

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

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

ABSENT: Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve

ADMINISTRATION: William (Bill) Kostiw Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton Director of Corporate Services
Paul Driedger Director of Planning & Emergency Services
John Klassen Manager of Utilities & Facilities
Mark Schonken Director of Operational Services

ALSO PRESENT: Susan McNeil (The Echo)

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on August 14, 2007 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-08-725 MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of:
5. c) Polar Cats – Delegation

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the July 25, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 07-08-726

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the July 25, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2007

MOTION 07-08-727

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 9 and 24, 2007

MOTION 07-08-728

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 9 and 24, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

DELEGATION:

5. c) Brent Holick – Polar Cats

Brent Holick spoke on behalf of the Polar Cats from La Crete in opposition of Bylaw 644/07 Off-Highway Vehicles.

A discussion took place with respect of using signage and education vs. enforcement.

The Polar Cats are planning to hold a public meeting on August 30, 2007 (Thursday) @ 7:30 p.m. at the La Crete Arena and inquiring if the County would be willing to participate.

Brent Holick was advised that at least two of the County's Councillors and Paul Driedger, Director of Planning and Emergency Services will attend.

MOTION 07-08-729

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Polar Cat presentation be accepted for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-730

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That individual hamlet signage packages be developed in conjunction with a local Councillor for the use of off-highway vehicles within hamlet boundaries, with installation completed before this fall.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) **None**

11. a) **Bylaw 644/07 Off-Highway Vehicles**

MOTION 07-08-731

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That first reading to Bylaw 644/07, being the Off-Highway Vehicles Bylaw be tabled for a period of two months.

CARRIED

11. g) **Sewer Lift Station for Northeast Part of La Crete**

MOTION 07-08-732

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Sewer Lift Station for the new industrial subdivision in the northeast part of La Crete be referred to County engineers for review and brought back to Council.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) **Mackenzie Housing Management Board**

Ken Fearnley of Ken Fearnley & Associates Consulting and Helen Braun, Dave Neufeld, George Friesen, Darrel Zielsdorf of Mackenzie Housing Management Board joined the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Ken Fearnley of Ken Fearnley & Associates Consulting presented the High Level Needs Assessment.

The Reeve thanked the Board members and Ken Fearnley for attendance and presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

7. a) Bylaw 638/07 Municipal Reserve Closure Part of Plan 062-4963, Block 1 Lot 11MR (SW 13-106-15-W5M) – La Crete Rural

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 638/07 to order at 1:21 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 638/07 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on July 10, 2007.

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

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 638/07. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 638/07. There was no indication that anyone present wished to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 638/07 at 1:24 p.m.

MOTION 07-08-733

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 638/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the cancellation of a portion of Plan 062 4963, Block 1, Lot 11MR (SW 13-106-15-W5M) for the purpose of consolidation with NW 13-106-15-W5M.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-734

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That third reading be given to Bylaw 638/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the cancellation of a portion of Plan 062 4963, Block 1, Lot 11MR (SW 13-106-15-W5M) for the purpose of consolidation with NW 13-106-15-W5M.

CARRIED

7. b) Bylaw 640/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Add Hamlet Industrial District 3 "HI3"

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 640/07 to order at 1:25 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 640/07 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on July 10, 2007.

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

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 640/07. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 640/07. There was no indication that anyone present wished to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 640/07 at 1:28 p.m.

MOTION 07-08-735

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 640/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to add Hamlet Industrial District 3 "HI3".

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-736

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That third reading be given to Bylaw 640/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add Hamlet Industrial District 3 "HI3".

CARRIED

7. c) Bylaw 642/07 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW 3-110-18-W5M from Rural Industrial District 1 (RI1) to Agricultural District 1 (A1) (High Level Rural)

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 642/07 to order at 1:29 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 642/07 was properly advertised. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Paul Driedger, Director of Planning, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on July 25, 2007.

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

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 642/07. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 642/07. There was no indication that anyone present wished to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 642/07 at 1:34 p.m.

MOTION 07-08-737

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 642/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SW 3-110-18-W5M (Plan 922 3304, Block 1, Lot 1) from Rural Industrial District 1 (RI1) to Agricultural District 1 (A1).

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-738

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That third reading be given to Bylaw 642/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SW 3-110-15-W5M (Plan 922 3304, Block 1, Lot 1) from Rural Industrial District 1 (RI1) to Agricultural 1 (A1).

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Zama Waste Water Lagoon Tender

MOTION 07-08-739

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That a recommendation be made to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to award Zama Waste Water Lagoon tender to the lowest bidder.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

MOTION 07-08-740

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the Council Committee, CAO and Director's reports be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Watson reported on the meeting with engineers regarding Standing Operating Procedures establishment and training of utility operators on new plant equipment.

MOTION 07-08-741

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Councillor Watson's verbal report be accepted for information.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

10. a) La Crete Community Library

MOTION 07-08-742

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That a letter be provided to the La Crete Community Library in support of the grant application for a new building or expansion of the existing facility (Council's preferred option) to house the library.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-743

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That a letter be written requesting a formal meeting between La Crete Community Library, Fort Vermilion School Division, Mackenzie Council and Mackenzie Library Board to discuss library space options in La Crete.

CARRIED

10. b) Fort Vermilion Office Space

MOTION 07-08-744

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration allocates funds in the 2008 Operating Budget towards an office space lease in Mackenzie Place at 4601-46 Street in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

10. c) Advance Vote

MOTION 07-08-745

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Advance Vote for the 2007 Municipal Election be held on October 11, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

10. d) Joint Elections

MOTION 07-08-746

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Mackenzie County enter into an agreement with the Fort Vermilion School Division for the purpose of conducting joint elections where applicable.

CARRIED

10. e) Organizational Meeting

MOTION 07-08-747

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the Organizational meeting be held on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CARRIED

10. f) Letter from Municipal Affairs

MOTION 07-08-748

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated August 1, 2007 with respect to regional negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

10. g) Health Service Plan

MOTION 07-08-749

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Blackwell Management Group be invited to the next Council meeting regarding the Health Service Plan.

CARRIED

10. h) Keepers of the Water II Conference

MOTION 07-08-750

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That two Councillors and one member of administration be authorized to attend the Keepers of the Water II – Keeping the Peace Conference on September 27 – 29, 2007.

CARRIED

10. i) Mackenzie County Library Board – Request for a Laptop Computer

MOTION 07-08-751

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the old laptop computer be donated to the Mackenzie County Library Board.

CARRIED

10. j) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 07-08-752

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

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

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

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

11. b) Utility Right of Way Closures

MOTION 07-08-753

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration install a couple of utility-right-of-way gates as described in each community.

CARRIED

11. c) Zama Subdivision

MOTION 07-08-754

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration request a proposal from the interested developer as described in the "Land Developers Wanted" advertising for Zama.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

5. b) Footner Forest Products

Mr. Winrow and Mr. Smith of Footner Forest Products (FFP) joined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Winrow stated that they are pleased with relationship establishment between Footner Forest Products and Mackenzie County in the past few months, therefore approaching the Mackenzie County to discuss three issues: emergency access,

treated water delivery and fire protection.

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-08-755

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:19 p.m.

5. b) Delegation – Footner Forest Products

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-756

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 3:51 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-757

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Footner Forest Products presentation be accepted for information and administration take appropriate action.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:52 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

11. d) Lots 29 & 28, Block 4, Plan 962 4275 in Zama

MOTION 07-08-758

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Lots 29 & 28, Block 4, Plan 962 4275 in Zama be sold to the highest bidder with a condition that these lots be consolidated and developed within one year from a land title transfer date.

CARRIED

11. e) Development Permit 13-DP-07 Industrial Shop on SE 32-110-19-W5M (Inter-Municipal Development Plan Corridor)

MOTION 07-08-759

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That a stop-work-order be issued for Industrial Shop on SE 32-110-19-W5M until all appropriate documents are in place and

subject to County's approval.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-760

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That all requests for development permits in the High Level Intermunicipal Development Plan area be brought forward to Council for review, input and recommendation.

CARRIED

11. f) Encroachments

MOTION 07-08-761

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the encroachments issue in La Crete be received for information.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

12. a) Hill Crest Community School Intersection

MOTION 07-08-762

(Requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include the \$333,000 Hill Crest School Intersection improvement project with funding coming from Alberta infrastructure and Transportation \$300,000 grant and \$33,000 from Public Works Reserve with completion date August, 2008.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-763

(Requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2007 Capital budget be amended to include the \$90,000 Blumenort road improvement project at the Hill Crest School Intersection with funding coming from the Public Works Reserve.

CARRIED

12. b) Letter to County Recreation Boards

MOTION 07-08-764

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the letter regarding levels of service for outdoor rinks be

included in the recreation board budget and agreements packages.

CARRIED

12. c) Equipment Purchase (Gravel Trailer)

MOTION 07-08-765
(Requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the equipment purchase (Gravel Trailer) item be deferred to the 2008 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

12. d) Road Protection Agreement

MOTION 07-08-766

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Road Protection Agreement be tabled to a subsequent meeting.

CARRIED

12. e) Equipment Purchase (Tractor)

MOTION 07-08-767
(Requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County purchase a John Deere 7630 tractor at the purchase price of \$138,800.00 to be funded from public works reserve.

CARRIED

12. f) Fort Vermilion Lift Station Upgrade

MOTION 07-08-768
(Requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include \$175,155 in additional funding from General Operating Reserve for completion of the Fort Vermilion Lift Station Upgrade project with the total estimated project cost being \$353,782.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-08-769

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 5:39 p.m.

- 11. h) Rural High Level Fire Department
- 12. g) Rural Water Line
- 13. a) Town of High Level Negotiations
- 13. b) Personnel
- 13. c) Special Project Development
- 13. d) Highway 88
- 13. e) Forestry

CARRIED

MOTION 07-08-770

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Council move out of camera at 6:23 p.m.

CARRIED

13. c) Special Project Development

MOTION 07-08-771

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That a letter be sent stating that Council will consider water delivery to the proposed power generation plant subject to a business plan submission to the County.

CARRIED

13. e) Forestry

MOTION 07-08-772

(Requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended to include construction of an emergency road access to Footner Forest Products as per the attached estimate with funding coming from Public Works Reserve.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

14. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

15. a) Adjournment

MOTION 07-08-773

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on Wednesday, August 29, 2007.

Bill Neufeld, Reeve

Joulia Whittleton, Director of Corporate
Services, Recording Secretary