents is a lot less here as we will be able to stay out of town mostly vs town.

The access has two directions to leave which makes it benificially safer.

Also utilitys are close by. As we have a small day school there we like it that we will be able to be off the main roads and traffic to better protect and operate safely with children.

The personal information on this form is collected in accordance with section 33 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act for the purpose of processing this application, issuing development permits and land use bylaw enforcement. The name of the permit holder and nature of the permit are available to the public upon request. If you have any questions regarding the collection, use or disclosure of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator or (780) 927-3718.

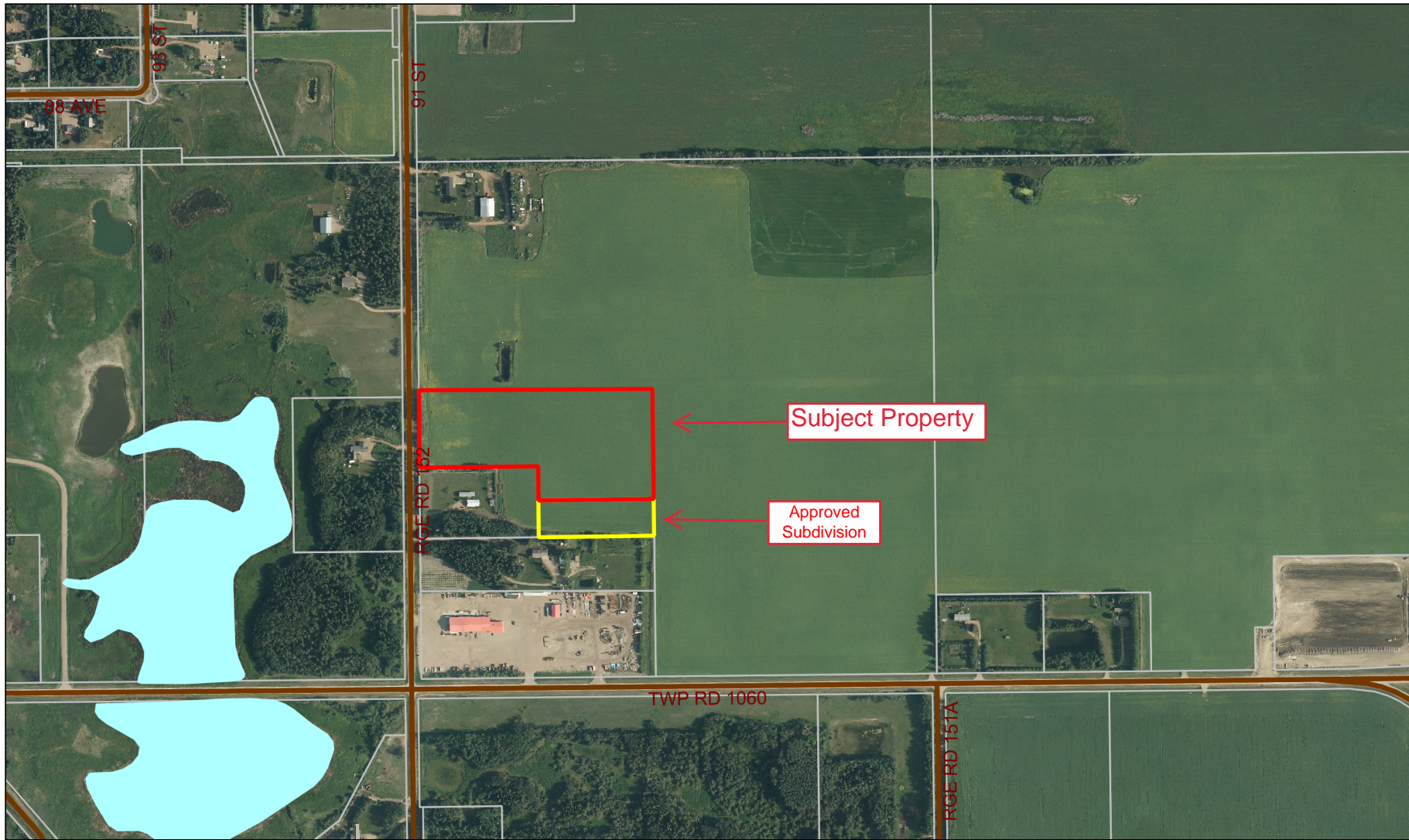
I/WE HAVE ENCLOSED THE REQUIRED APPLICATION FEE OF \$ _____

RECEIPT NO _____

Mackenzie County
Box 640, 4511-46 Avenue
Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0



Phone: (780) 927-3718
Fax: (780) 927-4266
Email: office@mackenziecounty.com
www.mackenziecounty.com



Subject Property

Approved Subdivision

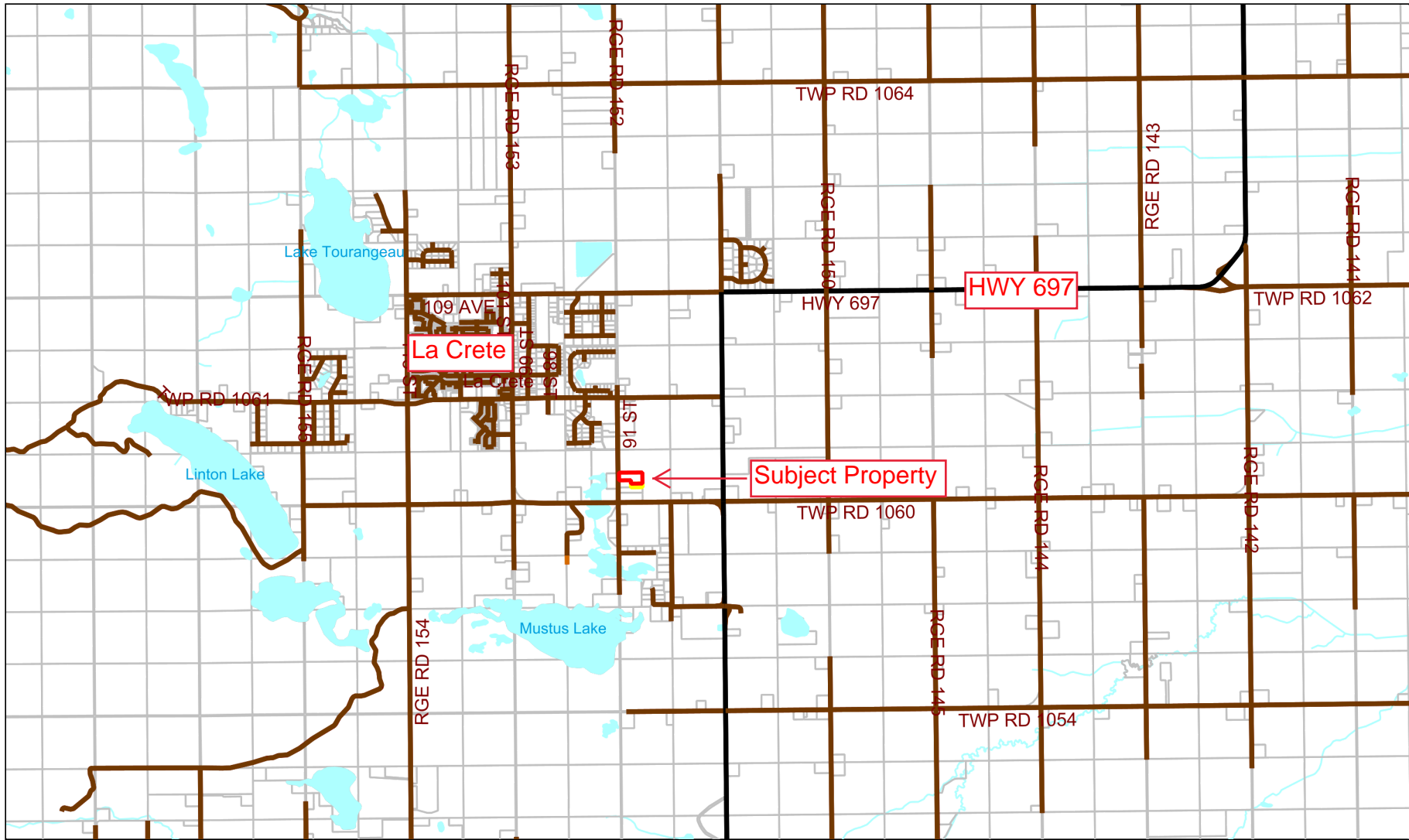


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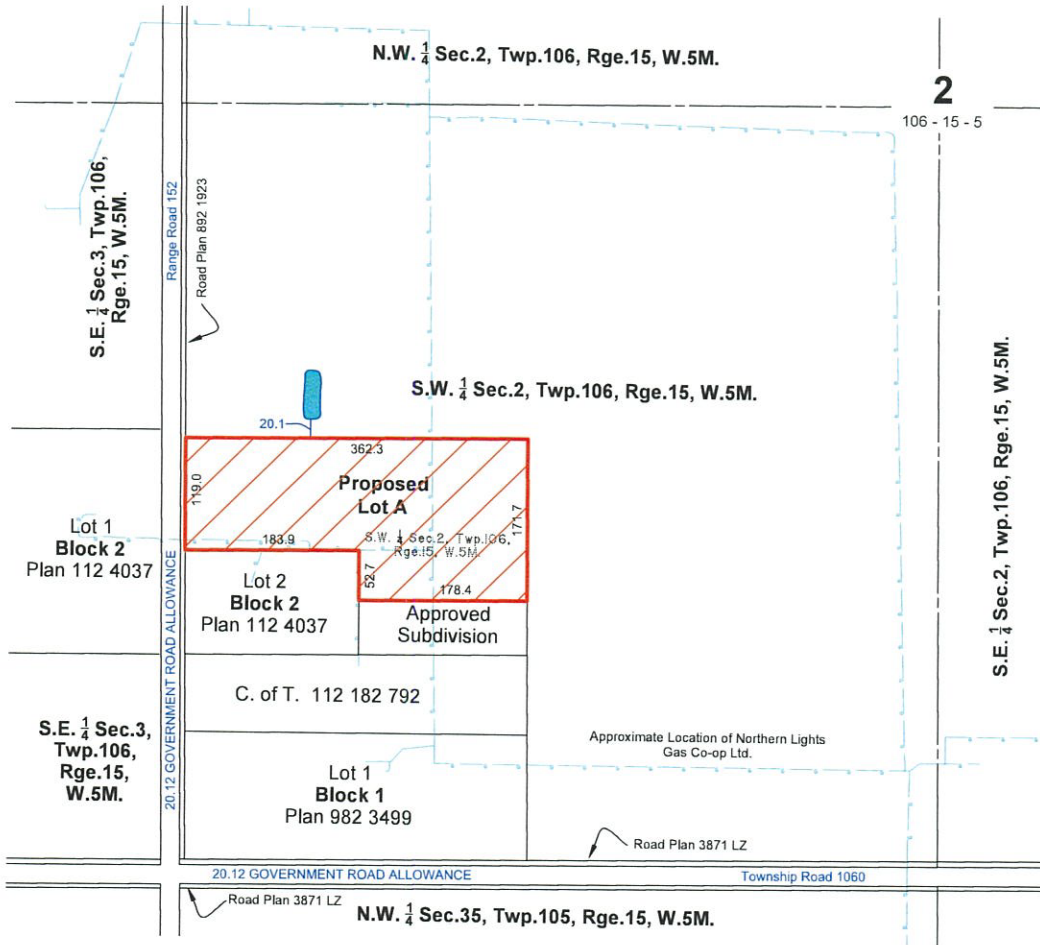
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REZONING SKETCH

WITHIN
S.W. ¼ Sec.2, Twp.106, Rge.15, W.5M.
 Within
 Mackenzie County, Alberta

Schedule of Area(s)

Contains 1 Lot
 Containing 5.25 ha (13.0 Ac.)

Registered Title Encumbrances (Affecting Extent of Title)

802 127 656. Utility Right of Way - Northern Lights Gas Co-op Ltd.
 112 253 861. Utility Right of Way - Atco Electric Ltd.
 172 066 957. Utility Right of Way - Atco Electric Ltd.

Notes

• Distances are in Metres and Decimals Thereof.

Legend

Area To be Rezoned Outlined Thus..... Power Pole Shown Thus.....
 Roads Shown Thus..... Water Well/Cistern Shown Thus.....
 Fence Shown Thus..... Septic Tank Shown Thus.....
 Gas Co-op Shown Thus..... Septic Discharge Shown Thus.....
 Overhead Power Shown Thus.....

Land Owner(s)

Section 17 (1)

Site Information

Address: Not Available

**BORDERLINE
 SURVEYS**

#103-2, 8301 99 Street
 Clairmont, Alberta T8X 5B1
 Phone: (780) 538-1955
 E-mail: jwc.surveyor@gmail.com



PREPARED BY
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Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Budget Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Meetings with Ministers – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) 2023 Fall Convention

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) fall convention is coming up in November. Administration will be submitting meeting requests to various Ministries, however meeting ministries, topics and attendees need to be determined and forwarded.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Administration recommends that Council consider limiting the number to topics to a few priority items as well as a limited delegation team to attend the meeting.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

N/A

Author: L. Flooren **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the following priority topics be discussed at the Minister meetings during the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) fall convention in November 2023 in Edmonton.

Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation	Minister of Forestry and Parks
• • •	• • •
Minister of Health •	Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development
• • •	• • •
Minister of Municipal Affairs	Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors
• • •	• • •

Author: L. Flooren Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Bison Hunt and Signage

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Administration is reviewing options for the Bison Hunt including signage.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

N/A

Author: D. Derksen **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** D. Derksen

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That administration investigate options for signage and other relevant actions that may be required because of the Bison hunt coming up this winter.

Author: D. Derksen **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** D. Derksen



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 19, 2023
Presented By:	Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Information/Correspondence

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The following items are attached for your information, review, and action if required.

- Council Action List
- 2023-09-11 - NAEL - Letter to the Justice Minister
- 2023-08-01 - REDI - Mackenzie County - Invite Alberta Can Workshop - Oct 2023
- 2023-07-11 - Mackenzie County Library Board Meeting Minutes
- 2023-09-01 - AHS Fort Vermilion Stakeholder Memo
- 2023-09-01 - AHS High Level Stakeholder memo - Bed closures Extended
- 2023-09-01 - Alberta Health Services - Community Engagement - Lab Integrations
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OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

Author: T. Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** _____

POLICY REFERENCES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

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

Author: T. Thompson **Reviewed by:** L. Flooren **CAO:** _____

Mackenzie County Action List as of September 6, 2023

Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Motions Requiring Action

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
February 22, 2016 Council Meeting			
16-02-135	That the County covers the additional cost of the survey on Plan 5999CL, Lot E to date and have administration release a copy of the report to the landowner informing them that the initial investigation survey has been completed.	Byron	Refer to Motion 18-06-411 In progress. Meeting with landowners. Impacted by 2020 flood.
May 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting			
16-05-354	That administration be authorized to proceed as follows in regards to the Zama Crown Land Procurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cancel PLS 080023; • pursue acquisition of land parcels as identified on the map presented in red; • identify a parcel of land to be subdivided from Title Number 102 145 574 +1 (Short Legal 0923884; 21; 1) and offered for trade or sale to Alberta Environment and Parks due to its unsuitability for a hamlet development , specifically the land use restrictions per Alberta Energy Regulator. 	Caitlin	PLS180027 FNC received adequacy Next steps
October 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting			
18-10-763	That administration proceeds with the water diversion license's as discussed.	John	Received TDL. AEP meeting on 2023-09-22 to discuss permanent license.
June 5, 2020 Special Council Meeting			
20-06-334	That administration continues to support a community recovery plan that includes a community engagement component.	DRT	Ongoing
July 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting			
20-11-744	That the concepts and guidance provided within the La Crete Industrial Growth Strategy be incorporated into County planning documents.	Byron	Incorporated into the MDP Drafting ASP RFP
November 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting			
20-11-748	That Administration proceed in developing an offsite levy bylaw for the benefitting area of the La Crete South Sanitary Trunk Sewer for the purpose in recovering all costs associated with the sanitary sewer trunk improvements.	Byron	Working on draft offsite levy bylaw. Ad Hoc Development Committee

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting			
21-09-623	That second reading be given to Bylaw 1231-21 being the La Crete Offsite Levy Bylaw be tabled until further date.	Byron	TABLED AD Hoc Committee
October 12, 2021 Budget Council Meeting			
21-10-697	That the north portions of 100A Street (adjacent landowners) be sold back for the same price it was originally purchased to the adjacent landowners with all associated costs being borne by the applicant.	Caitlin	In Progress
December 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting			
21-12-854	That Policy DEV001 & DEV007 be brought back to Council for review.	Caitlin	Bring to Developers AD-HOC for discussion. In Progress
February 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting			
22-02-085	That administration move forward with the application process to purchase the following and bring back to Council any future costs related to the purchase such as FNC, survey and assessed value for deliberation and approval. PLS140031 PLS170002 PLS180022 PLS180027 PLS190005 La Crete Ferry Campground Atlas Landing Area Bridge Campsite Machesis Lake Campground Wadlin Lake Campground	Don/Caitlin	COW 22-06-073 The TCL Leases that are in the process are as follows: DML170039 FV Bridge campground REC2621 FV Rodeo grounds REC030012 LA Ferry campground REC090007 & 100003 Hutch Lake campground REC880027 Wadlin Lake campground Received Offer to Purchase, negotiations with AT
March 23, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting			
22-03-222	That administration communicate with the Recreation Boards regarding backup generators and bring back recommendations to council.	Don	Looking for grant funding. 2024 Budget deliberations
April 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting			
22-04-325	That Council direct administration to bring back Bylaw 908-13 – Unsightly Premises Bylaw for review to a future Council meeting.	Don	Community Services Review 2023-09-20
May 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting			
22-05-408	That the County enter into a ten-year lease for the trailer being used by the Fort Vermilion Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as discussed.	Don	Awaiting signed agreement
22-05-411	That administration work with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in renewing the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement for the Enhanced Policing Agreement between Mackenzie	Don	Awaiting signed agreement

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
	County and the RCMP and bring back the draft agreement with changes as discussed.		
June 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting			
22-06-465	That administration draft a policy combining PW018 Hiring of Private Equipment, ADM015 Hiring Contract Suppliers and FIN 025 Purchasing Policy and bring back to future Council Meeting.	Byron	In Progress
June 23, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting			
22-06-073	That administration proceed with Public Land Sales as discussed.	Don	Refer to Motion 22-02-085 In Progress
22-09-641	That administration request a culvert be installed under Highway 35 North to allow the water to flow under it, before spring thaw 2023.	Byron/Landon	Met with CN in July Following up with CN
October 26, 2022 Budget Council Meeting			
22-10-755	That administration continue to investigate options for a Special Tax Bylaw for any identified projects incorporated into the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget as approved by Council.	Jen	2024 Budget deliberations
November 1, 2022 Budget Council Meeting			
22-11-762	That administration review all rental agreements upon renewal and ensure that there is a cost of living clause included.	All Admin	
November 2, 2022 Budget Council Meeting			
22-11-774	That the Policy PW039 Rural Road, Access Construction and Surface Water Management - Cost Implications be brought back to a future Council meeting for amendments.	Byron	In Progress
December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting			
22-12-908	That Council approve the Fort Vermilion Bridge Campground and Recreational Area Plan as amended and to submit the Plan to Forestry, Parks and Tourism for their approval.	Don	In Progress Plan is submitted Community Input will be received during FV Get to Know you Night
January 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-01-051	That administration research options for charging user fees for municipal road allowances that are already cleared and farmed for profit.	Caitlin	Administration to bring back to ASB – For recommendation to Council
23-01-074	That the Municipal Planning Commission look at obtaining land in lieu of cash on rural subdivisions.	Caitlin	In Progress
February 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-02-106	That Mackenzie County commit to \$5M in municipal funding by means of Borrowing Bylaw towards local	Byron/Don/Jen	Awaiting grant approval and funding allocation

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
	funding required to complete this project as per motion 18-06-472 to complete the Mackenzie Community Recreation Center project.		
23-02-133	That administration create a new zoning district to alleviate concerns regarding agricultural use on residential acreages.	Caitlin	In Progress
April 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-04-336	That administration work with Tallahassee Exploration Inc. on agreements.	Jen	2023-09-06 Council Meeting See Motion 23-09-676
April 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-04-380	That administration look at an alternative solution for the installation system of an enclosed heating system at the Fort Vermilion Recreation Center.	Don	In Progress
23-04-407	That the 2023 One Time Projects budget be amended to include the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Plan Project, in the amount of \$114,100 with funding of \$55,800 coming from the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program, \$58,300 from Mackenzie County, and an in-kind donation of \$2,500 noted from each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mackenzie Frontier Tourism Association, - La Crete Polar Cats Snowmobile Club, - Regional Economic Development Agency of Northwest Alberta. 	Byron/Jen	Finance – COMPLETE Projects & Infrastructure – Developing RFP
May 31, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-05-467	That administration sign an offer to purchase and start negotiations with Alberta Transportation for PLS 140031 – South of High Level Lands.	Caitlin	Refer to Motion 22-02-085
23-05-469	That administration research the possibility of partnering with Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) in regards to a matching bursary program.	Jen	NADC Contacted. New Bursary with criteria required. Request partnership by Nov 2023 for 2024. Reviewed
23-05-479	That the 2023 Capital Project Budget be amended to include the Asphalt Paving 105 Avenue Project in the amount of \$52,944, with \$9,763 coming from Local Improvement Tax, and \$43,181 from Road Reserve.	Byron/Jen	COMPLETE
June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-06-491	That the Out of Scope Contracts be TABLED to a future Council meeting.	Darrell	Will bring to 2024 Budget Meetings
23-06-496	That administration bring back security options for all Mackenzie County gravel pits.	Andy/Byron	Council Meeting 2023-09-06 COMPLETE
June 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting			

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
COW 23-06-080	That the Tourism Opportunity Assessment Draft Report from Maxwell Harrison, Expedition Management Consulting be reviewed at a future Community Services Committee meeting.	Byron	Community Services Committee Meeting 2023-09-20
July 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-07-574	That Mackenzie County agree to the transfer of ownership of the Fort Vermilion Library building and property and that administration work with Mackenzie County Library Board and the Fort Vermilion Library Society with the transfer.	Byron	Begun investigating process
23-07-588	That Policy ADM053 Flags and Flag Protocol be TABLED to a future Council Meeting.	Don	
August 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-08-604	That administration proceed as directed for the Offer to Purchase – Portion of Plan 2938RS, Block 06, Lot 16 (Hamlet of Fort Vermilion).	Caitlin	In Progress
23-08-614	That the Intersection Improvement Hamlet of La Crete contract be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder while staying within budget.	Byron	Awaiting Signatures In Progress
23-08-619	That the development of the Janelle's Park Ad Hoc Committee be approved for a one year term from August 1, 2023 – August 1, 2024.	Don/Louise	First Meeting Scheduled 2023-09-22 COMPLETE
23-08-620	That the following Councillors be appointed and the Members at Large be invited by the Reeve to the Janelle's Park Ad Hoc Committee for a one year term – August 1, 2023 – August 1, 2024. Reeve Knelsen Councillor Braun	Don/Louise	COMPLETE
23-08-638	That Council acknowledges the resignation of Councillor Darrell Derksen and that a By-election be held for the Councillor vacancy in Ward 2 as follows: •Nomination Day – September 19, 2023 •Advance Vote – October 13, 2023 •Election Day – October 17, 2023	Louise	Nomination Day Advertised
23-08-646	That Mackenzie County Council supports and recognizes the Rail Safety Week by acknowledging and proclaiming the week of September 18-24, 2023, as Rail Safety Week in Mackenzie County.	Darrell	
23-08-647	That administration research the parameters of a housing needs assessment and bring back during budget discussions.	Byron	In Progress
23-08-648	That administration research gravel pit options for future crushing.	Byron	In Progress

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
23-08-649	That administration be authorized to list the 2016 – 140M grader at the Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers heavy equipment sale on September 6-8, 2023.	Willie	
23-08-650	That administration proceed with the Wadlin Lake Campground Pickleball Court with funds coming from Municipal Reserve and amend the 2023 Capital Budget not to exceed \$55,000.	Don	Project will be completed Spring 2024 Ground Work Completed. Concrete due to be poured on September 28, 2023
23-08-654	That administration enter into an agreement with the Coalition for Far Northwest Alberta Brighter Futures Society to provide the services for the Family and Community Support Services Fort Vermilion Program.	Jen	
23-08-655	That administration present the Tax Recovery Auction properties with proposed dates at an upcoming Council meeting for review.	Jen	Rescheduled for 2023-10-11
23-08-656	That Council be authorized to attend the Alberta Energy Regulator Workshop in Grande Prairie on September 12, 2023 or Slave Lake on September 13, 2023:	Louise	COMPLETE
September 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting			
23-09-676	That administration enter in an amended tax agreement schedule with Tallahassee Exploration Inc. as discussed.	Jen	In Progress
23-09-677	That administration proceed with issuing Request for Proposals for the detailed plan for the Stormwater Master Plan for the Hamlet of La Crete.	Byron	COMPLETE
23-09-678	That the deadline for proposals be set for October 10, 2023 and administration be authorized to open and score each proposal for presentation and awarding at the October 11, 2023 Council Meeting.	Byron	RFP Advertised
23-09-679	That a letter of support for the Proposed Bridge Locations be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.	Darrell	
23-09-680	That the 2023 Capital Budget be amended by \$53,391 for the FV – Flood Mitigation project with funds coming from the June 2023 Auction proceeds.	Jen	COMPLETE
23-09-683	That the third reading of Bylaw 1302-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SW-2-106-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Institutional “I”, to accommodate a church	Caitlin	To be brought back to Council
23-09-684	That administration bring the Fort Vermilion Flood Damage Underground Repairs Project 2320-009	John	In Progress

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
	Tender Awarding to the September 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.		
23-09-685	That the 2023 One Time project Budget be amended with the cancellation of the LC Walking Trail (2018) project and return \$6,000 to the General Operating Reserve.	Jen	COMPLETE
23-09-686	That the 2023 Capital Budget for the La Crete Streetscape project be reduced by \$54,000 by returning \$25,000 to the General Capital Reserve and \$29,000 to the General Operating Reserve.	Jen	COMPLETE
23-09-687	That the 2023 Capital Budget be amended to include the La Crete Walking Trail 109 avenue to 113 Street – Extension by \$64,000 with funding coming from the General Capital Reserve.	Jen	COMPLETE
23-09-688	That the 2023 One Time project funding source budget be amended for the FV Fishing Opportunities (Mackenzie Applied Research Association, Tompkins Twin Ponds) with funding coming from Municipal Reserves.	Jen	COMPLETE
23-09-689	That the 2023 Capital Budget be amended by \$30,000 for the Machesis Lake Campground project, with funding coming from Recreation and Parks Reserve.	Jen	COMPLETE
23-09-690	That Council supports the submission of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) grant funding proposal for Mackenzie County Wildfire Mitigation plans.	Don	COMPLETE
23-09-691	That the 2023 Capital Budget funding sources be amended by \$70,000 for the LC & FV Office Vehicle projects, and \$63,000 for the Chief Administrative Officer vehicle, with funding coming from the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, returning \$133,000 to the available balance of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant.	Jen	COMPLETE
23-09-693	That the 500 cubic meters from the Filter Pit be donated to the La Crete Equine Society.	Darrell	
23-09-695	That administration be authorized to list the 2016 – 140M grader at the Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers heavy equipment sale on October 3 - 5, 2023.	Willie	
23-09-696	That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Agricultural Society for their Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application for the Flour Mill Upgrade.	Louise	COMPLETE

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
23-09-700	That a letter addressing Mackenzie County's concerns regarding the impact of the Site C Dam on the Ice Bridge and Ferry Crossing be sent to the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors and BC Hydro.	Darrell	



Northern Alberta Elected Leaders

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September 11, 2023

Attention to the Ministry of Justice

Dear Honourable Mickey Amery,

The Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) is a group of 40 municipalities in the north western corner of the province. We have communities that are small villages right up to cities such as Grande Prairie, and while our geography is diverse, our shared goals and challenges of leading communities have a lot in common in Alberta's north. At our last meeting of NAEL Mayors and Reeves, we heard about the challenges in the community of Peace River and the growing homelessness issue caused by the release practices of the Peace River Correctional Centre.

It seems that the real issue is that the Remand Prisoners are being released downtown, with no resources other than what was in their pockets at the time of arrest. While this problem exists in other areas of the province, Peace River is unique in that due to its size, it doesn't have the shelters and resources a larger metro centre would have, as well as very limited bus services for inmates to get back to their homes.

Peace River not only has the obligation to look after their community, they service a large drawing area of both rural and urban settings, as well as Metis and First Nation settlements. Using the stats shown in a recent report from the Town of Peace River (attached), they are on track to have over 300 inmates released into

downtown Peace River in 2023, which is an overwhelming amount for a community with a population of 6,600. In comparison, this would be equal to dropping off over 50,000 people a year into homelessness in Edmonton!

Our northern region of the province stands united in requesting that you meet with the representatives from Peace River, and work towards a solution that will help the residents and businesses of their community, as well as show compassion and support to the men and women getting out of this Alberta Remand Centre.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Kolebaba".

Carolyn Kolebaba

Chair

Northern Alberta Elected Leaders

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April 2023

Minister's Brief

Peace River Corrections Centre Releasing Inmates Into Homelessness in Downtown Peace River and the consequential impacts



Issue: Peace River Corrections Centre releasing inmates into homelessness in downtown Peace River and the consequential impacts

April 21, 2023

Summary

Inmates remanded into custody at the Peace River Corrections Centre (PRCC) are being released

without transportation home; they are therefore being transported by corrections staff to downtown Peace River, where they are dropped off.

The frequency of these instances, and the number of inmates being released into homelessness in downtown Peace River, is increasing at an alarming rate — in part because of increased numbers of remand cases, bail reforms, PRCC staffing shortages, and government policies.

Immediate action by the GOA's Ministry is needed to address this distressing issue, and to ease the social and economic burdens being disproportionately placed on our businesses and residents, as the number of inmates PRCC knowingly releases into homelessness in the Town of Peace River's downtown core continues to rise.

Town Council respectfully requests that an interim directive be issued, mandating that all PRCC inmates being released without a means of transportation through family or friend, be escorted home or to a city where social services and supports are available, as was the protocol throughout COVID-19; and further, that the October 2022 directive no longer allowing PRCC to hold an inmate for 24 hours following release (the time required to arrange for inmate escort) be temporarily rescinded.

Background

PRCC is Alberta's most northerly correctional centre, operating as a correctional and remand facility, and accommodating adult males serving a sentence or remanded into custody. Though PRCC has a capacity for 263 inmates, it currently operates below capacity. PRCC is located 486km from Edmonton and 198km from Grande Prairie, based on driving distance.

Currently, one bus operates per day, departing at 07:30h from the Town of Peace River for the City of Edmonton.

Inmates originate from communities throughout the province.

Between 75% and 80% of PRCC inmates are under remand, and 20% to 25% are serving a sentence.

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PRCC Release Protocols

Sentenced inmates have planned release dates, and are given access to support services while being incarcerated and following release. Planned release dates enable a scheduled transfer from PRCC to a facility closer to home, or to a major city, by Alberta Sheriffs while still in custody. Sheriffs are restricted to transporting inmates only while in custody, as regulated by the province.

Remand inmates have unknown release dates, and because of this uncertainty, they are not provided access to any support services during custody or following their release. Release is at the will and time of the courts, often without notice, leaving staff unable to schedule a transfer from PRCC by Sheriffs prior to release. If not picked up from PRCC at the time of release, and in instances in which corrections staff are

unable to provide escort, released inmates are dropped off in downtown Peace River.

Currently, there is no legislated requirement for correctional or remand facilities to provide transportation to inmates upon release. Inmates are released with the clothes and belongings they had in their possession on entry into remand. This means that if they had no cash in their pockets upon arrest, they have no cash in their pockets upon release. The same holds true for clothing.

Between February 10, 2023 and April 8, 2023, release statistics provided by PRCC show that 127 inmates were released. Of those releases, 89 were unplanned. These unplanned releases have had damaging effects on the Town of Peace River, with 47 inmates released into homelessness in our downtown core over the span of just 57 days.

Aware of the overwhelming impact on the Town of Peace River, PRCC staff have begun collecting release stats to quantify the volume of inmates being released in town. Should this practice continue, based on the current trend of 47 inmates being released into town over 57 days:

300 inmates or more will likely be released into homelessness in downtown Peace River each year — equivalent to 4.38% of our population.

These figures are projected to increase should PRCC inmate levels increase to full facility capacity.

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Community Impact

Nearly all downtown businesses have been harmed financially and emotionally from the significant increase in nuisance or criminal activity taking place in direct correlation to inmates being released into downtown Peace River. Such activity includes breaking and entering, theft, loitering, vandalism, trespassing, petty theft, and ongoing intimidation of staff and customers. RCMP are spending exorbitant hours responding to calls for service in the downtown core, often involving the same individuals, multiple times per day.

Demonstrations of inappropriate behaviour; business entrances being blocked by persons who are unconscious (passed out); disrupting gatherings; and intimidating actions or outbursts on our downtown streets have become commonplace.

The downtown core no longer feels safe.

Recognizing that these problems are not necessarily solely driven by the release of inmates, there is an undeniable increase in crime and homelessness that appears to be correlated to PRCC (post-COVID) release practices, through which inmates are no longer escorted home, but rather transported to the Town of Peace River's downtown core. Unplanned releases into the community are not new; however, this

practice has only recently become detrimental to the community, largely for a number of key reasons:

1. *Post-COVID release protocols.* Throughout the pandemic, released inmates were given escorted transport from PRCC. In October 2022, PRCC staff were directed to no longer hold an inmate for 24 hours beyond release time. Prior to the new directive, the hold period is what had enabled PRCC staff the opportunity to arrange for escorted transport.

2. *Increased remand population.* The number of Alberta's inmates under remand has exploded, with reports suggesting an increase of more than 70% — most of which result in an unplanned release.

3. *Increased levels of violence among remanded inmates.* Bail reforms, and the level of violence demonstrated by inmates remanded into custody today, has increased when compared to those facing similar incarceration in the past. Remand cases have evolved to include those accused of more serious crimes, while crimes that previously resulted in an accused being remanded into custody are instead resulting in conditional release or house arrest.

4. *Transportation service availability.* Regular bus service departing from Peace River to points beyond nearby communities (such as Grimshaw, High Level, Fairview, and Grande Prairie) no longer exists. Limited bus service to Edmonton departs daily at 07:30h.



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5. *Northern-most correctional facility.* Unlike all other Alberta provincial corrections centres that are situated within major cities or urban centres, where support services are available and which are financially supported by the GOA through various grants and other means, PRCC is located in a remote northern hub with limited to no services of this sort. The nearest city with services is Grande Prairie, which is around a 198-km drive from Peace River.

6. *Staffing shortages.* PRCC is operating at roughly a 32% staffing vacancy rate, with 20 unfilled FTEs, combined with extended, sick, and vacation leaves. This results in less opportunity for correctional staff to escort inmates from PRCC. Job opening advertising is centralized, meaning that PRCC management is restricted from advertising available job opportunities. Application intake is digital, which requires high-speed Internet — a luxury that very few Albertans residing in northern rural communities enjoy. The application process is convoluted and the hiring process is drawn out.

THE POPULATION OF ADULTS ON REMAND HAS INCREASED AND NOW SURPASSES THE NUMBER OF SENTENCED ADULTS

IN 2015–2016, ADULTS IN REMAND ACCOUNTED FOR 59% OF THE CORRECTIONAL POPULATION IN PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL

FACILITIES, UP FROM 26% IN 1990–1991*.

To begin to address these amassing issues that are beginning to overwhelm our downtown core, Town of Peace River Council respectfully requests:

1. That the current practice of releasing inmates into downtown Peace River stop, and that Executive Director Crystal Wierl mandate PRCC staff to provide all inmates given unplanned release without means of transportation an escort from PRCC to their home or to the nearest city that has social supports and wrap-around services available, as was protocol during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. That the direction given to PRCC staff in October 2022, removing their authorization to hold an inmate 24 hours beyond their release time, be reversed. This 24-hour provision enabled PRCC staff time to arrange for escorted release of inmates given unplanned release, and who had no means of transportation home.

**Remand admissions have consistently surpassed sentence admissions over the last ten years: Bail Violations, AOJOs and Remand – JustFacts (justice.gc.ca)*



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3. That the Public Services Commission (PSC) implement a targeted recruitment strategy, including a retainment strategy uniquely applicable to the PRCC, and that those strategies be shared with the Town of Peace River administration to further advertising and promotion.
4. That PSC initiate mandatory placement of new corrections hires into Peace River, with preferential transfer location options after serving two years, until such time as the PRCC is fully staffed.
5. That the PRCC be designated as a training location for corrections staff.

Council, and the Town, feel these measures will have a tangible impact in bettering the situation we currently face, through which our downtown core has become less safe. With an increase of crime and homelessness, businesses have been negatively impacted, and effects are reverberating throughout the community. If projections hold true, this problem will consistently worsen in a very short period of time, carrying potential short- and long term economic and social implications for the Town of Peace River, many of which may prove difficult to reverse or irreversible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mayor

Barbara Miller, CGA, CPA, CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer

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**Regional Economic
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August 1, 2023

Josh Knelsen
Reeve
Mackenzie County
4511-46 Avenue
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Dear Reeve Knelsen,

RE: Alberta Can: Regional Investment Initiative Workshop

The Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) will host a regional investment attraction workshop in collaboration with Invest Alberta on October 18, 2023.

The 'Alberta CAN: Regional Investment Initiative' is a collaborative venture that aims to raise Alberta's profile as a high-impact, high-value investment destination. The initiative is designed to enhance investment attraction capacity, identify investment opportunities in all corners of the province, and provide an avenue for ongoing, mutually beneficial collaboration.

The in-person workshop with community leadership will build and enhance investment attraction skills and knowledge by sharing first-hand experience, investor feedback, and market research.

The workshop will take place at the Best Western Mirage Hotel in High Level from 10 am to 2 pm, with lunch provided. REDI is requesting the attendance of Mackenzie County Council along with key management staff.

REDI will also invite local utility providers and key industry representatives to join the workshop. Please RSVP with names of attendees from Mackenzie County by September 10, 2023.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew O'Rourke'.

August 1, 2023

Andrew O'Rourke
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Mackenzie County Library Board (MCLB)
July 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
Fort Vermilion Library

Present: Lisa Wardley, Lorraine Peters, Wally Schroeder, Kayla Wardley, Sandra Neufeld, Tamie McLean, Cam Cardinal, Steven Simpson.

Guests: Hope Warner.

1.0 Kayla Wardley called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION #2023-05-01 Lorraine Peters moved the approval of the agenda.

CARRIED

3.0 Approval of the Minutes:

MOTION #2023-05-02 Lisa Wardley moved the approval of the June 6/23 meeting minutes.

CARRIED

4.0 Review of Action Items:

- The action items of the previous MCLB meeting were reviewed.

5.0 Financial:

5.1 MCLB Financial Report as of June 30/23:

- Balance Forward \$ 113,113.02

- Total Revenues \$ 121,526.67

- Total Expenses \$ 155,376.34

- Bank Balance \$ 79,263.35

MOTION #2023-05-03 Sandra Neufeld moved the acceptance of the financial report.

CARRIED

MOTION #2023-05-04 Tamie McLean moved that the \$79,067 the MCLB received from the province to operate our libraries be sent to the libraries.

CARRIED

5.2 Fort Vermilion Library (FVL) Financial Report as of July 10/23:

- Total Revenues \$38,799.19

- Total Expenses \$22,670.30

- Net Income \$16,128.89

- Bank Balance \$78,727.95

MOTION #2023-05-05 Lisa Wardley moved the acceptance of the financial report.

CARRIED

6.0 Library Reports:

6.1 La Crete:

- No Report.

6.2 Fort Vermilion:

- More patrons have completed the reading challenge.

- New books and movies are being put on the shelves.

- Posters are changed about twice a month.

- They are planning an escape room.

- Two boxes of used books were donated to evacuees at the sports complex.

6.3 Zama:

- There are lot of firefighters in town.

- A US lady touring northern Canada camped in town.

- They are still looking for a librarian.

6.4 Mackenzie County Library Consortium (MCLC):

- No report.

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6.5 High Level:

- They had a table at the indigenous peoples day celebration.
- They are applying for the Provincial Public Libraries Excellence Award.

MOTION #2023-05-06 Steven Simpson moved the acceptance of the library reports for information. **CARRIED**

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 La Crete Library Expansion:

- The La Crete library is staying in its current location.
- The LCLS is planning to replace the old attached trailer with a new addition.
- The LCLS will work with the County regarding the possibility of using the vacant lot across the street for library parking if it is available. The County is thinking of buying the property.

7.2 Dissolution of the Fort Vermilion Library Society:

- The Society needs to finalize the society's dissolution, complete the transfer of the building to the County and account for their remaining finances.

7.4 Fort Vermilion Ag Fair:

- The MCLB is supporting the Fort Vermilion Library with \$2,000 to help cover their expenses as they participate in the Ag Fair. They are bringing in cowboy poet PJ Smith to make presentations.

MOTION Lisa Wardley moved that the MCLB buy the books BJ Smith has authored for our 3libraries.**CARRIED**

8.0 New Business:

8.1 None

9.0 Correspondence:

- Provincial library funding letter from Jen Pringel.

11.0 Next Meeting Date and Location: Fort Vermilion Library, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

It will focus on policies and the 2024 MCLB budget.

12.0 Adjournment:

MOTION # 2023-03-10 Wally Schroeder moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 12th day of September 2023.

Chair: Kayla Wardley

Date: September 1, 2023
To: Community Stakeholders
From: [REDACTED]
RE: Temporary Bed Closure at St. Theresa General Hospital extended

The St. Theresa General Hospital in Fort Vermilion is experiencing a temporary nursing staff shortage and Alberta Health Services has made the decision to extend the temporary closure of 10 of the 22 acute care inpatient beds to Nov. 30, 2023.

All existing services, including the emergency department, will remain open. This will allow us to reduce staffing needs and focus on providing quality care to our patients.

Beds may re-open earlier if staffing levels permit.

This is a temporary measure to ensure safe and high-quality care for patients, and a quality work environment for staff. AHS continues to look for solutions to address staffing needs.

Temporarily reducing the number of inpatient beds at a health care facility when staffing levels are low is common practice and ensures that we can continue to provide safe, quality care, for those requiring health services.

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Date: September 1, 2023

To: Community Stakeholders

From: [REDACTED]

RE: Temporary Bed Closure at Northwest Health Centre extended

The Northwest Health Centre in High Level continues to experience a temporary nursing staff shortage and Alberta Health Services has made the decision to extend the temporary closure of 6 of the 21 acute care inpatient beds to Nov. 30, 2023.

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Subject: FW: Lab Integrations Begins Today

From: Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>

Sent: September 1, 2023 9:21 AM

To: Community Engagement <Community.Engagement@albertahealthservices.ca>

Subject: Lab Integrations Begins Today



Message from

Dr. Carolyn O'Hara
Chief Medical Laboratory Officer (Interim)

Tammy Hofer
Chief Operating Officer

Lab Integration Begins

Dear community partners,

The [joint agreement](#) between Alberta Health Services (AHS) and DynaLIFE (first announced on August 18, 2023) has closed, officially commencing the integration of DynaLIFE lab services and employees with Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL), today.

APL will now move forward, building on the expertise of both the former DynaLIFE and existing APL teams to stabilize the community lab system and continue to improve services.

Lab services must be accessible to all Albertans, and we look forward to leveraging a shared belief in the transformative power of laboratory medicine to improve health for all Albertans.

Please be assured that no immediate changes to lab services are being made at this time. Your community members can continue to access their lab appointments as scheduled and can book their lab appointments at qme.dynalife.ca or by calling 1-877-702-4486.

Although DynaLIFE operations have now transferred to APL oversight, the integration of staff and systems is expected to be completed by December 18, 2023. All DynaLIFE staff will transition to APL. There will be no job loss. We will continue to work closely with staff and unions to ensure transparency, and seek feedback as we move forward.

We thank all staff for their continued dedication and excellent care provided to Albertans. Albertans deserve to have health informed by world class integrated laboratory diagnostics. We are excited for collaboration as we pursue this vision.

Should you have questions about this integration, or lab services in your community, please don't hesitate to reach out to AHS Community Engagement, or your local Zone leader.

Thank you,

Tammy & Carolyn



We would like to recognize that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaties 6, 7 & 8, and the homeland of the Métis. We also acknowledge the many Indigenous communities that have been forged in urban centres across Alberta

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