

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Bill Neufeld	Councillor
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ADMINISTRATION:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
Mark Schonken	Director of Public Works & Agriculture
John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services
Ryan Becker	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT:

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on May 6, 2008 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

AGENDA:

2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 08-05-327

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the April 23, 2008 Regular Council
Meeting**

MOTION 08-05-328

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the minutes of the April 23, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. b) Minutes of the April 29, 2008 Special Council Meeting

MOTION 08-05-329

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the April 29, 2008 Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) Machesis Lake

MOTION 08-05-330

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Community Service Agreement for Machesis Lake be renewed for one year and that administration investigate other options.

CARRIED

4. b) Ratepayer Meetings

MOTION 08-05-331

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the June 5th ratepayers meeting in La Crete be changed to June 9th.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman left the meeting at 10:17 a.m. and Deputy Reeve Sarapuk took over the chair.

GENERAL REPORTS:

**6. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes –
March 27 and April 14, 2008**

MOTION 08-05-332

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 27 and April 14, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) **None**

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

9. a) **Council Committee Reports**

Reeve Newman rejoined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and resumed the chair.

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the Tompkins Emergency Service Society volunteer supper and annual meeting, local campground meetings, and the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Zama Recreation Society, and the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Councillor Toews reported on the Fort Vermilion Community Library, River Road water line, Premier's Dinner, La Crete Trade Show, and the ISL projects meeting.

Councillor Watson had no items to report.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the Tri-Council meeting, La Crete Building Committee meetings, disaster meeting, flooding concerns, inter-municipal negotiations, meeting with ATCO, La Crete Trade Show, Special Council meeting, and the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the Premier's Dinner, and the road tour.

Reeve Newman reported on the Premier's Dinner, inter-municipal negotiations, and the road tour.

Councillor Braun reported on the Tri-Council meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meetings, Alberta Emergency Management Alberta disaster training, La Crete Building Committee meetings, REDI management meeting, meeting with ATCO, Finance Committee meeting, La Crete Recreation Board, La Crete FCSS, La Crete Trade Show, Special Council meeting, REDI Recreation Committee teleconference, road tour, and Parks

& Recreation Committee meeting.

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meetings, and the road tour.

MOTION 08-05-333

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the Council Committee verbal reports be received for information.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO and Director Reports

MOTION 08-05-334

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-335

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the two local Councillors and the Chief Administrative Officer respond to the Fort Vermilion FCSS community garden request with an option of providing land.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-336

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the County participate in the annual spring clean up in and around the Town of High Level.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

MOTION 08-05-337

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move in-camera at 11:18 a.m. to discuss municipal office buildings.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-338

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) Alan Rudosky – Ernst & Young

Alan Rudosky from Ernst & Young LLP presented the 2007 financial audit results.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

**10. a) 2007 Draft Audited Financial Statement and 2007 Draft
Financial Information Return**

MOTION 08-05-339

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the 2007 Audited Financial Statements and Financial Information Return be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. b) Fort Vermilion Sports Daze Committee & Métis Local

Cherie Davies, President of the Fort Vermilion Sports Daze Committee, was in attendance to present a request for funding to Council.

TENDERS:

**8. a) Caretaking Services Contract – La Crete Public Works
Shop**

MOTION 08-05-340

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Caretaking Services Contract for the La Crete Public Works Shop be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-341

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Caretaking Services Contract for the La Crete Public Works Shop be awarded to the lowest qualifying tender.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Dust Control for 2008

MOTION 08-05-342

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That DL10-Special and Calcium Gold be used for 2008 dust control according to soil and road conditions.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-343

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That dust control be charged to residents at 50 percent of supply and applied cost.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-05-344

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That dust control be charged at the current rates.

CARRIED

11. b) County 2008 Re-Gravelling Program

MOTION 08-05-345

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the re-gravelling contract tender documents for 2008 be approved as amended and tender called.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:36 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Toews.

11. c) Tompkins Ferry Discussion

MOTION 08-05-346

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Tompkins Ferry discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-347

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration send a letter to the Fort Vermilion Sports Daze Committee requesting a business plan and recommend that they apply for grants once the plan is complete.

CARRIED

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

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

MOTION 08-05-348

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

12. b) Bylaw 674/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Section 15-109-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 (A1) to Residential Condominium District (RCD) (High Level Rural)

MOTION 08-05-349

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

CARRIED

12. c) Bylaw 675/08 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW 6-110-13-W5M from Agricultural District 1 (A1) to Direct Control District 2 (DC2) (Fort Vermilion Rural)

MOTION 08-05-350

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That first reading be given to Bylaw 675/08 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SW 6-110-13-W5M from Agricultural District 1 "A1" to Direct Control District 2 "DC2" to accommodate a liquor store and a convenience store.

DEFEATED

12. d) Municipal Reserve Calculation for Urban Subdivisions

MOTION 08-05-351

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Municipal Reserve value for all subdivisions be calculated using the current market value of the lands or County take land in appropriate areas and that the policy be amended.

CARRIED

**12. e) Development Statistics Report
January to March Comparison (2006 – 2008)**

MOTION 08-05-352

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Development Statistics report January to March Comparison (2006 – 2008) be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-05-353

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That administration investigate the high speed internet available from Wild Rose Internet.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-354

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

10. e) Audit Contract & FIN003 – Auditors Policy

MOTION 08-05-355

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That FIN003 – Auditors policy be amended as presented, the general auditing services contract be awarded to Ernst & Young for the fiscal year 2008 and new audit proposals be solicited next year for a three – year term.

CARRIED

10. f) FIN026 Investment Policy

MOTION 08-05-356

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That FIN026 Investment Policy be approved as presented and FIN007 Investment of Surplus Fund Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED

10. g) AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 08-05-357

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Finance Committee be authorized to select a consultant to assist with the 2008 AUPE negotiations.

CARRIED

10. h) Request from Fort Vermilion Parent Link Centre

MOTION 08-05-358

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the request from the Fort Vermilion Parent Link Centre be directed to the Family Community Support Services.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-05-359

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:05 p.m.

- 14. a) Personnel
- 14. b) Special Projects
- 14. c) Inter-municipal Negotiations
- 14. d) Forestry
- 14. e) Legal
- 14. f) Ambulance

CARRIED

Councillor Toews rejoined the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

MOTION 08-05-360

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 4:50 p.m.

CARRIED

14. c) Inter-municipal Negotiations

MOTION 08-05-361

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the County endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding between Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level as presented and that a signed agreement be forwarded to the Town of High Level.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. b) La Crete Municipal Office & Multi-Use Building

MOTION 08-05-362

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the following building plans be approved for the 2008 budget in order to meet the County's needs.

- a. County Regional Office – La Crete
Approve the building floor plan as amended with a smaller meeting/training room as per discussion. Estimated budget of \$2,210,000.
- b. County Corporate Office – Fort Vermilion
Estimated budget of \$750,000 for building renovations.
- c. County Regional Office – Zama
New county office space be included in the multi-purpose building. Estimated municipal portion of \$1,500,000.

Councillor Toews requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:

Councillor D. Driedger
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Watson
Councillor J. Driedger
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Reeve Newman
Councillor Braun
Councillor Froese

Opposed:

Councillor Toews

CARRIED

10. c) 2008 Operating & Capital Budgets

MOTION 08-05-363

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2008 operating and capital budgets be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. d) Bylaw 676/08 – 2008 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw

MOTION 08-05-364

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 676/08 being a tax mill rate bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-365

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 676/08 being a tax mill rate bylaw for Mackenzie County as amended to reflect combined mill rate at same level as 2007.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-05-366

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That consideration be given go to third reading by Bylaw 676/08 being a tax mill rate bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-05-367

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That third reading be given to Bylaw 676/08 being a tax rate bylaw for Mackenzie County as amended to reflect combined mill rate at same level as 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 08-05-368

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Thursday, May 22, 2008.

(signature on file)
Greg Newman, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant