

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

1:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Peter Braun	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Greg Newman	Councillor
Jim Thompson	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Stuart Watson	Councillor (arrived at 1:25 p.m.)

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Carol Gabriel	Executive Assistant
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
Paul Driedger	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
John Klassen	Manager of Utilities & Facilities

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on Wednesday, May 23, 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 1:07 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-05-464 MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

- 10. b) Roadside Spraying Contracting
- 10. c) 2007 Roadside Mowing Contracts
- 10. d) Fort Vermilion Shop Upgrade
- 11. g) Mackenzie Library Board Appointment
- 12. i) Development Near Footner
- 10. e) 44th Avenue – Fort Vermilion

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

**5. a) Randy Affolder
Alliance Assessment**

Councillor Watson arrived at 1:25 p.m.

Presentation by Randy Affolder, Alliance Assessment Consultants Ltd., regarding the 2006 assessment for Mackenzie County.

**5. b) Sgt. Ryan Becker
Fort Vermilion RCMP**

MOTION 07-05-465

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the presentation by Sgt. Ryan Becker of the Fort Vermilion RCMP detachment be received for information.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the May 8, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 07-05-466

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the minutes of the May 8, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

4. a) Crusher Reject

MOTION 07-05-467

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County sell crusher reject gravel from County controlled pits at a rate of \$4.00 per cubic meter in 2007 as per Policy PW014.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-05-468

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County sell 4000 meters crusher reject gravel from Fidler Pit at a cost of \$4.00 per cubic meter FOB Fidler Pit.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:24 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

**5. c) Dean Wheeler, Principal
St. Mary's Elementary School Playground**

MOTION 07-05-469

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That administration investigate the issues regarding the St. Mary's Elementary School playground.

CARRIED

4. b) Equipment Purchase

MOTION 07-05-470

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Councillor Newman, Councillor Braun, and Councillor Froese be appointed to the equipment purchasing ad hoc task force.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-05-471

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Policy PW014 Sale of County Gravel/Crusher Reject for Personal Use be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2007

MOTION 07-05-472

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 26, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) None

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

8. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Wardley left the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reported on the Regional Economic Development Initiative meeting and meeting with Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation.

Councillor Driedger reported on the County Building Committee, union negotiations, zone meeting, and meeting with Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation.

Councillor Watson reported on the Commuter Air Access Network of Alberta (CAANA) annual general meeting in Edmonton.

Councillor Thompson reported on the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board meeting and Mackenzie Library Board meeting.

Councillor Newman reported on the County Building Committee and a meeting with engineers.

Councillor Braun reported on the Municipal Planning Commission, Regional Economic Development Initiative Board meeting, County Building Committee, La Crete Recreation Board meeting and meeting with Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation.

Councillor Froese reported on the Municipal Planning Commission.

Reeve Neufeld reported on the managers meeting.

MOTION 07-05-473

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Council Committee verbal reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

8. b) CAO & Director Reports

Councillor Wardley rejoined the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

MOTION 07-05-474

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the Director of Corporate Services, Director of Planning & Emergency Services, Manager of Utilities & Facilities, and the Chief Administrative Officer reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-05-475

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move in-camera at 3:57 p.m. to discuss AUPE negotiations.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-05-476

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 4:17 p.m.

CARRIED

12. c) AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 07-05-477

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council accept the AUPE tentative agreement as negotiated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

8. a) Council Committee Reports

Councillor Wardley reported on the Zama Recreation Board meeting, union negotiations, Mackenzie Library Board, meeting with engineers, Tolko/Fotner open house in Zama and a town meeting.

MOTION 07-05-478

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Councillor Wardley's verbal report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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

**9. a) Bylaw 630/07
Land Use Bylaw Amendment to
Rezone SW 15-110-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1
(A1) to Rural Country Residential District 1 (RC1) and
Rural Country Residential District 2 (RC2) – High Level
Rural**

MOTION 07-05-479

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That first reading be given to Bylaw 630/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone SW 15-110-19-W5M from Agricultural District 1 (A1) to Rural Country Residential District 1 (RC1) and Rural Country Residential District 2 (RC2)

CARRIED

9. b) Bylaw 631/07

Being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 2938RS, Block 7, Lots 10 & 14 and Plan 2938RS, Block 8, Lot 8 from Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) to Hamlet Residential District 2 (HR2) – Fort Vermilion

MOTION 07-05-480

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That first reading be given to Bylaw 631/07 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Plan 2938RS, Block 7, Lots 10 and 14 (5103-49th Ave and 5106-48th Ave) and Plan 2938RS, Block 8, Lot 8 (5003-48th Ave) from Hamlet Residential District 1 (HR1) to Hamlet Residential District 2 (HR2) in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

9. c) Bylaw 632/07

Being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 3-106-15-W5M; Plan 052-2360, Block 2, Lot 1; Plan 982-6116, Lots 1 and 2; and Plan 922-3712, Block 1, Lot 1; from Hamlet Residential Commercial Transitional District “HRCT” to Hamlet Residential District 1B “HR1B” in La Crete

MOTION 07-05-481

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 632/07 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone part of NW 3-106-15-W5M; Plan 052-2360, Block 2, Lot 1; Plan 982-6116, Lots 1 and 2; and Plan 922-3712, Block 1, Lot 1; as outlined in Schedule “A”, from Hamlet Residential Commercial Transitional District “HRCT” to Hamlet Residential District 1B “HR1B” in La Crete.

DEFEATED

9. d) Bylaw 633/07 Road Closure

**West Boundary of NW 25-104-14-W5M and
West Boundary of SW 36-104-14-W5M**

(Savage Prairie)

MOTION 07-05-482

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Bylaw 633/07 be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

**9. e) Drainage Right-of Way within N ½ 3-106-15 –
W5M, Plan 992-0893, Block 1, Lot 13 MR and
Plan 992-0894, Block 2, Lot 1 (La Crete)**

MOTION 07-05-483

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Maltais Geomatics be requested to proceed with the registration of the drainage right-of-way plan on North ½ 3-106-15-W5M, Plan 992-0893, Block 1, Lot 13 MR and Plan 992-0894, Block 2, Lot 1, for an approximate cost of \$4,300.00 plus GST to be funded from General Operating Reserves.

CARRIED

9. f) Fire Invoice Review

MOTION 07-05-484

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That fire invoice #IVC05375 in the amount of \$804.00 be waived.

Councillor Newman requested a recorded vote.

In Favor:
Reeve Neufeld
Councillor Driedger

Opposed:
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Watson
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Newman
Councillor Braun
Councillor Froese

DEFEATED

MOTION 07-05-485

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That fire invoice #IVC05375 be reduced by \$144.00 for the ambulance standby portion.

CARRIED

9. g) Fire Apparatus Utilization

MOTION 07-05-486

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Fire Apparatus Unit 9106 be moved to Zama Fire-Rescue Station and Unit 9104 be moved to the Fort Vermilion Fire-Rescue Station.

CARRIED

9. h) County Building Construction Task Force Recommendations

MOTION 07-05-487

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the County Building Construction Task Force establish a replacement schedule for all County facilities with options and preliminary engineering/architectural proposals.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

MOTION 07-05-488

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration review rezoning notification procedures.

CARRIED

9. i) Offer to Purchase for Plan 882-1687, Block 1, Lot 1 (Zama)

MOTION 07-05-489

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County accept the offer from Superior Propane Inc. to purchase Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 882-1687 in the Hamlet of Zama for the amount of \$16,850.00 subject to the payment of the outstanding rental arrears invoice.

CARRIED

OPERATIONAL SERVICES:

10. a) Service Levels of County Campgrounds and Playgrounds Policy ADM040

MOTION 07-05-490

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Policy ADM040 Service Levels of Mackenzie County Campgrounds and Playgrounds be postponed to a future meeting.

CARRIED

10. b) Roadside Spraying Contracting

MOTION 07-05-491

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the roadside spraying contract be awarded to La Prairie Group Contractors at a cost not exceeding \$20,000, with the transfer of funds from Chemical (531) to Professional Services (233).

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

10. c) 2007 Roadside Mowing Contracts

MOTION 07-05-492

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the roadside mowing contracts be awarded to the lowest bidder of each geographical area.

CARRIED

10. d) Fort Vermilion Shop Upgrade

MOTION 07-05-493

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council approve the contract between Mackenzie County and United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited for the construction of a wash bay to the Fort Vermilion shop at a total cost of \$133,429.00.

MOTION 07-05-494

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Fort Vermilion shop upgrade be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

10. e) 44th Avenue – Fort Vermilion

MOTION 07-05-495
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That a sidewalk be installed along 44th avenue in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Zama Wastewater System Upgrade – Borrowing Bylaw
634/07**

MOTION 07-05-496
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 634/07, being a bylaw authorizing a debenture borrowing in the amount of \$1,943,245 for the Zama Wastewater Upgrade project.

CARRIED

**11. b) April 30, 2007 Income Statement and Term Deposits
Report**

MOTION 07-05-497

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the operating revenues and expenditures, term deposits and capital projects progress report for the period ended April 30, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED

11. c) Municipal Sustainability Initiative

MOTION 07-05-498

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

That the Municipal Sustainability Initiative be received for information.

CARRIED

11. d) 2007 Construction Projects

MOTION 07-05-499

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2007 construction projects be received for information.

CARRIED

11. e) Town of High Level Brochure

MOTION 07-05-500

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County participate in the Town of High Level brochure at a cost of \$132.50.

DEFEATED

MOTION 07-05-501

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That administration send a letter to the High Level Chamber of Commerce suggesting that they use the annual operating grant, which they receive by the County, for the purposes of advertising in the Town of High Level brochure.

CARRIED

11. f) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 07-05-502

MOVED by Councillor Thompson

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

CARRIED

11. g) Mackenzie Library Board Appointment

MOTION 07-05-503

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That David C. Peters be appointed to the Mackenzie Library Board to fill a vacancy for the period of May 23, 2007 to October 2007.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-05-504

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That consideration be given to move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 7:56 p.m.

- 12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations
- 12. c) Fidler Pit Negotiations
- 12. d) Zama Accommodations
- 12. e) Zama Fire-Rescue – Mutual Aid Request
- 12. f) Mobile Communications Review 2007 (Glentel)
- 12. g) Mobile Communications Review 2007
(TELUS vs. Bell)
- 12. h) Ambulance Services Review
- 12. i) Development Near Footner

CARRIED

MOTION 07-05-505

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That Council move out of camera at 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED

12. a) Town of High Level Negotiations

MOTION 07-05-506

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That the Reeve be authorized to amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of High Level as discussed.

CARRIED

12. c) Fidler Pit Negotiations

MOTION 07-05-507

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Reeve Sarapuk continue to negotiate as discussed in-camera regarding the Fidler properties.

CARRIED

12. d) Zama Accommodations

MOTION 07-05-508

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County make an offer to purchase the trailer in Zama at the owner's purchase price.

CARRIED

12. e) Zama Fire-Rescue – Mutual Aid Request

MOTION 07-05-509

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the mutual aid invoice for incident no. 02-ZFR-07 in the amount of \$2,600.00 be waived.

CARRIED

12. f) Mobile Communications Review 2007 (Glentel)

12. g) Mobile Communications Review 2007 (TELUS vs. Bell)

12. h) Ambulance Services Review

MOTION 07-05-510

MOVED by Councillor Newman

That the mobile communications review and the ambulance services review be postponed.

CARRIED

12. i) Development Near Footner

MOTION 07-05-511

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That administration be authorized to negotiate the development near Footner as discussed in-camera.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

**13. a) Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Zama Community Hall, Zama City, AB**

ADJOURNMENT:

14. a) Adjournment

MOTION 07-05-512

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Regular Council meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

(signature on file)
Bill Neufeld, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant