

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Greg Newman	Reeve
Peter Braun	Deputy Reeve
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor (left at 12:04 p.m.)
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Stuart Watson	Councillor

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Susan McNeil, The Echo
Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 9, 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 10:03 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 08-12-956 MOVED by Councillor Watson

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

12. d) Provision of Municipal Reserve Lands NW 9-106-15-W5M, Vanguard Realty Ltd. (La Crete)
Delete item 10. d) 2009 Operating Budget

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

- 5. a) Alex Morrison, Director of Safety Assurance Services (Municipal Affairs)**

Presentation by Alex Morrison, Director of Safety Assurance Services, and Douwe Aardema, Partnerships Advisor-Safety Services, with Municipal Affairs on the County's options in regards to the issuance of safety codes permits and accreditation.

Councillor Froese declared himself in conflict and left the meeting.

12. a) Municipal Accreditation

MOTION 08-12-957

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Mackenzie County retain their accreditation and that administration be instructed to work with Municipal Affairs to find and train local private contractors for safety codes inspections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. with all members present.

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 3. a) Minutes of the November 26, 2008 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 08-12-958

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the minutes of the November 26, 2008 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- 4. a) Vehicle & Equipment Purchase**

Information item.

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2008

MOTION 08-12-959

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 5, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. b) Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2008

MOTION 08-12-960

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of October 15, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

9. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor D. Driedger reported on the AAMD&C fall conference, Agriculture Service Board, Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI), Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) community meetings and the Agriculture Land Task Force.

MOTION 08-12-961

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That a letter be sent to Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) to request County presence in the First Nation consultation process in the white zone/green zone discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Toews reported on the Fort Vermilion FCSS.

Councillor Wardley reported on the Zama Recreation Board.

Councillor Watson reported on the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management and the High Level negotiations.

Councillor J. Driedger reported on the La Crete Community Health Council, Finance Committee, High Level negotiations, AAMD&C fall convention, La Crete Building committee,

Mackenzie Housing, Budget meetings, Mustus Energy open house and the La Crete Library.

Deputy Reeve Braun reported on the AAMD&C fall convention, Deh Cho Travel meeting, La Crete Building committee, Budget meetings, Parks & Recreation committee meeting, Finance Committee meeting, Municipal Planning Commission and the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management.

Reeve Newman reported on the AAMD&C fall convention, meeting with Peace Country Health/Alberta Health Services and the High Level negotiations.

Councillor Sarapuk reported on the AAMD&C fall convention, Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) meeting, Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI), Public Advisory Committee meeting and the Agriculture Land Task Force.

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission meetings.

Councillor Neufeld reported on the AAMD&C fall convention, Sustainable Resource Development community meeting in Blue Hills, Agriculture Service Board and the Premier's dinner in Grande Prairie.

MOTION 08-12-962

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Council verbal reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-963

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the order of the agenda be amended.

CARRIED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

MOTION 08-12-964

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Director of Operations (South) report be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-965

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That administration be authorized to negotiate the renewal of the lease agreement for the La Crete Office building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. b) Grader Proposals 2009

MOTION 08-12-966

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That Mackenzie County purchase a Volvo G940 grader with the 5 year/9000 hr buyback option with funding coming from the 2009 budget.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-12-967

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Mackenzie County purchase a CAT 160MAWD with the 3 year/5400 hours buyback option with funding coming from the 2009 budget.

DEFEATED

MOTION 08-12-968

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Mackenzie County purchase a CAT 160M Tandem with the 3 year/5400 hours buyback option with funding coming from the 2009 budget.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Neufeld and John Klassen, Director of Operations (South).

MOTION 08-12-969

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Fort Vermilion 2009 Road Improvements tender be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

8. a) Fort Vermilion 2009 Road Improvements (ADDITION)

MOTION 08-12-970

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the tenders for the Fort Vermilion 2009 Road Improvements be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-971

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That administration be authorized to negotiate with the lowest qualified tender for the Fort Vermilion 2009 Road Improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 687/08 Municipal Reserve Closure and Sale Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3MR (La Crete)

Reeve Newman called the public hearing for Bylaw 687/08 to order at 1:13 p.m.

Reeve Newman asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 687/08 was properly advertised. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Newman asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Municipal Reserve Closure. Ryan Becker, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on November 6, 2008.

Reeve Newman asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Municipal Reserve Closure. There were no questions.

Reeve Newman asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 687/08. No submissions were received.

Reeve Newman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 687/08. No one was present to speak to the bylaw.

Reeve Newman closed the public hearing for Bylaw 687/08 at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION 08-12-972

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 687/08 being a Bylaw to close and sell Municipal Reserve Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3MR.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-973

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That third reading be given to Bylaw 687/08 being a bylaw to close and sell Municipal Reserve Plan 052 2048, Block 4, Lot 3MR.

CARRIED

9. b) CAO and Director Reports

MOTION 08-12-974

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-975

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That Councillors be authorized to attend the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law session in February 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 08-12-976

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to the Premier in support of the Commuter Air Access Network of Alberta's (CAANA) letter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

5. b) La Crete Health Committee – 1:45 p.m.

MOTION 08-12-977

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to the Alberta Health Services Board supporting increased Primary Health Care in La Crete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

MOTION 08-12-978

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the County coordinate the efforts to create a regional health plan.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES:

10. a) Bylaw 691/08 Short Term Borrowing of Funds

MOTION 08-12-979

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

The first reading be given to Bylaw 691/08 being a bylaw authorizing the short-term borrowing of funds.

DEFEATED

10. b) Policy FIN025 Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process

MOTION 08-12-980

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process Policy FIN025 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

10. c) Review of Finance Committee Terms of Reference (TOR)

MOTION 08-12-981

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Finance Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended.

CARRIED

10. e) Tax Forfeiture Properties

MOTION 08-12-982

MOVED by Reeve Newman

That administration be authorized to offer the tax forfeiture properties for sale with a reserve bid as previously established.

CARRIED

10. f) Manufactured Home Parks

Deputy Reeve Braun declared himself in conflict and left the meeting.

MOTION 08-12-983

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move in-camera at 3:22 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-984

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That Council move out of camera at 3:32 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-985

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That administration prepare a bylaw to assess the designated manufactured community for the designated manufactured homes in the County as discussed.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-986

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the tax levy of \$260.06 for Stall 10, 10306- 101 Street be written off and the penalty of \$15.60 be voided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Reeve Braun rejoined the meeting.

10. g) Investment Management Proposals

MOTION 08-12-987

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to engage ATB Financial as an independent investment management group, as permitted by Policy FIN027 Investment Policy.

CARRIED

10. h) County Facility Agreement

MOITON 08-12-988

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the County Facilities Agreement be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED

10. i) AMSC Energy Aggregation Program- Community Related Organizations (CROs)

MOTION 08-12-989

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the local non-profit groups receiving annual operating grants from the County be allowed to join into the AMSC 2009+ Energy Aggregation Program under the County umbrella.

CARRIED

10. j) Fort Vermilion Walking Trails Funds in Reserve and the Fort Vermilion River Road View Point

MOTION 08-12-990

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the remaining funds in the Fort Vermilion Walking Trails Reserve in the amount of \$8,961.25 be granted to the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade towards the walking trail development on a matching basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. k) Designated Officers

MOTION 08-12-991

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That administration be directed to draft a bylaw to designate the Director of Corporate Services as a designated officer for the County as discussed.

CARRIED

10. l) High Level Golf and Country Club Request

MOTION 08-12-992

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the taxation exemption request by the High Level Golf and

Country Club be received for information.

CARRIED

10. m) Shantyman Christian Association Request

MOTION 08-12-993

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the taxation exemption request by the Shantyman Christian Association be received for information.

CARRIED

10. n) Rocky Lane Agricultural Society Letter of Support

MOTION 08-12-994

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That a letter of support be written to the Rocky Lane Agricultural Society with respect to their grant application for the purpose of acquiring ski trails grooming equipment.

CARRIED

10. o) Appointment of Members at Large to County Boards/Committees

MOTION 08-12-995

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Eva Schmidt be appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and the Assessment Review Board for the period December 9, 2008 to October 2009.

CARRIED

10. p) ICLEI World Congress 2009

MOTION 08-12-996

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That two Councillors be authorized to attend the ICLEI World Congress 2009 in Edmonton on June 14–18, 2009.

DEFEATED

**OPERATIONAL
SERVICES:**

11. a) Bylaw 693/08 Schedule B

MOTION 08-12-997

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 693/08 being a bylaw for the water and sewer system.

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-998

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That second reading of Bylaw 693/08, being a bylaw for the water and sewer system, be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

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

12. b) John Kowal – Ponton School Fire Invoice

MOTION 08-12-999

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Fire Invoice #8284 be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. c) Zama City Outline Plan

MOTION 08-12-1000

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the draft Zama City Outline Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

**12. d) Provision of Municipal Reserve Lands NW 9-106-15-
W5M, Vanguard Realty Ltd. – La Crete (ADDITION)**

MOTION 08-12-1001
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That a letter be sent by the Reeve to Vanguard Realty Ltd. in response to the December 5, 2008 letter regarding municipal reserve lands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 08-12-1002

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4:21 p.m.

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

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-1003 **MOVED** by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 5:03 p.m.

CARRIED

14. a) Personnel

MOTION 08-12-1004 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the personnel update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. b) Special Projects

MOTION 08-12-1005 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to consider all options for grader operations in Zama.

CARRIED

14. c) Legal

MOTION 08-12-1006 **MOVED** by Councillor D. Driedger

That administration be authorized to proceed with issuing a Stop Order to Clarence Lee and proceed as advised by legal counsel.

CARRIED

14. d) Ambulance

MOTION 08-12-1007 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the ambulance update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. e) Inter-Municipal Relations

MOTION 08-12-1008

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Braun

That the inter-municipal relations update be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

13. a) Information/Correspondence Items

MOTION 08-12-1009

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

MOTION 08-12-1010

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the County purchase a ¼ page full color advertisement in the Military Service Recognition Book.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEXT MEETING DATE:

15. a) Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Fort Vermilion, AB

ADJOURNMENT:

16. a) Adjournment

MOTION 08-12-1011

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on January 13, 2009.

(Original Signed)
Greg Newman
Reeve

(Original Signed)
William Kostiw
Chief Administrative Officer