



Mackenzie County

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 23, 2017

10:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FORT VERMILION, AB

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

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10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
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10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
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10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

20. a) Adjournment



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services
Title:	Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Minutes of the January 9, 2017, Regular Council Meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

Approved Council Meetings minutes are posted on the County website.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority
 Requires 2/3
 Requires Unanimous

That the minutes of the January 9, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Author: C. Gabriel **Reviewed by:** CG **CAO:** _____

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Lisa Wardley	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:08 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor (left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.)

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
William (Bill) Kostiw	Intergovernmental Relations & Special Projects Coordinator
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public and the Media

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 9, 2017 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) **Call to Order**

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION 17-01-001 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4. b) Delegation – Voice of Albertans with Disabilities
- 9. g) Climate Change Advisory Committee
- 9. h) Bistcho Lake Cabins

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the December 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 17-01-002

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the minutes of the December 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) Art Erickson, Voice of Albertans with Disabilities

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:08 a.m.

MOTION 17-01-003

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the presentation by the Voice of Albertans with Disabilities be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) Council Committee Reports

MOTION 17-01-004

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-01-005

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Finance Committee unapproved meeting minutes of December 15, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-01-006 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 3rd, November 24th, and December 8th 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: **6. a) CAO Report**

MOTION 17-01-007 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the CAO report for December 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Councillor Driedger rejoined the meeting at 11:26 a.m.
Councillor Jorgensen and Councillor Bateman rejoined the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

TENDERS: **7. a) None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: **8. a) None**

ADMINISTRATION: **9. a) Natural Gas Supply Issues – Letter to the Minister of Energy**

MOTION 17-01-008 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That a letter be sent to Gas Alberta and the Minister of Energy requesting assistance in locating the issues with our natural gas shortage and work with our suppliers and distributors to resolve the problem.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **9. b) Request to Attend Meetings via Electronic Communication**

MOTION 17-01-009 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Councillor Toews be authorized to attend all council meetings (regular, special, or budget) during the period January 10 – March 17, 2017 by means of electronic communication.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **9. c) Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Implementation Committee**

MOTION 17-01-010 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the following community members be appointed to the Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Implementation Committee:

- Erick Carter
- Sara Schmidt
- Chair and/or Board Designate of the Fort Vermilion & Area Board of Trade

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **9. d) Town of High Level – Fire Invoicing**

MOTION 17-01-011 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the request to alter fire invoicing process with the Town of High Level be discussed at the 2018 review of the Regional Service Sharing Agreement.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION: **9. e) Tri-Council Meeting Agenda**

MOTION 17-01-012 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the following items be added to the Tri-Council meeting for discussion:

- Natural Gas Situation
- Northern Transportation Routes
- Recycling Initiatives (Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Commission)
- Caribou Update

- Alberta Community Partnership Grant-Intermunicipal Collaboration Component Update (Cumulative Effects Assessment for Northwest Alberta)

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. g) Climate Change Advisory Committee (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-01-013
Requires Unanimous **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That Council support Councillor Jorgensen's application to sit on the AAMDC Climate Change Advisory Committee and cover honorariums and expenses to attend meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION: 9. h) Bistcho Lake Cabins (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-01-014
Requires Unanimous **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment & Parks and Minister of Municipal Affairs, and copy the Minister of Agriculture, requesting a meeting to discuss the revoking of land leases and immediate removal of cabins in the Bistcho Lake area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: 10. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 11. a) None

FINANCE: 12. a) Policy ADM049 – Bursaries

MOTION 17-01-015 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Policy ADM049 Bursaries be amended as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 13. a) Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing Indicator Policy

MOTION 17-01-016 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing

Indicator Policy be TABLED to the Budget Council Meeting on January 11, 2017.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Jeff Anderson, Chair, Fort Vermilion and Area Seniors and Elders Lodge Board 1788

Presentation by Jeff Anderson, Chair of the Fort Vermilion and Area Seniors and Elders Lodge Board 1788, requesting financial support for a senior's facility in Fort Vermilion.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Councillor Toews left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

OPERATIONS:

13. b) Purchase Rubber Track Mini Excavator

MOTION 17-01-017

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the purchase of the Rubber Track Mini Excavator be TABLED to the Budget Council Meeting on January 11, 2017.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) Bylaw 1050-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SE 16-106-15-W5M from La Crete General Commercial District "GC1" to Manufactured Home Subdivision 1 "MHS1"(La Crete)

MOTION 17-01-018

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1050-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone part of SE 16-106-15-W5M from La Crete General Commercial District "GC1" to Manufactured Home Subdivision 1 "MHS1" to accommodate the development of residential lots, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. b) Sandhills Road DLO750355

MOTION 17-01-019

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the Sandhills Road DLO750355 be received for information.

DEFEATED

MOTION 17-01-020

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That a letter be sent to Alberta Environment & Parks identifying that the Sandhills Road DLO750355 is a historical road and that the County will take over the road once the province upgrades the road to County standards.

CARRIED

UTILITIES:

15. a) None

INFORMATION:

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 17-01-021

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 17-01-022

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:25 p.m.

9. f) Caribou

17. a) Legal

17. b) Labour

- Out of Scope Contracts

17. c) Land

- Sale of County Properties

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-023

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 4:28 p.m.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. f) Caribou Update

MOTION 17-01-024 MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. b) Labour – Out of Scope Contracts

MOTION 17-01-025 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the “out of scope” employees’ salary grids for the period from January 1, 2016 to July 1, 2018 and retroactive pay adjustment for 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. b) Land – Sale of County Properties

MOTION 17-01-026 MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the County property located at SW 26-108-12-W5M be listed with a realtor for sale.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- 19. a) Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- b) Budget Council Meeting
January 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- c) Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 17-01-027 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on January 23, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

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Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services
Title:	Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Budget Council Meeting

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

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OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority
 Requires 2/3
 Requires Unanimous

That the minutes of the January 11, 2017, Budget Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

Author: C. Gabriel **Reviewed by:** CG **CAO:** _____

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Lisa Wardley	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:22 a.m. via teleconference)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor (arrived at 12:57 p.m.)

REGRETS:

Ray Toews	Councillor
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ADMINISTRATION:

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Peng Tian	Director of Finance
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Grant Smith	Agriculture Fieldman
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Louise Flooren	Acting Finance Controller/HR Coordinator
Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 11, 2017 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

CALL TO ORDER: **1. a) Call to Order**

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

AGENDA: **2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION 17-01-028 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

4. a) Debbie Jabbour, MLA – Peace River

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) None

TENDERS:

7. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. a) None

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) None

AGRICULTURE:

10. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

11. a) None

FINANCE:

12. a) **2017 Operating & Capital Budget**

Council reviewed the changes to the operating and capital budget following the December 12, 2016 Budget Council Meeting.

Council reviewed the changes to the Non-TCA Projects as identified on Page 17 of the agenda package.

- Addition of the Rocky Lane Oil Dust Control – \$125,000
- Information Technology budget was increased by \$11,300 due to an administrative error.

Administration provided an overview of the current revenue and expenses and the reserves required to complete the TCA projects. The budget proposes no contributions to reserves for 2017.

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:22 a.m.

Council reviewed the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

MOTION 17-01-029

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That a borrowing bylaw be brought back for the County portion for the two Bridge to New Lands capital projects.

CARRIED

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

The following projects were identified to be removed and deferred until final budget review in April 2017:

- LC – New Tanker/Pumper
- FV – 45 Ave Road Pave
- FV – Asphalt Paving DA Thomas Park
- FV – Replacement of Wheel Loader
- LC – Overhead Crane
- Rebuild Wolf Lake road East

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

FINANCE:

12. b) Purchase Rubber Track Mini Excavator

MOTION 17-01-030

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration be authorized to purchase the Rubber Track Mini Excavator from Kubota Farm & Ranch for \$106,019.65 with \$75,000 coming from the insurance proceeds and the additional \$31,019.65 coming from the Vehicle & Equipment Reserve.

CARRIED

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

MOTION 17-01-031

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Fort Vermilion Ice Plant Repair be funded from the designated reserve and the remaining \$310,000 by debenture and that a borrowing bylaw be brought back to Council.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-032

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the recreation boards be notified to hold off on completing lighting projects subject to available grant funding.

CARRIED

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Councillor Sarapuk joined the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

MOTION 17-01-033
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That \$355,000 be used from the Roads Reserve to complete the Road Rebuild - Prairie Packers to West La Crete Road project.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-034
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the entire TCA Project list be revisited at the final budget meeting in April 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 17-01-035
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the 2017 Operating and Capital budget be approved as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-036
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That fifty percent (50%) of the operating funding be released for the non-profit organizations and that administration notify them of their approved 2017 operating and capital grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing Indicator Policy

MOTION 17-01-037
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing Indicator Policy be APPROVED as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Debbie Jabbour, MLA – Peace River

MOTION 17-01-038

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the report by Debbie Jabbour, MLA for Peace River be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) None

UTILITIES:

15. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) None

IN CAMERA SESSION:

17. a) In-Camera Session

MOTION 17-01-039

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Council move in-camera at 2:15 p.m. to negotiate a project proposal.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-040

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE:

19. a) None

ADJOURNMENT:

20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 17-01-041

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on January 23, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

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Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
Title:	La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The unapproved minutes of the November 7, 2016 La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee meeting minutes of November 7, 2016 be received for information.

Author: C. Gabriel **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** _____

MACKENZIE COUNTY
La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee

Mackenzie County Office
La Crete, AB

Monday, November 7, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Peter Braun	Chair, Councilor, Committee Member
	Ray Wiebe	Committee Member
	Mike Janzen	Committee Member
	Bill Driedger	Committee Member
	Tim Driedger	Committee Member
REGRETS:	Darryl Friesen	Committee Member
	John Acreman	Committee Member
ADMINISTRATION:	Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
	Andrew O'Rourke	Economic Development Officer/Recording Secretary

MOTION

1. Call to Order

Peter Braun called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

LCCIC-16-11-13

MOVED by Bill Driedger

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

LCCIC-16-11-14

MOVED by Tim Driedger

That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Byron: Committee Terms of Reference read out and discussed. Only expecting to have 4-6 meetings per year, our local councilor is chair of the committee. Focus of the committee is

100street and the downtown corridor.

Chair Braun: Package to be sent out 2-3 days before committee meeting.

Byron: I've put in a request under capital projects for \$25,000 towards this year's La Crete Streetscape. Subject to council's approval, what do you believe are the priorities for implementing the proposed streetscape design?

Committee: Downtown area signage

Byron: The cost of signage could possibly have to be spread between two years. But signage is a good place to start as it is not a big dollar item such as walking trails etc.

Committee: How would the downtown sign be visible? Would it be north to south?

Committee: The signs would be at a 45 degree angle and located along 100St at two intersections one behind Pizza Place on the vacant lot at 99thAve and the second on the corner of 101st Ave in front of LRT.

Committee: County staff should investigate setbacks and aerial photos for these two locations.

Committee: The sign should be visible from both directions

Committee: What are people thinking about when they think downtown?

Byron & Chair Braun: We want to create the feeling of a downtown, and we must also look at growth of our downtown, would the location signs be sufficient for future growth of our downtown area?

Byron: Something that has come up over the course of creating the streetscape design plan was building local capacity during implementation stages. Could 90% or 100% of the plan be carried out by local people?

Byron: When local people take part in creating their town they create a 'sense of place'

Byron: Preliminary discussions have taken place with Fort

Vermilion School Division to maximize school programs to allow students contribute towards streetscape implantation. This could include a tree planting program where students would be contracted to plant, groom and replace damaged trees on a longer term program.

Chair Braun: Spoke to a professional in the city of Brooks who recommended 'Lindon Trees'

Byron: Harvard University has a report that categorizes and groups trees. This could be used to help in the selection process.

Committee: What about the option of plastic trees?

Response: They would fade in the sunlight.

Committee: How about elm trees? It was observed that they have planted elm trees at the Legislature building. Discussion of Dutch elm disease could easily wipe out all the trees in one swoop. But in historical areas of Edmonton elm trees are presented nicely as they trim along the bottom.

Committee: You would not purchase many trees for \$25,000

Committee: You would have to have sidewalks ready before tree planting would take place. And then consider snow removal around trees.

Committee: We will have to see what kind of downtown signage would fit on the intersections. It would also be nice if signage was lighted as it's dark most of the winter months.

Committee: There still seems to be some questions outstanding on streetscape design. Would the consultants still be available to help design signage?

Byron: O2 Planning and Design would be our default consultants and there might be room in yearly operating budgets to hire if required.

Committee: Has there been any discussion about 100st roadside grass?

Chair Braun: It would be best to replace existing grass with something dead. As it is very hard for anything living to survive

next to the roadside.

Chair Braun: What about brick or large paving stone, there would always be the issue of weeds. with yearly spraying and maintenance.

Committee: Have a look at rocks at espresso house building, these rocks are loose. Also if anyone gets the opportunity to see the red brick paving in Grande Prairie along 114Ave.

Committee: Stenciled concrete could also be an idea for 100st. discussion about it being more labour intensive, more expensive, can be very slippery in winter.

Byron: There are sidewalks on both sides of the roads in downtown areas.

Committee: Large cement pad verses screw piles? With a concrete pad you can let the ground move. But with screw pile you would need to have expansion joints.

Chair Braun: County staff to come back with cost estimates and options for downtown signage. Examples of signs to look for aesthetic options, (Homestead Kitchens) County staff to consult with Ray Wiebe from Prestige Printing in designing signage.

4. Adjournment

LCCIC-16-11-15

MOVED by Mike Janzen

That the La Crete Community Implementation Committee Meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this ___th day of January, 2017.

Peter Braun, Chair



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Louise Flooren, Acting Director of Finance/HR Coordinator
Title:	Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The unapproved minutes of the January 12, 2017 Finance Committee meeting are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

Finance Committee minutes are posted on DocuShare.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Simple Majority
 Requires 2/3
 Requires Unanimous

That the Finance Committee unapproved meeting minutes of January 12, 2017 be received for information.

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 12, 2017
10:00am**

**Fort Vermilion Corporate Office
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:	Lisa Wardley Bill Neufeld Jacquie Bateman Josh Knelsen	Deputy Reeve – Vice Chair Reeve, ex officio Councillor Councillor
REGRETS:	Peter F. Braun	Councillor- Chair
ADMINISTRATION:	Len Racher Peng Tian Carol Gabriel Louise Flooren Carlee Robinson Jannelle Batt	Chief Administrative Officer Director of Finance Director of Legislative and Support Service Acting Finance Controller/HR Coordinator Finance Clerk/ Recording Secretary Finance Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

1. a) Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Wardley, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA:

2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION FC-17-01-001

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

6. k) Bistcho Lake Cabins – Assessment Issue

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**3. a) Minutes of the December 15, 2016 Finance
Committee Meeting**

MOTION FC-17-01-002

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the minutes of the December 15, 2016 Finance Committee meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM PREVIOUS
MINUTES:**

4. a) **None**

DELEGATIONS:

5. a) **None**

BUSINESS:

6. a) **Review Reserve Policies**

MOTION FC-17-01-003

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That all Reserve Policies be amended as discussed and brought to the next Finance Committee Meeting for review.

CARRIED

6. b) **Financial Reports Review**

MOTION FC-17-01-004

MOVED by Reeve Neufeld

That Administration bring back revised finance reports to the next Finance Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

6. f) **Vision Credit Union – Investment Update**

MOTION FC-17-01-005

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That a delegate from the Finance Committee and Chief Administrative Officer schedule a meeting with Vision Credit Union.

CARRIED

6. c) **Review New Policy FIN032 Grant Applications**

MOTION FC-17-01-006

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Policy FIN032 Grant Applications be amended by Administration and be brought to the next Finance Committee Meeting for review.

CARRIED

6. d) **Review New Policy FIN033 General Journal Entries**

MOTION FC-17-01-007

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Policy FIN033 General Journal Entries be amended by Administration and be brought to the next Finance Committee Meeting for review.

CARRIED

6. e) Review New Policy FIN034 Stale Dated Cheques issued by Mackenzie County

MOTION FC-17-01-008

MOVED by Reeve Neufeld

That Policy FIN034 Stale Dated Cheques issued by Mackenzie County be amended by Administration and be brought to the next Finance Committee Meeting for review.

CARRIED

6. g) Councillors' Honorariums and Expense Claims

MOTION FC-17-01-009

MOVED by Reeve Neufeld

That the December 2016 Councillors' Honorarium and Expense Claims be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. h) Member At Large Expense Claims

MOTION FC-17-01-010

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the October, November and December 2016 Member at Large Expense Claims be received for information.

CARRIED

6. i) Cheque Lists

MOTION FC-17-01-011

MOVED by Reeve Neufeld

That the December 16, 2016 to January 12, 2017 Cheque lists be received for information.

CARRIED

6. j) MasterCard Statements

MOTION FC-17-01-012

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the December 2016 MasterCard Statements be received for information.

CARRIED

6. k) Bistcho Lake Cabins – Assessment Issue (Addition)

MOTION FC-17-01-013

MOVED by Reeve Neufeld

That the addition, Bistcho Lake Cabins – Assessment Issue be moved to the next Council meeting agenda.

CARRIED

**ADDITIONS TO
AGENDA:**

8. a) None

**NEXT MEETING
DATE:**

**9. a) March 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Corporate Office**

ADJOURNMENT:

10. a) Adjournment

MOTION FC-17-01-014

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by the Finance Committee on _____.

Peter Braun
Chair, Councillor

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
Title:	Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The minutes of the December 9, 2016 Land Stewardship Committee are attached.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Land Stewardship Committee meeting minutes of December 9, 2016 be received for information.

Author: H.Gavin **Reviewed by:** B.Peters **CAO:** L.Racher

MACKENZIE COUNTY
Land Stewardship Committee Meeting

Mackenzie County Office
La Crete, AB

Friday, December 9, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Joe Peters	Chair, LSC Member
Jacquie Bateman	Councilor, LSC Member
John W. Driedger	Councilor, LSC Member
Eric Jorgensen	Councilor, LSC Member
Josh Knelsen	Councilor, LSC Member
Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Mike Alsterlund	LSC Member
Ernie Dyck	LSC Member
George Fehr	LSC Member
Anthony Peters	LSC Member
Melody Wolansky	LSC Member, Town of High Level (joined via teleconference at 9:10 a.m.)

ADMINISTRATION:

Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
Hayley Gavin	Planner
Caitlin Smith	Development Officer/Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Lyle Duperron

MOTION

1. **Call to Order**

Joe Peters called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

LSC-16-12-017 **MOVED** by John W. Driedger

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of the following items:

9. a) Teleconference with Arnold Viersen, Member of Parliament
- b) Teleconference with Tom Nudds, Retired Professor, University of Guelph (If unavailable contact next meeting.)

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

LSC-16-12-018

MOVED by Josh Knelsen

That the minutes of the June 17, 2016 Land Stewardship Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business related to previous Minutes

Administration is asked to bring in more information specifically LIDAR regarding low lying areas once it becomes available.

LSC-16-12-019

MOVED by Eric Jorgensen

That Mackenzie County work with the provincial government to install more ground water monitoring stations within the County.

CARRIED

LSC-16-12-020

MOVED by Bill Neufeld

That the business relating to previous minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

5. Caribou Communities of Alberta News Release

Updated the committee on past Caribou efforts and what administration and Council are working towards now.

Joe Peters called a recess at 9:47 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

7. Woodland Caribou Update

- Mackenzie County needs to mediate with SARA (Species at Risk).
- We need range level planning for our area.
- CFIA should have information on the danger of bovine tuberculosis transfer between wood bison and woodland caribou.
- Trappers need to start sending in deceased animals and/or wildlife, corpses, samples to be tested for disease.

Joe Peters recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

8. **Alberta's Standing Committee on Economic Future
Written Submission**

Byron led the discussion on the submission.

9. **Administration Presentation and Committee
Discussion**

LSC-16-12-021

MOVED by Josh Knelsen

That administration looks into the process of making Mackenzie County an independent Wetland Mitigation Agent.

CARRIED

Joe Peters called a recess at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

Arnold Viersen, MP joined via teleconference at 12:26 p.m.

- Arnold discussed holistic management in Alberta's Industrial Heartland and Fort Saskatchewan.
- The province is looking into ecological integrity.
- Bovine Tuberculosis is not transferred between species.
- Arnold has not contacted First Nations regarding caribou.

Arnold Viersen, MP left at 12:38 p.m.

John W Driedger left at 1:19 p.m.

Bill Neufeld left at 1:21 p.m.

Joe Peters called a recess at 1:21 p.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

LSC-16-12-022

MOVED by Josh Knelsen

That administration contact ALUS with help from MARA and Grant Smith, Agricultural Supervisor.

CARRIED

Council would like photographic proof of the local wildlife movements from trappers.

LSC-16-12-023

MOVED by Eric Jorgensen

That administration contact Alberta Conservation Association to borrow the cameras used in past projects to capture wildlife in northern Alberta.

CARRIED

LSC-16-12-024

MOVED by Josh Knelsen

That administration contact Alberta Conservation Association to gain access to the photos taken in 2012.

CARRIED

8. MEETING DATES

- ❖ January 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Fort Vermilion

9. ADJOURNMENT

LSC-16-06-025

MOVED by Eric Jorgensen

That the Land Stewardship Committee Meeting be adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 20th day of January, 2017.

Joe Peters, Chair

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Zama City Vegetation Management project tenders be opened.

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Zama City Vegetation Management project be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.

Author: D. Roberts Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

Notice of Tender

Zama City Vegetation Management Project (Mulch, Thin & Prune 18.27 ha.)

Tender Closing is: **2:00:00 p.m. MST** on January 23, 2017.

The work to be undertaken generally involves, but is not necessarily limited to: Mulching, thinning & pruning 18.27 ha. (Fire Smart standards) in the hamlet of Zama City.

Tender packages can be picked up at Mackenzie County Offices in Fort Vermilion, Zama, High Level, and La Crete, Alberta

Mackenzie County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept any deemed most favorable to the County.

Please clearly state on the outside of the sealed envelope:

"Zama City Vegetation Management Project" Mackenzie County

4511-46 Avenue, Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB. T0H 1N0

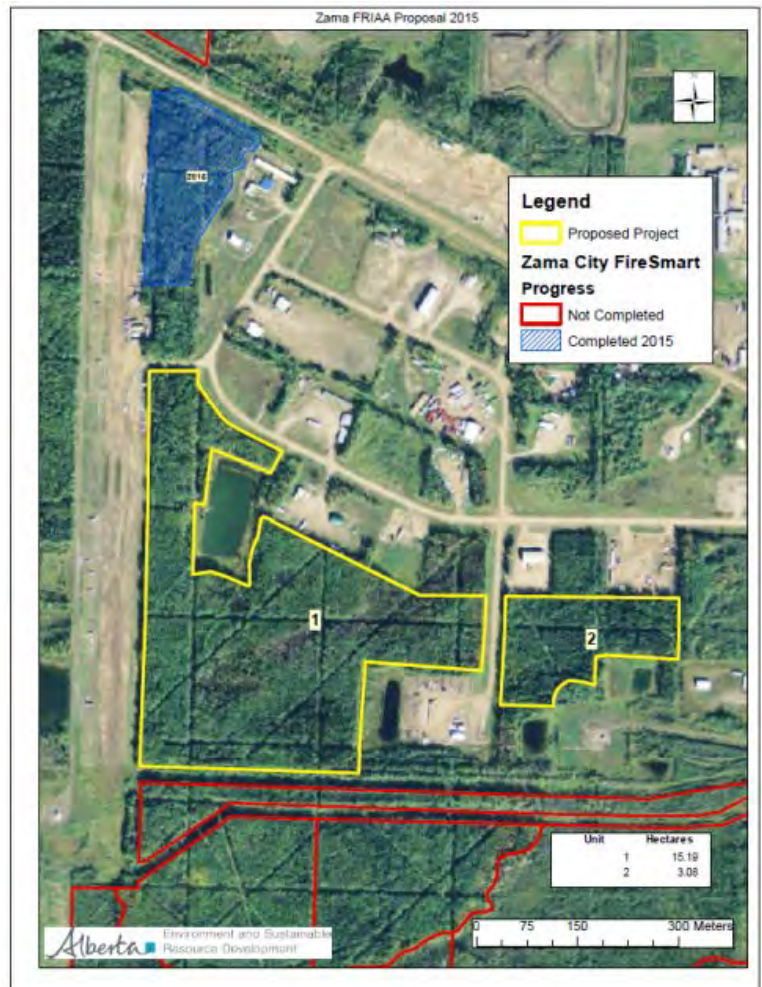
Tenders will be opened in public during the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

If you have questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact:

Don Roberts
Zama Site Manager
(W) 780 683-2378
(C) 780 841-5050
droberts@mackenziecounty.com



Mackenzie County





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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Ron Pelensky, Director of Community Services
Title:	TENDER 2017 Local Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling – (2:00 p.m.)

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

As per the 2017 approved operating budget administration prepared and advertised the 2017 Local Crushing & Stockpiling tender on the County website, Alberta Purchasing Connection, The Big Deal Bulletin, and the Echo Pioneer with a closing date of 2:00 PM on January 23, 2017.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Option 1:

That the 2017 Local Crushing & Stockpiling Tender be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder of each schedule while remaining in budget.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Funding:

To be funded from the approved 2017 operating budget of \$1,500,000.

Contract allows for Schedule C Tompkins to be a deletable pit.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

Author: J Batt **Reviewed by:** R Pelensky **CAO:** _____

COMMUNICATION:

Administration will notify all proponents of Councils decision.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the 2017 Local Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling tenders be opened.

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That administration reviews the 2017 Local Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling Tenders, and bring back a recommendation to the next Council meeting for awarding.

Author: J Batt **Reviewed by:** R Pelensky **CAO:** _____

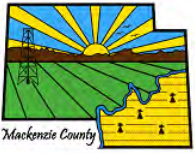


2017 Local Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling Tender

BIDDER	SUB-TOTAL FITLER SCHEDULE 'A'	SUB-TOTAL NORTH VERMILION SCHEDULE 'B'	SUB-TOTAL TOMPKINS SCHEDULE 'C' (deletable)	TOTAL BID PRICE

Opened by: _____

Witnessed by: _____



2017 Local Grave Crushing & Stockpiling Tender

BIDDER	SUB-TOTAL FITLER SCHEDULE 'A'	SUB-TOTAL NORTH VERMILION SCHEDULE 'B'	SUB-TOTAL TOMPKINS SCHEDULE 'C' (deletable)	TOTAL BID PRICE

Opened by: _____

Witnessed by: _____



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning and Development
Title:	PUBLIC HEARING Bylaw 1056-16 Municipal Reserve Partial Closure Plan 992 0893, Block 2, Lot 13 MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M)

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

On November 23, 2016, Bylaw 1056-16 was given first reading for a Municipal Reserve Closure Bylaw to cancel a portion of Plan 992 0893, Block 1, Lot 13MR, subject to public hearing input.

On August 13, 2016 administration brought forth concerns about the South La Crete drainage ditch which had been registered as a “Right-of-Way Plan” not a “Public Works Plan”. As it stands now, private individuals own the entire drainage ditch and the county has no legal rights to it.

Council made the following motion:

MOTION 16-08-599 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration proceed with registering the utility right of way on NE 3-106-15-W5M and NW 3-106-15-W5M.

CARRIED

Administration has started the process of registering the Right-of-Way as a Public Works Plan. In discussion with Alberta Land Titles a re-survey of the right-of-way will not be required. Correcting the issue can be completed by linking some new partial land transfers along with a letter to land titles explaining our intentions. Part of the process also involves removing the Municipal Reserve designation off of a piece of MR that runs into the remnant of NE 3-106-15-W5M. This must be done so that this portion of land can be consolidated into the “Public Works Plan”. Total lands requesting designation removal is 0.127 hectares (0.31 acres).

Author: L. Lambert **Reviewed by:** _____ **CAO:** _____

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

This bylaw is for the closure/discharge of that portion of MR within the drainage ditch “right-of-way plan”. This small portion of Municipal Reserve is not required for the original intention of being a boundary buffer. The drainage ditch in its self is a sufficient buffer. Removing the MR designation will allow for the drainage ditch plan to be registered properly with land titles.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Operating funds

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

The Sustainability Plan does not address Municipal Reserve discharges in the Municipality. As such, the proposed bylaw neither supports nor contradicts the Sustainability Plan.

COMMUNICATION:

The bylaw was advertised as per Municipal Government Act requirements as well as all adjacent landowners received written notification.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion 1

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1056-16, being a Municipal Reserve Closure Bylaw to cancel a portion of Plan 992 0893, Block 1, Lot 13MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M).

Motion 2

- Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1056-16, being a Municipal Reserve Closure Bylaw to cancel a portion of Plan 992 0893, Block 1, Lot 13MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M).

Author: L. Lambert Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

Mackenzie County

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT

BYLAW 1056-16

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 and present his submission.

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

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

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

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

_____ This Hearing is now closed at _____.

REMARKS/COMMENTS:

BYLAW NO. 1056-16
BEING A BYLAW OF
MACKENZIE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING A PORTION OF
MUNICIPAL RESERVE LOT BEING
PART OF PLAN 992 0893, BLOCK 1, LOT 13MR
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 671, 674, AND 675 OF THE
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, CHAPTER M-26
REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA 2000

WHEREAS, Council of Mackenzie County has determined that a portion of the Municipal Reserve property, as outlined on Schedule "A" attached hereto, be subject to closure and consolidation, and

WHEREAS, notice of intention of Council to pass a bylaw will be published in a locally circulated newspaper and notify adjacent landowners in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF MACKENZIE COUNTY DOES HEREBY CLOSE AND CONSOLIDATE THE MUNICIPAL RESERVE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF ACCESS GRANTED BY OTHER LEGISLATION OR REGULATIONS:

Part of Plan 992 0893
Block 1
Lot 13MR
Containing 0.127 hectares (0.313 acres) more or less
Excepting thereout all mines and minerals

READ a first time this 23rd day of November, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING held this ____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a third time and finally passed this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

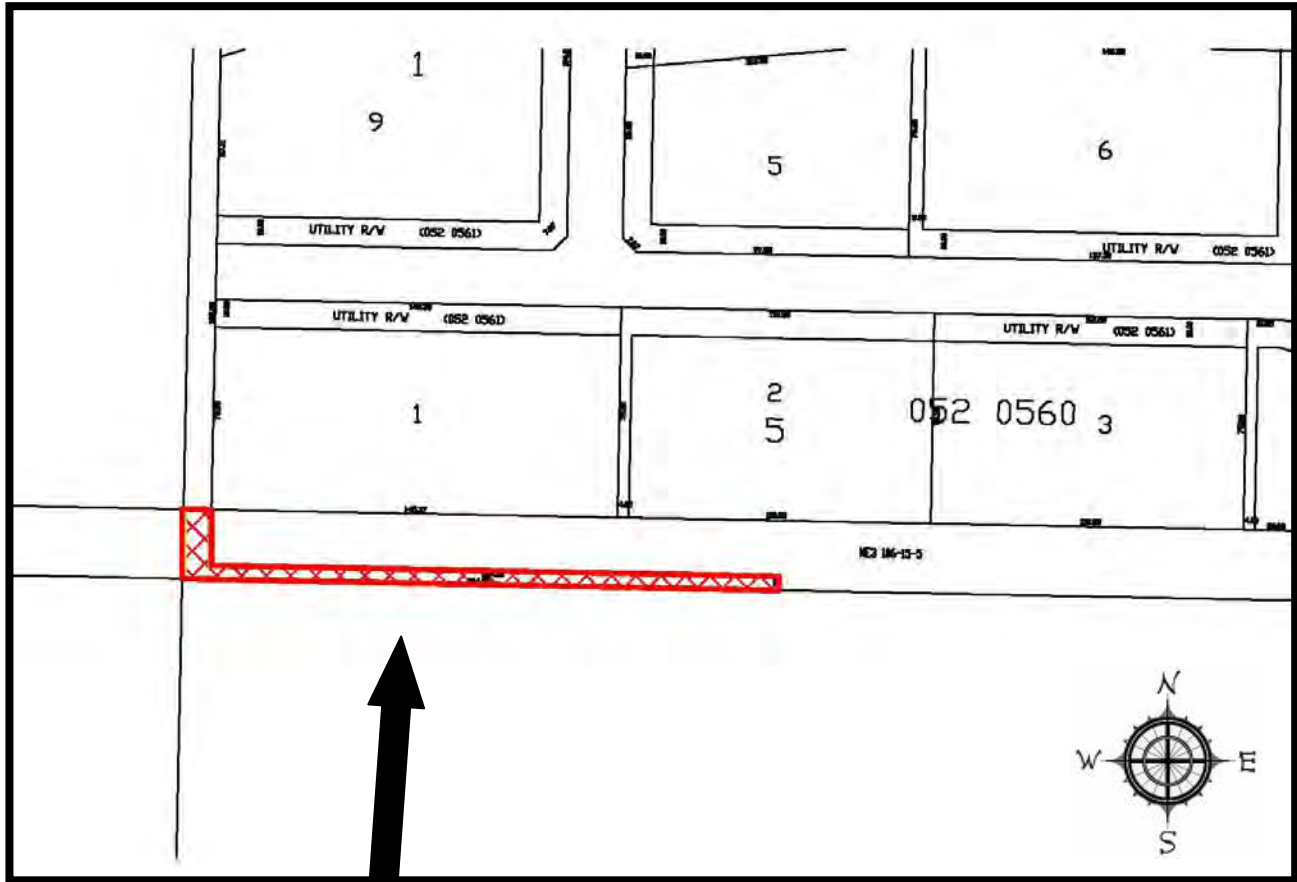
Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. 1056-16

SCHEDULE "A"

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

Part of Plan 992 0893, Block 1, Lot 13MR be closed and consolidated into a Public Works Plan



BYLAW 1056-16



NOT TO SCALE

File No. Bylaw 1056-16

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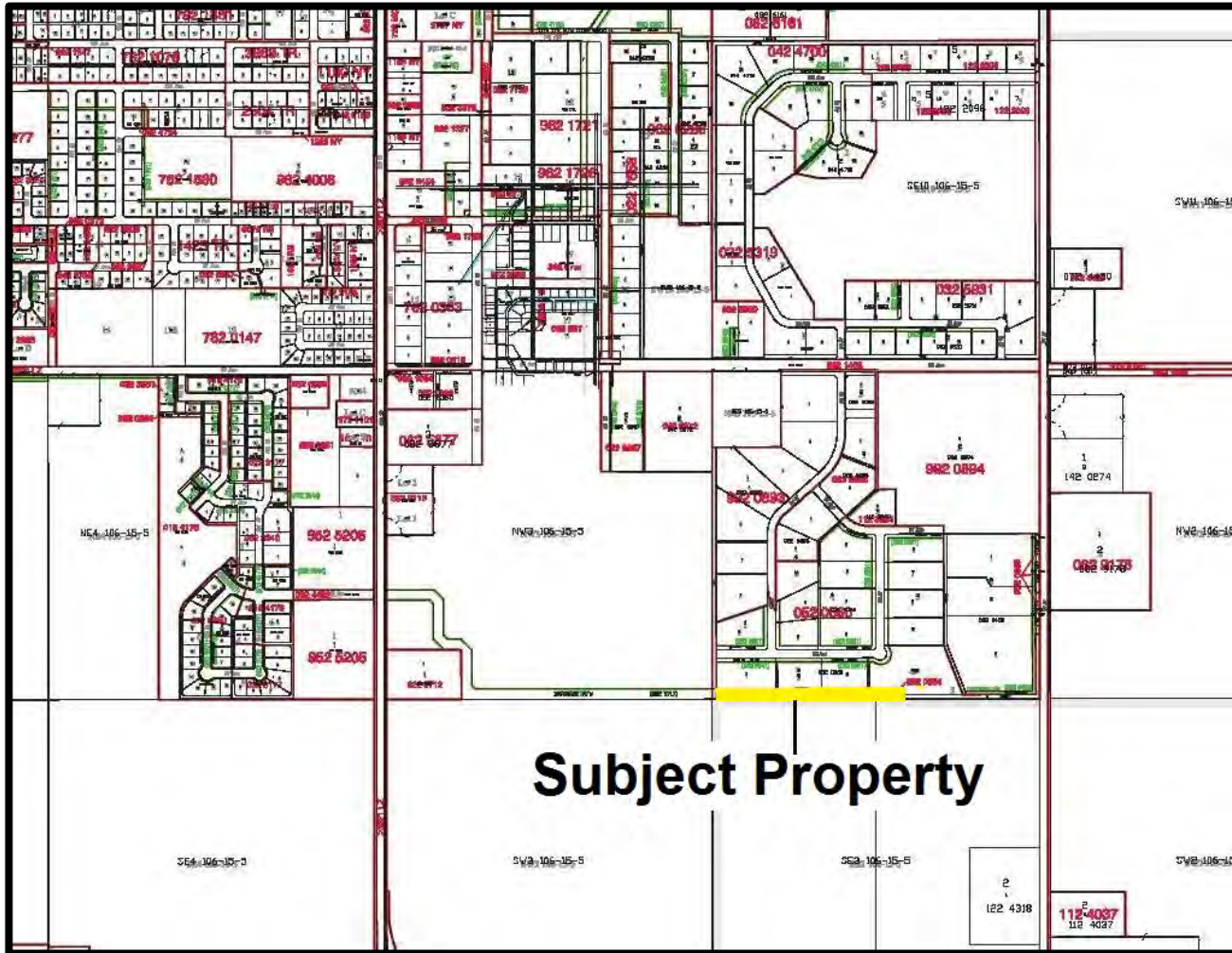
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Mackenzie County



APPLICATION



Subject Property

File No. **Bylaw 1056-16**

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Mackenzie County

SPORTS REPORT

SPORTS & RECREATION NEWS FROM THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE REGION

Fort Vermilion Soccer Team brings home gold following Divisional Grande Prairie tournament

Lisa Neufeld

The Fort Vermilion soccer team headed out to Grande Prairie on Friday, January 13, 2017 to play in the Recreation Division Grande Prairie Red Eye Soccer Tournament.

Eleven players headed out to Grande Prairie to play in the tournament.

The first game for the Fort Vermilion team took place at midnight against the Grande Prairie Honey Badgers. Fort Vermilion won game one in a landslide by a final score of 12-1.

Saturday morning, Fort Vermilion faced off against the Stony Plain Rebels. Fort Vermilion outplayed Stony Plain and walked away with another win shutting out the Rebels 6-0.

In the final game on Sunday, being undefeated, the Fort Vermilion Soccer Team

once again faced off against the Stony Plain Rebels.

This time the score was a little closer than the first match but Fort Vermilion once again defeated Stony Plain with a final score of 4-1 to win gold.

According to John Acreman, Recreation Director for La Crete, this is the first time the soccer team has won gold in a tournament.

Acreman hosts a drop in soccer program twice a week in La Crete for anyone interested in playing. There is no cost to play.

Drop in soccer takes place every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Elementary School and on Sundays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at La Crete Public School.



The Fort Vermilion Soccer Team Won gold at the Recreation Division Grande Prairie Red Eye Soccer Tournament on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

Pictured above back row left to right: Ryan Neufeld, John Acreman, Clinton Edwards, Reggie White, Dave Fehr, Reuben Wiebe, John Paul Ukatu, Jon Hache.

Front row left to right: Kevin Neufeld, Jannio Osorio (GK), John MacGilvray.

LEGALS, PUBLIC NOTICES, TENDERS, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, REAL ESTATE...



NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE

Employment Opportunity

Northern Lakes College is a publically governed Comprehensive Community Institution (CCI) with 23 campuses and 5 cap sites, located in 50 communities across northern Alberta. Diploma and certificate programs include academic upgrading, business administration, office administration, health sciences and human services, trades and technology, university studies, and a variety of continuing education and corporate training certificates and courses. We support and promote professional development and wellness opportunities, and provide our employees with an attractive benefits plan and competitive salaries. The college's service region offers numerous recreational activities for the entire family to enjoy!

Northern Lakes College has the following position available at the *Peace River Correctional Centre*:

Coordinator, Academic Upgrading
Reference #NLC-1580HL
Salary Range: \$62,977 to \$96,716 per year
Location: Peace River Correctional Centre

Qualifications:

- B.Ed. or eligibility for an Alberta Teaching Certificate
- Specialization in two or more core subject areas
- 3-5 years' experience in education
- Clean Criminal Record Check is required prior to hiring
- Driver's License.

Assets:

- Knowledge and experience working with students with individual learning needs
- Adult Education training
- Leadership training
- Conflict management training.

For complete details on this employment opportunity, visit us online at: www.northernlakescollege.ca click on Careers at NLC or email resume to: resumes@northernlakescollege.ca

Please submit a resume quoting the reference number NLC-1580HL to: Northern Lakes College, Human Resources, 1201 Main Street SE, Slave Lake, Alberta T0G 2A3. Fax: (780) 849-5881 or Apply on line.

Closing Date: January 27, 2017

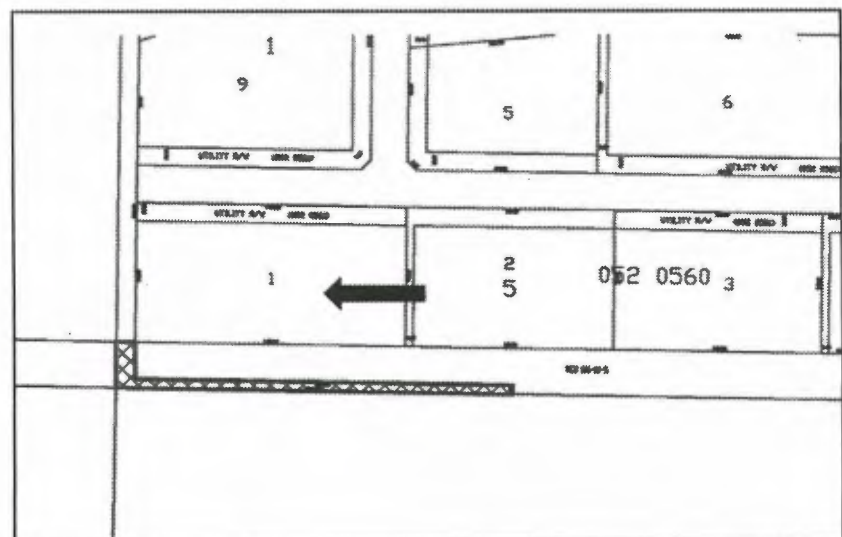
Northern Lakes College thanks all applicants for their interest in employment; however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE FOR THE ECHO-PIONEER IS FRIDAYS AT NOON.

Notice of Public Hearing PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 1056-16

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta, notice is hereby given that the Council of Mackenzie County will hold a public hearing prior to the second reading of Bylaw No. 1056-16. The proposed amendment is:

Part of Plan 992 0893, Block 1, Lot 13MR be closed and consolidated into a Public Works Plan as shown:



The Public Hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2017 in the Mackenzie County Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion (4511-46 Avenue). The proposed bylaw may be viewed at any Mackenzie County office during regular office hours.

Please submit written submissions to prior to 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017 to:



Mackenzie County

Planning and Development Department
Mackenzie County
Box 640, Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0
Phone: 780.927.3718 or 780.928.3983
Fax: 780.927.4266



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning and Development
Title:	Species at Risk Committee Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

At the November 2, 2016 Tri-Council meeting between Mackenzie County, the Town of High Level and the Town of Rainbow Lake; Motion 22-16 was carried by consensus:

‘That each municipality put two elected officials names forward to develop a strategic plan for Species at Risk for the Northwest part of Alberta.’

Further to this; Motion 23-16 was carried by consensus:

‘That the Tri-Council has the same three messages when talking about Species at Risk. THAT these three points are; the need to complete a socio-economic study, ensuring engagement with stakeholders occurs at the beginning of the process and that Northwest Alberta has enough protected land.’

On November 30, 2016, Mackenzie County, the County of Northern Lights, the Town of High Level and the Town of Rainbow Lake participated in the first Species at Risk Committee meeting. During this meeting seven caribou range planning sub-committees were created; to enable the committee to work diligently towards engaging as many relevant affected stakeholders as possible.

On December 8, 2016, administration from Mackenzie County, the Town of High Level and the Town of Rainbow Lake met to discuss the committee’s Terms of Reference. We agreed upon:

1. Consolidating the seven sub-committees down to four sub-committees.
2. Mackenzie County’s administration was to draft the Terms of Reference; to circulate the initial draft for administration comment and revisions, and then to recirculate the final version with all respective Council’s for a decision.

Author: H.Gavin **Reviewed by:** B.Peters **CAO:** L.Racher

All four municipalities are taking this Terms of Reference to their respective Councils for a decision week commencing January 23, 2017.

Also worth noting, the decision to formally name the Committee is an agenda item at the next meeting scheduled on January 30, 2017. At present, the name is the Lower Peace Regional Stewardship Committee.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Not Applicable

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not Applicable

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

Not Applicable

COMMUNICATION:

As Required

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Lower Peace Regional Stewardship Committee Terms of Reference be approved in principle as presented; to allow for minor future amendments, should any arise from any of the four municipalities.

Author: H.Gavin **Reviewed by:** B.Peters **CAO:** L.Racher

TERMS OF REFERENCE

LOWER PEACE REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Background:

The Lower Peace Region of Alberta encompasses high economic development value in a variety of natural resource sectors. Notwithstanding this, the region is requested to carry the highest burden of environmental protection of any other region within Alberta.

Current and proposed Provincial policy and strategies requires the Lower Peace Region to subsidize economic activity in other regions; to allow, both, the Federal and Provincial governments to achieve conservation targets for the natural environment. Cumulatively, multiple conservation initiatives and species at risk recovery strategies have the ability to negatively impact the rural communities of the Lower Peace Region.

We, the local tenants of the Lower Peace Region have collaborated; in an attempt to secure smart economic growth, a sustained quality of life, and well-balanced environmental protection for our future generations. Through the use of optimal adaptive management, transparent stakeholder engagement, and effective environmental stewardship; we endeavour to achieve this purpose.

Purpose:

To collectively provide and share information, ideas and resources; relating to the continued and future prosperity of the Lower Peace Region. Instill effective regional adaptive management and transparency which allows all stakeholders to play a vital role in shaping our collective future. Develop tangible solutions founded upon an evidence-based approach, to ensure a balance of smart economic growth, a sustained quality of life, and an enhanced natural environment; for all of our businesses, communities and wildlife.

Responsibilities:

To ensure that any impending species recovery or conservation initiative, that has the ability to implicate the smart growth of the Lower Peace Region; is prefaced with a thorough regional socio-economic impact analysis.

To proactively work with all other levels of Government including the First Nations; to create well-balanced working groups with key stakeholders relevant to impending conservation areas and species recovery.

Emphasizing that, the Lower Peace Region currently encompasses a vast amount of protected lands. Impending species recovery and conservation initiatives should aim to enhance the value of these areas for species at risk recovery and biodiversity, rather than seeking to protect unjustifiable additional areas of land.

Structure:

Two councillors and an alternate appointed by each of the founding municipalities.

Alternates may attend all meetings.

Founding municipalities consist of:

- County of Northern Lights
- Mackenzie County
- Town of High Level
- Town of Rainbow Lake

Mackenzie County is the administrative lead for the committee, with administrative support from each of the founding municipalities.

The administrative lead will prepare and provide the agenda for all meetings.

Meetings are open to the public as per Section 197 and Section 198 of the Municipal Government Act.

Meetings may, in part, be closed to the public if matters to be addressed are recognized under; Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, and/or Division 2 – Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The committee shall pursue grant opportunities to fund any larger projects, with Mackenzie County as the grant sponsor and/or lead.

Quorum and Costs:

Decisions shall be reached by consensus, consisting of two appointed members from each of the founding municipalities. Alternates shall not be considered for consensus unless standing in for an appointed member.

Meetings shall be hosted by the Town of High Level, at the Town of High Level Office.

Meeting costs will be shared by the founding municipalities.

Each Municipality and other delegates are expected to cover the costs of their members. Additional costs, such as those derived from Committee motions, will be subject to additional discussion and approval from each of the founding municipalities.

Decisions made by the committee are binding on all municipalities.

Communication:

An electronic data sharing forum will be created and maintained, with access for all of the Committee members.

Meetings will be scheduled quarterly, or as required by the Chair.

CARIBOU RANGE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEES

First Nations Engagement

Committee Members: Crystal McAteer
Eric Jorgensen
Leigh Bateman

Purpose: To engage all local Indigenous communities in a manner that is clearly represented as transparent engagement, rather than consultation.

Key Considerations: To determine what each community would consider as acceptable land use management.

To learn how each community plans to sustain/become economically and socially viable over the longer-term.

To determine what role each community is willing to play in ensuring the long-term enhancement and existence of our boreal ecosystems.

Federal and Provincial Government Engagement

Committee Members: Crystal McAteer Eric Jorgensen
Lisa Wardley Chris Mitchell
Terry Ungarian Mike Morgan

Purpose: To engage the Federal and Provincial governments on matters within their jurisdiction; including action under the Species at Risk Act, cumulative effects of multiple recovery strategies and environmental initiatives, and [their] implementation in response to legislation.

Key Considerations: Engage the Government of Alberta at the political level; to seek a written commitment to working with the key stakeholders of Northwestern Alberta in the development of all future land-use planning documents.

Engage the Government of Alberta at the bureaucratic level; with a view to ensure our collective voice is heard, and to ensure our participation in all future land-use planning processes.

Engage the Federal government to reiterate to the Government of Alberta that;

- There is flexibility in meeting their October 2017 timeline for Caribou Range Plans;
- To name all the municipalities of the Lower Peace Region as key stakeholders, which are required to be engaged;

- To mandatorily bring all key stakeholders together for the development of interjurisdictional Caribou Range Plans.

Industry Engagement Oil & Gas and Forestry

Committee Members: Lisa Wardley Eric Jorgensen
 Leigh Bateman Terry Ungarian
 Jacquie Bateman Crystal McAteer

Purpose: To engage all the oil, gas and forestry companies actively operating within the Lower Peace Region; to encourage transparent communication, with a view to informing [them] on the potential implications of Caribou Range Planning, and to gain a full understanding of their key concerns.

Key Considerations: To encourage all the companies to work collectively with all other stakeholders; communicating that effective collaboration is our only option in securing future investment, economic growth, and practical Caribou Range Plans.

Inform the companies on the factual processes and considerations of Caribou Range Planning, and to highlight all the crucial unknowns and/or uncertainties relating to potential implications.

To gain a complete understanding of the land and infrastructure required by the companies; to enable [their] sustained long-term smart economic growth, within and surrounding the Caribou ranges.

Community, Agriculture, and Service Industry Engagement

Committee Members: Eric Jorgensen Jacquie Bateman
 Terry Ungarian Leigh Bateman
 Crystal McAteer

Purpose: To ensure appropriate information is provided publicly to all members of our communities, and to work with our agriculture, hunting/trapping and small business sectors; to ensure their concerns are fully considered by the Committee, and any relevant willingness to contribute is thoroughly considered.

Key Considerations: To encourage all the sectors to work collectively with all other stakeholders; communicating that effective collaboration is our only option in securing future investment, economic growth, a sustained quality of life, and practical Caribou Range Plans.

Inform all sectors on the factual processes and considerations of Caribou Range Planning, and to highlight all the crucial unknowns and/or uncertainties relating to potential implications.

To ensure all relevant concerns are brought to the Committee's attention, if necessary, to reassure concerned sectors that future consideration will be given; in an attempt to mitigate the implications of these concerns in future Caribou Range Plans.

Any relevant willingness to contribute towards the Committee's fundamental purpose and responsibilities should be thoroughly considered.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S OVERALL DIRECTION

Process:

Every Sub-Committee, through their administrative support, will report back to the administrative lead with information acquired from all meetings, in a very timely manner. The administrative lead will be responsible for processing all information, and providing strategic recommendations to the Committee.

Responsibilities:

Every Sub-Committee must ensure that administrative support is present for all meetings.

Strategic Direction:

Every Sub-Committee should ensure that all meetings are guided by the applicable key considerations; this will allow for information and findings acquired at meetings to contribute towards the Committee's fundamental purpose and responsibilities. Thus allows for any commitment and/or willingness to contribute by stakeholders, including the Federal and Provincial governments; provides essential support to the Committee's outputs.



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services
Title:	Fort Vermilion and La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committees – Member at Large Appointments

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The County advertised for public members to sit on the Fort Vermilion and La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committees. A copy of the advertisement is attached.

There were some misunderstandings administratively regarding members currently sitting on the Committees (which have not been officially appointed by Council) and resulted in the advertisement being released requesting only two members for each committee instead of the 7 – 9 members listed in the Terms of Reference.

Committee Structure:

There will be two committees, one each for Fort Vermilion and La Crete.

The committees will be chaired by a local County Councillor, and be otherwise comprised of community members representing a variety of groups and interests. The goal is to have 7 to 9 community members on the committee, representing diverse interests such as: Business and Industry; Cultural Heritage; Environmental Conservation; Active Living; Universal Accessibility; Public Safety; Stakeholder Engagement.

Administration is recommending that the current members participating in these two Committees be officially appointed by Council. No new applications have been received for either Committee.

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The following community members are currently sitting on the Committees:

La Crete Community Streetscape Committee	Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Committee
John Acreman Bill Driedger (does not wish to continue) Tim Driedger Darryl Friesen Mike Janzen Ray Wiebe	Danny Friesen Charles La Forge Martin Stanners <i>Members appointed January 9, 2017</i> Erick Carter Sarah Schmidt Chair/Designate – Fort Vermilion Board of Trade

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

Individuals will be notified of their appointments. Administration will re-advertise the remaining positions for both Committees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the following community members be appointed to the Community Streetscape Implementation Committees:

La Crete Community Streetscape Committee	Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Committee
John Acreman Tim Driedger Darryl Friesen Mike Janzen Ray Wiebe	Danny Friesen Charles La Forge Martin Stanners

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Community Infrastructure & Municipal Services

COMMUNITY STREETSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Purpose:

Streetscape and façade design guidelines that established a framework for infrastructure improvements and future development were approved in May 2016. The design concepts require a long-term implementation plan for each community. The plan will be created by the County with ongoing input from the Community Streetscape Implementation Committee in each community.

In La Crete, the area encompasses the 100 Street corridor and the downtown. The guidelines create complementary standards for the four-lane, undivided commercial roadway and an improved downtown fabric.

For Fort Vermilion, the vision is to build on the existing character and heritage of the community through design standards for River Road and its adjacent downtown area.

The primary role of the Committee is to make recommendations to Council regarding implementation of streetscape improvements.

Committee Structure:

There will be two committees, one each for Fort Vermilion and La Crete.

The committees will be chaired by a local County Councillor, and be otherwise comprised of community members representing a variety of groups and interests. The goal is to have 7 to 9 community members on the committee, representing diverse interests such as: Business and Industry; Cultural Heritage; Environmental Conservation; Active Living; Universal Accessibility; Public Safety; Stakeholder Engagement.

The Committee will appoint its own Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

The Councillor appointed by Council, and an overall majority of members at large present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Director of Planning & Development or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council, in an advisory capacity, on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule & Remuneration:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work, anticipating four (4) to six (6) meetings per year. Meetings will typically be held at the County office in the applicable community.

Committee members shall not receive remuneration for their appointment to the committee.

General Responsibilities:

The Committee shall:

- Identify priorities
- Advise on implementation strategies and sequence
- Assist in identifying and creating community partnerships
- Promote the adoption of the façade standards with private developers
- Provide local knowledge to further inform design details

Responsible for review of all Bylaws/Documents relating to:

- None

Approved External Activities:

- None

(approved 2016-07-12)

Board and committee positions

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (1 position)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill one (1) position from the public at large, on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Appointments to the Board are for a one-year term.

It is the responsibility of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board to hear all information relating to a subdivision or development appeal at the local level. The Board meets as necessary to hear appeals of subdivisions and development.

Fort Vermilion and La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committees (2 positions on each committee)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill two (2) positions from the public at large, on the Fort Vermilion and the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committees. Appointments to the Committees are for a one-year term, anticipating four (4) to (6) meetings per year.

The Committee's role is to make recommendation to Council regarding implementation of streetscape improvements. Community members on the committees will be representing diverse interests such as: Business and Industry; Cultural Heritage; Environmental Conservation; Active Living; Universal Accessibility; Public Safety; Stakeholder Engagement.

Please note that Streetscape Committee members are not eligible to receive remuneration or expense reimbursement.

Appointments to the Board

All appointments will be made by County Council. Members-at-large, appointed to council committees, are paid a per diem according to the current Honorarium and Expense bylaw (unless otherwise stated).



Waste transfer station holiday hours

Due to the Christmas holidays some changes have been made to the hours of the Waste Transfer Stations depending on their current operational days.

Blue Hills Waste Transfer Station

December 24 10 am—4 pm
December 29 9 am—1 pm
December 31 10 am—4 pm

Buffalo Head Prairie Waste Transfer Station

December 24 12 pm—4 pm
December 27 CLOSED
December 29 4 pm—8 pm
December 31 12 pm—4 pm

La Crete Waste Transfer Station

December 24 8 am—4 pm
December 26 CLOSED
December 28 2 pm—8 pm
December 29 8 am—2 pm
December 31 8 am—4 pm

Blumenort Waste Transfer Station

December 24 12 pm—4 pm
December 27 CLOSED
December 28 2 pm—8 pm
December 31 12 pm—4 pm

Fort Vermilion Waste Transfer Station

December 24 10 am—4 pm
December 27 9 am—1 pm
December 29 4 pm—8 pm
December 31 10 am—4 pm

Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station

December 24 12 pm—4 pm
December 28 12 pm—6 pm
December 31 12 pm—4 pm

Zama Waste Transfer Station

December 24 2 pm—4 pm
December 27 4 pm—8 pm
December 29 4 pm—8 pm
December 31 2 pm—4 pm

Regular days and hours will resume in January 2017.



Application Process

To apply, please complete the Member at Large Application Form (available at any County Office or on our website) and forward to:

Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services
Mackenzie County, P.O. Box 640, Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0

Email: cgabriel@mackenziecounty.com
Fax: 780.927.4266

In order to qualify, you must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to attend daytime meetings.

Deadline for applications is Tuesday, January 3, 2017.



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	La Crete Recreation Society – Request for Letter of Support

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

See attached request for a letter of support for the La Crete Recreation Society's dressing room expansion project.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That a letter of support be sent to the La Crete Recreation Society to apply for grant funding under the Community Facility Enhancement Program for the dressing room expansion to the Northern Lights Recreation Centre.

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La Crete Recreation Society

*P.O. Box 29 La Crete AB T0H 2H0 10201-99 Avenue
P:(780) 928-3066 C:(780) 926-0503 F:(780) 928-3022
www.nlreccenter.com
arenam@telus.net*

NORTHERN LIGHTS REC. CENTER



January 19, 2017

Mackenzie County Council
P.O. Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

Dear Councilors:

RE: Letter of Support for a CFEP Grant Application

The La Crete Recreation Society is applying for a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant to assist in a dressing room expansion to the Northern Lights Recreation Centre in La Crete. The Mackenzie County recently approved funding of the addition up to \$100,000 and the Recreation Society is looking to use these funds in a matching grant for this project.

A letter of support is required in the application process and we thank you for your continued support in improving this facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Darlene Bergen'.

Darlene Bergen
Grant Assistant



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	2017 Budget Amendments

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Administration is requesting to add the following 3 projects to the 2017 Budget.

1. Mackenzie County was approved for 2 FRIAA FIRESMART PROGRAM grant funded projects;

- *Zama Mitigation Plan with grant funding to \$25,000*
- *Zama Vegetation Management with grant funding to \$149,400*

Both of these projects will be 100% funded with granting dollars, and administration is requesting it to be added to the 2017 Non-TCA projects.

2. Alberta Transportation approved 100% funding for \$48,780 for Ditching Improvements on the Rocky Lane Road within Boyer River IR 164.
3. The Finance Committee requested that the New Tanker/Pumper for Tompkins be added back into the 2017 TCA Projects as \$250,000 was to be funded from reserve designated for this project and the remaining \$135,000 from MSI funding.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Benefit: Projects benefit Mackenzie County at no cost.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

FRIAA FIRESMART PROGRAM will be funded 100% with the two grants of \$25,000 and \$149,400.

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Alberta Transportation Ditching Improvements on Rocky Lane Road will be funded 100% in the amount of \$48,780 by Alberta Transportation.

The New Tanker/Pumper (Tompkins) will be funded \$250,000 from designated reserve and \$135,000 from MSI funding.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION #1

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Zama FIRESMART Programs for \$169,400 be added to the 2017 Budget, with funding coming from the FRIAA FIRESMART PROGRAM grant.

MOTION #2

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Ditching Improvements - Rocky Lane Road for \$48,780 be added to the 2017 Budget, with funding coming from Alberta Transportation.

MOTION #3

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the New Tanker/Pumper (Tompkins) for \$385,000 be added to the 2017 Budget, with funding coming from the designated reserve (\$250,000) and Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding (\$135,000).

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Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Requests for Reduction in Taxes

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council requested administration to look further into reasoning of repeat reductions being brought to Council.

MOTION 16-09-648 **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That administration contacts the assessor and have the repeat Tax Roll reductions reassessed.

CARRIED

The 2006-2013 Tax Rate Bylaws stated there was a minimum tax levy as follows:

- \$200 Vacant Hamlet Residential
- \$400 Vacant Hamlet Non-Residential

The 2014 Tax Rate Bylaw (951-14) stated there was a minimum tax levy as follows:

- \$200 Vacant Hamlet Residential
- \$400 Vacant Hamlet Non-Residential
- \$35 Farmland

The 2015 Tax Rate Bylaw (992-15) stated there was a minimum tax levy as follows:

- \$200 Residential
- \$400 Non-Residential
- \$35 Farmland

In 2015 this meant that anyone owning residential land that is assessed as Vacant Hamlet Residential or Vacant Residential etc. will be charged a minimum levy of \$200. In previous years Vacant Residential properties were not included in this minimum tax levy. This change has triggered a number of letters and requests to reduce the

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minimum tax levy and/or exempt their levy for 2015. Ratepayers were told to submit their request annually for this reduction.

There is no background information available as to the reason for the removal of the "Vacant Hamlet" wording in the 2015 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Attached is a list of 2015 and 2016 requests to Council for tax reductions.

Below is an example of a Vacant Residential Notice for 2014-2015 to see the change in minimum tax applied to that assessment code.

2014

QTR;SEC;TWP;RGE;M		LOT;BLOCK;PLAN		Civic Address		Acres
		06 .02 .20SETT				0.23000
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION						
Assessment	Land	Buildings	Other	Exempt	Total Taxable	
Vacant Residential	\$2,570				\$2,570.00	
Totals:	\$2,570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,570.00	
TAX INFORMATION						
Property Tax	Tax Rate	Total	School Tax	Rate	Total	
Lodge Requisition	0.000200	\$0.51	School Residential	0.002360	\$6.07	
Municipal Residential	0.007454	\$19.16	Public School 100.00%			
			Separate School 0.00%			
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES:					\$19.67	
TOTAL SCHOOL TAXES:					\$6.07	
TOTAL CURRENT TAXES:					\$25.74	

2015

QTR;SEC;TWP;RGE;M		LOT;BLOCK;PLAN		Civic Address		Acres
		06 .02 .20SETT				0.23000
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION						
Assessment	Land	Buildings	Other	Exempt	Total Taxable	
Vacant Residential	\$2,570				\$2,570.00	
Totals:	\$2,570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,570.00	
TAX INFORMATION						
Property Tax	Tax Rate	Total	School Tax	Rate	Total	
Lodge Requisition	0.000305	\$0.78	School Residential	0.002201	\$5.66	
Municipal Residential	0.007508	\$200.00	Public School 100.00%			
			Separate School 0.00%			
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES:					\$200.78	
TOTAL SCHOOL TAXES:					\$5.66	
TOTAL CURRENT TAXES:					\$206.44	

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Below is an example of a Vacant Hamlet Residential Notice for 2014-2015 to see there is no change in minimum tax levy for that assessment code.

2014

QTR;SEC;TWP;RGE;M	LOT;BLOCK;PLAN		Civic Address	Acres	
	12 ,04 ,FORTVER			2.00000	
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION					
Assessment	Land	Buildings	Other	Exempt	Total Taxable
Vacant Residential - Ham	\$6,160				\$6,160.00
Totals:	\$6,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,160.00
TAX INFORMATION					
Property Tax	Tax Rate	Total	School Tax	Rate	Total
Lodge Requisition	0.000200	\$1.23	School Residential	0.002360	\$14.54
Municipal Residential Vaca	0.007454	\$200.00	Public School 100.00%		
			Separate School 0.00%		
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES:					\$201.23
TOTAL SCHOOL TAXES:					\$14.54
TOTAL CURRENT TAXES:					\$215.77

2015

QTR;SEC;TWP;RGE;M	LOT;BLOCK;PLAN		Civic Address	Acres	
	12 ,04 ,FORTVER			2.00000	
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION					
Assessment	Land	Buildings	Other	Exempt	Total Taxable
Vacant Residential - Ham	\$6,160				\$6,160.00
Totals:	\$6,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,160.00
TAX INFORMATION					
Property Tax	Tax Rate	Total	School Tax	Rate	Total
Lodge Requisition	0.000305	\$1.88	School Residential	0.002201	\$13.56
Municipal Residential Vaca	0.007508	\$200.00	Public School 100.00%		
			Separate School 0.00%		
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES:					\$201.88
TOTAL SCHOOL TAXES:					\$13.56
TOTAL CURRENT TAXES:					\$215.44

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

MGA Section 347(1) If a council considers it equitable to do so, it may, generally or with respect to a particular taxable property or business or a class of taxable property or business, do one or more of the following, with or without conditions:

- (a) cancel or reduce tax arrears;
- (b) cancel or refund all or part of a tax;
- (c) defer the collection of a tax.

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Section 347(1) is the authority that Council is making these decisions annually to reduce, refund or defer taxes. A reduction in taxes cannot be carried forward or rolled over into future years.

Municipal Affairs was contacted and we were advised that every year is a new levy and a new Bylaw for property tax is passed by Council. If there is concern with the minimum tax levy being applied to all residential properties that are assessed as so; then council needs to decide where the minimum tax levy is applied and to what criteria. For example adding the minimum farmland in 2014 and changing the “vacant hamlet” residential to “all” residential.

Option 1

Make changes to the 2017 tax rate bylaw regarding the minimum tax levy with a Schedule to exclude lake side properties (ie. Bistcho Lake, Carcajou). *The tax rate bylaw is brought forward in early April to be passed by Council.*

Option 2

Continue to receive written requests from ratepayers annually to request a reduction in taxes.

Option 3

Administration can bring forward a list annually identifying all properties requesting a tax reduction (June of each year) for consideration by Council.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Annual Operating Budget.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

For discussion.

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Mackenzie County

GL Code	Assessment Code	Description	Assessment Class
01-111	101	Farm Res/Site	Res
01-111	102	Residential Imp/Site	Res
01-111	103	Vacant Residential	Res
01-111	104	Res Imp/Site Nil RAP	Res
01-111	105	Vacant Residential - Hamlet	Res
01-114	141	Grazing Lease Detail	Res
01-114	151	Farmland	Res
01-112	200	Railway R of W	Non
01-112	202	Commercial Imp/Site	Non
01-113	203	Industrial Imp/Site	Non
01-112	252	Commercial Vacant	Non
01-113	253	Industrial Vacant	Non
01-113	255	Industrial Vacant - Hamlet	Non
01-113	256	Vacant Commercial - Hamlet	Non
01-113	401	Proc. Man'fac Building	Non
01-115	402	Machinery/Equipment	M&E
01-192	501	Pipelines/Wells Linear	Non
01-191	502	Electric Power Systems Linear	Non
01-194	503	Telecomm. Systems Linear	Non
01-193	504	Cable Television System Linear	Non
01-191	505	Electric Power Generation	Gen
01-230	601	Federal MV GIL	Res
01-240	603	Provincial MV GIL	Res
01-111	605	AMHC MV GIL	Res
01-111	609	Seniors Self Contain	Sen
01-241	641	Provincial Grazing Reserve AUV	Res
01-230	701	Federal MV GIL	Non
01-240	703	Provincial MV GIL	Non
01-230	707	CBC MV GIL	Non
00-000	801	Federal MV Exempt	Exe
00-000	802	M & E Exempt	Exe
00-000	803	Provincial MV Exempt	Exe
00-000	804	Religion	Exe
00-000	806	Cemetary Exempt	Exe
00-000	807	Seniors Lodge	Exe
00-000	808	School	Exe
00-000	809	Misc. Exempt MV	Exe
00-000	810	Seed Cleaning Exempt	Exe
00-000	811	Community Halls	Exe
00-000	812	Nursing Homes	Exe
00-000	813	Legions	Exe
00-000	814	Airport	Exe
00-000	815	Library	Exe
00-000	816	Hospital	Exe
00-000	817	Health Regions	Exe
00-000	819	Colleges/UniversRies	Exe
00-000	820	M.D. #23 Owned Exempt	Exe
00-000	841	Prov Graz Reserve AUV Exempt	Exe
00-000	859	Misc AUV Exempt	Exe
00-000	901	Rural Residential Exemption	Exe
00-000	903	Farm Building Exempt	Exe

TAX REDUCTION REQUESTS FROM 2015-2016 MOTION 16-09-648

TAX ROLL	2015	2016	2017	ASSESSMENT
296353	NO REQUEST IN 2015	LETTER TO REDUCE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAX 2016-06-14:CARRIED MOTION 16-06-465	ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO ADJUST LOCAL IMPROVEMENT OF \$181.86 MANUALLY (EXPIRES 2018)	811-COMMUNITY HALLS (EXEMPT)
084141	NO REQUEST IN 2015	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-14:CARRIED MOTION 16-06-466	NEED TO APPLY FOR TAX EXEMPTION AS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	252-COMMERCIAL VACANT
289333	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2015-07-29:CARRIED MOTION 15-07-516 DUE TO LACK OF ACCESSIBILITY	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-30:CARRIED MOTION 16-06-505 AS REQUESTED IN 2015		103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL; NO CHANGE IN ASSESSMENT CODING
074356	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2015-06-22:CARRIED MOTION 15-06-466	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-09-13:CARRIED MOTION 16-09-647		103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL; NO CHANGE IN ASSESSMENT CODING
234211	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2015-06-22:CARRIED MOTION 15-06-468	NO REQUEST TO REDUCE TAXES IN 2016		2015: 103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL \$4080 2016: 151-FARMLAND \$240
235083	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2015-07-29:CARRIED MOTION 15-07-518;	INACTIVE ROLL		2015: 141-GRAZING LEASE \$4970 2016: 141-GRAZING LEASE \$0
CARCAJOU LOTS				
077026	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2015-07-29:CARRIED MOTION 15-07-517	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-30:DENIED		2006-2016: 103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL
077027	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2015-07-29:CARRIED MOTION 15-07-517	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-30:DENIED		2006-2016: 103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL
077030	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2015-07-29:CARRIED MOTION 15-07-517	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-30:DENIED		2006-2016: 103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL
118524-118528	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-22:CARRIED MOTION 15-06-467	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-30:DENIED		2006-2016: 103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL
118535-118539	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-22:CARRIED MOTION 15-06-467	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-30:DENIED		2006-2016: 103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL
BISTCHO LAKE LOTS				
410954	NO REQUEST TO REDUCE TAXES IN 2015	LETTER TO REDUCE TAXES 2016-06-30:CARRIED MOTION 16-06-506	ASSESSMENT CHANGE VACANT RESIDENTIAL	2009-2016: 252-COMMERCIAL VACANT \$1470 2017: 103-VACANT RESIDENTIAL \$1470

BYLAW NO. 951-14

**BEING A BYLAW OF
THE MACKENZIE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED AGAINST
ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN MACKENZIE COUNTY
FOR THE 2014 TAXATION YEAR**

WHEREAS, Mackenzie County in the province of Alberta, has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenue, expenses and expenditures as required, at the Council meeting held on April 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal operating revenues from all sources other than property taxation total \$7,252,211; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal expenses (excluding non-cash items) and including requisitions set out in the annual budget for the Mackenzie County for 2014 total \$34,777,193, with \$1,460,104 to be funded from prior year's surplus; and the balance of \$26,064,879 is to be raised by general municipal property taxation; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount required to repay principal debt to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$2,993,428 and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount required for current year capital expenditures to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$2,728,719; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount required for future financial plans to be raised by municipal taxation is \$1,535,000; and

THEREFORE, the total amount to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$33,322,025; and

WHEREAS, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund Requisition:

	Base	Over/Under Levy	Total
Residential and Farmland	\$1,447,705	\$1,905.68	\$1,449,611
Non-Residential	\$4,850,352	\$6,384.72	\$4,856,736
Total	\$6,298,057	\$8,290.40	\$6,306,347

Opted Out School Board:

	Base	Over/Under Levy	Total
Residential and Farmland	\$446	\$0.59	\$447
Non-Residential	\$7,608	\$10.01	\$7,618
Total	\$8,054	\$10.60	\$8,064

Total School Requisitions	\$6,306,111	\$8,301	\$6,314,412
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Lodge Requisition:

	Base	Over/Under Levy	Total
Lodge Requisition - Operating	\$85,719	\$440	\$86,159
Lodge Requisition – Capital *	\$405,000	\$0	\$405,000
Total Lodge Requisitions	\$490,719	\$440	\$491,159

*subject to the Town of High Level and the Town of Rainbow Lake agreeing to the capital requisition.

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County is required each year to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet the estimated expenses, expenditures and the requisitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized to classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property in Mackenzie County for school requisition and municipal purposes as shown on the assessment roll is:

Assessment:

Residential	\$574,165,000
Farmland	\$44,296,360
Non-Residential	\$1,401,576,400
Machinery & Equipment	\$431,548,690
Total	\$2,451,586,450

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized and directed to levy the following rates of taxation of the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Mackenzie County:

General Municipal	Tax Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
Residential	\$4,279,826	\$574,165,000	0.007454
Farmland	\$374,481	\$44,296,360	0.008454
Non-Residential	\$16,682,964	\$1,401,576,400	0.011903
Machinery & Equipment	\$5,136,724	\$431,548,690	0.011903
Total	\$26,472,995	\$2,451,586,450	
Revenue estimated due to the established minimums	42,458		
Total General Municipal	\$26,516,454	\$2,451,586,450	

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the minimum tax for:

Vacant Hamlet Residential shall be **\$200** (two hundred dollars)

Vacant Hamlet Non-residential shall be **\$400** (four hundred dollars)

Farmland shall be **\$35** (thirty-five dollars)

	Tax Levy	Taxable Assessment	Tax Rate
Alberta School Foundation Fund:			
Residential and Farmland	\$1,447,705	\$614,146,855	0.002360
Non-Residential	\$4,856,736	\$1,347,248,519	0.003605

Opted Out School:			
Residential and Farmland	\$446	\$189,290	0.002360
Non-Residential	\$7,608	\$2,113,094	0.003605

Exempt:			
Machinery & Equipment 100%	0	\$487,888,590	0.000000
Seniors Self Contain 100%	0	\$2,201,310	0.000000
Electric Power Generation 100%	0	\$54,138,590	0.000000

Total ASFF	\$6,314,412	\$2,451,586,450	
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Lodge Requisition - Operating	\$86,159	\$2,451,586,450	0.000035
Lodge Requisition - Capital	\$405,000	\$2,451,586,450	0.000165
Total Lodge Requisition	\$491,159	\$2,451,586,450	0.000200

Grand Total	\$33,322,025
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2. That this bylaw shall take effect on the date of the third and final reading.

READ a first time this 28th day of April, 2014.

READ a second time this 28th day of April, 2014.

READ a third time and finally passed this 28th day of April, 2014.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. 992-15

**BEING A BYLAW OF
THE MACKENZIE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED AGAINST
ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN MACKENZIE COUNTY
FOR THE 2015 TAXATION YEAR**

WHEREAS, Mackenzie County in the province of Alberta, has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenue, expenses and expenditures as required, at the Council meeting held on April 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal operating revenues from all sources other than property taxation total \$7,624,119; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal expenses (excluding non-cash items) and including requisitions set out in the annual budget for the Mackenzie County for 2015 total \$36,837,246, with \$1,079,910 to be funded from prior year's surplus; and the balance of \$28,032,746 is to be raised by general municipal property taxation; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount required to repay principal debt to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$2,290,563 and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount required for current year capital expenditures to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$4,089,641; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount required for future financial plans to be raised by municipal taxation is \$2,235,000; and

THEREFORE, the total amount to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$35,153,501; and

WHEREAS, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund Requisition:

	Base	Over/Under Levy	Total
Residential and Farmland	\$1,581,112	\$8,464	\$1,589,576
Non-Residential	\$5,047,675	\$-108,908	\$4,938,767
Total	\$6,628,787	\$-100,444	\$6,528,343

Opted Out School Board:

	Base	Over/Under Levy	Total
Residential and Farmland	\$4,588	\$25	\$4,613
Non-Residential	\$2,406	\$-52	\$2,354
Total	\$6,994	\$-27	\$6,967

Total School Requisitions	\$6,635,781	\$-100,471	\$6,535,310
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Lodge Requisition:

	Base	Over/Under Levy	Total
Lodge Requisition - Operating	\$378,108	\$-896	\$377,212
Lodge Requisition – Capital *	\$410,000	\$-3,327	\$406,673
Total Lodge Requisitions	\$788,108	\$-4,223	\$783,885

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County is required each year to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet the estimated expenses, expenditures and the requisitions; and

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized to classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property in Mackenzie County for school requisition and municipal purposes as shown on the assessment roll is:

Assessment:

Residential	\$679,812,470
Farmland	\$44,364,740
Non-Residential	\$1,434,415,040
Machinery & Equipment	\$412,638,740
Total	\$2,571,230,990

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized and directed to levy the following rates of taxation of the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Mackenzie County:

General Municipal	Tax Levy	Assessment	Tax Rate
Residential	\$5,104,032	\$679,812,470	0.007508
Farmland	\$377,455	\$44,364,740	0.008508
Non-Residential	\$17,073,842	\$1,434,415,040	0.011903
Machinery & Equipment	\$4,911,639	\$412,638,740	0.011903
Total	\$27,466,968	\$2,571,230,990	
Revenue estimated due to the established minimums	\$367,338		
Total General Municipal	\$27,834,306	\$2,571,230,990	

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the minimum tax for:

- Residential shall be **\$200** (two hundred dollars)
- Non-residential shall be **\$400** (four hundred dollars)
- Farmland shall be **\$35** (thirty-five dollars)

	Tax Levy	Taxable Assessment	Tax Rate
Alberta School Foundation Fund:			
Residential and Farmland	\$1,589,576	\$722,081,940	0.002201
Non-Residential	\$4,938,767	\$1,381,584,300	0.003575

Opted Out School:			
Residential and Farmland	\$4,612	\$2,095,270	0.002201
Non-Residential	\$2,354	\$658,550	0.003575

Exempt:			
Machinery & Equipment 100%	0	\$412,638,740	0.000000
Seniors Self Contain 100%	0	0	0.000000
Electric Power Generation 100%	0	\$52,172,190	0.000000

Total ASFF	\$6,535,310	\$2,571,230,990	
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Lodge Requisition - Operating	\$377,212	\$2,571,230,990	0.000147
Lodge Requisition - Capital	\$406,673	\$2,571,230,990	0.000158

Total Lodge Requisition	\$783,885	\$2,571,230,990	0.000305
Grand Total	\$35,153,501		

2. That this bylaw shall take effect on the date of the third and final reading.

READ a first time this 29th day of April, 2015.

READ a second time this 29th day of April, 2015.

READ a third time and finally passed this 29th day of April 2015.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Bistcho Lake Properties

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council requested administration to inform the assessor of the closure of commercial fishing at Bistcho Lake and to have these properties reassessed as residential.

MOTION 16-09-637 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the assessor be informed that the cabins at Bistcho Lake should have been reclassified to Residential in 2014 due to the closure of commercial fishing.

CARRIED

See attached spreadsheet for assessment information regarding the Bistcho Lake properties. Our Assessor, Randy Affolder, will be participating via teleconference to discuss and answer any questions, etc.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

The Bistcho Lake properties will be coded under 103-Vacant residential for the 2017 Tax Year (2016 Assessment Year)

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Annual Operating Budget.

Author: Jeri Phillips **Reviewed by:** Louise Flooren **CAO:** Len Racher

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

For discussion.

Author: _____ Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

BISTCHO LAKE PROPERTIES

ROLL #	2014 ASSESSMENT	2015 LEVY	2015 ASSESSMENT	2016 LEVY	2016 ASSESSMENT	2017 LEVY	2016 RATE	ASSESSOR COMMENTS	TAX COMMENTS
410955	\$1,460	\$405.67	\$1,460	\$406.46	\$33,580	\$335.18	0.007283 R	Changed Tax Code from Commercial to Residential Added Cabin for 2017 Tax Year	Assessment has been \$1460 (Commercial Vacant) since 2008
410953	\$1,470	\$203.69	\$1,470	\$203.97	\$18,110	\$249.87	0.007283 R	Tax Code was Vacant Residential now Improved Residential Added Cabin for 2017 Tax Year	Assessment has been \$1470 (Residential Vacant) since 2008
082172	\$1,470	\$405.71	\$1,470	\$406.50	\$33,590	\$335.28	0.007283 R	Changed Tax Code from Commercial to Residential Added Cabin for 2017 Tax Year	Assessment has been \$1470 (Commercial Vacant) since 2008
230033	\$69,950	\$1,104.01	\$69,480	\$1,134.40	\$69,200	\$1,129.83	0.011903 C	Correctly assessed as Commercial Cabins Rented out to Hunters & Fishermen for 2017 Tax Year	Assessment varied each year (Commercial).
410954	\$1,470	\$405.71	\$1,470	\$406.50 (Original) \$41.50 (Amended)	\$1,470	\$206.50	0.007283 R	Changed Tax Code from Commercial to Residential for 2017 Tax Year	Assessment has been \$1470 (Commercial Vacant) since 2008 2016 June 30, 2016 Council Motion 16-06-506 to reduce Minimum Tax to \$35
410952	\$1,470	\$405.71	\$1,470	\$406.50	\$18,110	\$249.87	0.007283 R	Changed Tax Code from Commercial to Residential Added Cabin for 2017 Tax Year	Assessment has been \$1470 (Commercial Vacant) since 2008

From: [Randy Affolder](#)
To: [Len Racher](#)
Subject: RE: subject from yesterday's finance committee meeting - tax assessments
Date: January-18-17 9:43:33 AM

Good Morning Len,

Please feel free to forward this to whom you feel necessary.

Further to a request by Peng and Jeri from the County last fall, I did a review of the Bistcho Lake property assessments.

Due to the near inability to access these properties, I contacted one of the cabin owners (ratepayer**) for assistance.**

From this information I added a couple cabins and changed tax codes as required, these properties are assessed according to applicable legislation.

From Lisa's e-mail I offer the following response's in **RED:**

"Council motion Sept 13, 2015 - 16-09-637 - That the assessor be informed that the cabins at Bistcho Lake should have been reclassified to Residential in the 2014 due to the closure of commercial fishing. (as the wording says 'cabins' we should have stated 'leases' or 'properties')"

I do not recall being informed of this code change and found out last fall from the ratepayer, but the Lodge is still being rented and used for hunters and fishermen.

June 30, 2016 motion 16-06-506 on one of the properties was to reduce the minimum tax to \$35 after discussion about access and such and should be treated like the properties in carcajou and others along the river.

If you look at the list that was prepared there is no continuity, and as soon as Council/Administration questioned the assessment the assessment values skyrocketed. From \$1470 to \$33,590!!?!

Questions (to be asked, and answered by whoever can):

What is the reasoning and the justification behind each assessment and the change and also the difference in classes that is evident (specific and detailed) ?

Sizes and details of cabins were supplied by the ratepayer.

When did the assessor inspect these properties, and what has been the history of inspections?

It appears no assessor has ever inspected these properties due to the limited assess, which goes back around 30 years when the Government provided the assessment services.

A few years back I did get within a couple miles of this area during oil & gas inspections, I did have my quad with me but it was minus 30 and my GPS in my truck is not portable so I was concerned about my safety so never ventured out.

Please provide current or recent photos of properties showing the huge increase in assessed structures?

No photos exist.

Please describe the access and services for each property?

The land is assessed with no services.

Why was one property always assessed at residential even during commercial fishing times and the rest at commercial?

I don't know, I assume they were rented to commercial fishermen.

Summary of other similar properties across the County (along River, Carcajou, Margaret Lake, Along Zama Road, Wadlin etc.)

Are Trap line associated structures exempt?

No, they are assessable if you can find them? No permits are taken out for these so we don't know where to look?

Due to the size and location of this County it offers unique challenges for the assessment of its remote assessable properties, every effort is made to physically inspect each of these and take a picture for future reference.

If the County is concerned about finding and the inspection of the same, we would need to look into the costs of renting a helicopter to review remote areas for possible taxable structures, again they are assessable under current legislation.

I hope this answers the questions I can from your assessors standpoint,

Regards,

Randy Affolder; A.M.A.A.

From: Len Racher [mailto:lracher@mackenziecounty.com]

Sent: January 13, 2017 4:17 PM

To: Randy Affolder <randy.affolder@telus.net>

Subject: FW: subject from yesterday's finance committee meeting - tax assessments

Randy council has asked for a written response to Lisa's question's thanks.

Len Racher | Chief Administrative Officer | Mackenzie County

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Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning and Development
Title:	Broadband Infrastructure Presentation (Hand Out)

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The presentation gives an overview of the broadband infrastructure and information on the internet service providers in the Mackenzie region.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

Goal E21 That County residents and businesses have access to the most current telecommunication technologies to permit them to participate in global opportunities.

Strategy E21.1 Encourage the existing internet service providers in the region to continue to upgrade their systems, both in terms of reliability and speed.

Strategy E21.4 Lobby the province to invest in additional fiber optic infrastructure improvements in order to reduce the reliance on the existing infrastructure.

Strategy E21.5 Explore the possibility of other businesses such as Shaw, CCI, SIS, NorthwTel, Axia, etc. expanding their service in the region to serve the hamlets within the County.

Author: A.O'Rourke **Reviewed by:** B Peters **CAO:** _____

COMMUNICATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the Broadband Infrastructure Presentation be received for information.

Author: A O'Rourke **Reviewed by:** B Peters **CAO:** _____



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
Title:	Development Statistics Report 2016 Year End

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Following is the statistical comparisons for 2016 (Year-end).
Attached chart is a further breakdown comparison from 2010 -2016.

Development Permit applications

- 2015 Development Permits 302 permits

Residential Building Activity Report

- 2015 Building Activity 230 permits

Approved Subdivision Application Report

- 2015 Subdivisions 56 applications

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

Author: L. Lambert Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

Stats will be included in the Annual Report and shared on social media.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That the development statistics report 2016 Year-end Summary Report be received for information.

Author: B. Peters Reviewed by: _____ CAO: _____

DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS

Development applications by construction value

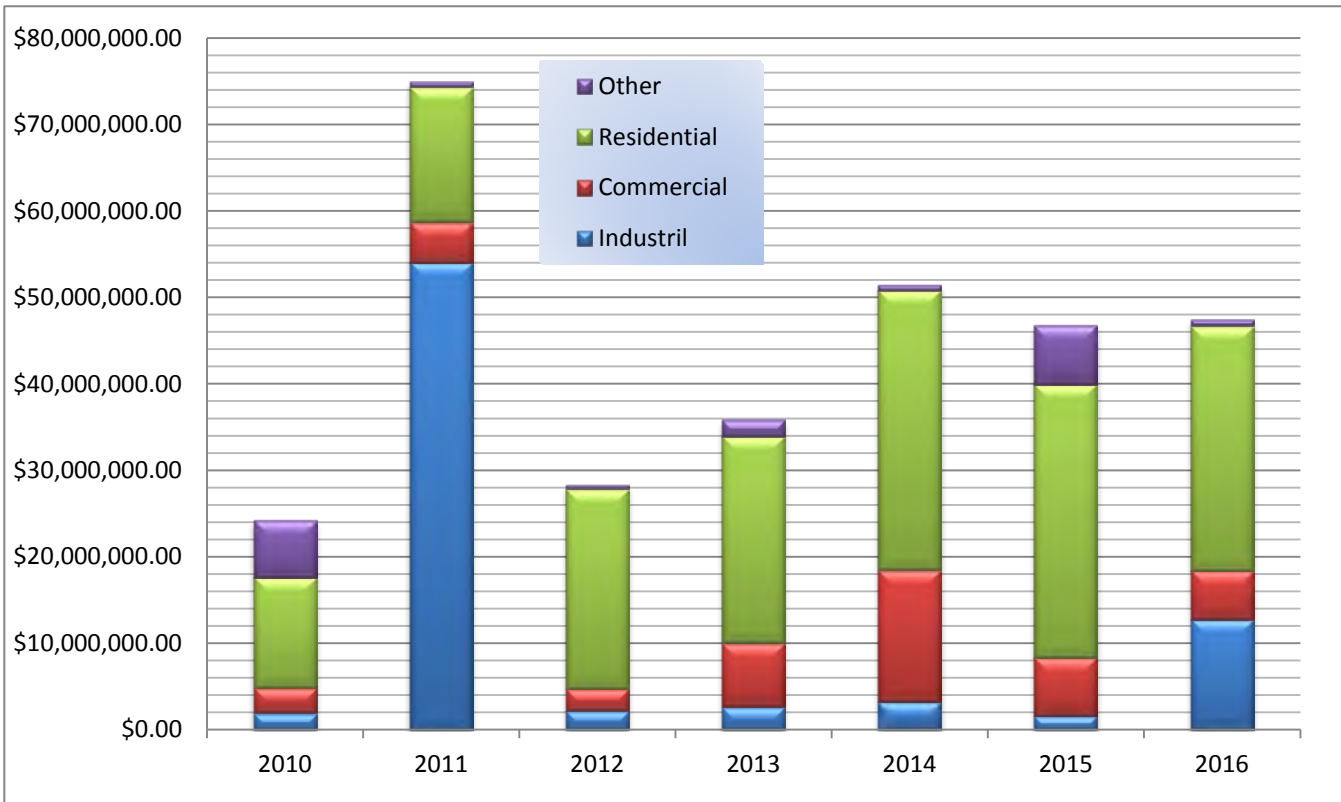
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Industrial	3,319,000	54,777,000	3,003,000	\$2,637,000	3,258,500	1,601,200	12,733,000
Commercial	4,022,000	5,592,550	2,402,500	\$7,394,500	15,216,850	6,753,440	5,718,000
Residential	14,803,816	16,231,775	23,816,096	\$23,926,626	32,304,450	31,600,270	28,261,767
Other*	6,663,992	301,800	411,000	\$1,960,500	685,000	6,815,250	730,085
Total	28,808,808	76,903,125	29,632,596	\$35,918,626	51,464,800	46,770,160	47,442,852

*Other – public use facilities and home based businesses

*2011 Industrial spike is due to a New Compressor Station in Ward 10

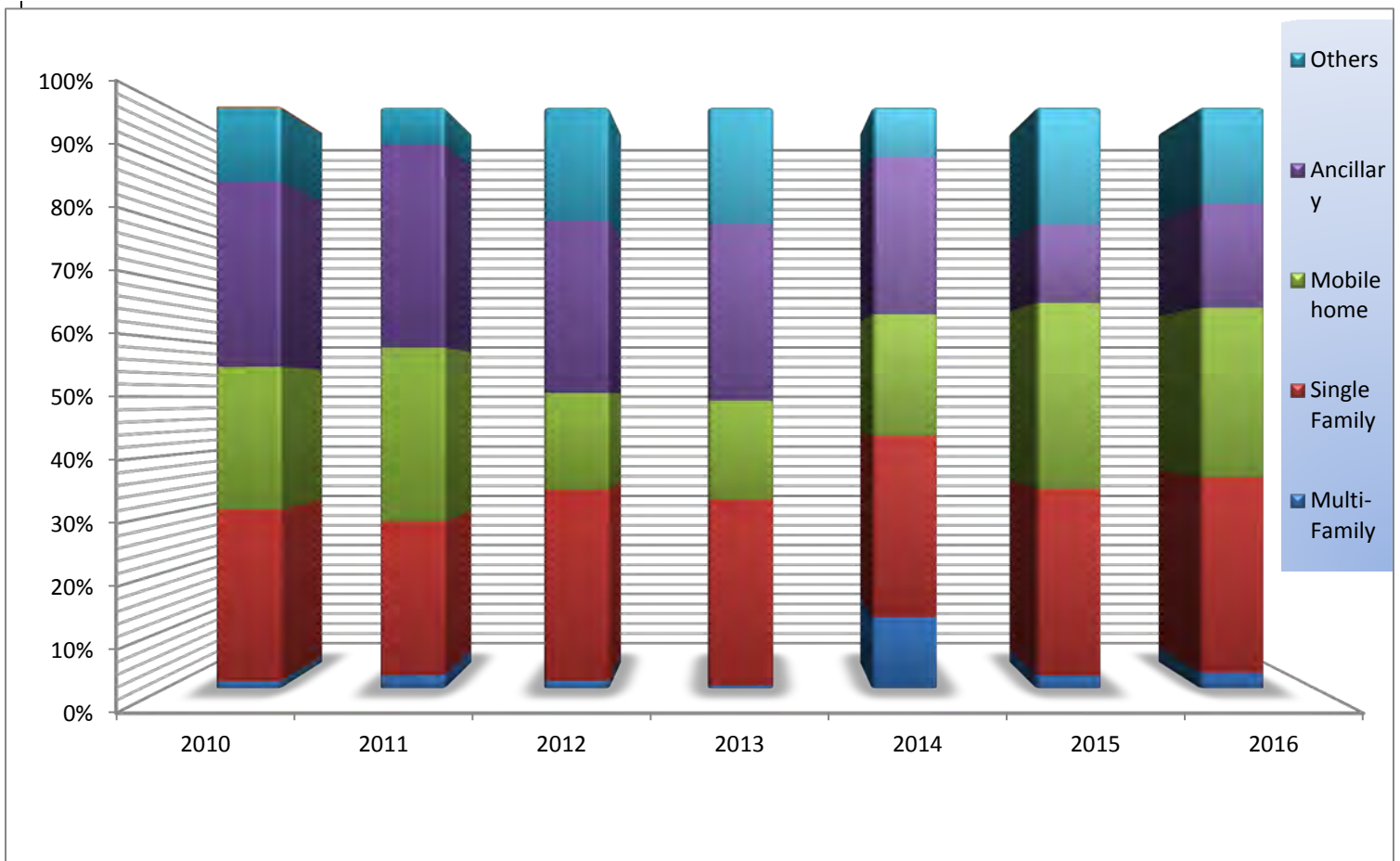
Development Numbers by applications

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Industrial	26	21	28	17	25	17	18
Commercial	58	45	29	56	39	30	23
Residential	192	203	211	230	250	240	191
Other*	24	9	10	7	8	15	9
Total	300	278	278	313	322	302	241



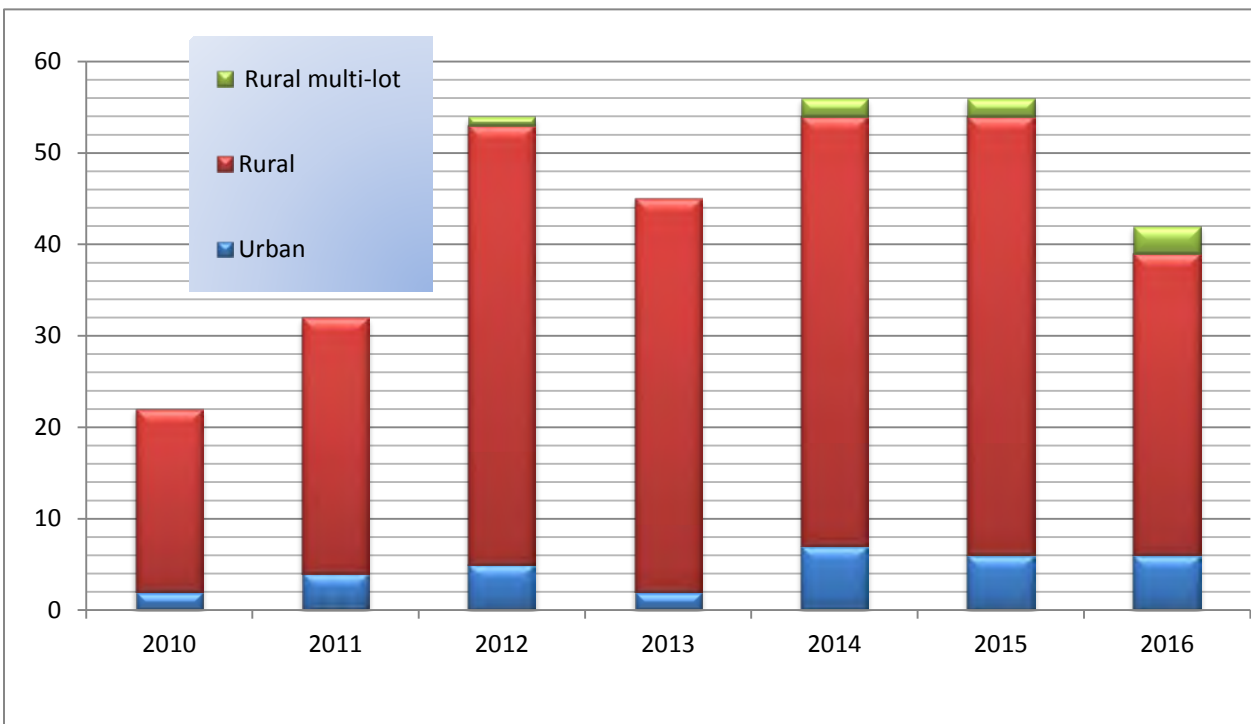
Residential Development by number of permits

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Multi-Family	2	4	3	1	29	5	5
Single Family	52	47	78	74	74	74	64
Mobile Home	43	53	45	39	49	73	55
Ancillary	56	62	52	70	64	31	34
Fences, Decks, Reno's & Other Misc.	22	12	33	47	21	47	32
Total	175	178	211	231	217	230	191



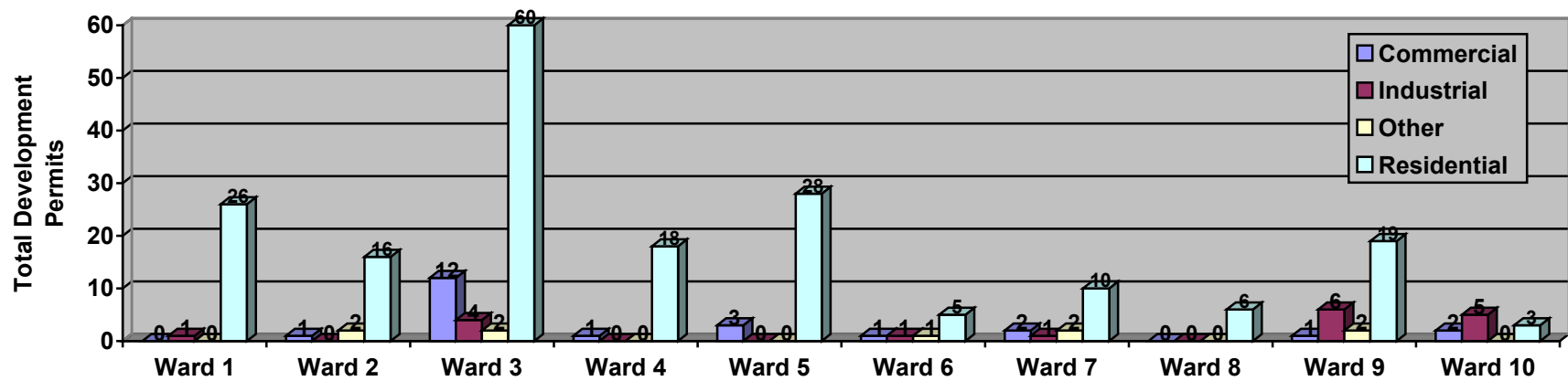
Subdivisions by number of applications

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
Urban	2	4	5	2	7	6	6
Rural	20	28	48	43	47	48	33
Rural Multi-lot	0	0	1	0	2	2	3
Total	22	32	54	45	56	56	42



Increase in Rural acres is due to the 20 acre to 80 acre splits.

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
Number of Lots	22	32	84	78	116	57	117
Rural in acres	206	311	549.66	446.99	693.84*	926.90*	341.21
Multi-rural in acres	0	0	8.7	0	51.83	0	126.65
Urban in acres	27	46	32.74	60.82	45.52	15.02	14.75
Total Acres	233	357	591.1	507.81	791.78	941.92	482.61



Development	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8	Ward 9	Ward 10	Total
Commercial	0	1	12	1	3	1	2	0	1	2	23
Industrial	1	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	6	5	18
Other	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	9
Residential	26	16	60	18	28	5	10	6	19	3	191
Total	27	19	78	19	31	8	15	6	28	10	241

Development	Permits	Construction Cost
Commercial	23	\$5,718,000.00
Industrial	18	\$12,733,000.00
Other	9	\$730,085.00
Residential	191	\$28,261,767.00
TOTALS	241	\$47,442,852.00

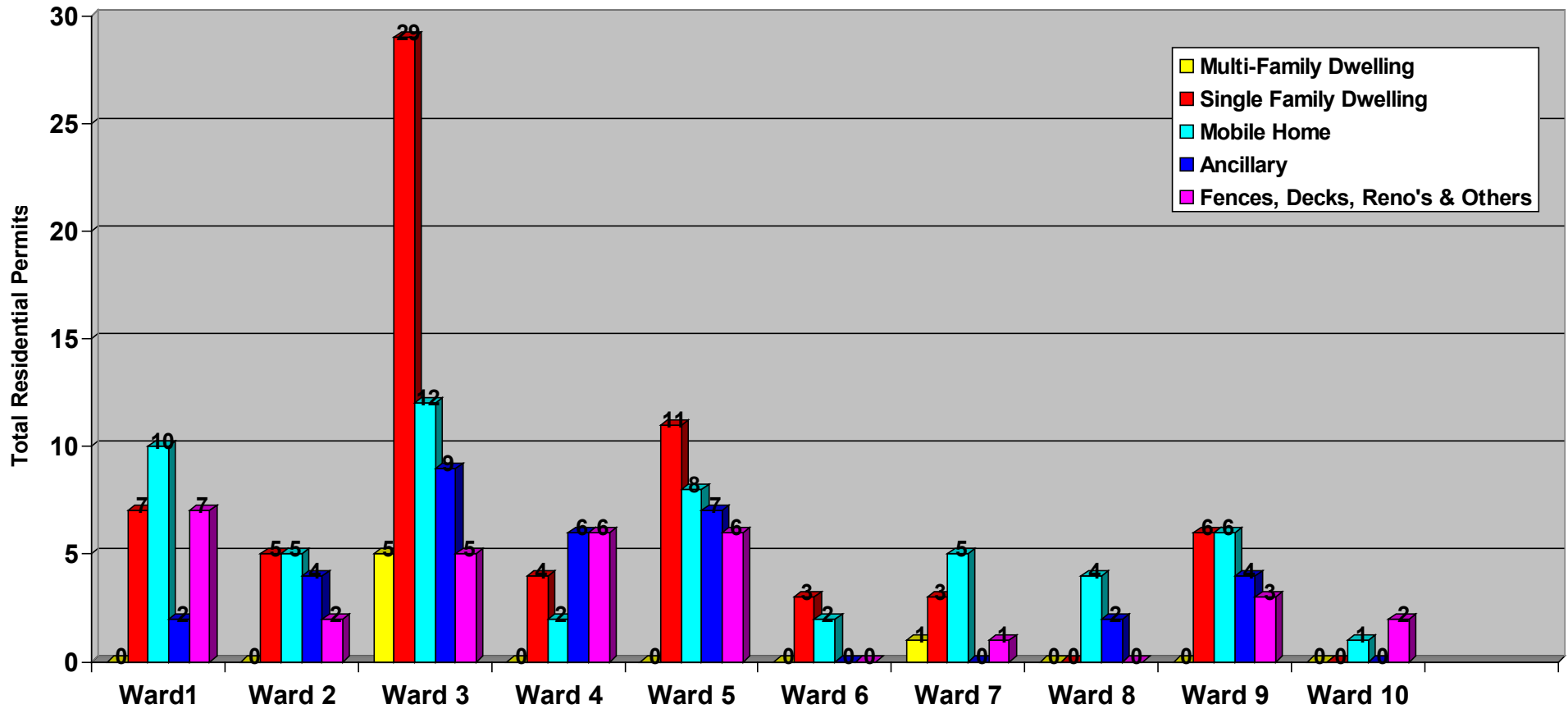
**Mackenzie County
Development Summary
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

Wards	Construction Cost
Ward 1	\$3,654,800.00
Ward 2	\$1,911,000.00
Ward 3	\$18,234,500.00
Ward 4	\$1,549,000.00
Ward 5	\$5,701,500.00
Ward 6	\$669,000.00
Ward 7	\$1,799,414.00
Ward 8	\$225,500.00
Ward 9	\$3,883,138.00
Ward 10	\$9,815,000.00
TOTAL	\$47,442,852.00

Total Discretionary Permits – 45
Total Permitted Permits - 196
Total cancelled Permits - 3

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Mackenzie County Residential Development Permit Application January – December, 2016



Residential Development	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8	Ward 9	Ward 10	Total
Multi-Family Dwelling	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5
Single Family Dwelling	5	10	26	9	11	3	1	4	5	0	64
Mobile Homes	6	8	17	12	15	0	5	1	8	1	55
Ancillary (Additional, Garages & Shops)	1	5	6	4	7	0	3	1	4	0	34
Fences, Decks, Reno's & Others	4	5	12	8	7	0	2	2	6	1	32
Total	26	16	60	18	28	5	10	6	19	3	191

Wards	Permits	2016 Multi-Family Dwelling Construction Cost
Ward 1		
Ward 2		
Ward 3	5	\$3,520,000.00
Ward 4		
Ward 5		
Ward 6		
Ward 7	1	\$15,000.00
Ward 8		
Ward 9		
Ward 10		
TOTAL	6	\$3,535,000.00

Wards	Permits	2016 Single Family Dwelling Construction Cost
Ward 1	7	\$1,948,000.00
Ward 2	5	\$740,000.00
Ward 3	29	\$7,969,000.00
Ward 4	4	\$1,010,000.00
Ward 5	7	\$1,800,000.00
Ward 6	3	\$352,000.00
Ward 7	3	\$925,000.00
Ward 8	0	\$0.00
Ward 9	6	\$2,285,000.00
Ward 10	0	\$0.00
TOTAL	64	\$17,029,000.00

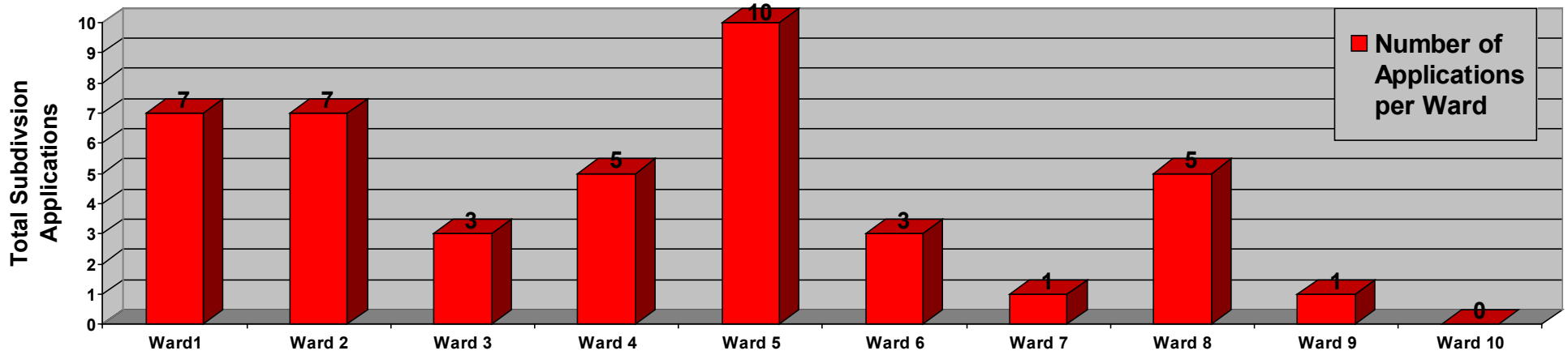
Wards	Permits	2016 Mobile Home Construction Cost
Ward 1	10	\$1,102,000.00
Ward 2	5	\$730,000.00
Ward 3	12	\$818,000.00
Ward 4	2	\$215,000.00
Ward 5	8	\$777,400.00
Ward 6	2	\$170,000.00
Ward 7	5	\$372,329.00
Ward 8	4	\$160,500.00
Ward 9	6	\$898,000.00
Ward 10	1	\$196,000.00
TOTAL	55	\$5,439,229.00

Wards	Permits	2016 Ancillary Building (Additions, Garages Detached & Attached, Farm shops)
Ward 1	2	\$480,000.00
Ward 2	4	\$212,000.00
Ward 3	9	\$360,500.00
Ward 4	6	\$191,000.00
Ward 5	7	\$500,000.00
Ward 6	0	\$0.00
Ward 7	0	\$0.00
Ward 8	2	\$65,000.00
Ward 9	4	\$136,000.00
Ward 10	0	\$0.00
TOTAL	34	\$1,944,500.00

Wards	Permits	2016 Fences, Decks, Reno's & Others
Ward 1	7	\$74,800.00
Ward 2	2	\$30,000.00
Ward 3	5	\$27,000.00
Ward 4	6	\$33,000.00
Ward 5	6	\$121,100.00
Ward 6	0	\$0.00
Ward 7	1	\$5,000.00
Ward 8	0	\$0.00
Ward 9	3	\$19,138.00
Ward 10	2	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	32	\$314,038.00

Wards	Permits	2016 TOTAL Residential Building Activity
Ward 1	26	\$3,604,800.00
Ward 2	16	\$1,712,000.00
Ward 3	60	\$12,694,500.00
Ward 4	18	\$1,449,000.00
Ward 5	28	\$3,198,500.00
Ward 6	5	\$522,000.00
Ward 7	10	\$1,317,329.00
Ward 8	6	\$225,500.00
Ward 9	19	\$3,338,138.00
Ward 10	3	\$200,000.00
TOTAL	191	\$28,261,767.00

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Approved Subdivision Applications	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8	Ward 9	Ward 10	Total
Urban	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Rural	7	6	0	2	9	3	0	5	1	0	33
Rural Multi Lot	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	7	7	3	5	10	3	1	5	1	0	42

Wards	Number of lots	Rural in Acres	Multi Rural in Acres	Urban in Acres	Boundary Adjustments in Acres
Ward 1	6	60.59	0	0	BA
Ward 2	21	30.84	44.1	0	0
Ward 3	14 condo	0	0	1.074	2 BA's
Ward 4	33	21.56	12.55	12.49	0
Ward 5	29	78.53	70	0	0
Ward 6	3	20.36	0	0	0
Ward 7	1	0	0	1.19	BA
Ward 8	0	113.83	0	0	0
Ward 9	10	15.5	0	0	0
Ward 10	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	117	341.21	126.65	14.754	0

**Mackenzie County
Approved Subdivision
Application Summary
January 1 to December 31,
2016**

Total amount of area used for subdivisions in 2016- 482.614 acres



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities
Title:	Bylaw 1058-17 being a bylaw to Rescind Bylaw 904-13 – Local Improvement Bylaw – Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

In 2013 Mackenzie Council established Bylaw 904-13 - Local Improvement Bylaw – Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion being a bylaw that authorizes the Council of Mackenzie County to impose a local improvement tax for Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

The local improvement tax was never imposed, no taxes were collected pursuant to the bylaw, and the entire cost of construction was paid by the County. Therefore, Council has requested the repeal of Bylaw 904-13.

On November 23, 2016 the following motion was made at the Council Meeting:

MOTION 16-11-884 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That a bylaw be brought back to rescind Bylaw 904-13 being a bylaw to impose a local improvement tax for Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

Author: S. Martens/ C. Gabriel **Reviewed by:** F. Wiebe **CAO:** _____

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

The bylaw will be advertised as per Municipal Government Act requirements prior to second and third reading.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1058-17 being a bylaw to rescind Bylaw 904-13 - Local Improvement Bylaw – Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

Author: S.Martens/ C. Gabriel **Reviewed by:** F. Wiebe **CAO:** _____

**BYLAW NO. 1058-17
MACKENZIE COUNTY**

**A BYLAW OF MACKENZIE COUNTY,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
TO REPEAL BYLAW NO. 904-13**

WHEREAS, Mackenzie County enacted Bylaw No. 904-13 to authorize the imposition of a local improvement tax for a Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion;

AND WHEREAS, the local improvement tax that was authorized by Bylaw No. 904-13 has not been imposed, and no taxes have been collected by Mackenzie County pursuant to Bylaw No. 904-13;

AND WHEREAS, the project referred to in Bylaw No. 904-13 has, instead, been paid for, in its entirety, by Mackenzie County;

AND WHEREAS, the local improvement tax authorized by Bylaw No. 904-13 is no longer required;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County considers it desirable to repeal Bylaw No. 904-13;

AND WHEREAS, section 191 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended, provides the Mackenzie County with the authority to repeal a bylaw;

AND WHEREAS, Mackenzie County has advertised its intention to consider this repealing Bylaw, pursuant to the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of Mackenzie County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

Repeal

1. That Bylaw No. 904-13 is hereby repealed.

Effective Date

2. This bylaw takes effect upon being passed.

READ a first time this ____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2017.

READ a third time this ____ day of _____, 2017.

SIGNED AND PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. 904-13

**BEING A BYLAW OF
MACKENZIE COUNTY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

This bylaw authorizes the Council of MACKENZIE COUNTY to impose a local improvement tax for Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta has deemed it advisable to charge a local improvement charge for construction of Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, has decided to issue a Bylaw pursuant to Section 397 of the Municipal Government Act to authorize a local improvement tax levy to pay for the Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, the Local Improvement Plan has been prepared and the required notice of the project given to benefiting owners in accordance with the attached Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" and no sufficient objection to the construction of Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications have been prepared and the estimated sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$254,455.52) is required to construct the Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion. The said project is subject to the local improvement charge of which 70% will be paid by Mackenzie County and 30% will be collected by way of local improvement assessment as follows:

Mackenzie County	\$178,118.86	70%
Benefiting Owners	\$76,336.66	30%
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Total Cost	\$254,455.52	100%

WHEREAS, all required approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is in compliance with all Acts and Regulations of the Province of Alberta.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF MACKENZIE COUNTY DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That for the purpose of completing Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street for Plan 762 1591, Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block A and Plan 942 3306, Lot 5 & 6, Block A and Plan 580KS, Lot N in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion as a local improvement project, the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$76,336.66) be collected by way of annual, uniform local improvement tax rate assessed against the benefiting owners as provided in Schedule A attached.
2. The local improvement tax will be collected for Ten (10) years and the total amount levied annually against the benefiting owners is Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$8,768.17).
3. The net amount levied under the bylaw shall be applied only to the local improvement project specified by this bylaw.
4. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon receiving third and final reading thereof.

READ a first time this 28th day of May, 2013.

READ a second time this 16th day of July, 2013.

READ a third time and finally passed this 16th day of July, 2013.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

BYLAW NO. 904-13

SCHEDULE A

Water And Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street
 in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

Lot	Block	Plan	Front	Rear	Average
4	A	7621591	57.93	100.54	79.24
1	A	7621591	35.22	36.58	35.90
2	A	7621591	21.34	21.34	21.34
5	A	9423306	19.19	18.92	19.06
6	A	9423306	26.44	26.37	26.41
N		9423306	102.75	102.75	102.75

284.69

Total Assessable Frontage (meters)	284.69
Total Assessment per Front Meter of Frontage	\$268.14
Annual Unit Rate Per Front Meter of Frontage to be payable for a period of 10 years calculated at 2.128%	\$30.80
Total Yearly Assessment Against All Above Properties	\$8,768.17



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Information/Correspondence

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The following items are attached for your information, review, and action if required.

- Correspondence – MP Peace River-Westlock (Asbestos Funding Request for Agricultural Research Facility)
- Correspondence – MP Peace River-Westlock (Carbon Tax)
- Correspondence – Recreation Boards (Lighting Capital Request)
- Correspondence – MP Peace River-Westlock (Federal Funding for Rural Broadband Access)
- La Crete Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
- Mackenzie Library Board Meeting Minutes
- Big Lakes County Invitational Charity Golf Tournament
- AAMDC Trade Division Member Update
- Government of Canada News Release – Government of Canada invests over \$1 million in improvements to community infrastructure in Slave Lake, Fort Vermilion and Barrhead
- Message from Incoming and Outgoing Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Alberta NAWMP Partnership 2017 Wetland Forum
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Author: CG Reviewed by: CG CAO: _____

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

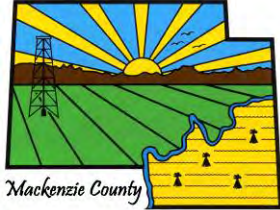
COMMUNICATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

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

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: CG CAO: _____



Mackenzie County

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December 22, 2016

Mr. Arnold Viersen
Member of Parliament for Peace River- Westlock
5124- 50th Street, Box 4458 (Main Office)
Barrhead, Alberta
T7N 1A3

Dear Mr. Viersen:

**RE: FUNDING REQUEST FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH FACILITY**

Thank you for your participation in a conference call on December 13, 2016.

As per our conversation, Mackenzie County purchased the Agricultural Research Station in Fort Vermilion, Alberta in 2013 from the Federal Government, and identified that the abandoned office building on the property has asbestos in the building.

We are planning on demolishing the abandoned office building, as it is a safety hazard; however the asbestos needs to be removed prior to demolishing. Mackenzie County is requesting compensation from the Federal Government for the removal, and disposal of the asbestos in the amount of \$55,000 as this was a federally owned facility prior to the purchase.

Thank you for your consideration, and if you wish to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact myself at (780) 841-1806, or Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer at (780) 927-3718.

Sincerely,

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

cc: Mackenzie County Council
Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer, Mackenzie County

Mackenzie County
PO Box 640
Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0



Arnold Viersen, MP
Peace River—Westlock

December 23, 2016

Dear Reeve & Council,

On January 1, the NDP's job-killing carbon tax comes into effect. This tax will affect goods and services in Alberta, increasing the cost of everything from clothes and food to medical supplies. The dishonesty of this tax is disheartening. The NDP says polluters should pay, but carbon is not pollution. Carbon is essential for life. It's like calling water pollution.

I have attached a copy of a letter from Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies. They have outlined the carbon tax and how they are going to pass the cost on to their customers. This tax will increase the cost of services that you provide to residents in your municipality. I believe it is imperative that we bring transparency to this matter to ensure Albertans understand how devastating this tax will be.

I would ask you to consider the following:

1. Adding a separate line item on tax notices which summarizes the amount your municipality is paying to the provincial government in carbon taxes. This can include items such as:
 - a. carbon tax paid on utilities for municipal buildings,
 - b. carbon tax paid on fuel used to run municipal vehicles,
 - c. carbon tax paid on services provided by repair companies and contractors, and
 - d. carbon tax paid on the shipment of purchases made by the municipality.
2. Adding a separate line for the user-pay services your municipality may provide, such as use of recreational facilities or water.

Making your residents aware of these tax increases will help you to address increased costs in an open and transparent manner while giving your council an accurate dollar amount to fully understand the impact of this tax. It may also be wise to send a press release to your local media.

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I firmly believe that governments and elected officials should be held accountable for their public policy decisions. Just as I am accountable to you and the residents of our riding, other levels of government share this same responsibility.

We all need to work together to keep our Alberta way of life intact. During this uncertain time, I want to let you know my door is always open to talk or meet. You can contact me at arnold.viersen@parl.gc.ca or call my constituency office to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Arnold Viersen, MP
Peace River - Westlock

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JAN 3 2017

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
FORT VERMILION OFFICE**



PO Box 2020
Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y0
403-823-4242

01/16/2016

Notification of Carbon Surcharge

Effective January 1, 2017 the Province of Alberta will be introducing a Carbon Levy as part of their Climate Change Leadership plan. The Carbon Levy will apply to all carbon-emitting fuels throughout the fuel supply chain.

The added cost of this Levy is too great for us to absorb, therefore Hi-way9 Group of Companies will be implementing a Carbon Surcharge on all shipments originating in and/or destined to points within the Province of Alberta effective January 1, 2017.

Carbon Surcharge- Effective January 1, 2017 will be: 0.80% of Freight Charges

The Carbon Surcharge will show as a separate line item on all invoices. The Carbon Levy will be excluded from Hi-way9 Group of Companies Fuel Surcharge calculations.

For further information in regards to the Carbon Levy please visit the following Alberta Government website.

<http://www.alberta.ca/climate-carbon-pricing.aspx>



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January 13, 2017

Fort Vermilion Recreation Board
Attn: Chair Tamie Mclean
Box 115
Fort Vermilion, AB
T0H 1N0

Dear Ms. Mclean,

RE: Fort Vermilion Capital Project Funding Request for Lighting

Mackenzie County has been made aware of an upcoming Energy Efficiency Grant available to non-profit organizations. As some of the capital grant projects that you have applied for funding from Mackenzie County may be applied for in this granting opportunity, during the January 11, 2017 Council meeting, Council made the following motion:

MOTION 17-01-032

That the recreation boards be notified to hold off on completing lighting projects subject to available grant funding.

CARRIED

Below is the link to where you can stay informed about this Energy Efficiency Grant, with more grant information being released in early 2017. We are hoping that this grant may be retroactive to include your past energy efficiency/lighting upgrade projects.

<https://www.alberta.ca/energy-efficiency-alberta.aspx>

Thank you again for all the work that you and the staff do for the County, if you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Ron Pelensky
Director of Community Services



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January 13, 2017

La Crete Recreation Board
Attn: Philip Doerksen
Box 29
La Crete, AB
T0H 2H0

Dear Mr. Doerksen,

RE: La Crete Capital Project Funding Request for Lighting

Mackenzie County has been made aware of an upcoming Energy Efficiency Grant available to non-profit organizations. As some of the capital grant projects that you have applied for funding from Mackenzie County may be applied for in this granting opportunity, during the January 11, 2017 Council meeting, Council made the following motion:

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Thank you again for all the work that you and the staff do for the County, if you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Ron Pelensky
Director of Community Services



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January 13, 2017

Zama Recreation Board
Attn: Chair Greg Mclvor
Box 73
Zama, AB
T0H 4E0

Dear Mr. Mclvor,

RE: Zama Capital Project Funding Request for Lighting

Mackenzie County has been made aware of an upcoming Energy Efficiency Grant available to non-profit organizations. As some of the capital grant projects that you have applied for funding from Mackenzie County may be applied for in this granting opportunity, during the January 11, 2017 Council meeting, Council made the following motion:

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CARRIED

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Thank you again for all the work that you and the staff do for the County, if you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Ron Pelensky
Director of Community Services

From: Arnold.Viersen.A2@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Important: Federal funding for rural broadband access
Date: January-18-17 10:50:01 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[Internet Funding Eligibility List.pdf](#)
Importance: High

January 18, 2017

Good morning,

Recently, the Government of Canada announced the launch of Connect to Innovate, a new program that aims to bring broadband Internet access to 300 rural and remote communities across Canada. The program will invest up to \$500 million by 2021 to assist rural and remote communities by primarily supporting new high-capacity “backbone” networks, with a portion of funding being used to upgrade existing backbone networks and provide “last-mile” connections.

As your Member of Parliament, I have identified areas in or around your community that are eligible for funding. Please see the accompanying document for a list of all areas eligible for backbone and/or last mile upgrades within Peace River – Westlock. I want to note that any entity, other than individuals, will be able to submit an application. This includes municipal districts, First Nations, Métis Settlements, and internet service providers.

The program will operate on a cost-sharing basis. Typically the maximum amount of funding that an applicant can request for new backbone and new last-mile is up to 75% of the total eligible costs. For satellite-dependent and remote communities, the program contribution limit for new backbone projects can be up to 90% of eligible backbone costs.

Eligible costs supported include:

- direct labour and capital costs for the deployment of high-speed Internet infrastructure
- related purchases of hardware and software or upgrades of equipment
- leases of satellite capacity, and other costs directly related to the program’s eligible activities, including rental of equipment
- fees for associated contracted services (e.g. environmental assessment consultants or professional engineers)

Please note that the deadline for all applications is March 13, 2017 at 12 p.m. Noon Eastern Standard Time.

For more information and application forms, I would invite you to contact Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada directly.

By phone: 1-800-328-6189

By email: ic.cti-bpi.ic@canada.ca

Online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/computer-internet-access/connect-to-innovate.html>

I hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your community’s ability to innovate, participate in the digital economy and create job opportunities.

Sincerely,

Arnold Viersen

Member of Parliament
Peace River – Westlock

Deputy Critic for Rural Affairs

Email: arnold.viersen@parl.gc.ca

Tel: 613.996.1783 Toll Free: 1.800.667.8450



Community/County Eligibility for Connect to Innovate Funding

Community	Eligible for new backbone	Eligible for last-mile
Tall Cree	yes	yes
John D'Or	yes	yes (outside part of it)
Garden Creek	yes	no
Tall Cree (Close to Hwy 88)	yes	no
Peerless Lake	no	yes
Reno	yes	no
Jean Cote	yes	no
Watino	yes	no
Bluesky	yes	yes
Guy	yes	no
Enilda	yes	no
Arcadia (Sucker Creek)	yes	no
Peavine Metis Settlement	yes	no
Sunset House	yes	no
East Prairie Metis Settlement	yes	no
Canyon Creek	yes	no
Widewater	yes	no
Sawridge First Nation	yes	no
Moose Portage	yes	no
Hondo	yes	no
Chisholm	yes	no
Neerlandia	yes	no
Campsie	yes	no
Pibroch	yes	no
Pickardville	yes	no
Lone Pine	yes	no
Tawatinaw	yes	no

County/Area	Backbone	Last-Mile
Mackenzie County	no	yes
Northern Sunrise County	no	yes
Big Lakes County	no	yes
Greenview County	no	yes
Fairview (area outside town)	yes (only Bluesky)	yes

LA CRETE RECREATION SOCIETY
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2016

Northern Lights Recreation Centre
La Crete, Alberta

Present: Ken Derksen, President
Simon Wiebe, Vice President
Wendy Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
George Derksen, Director
Shawn Wieler, Director
Dave Schellenberg, Director
John Zacharias, Director
Peter Wiebe, Director
Keegan Wood, Director
Peter F. Braun, County Rep
Philip Doerksen, Arena Manager

Absent:

Call to Order: President Ken Derksen called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

1. Curling rink added to the agenda. (8.3)
 2. County accounting/GST added to the agenda (8.4)
- Peter Braun moved to accept the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Shawn Wieler moved to accept the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

Business from the Minutes

1. None

Action Sheet

1. Reviewed items

Financial Report

1. Reviewed financials
2. Philip will contact accountant about negative numbers in Capital Expenses.
3. Water hauling from outdoor rinks is not yet showing up.
4. Have now received cheque from GST.

John Zacharias moved to accept financials as presented.

CARRIED

Manager's Report – Philip Doerksen

1. Ice and arena are busy.
2. A figure skating clinic with coach David Howe from Edmonton was held.
3. John Acreman has been doing some new programming in curing rink.
4. Redline and Jacar made a few repairs to lights.
5. The chiller was having some problems and Philip had to have someone in check it out.
6. A window was installed in lobby.
7. Our Canada 150 grant proposal was declined.

George Derksen moved to accept Manager's report.

CARRIED

New Business

8.1 Dressing Room – The County gave us \$100 000 to match Rec board money, towards dressing room renovations.

Dave Schellenberg moved that the La Crete Recreation Society apply for a \$100 000 provincial lottery grant to match County money to go ahead with dressing room renovations.

CARRIED

Office Relocation- Philip would like to move his office where the skate room is now, take the wall out of the existing office and put in some more windows. There is some wiring from the sound system that may need to be moved. He anticipates that the project would cost approximately \$10 000. This money would come out of capital, likely in summer.

Henry Froese arrived at 6:30 to discuss a splash park.

8.2 Splash Park – Henry talked about building a splash park in Knelsen's Park. He showed the board plans. The plan was discussed and Henry shared details. Keegan will look into operations, maintenance schedule and cost of Fort Vermilion splash park. Shawn will look into break down of material and labour costs for splash park.

Dave Schellenberg made a motion that the La Crete Rec Society will proceed with the splash park contingent on the Country approval of the capital project.

CARRIED

Ken Derksen made a motion that the La Crete Recreation Society front the cost of initial plans for the splash park.

CARRIED

8.3 Curling Rink – The curling group was not able to get 12 teams together this year. The board discussed the possibility of one curling league for La Crete and Fort Vermilion.

Simon Wiebe moved that the curling rink ice be left out this year and that the space will be used for programming.

CARRIED

8.4 County Accounting/GST – Peter said the La Crete Rec Society should send full invoices to the County, (including GST.) The sub-contractor invoice should attached. The County will then pay the GST and collect the full GST amount.

Peter Braun moved to go in camera at 7:24 p.m.

Keegan Wood moved to go out of camera at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Wendy Morris moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2017

Mackenzie County Library Board
Nov 21, 2016 meeting minutes
Mackenzie County Office, Fort Vermilion, AB

Present: Beth Kappelar, Lisa Wardley, Lorraine Peters, Lorna Joch, LaDawn Dachuk, Irene van der Kloet, John Driedger, Lucille Labrecque, Kayla Wardley

1.0 Meeting called to order at 6:15pm. A warm welcome to Kayla Wardley, new MCLB member.

2.0 Approval of agenda:
MOTION #2016-10-01 John moved to approve the agenda with addition. **CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the minutes:
MOTION #2016-10-02 Lisa moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting with amendments. **CARRIED**

4.0 Review of Action Items:
- The action items of the previous MCLB meeting were reviewed.

5.0 Financial:
MCLB Financial Report as of November 15, 2016:
- Balance brought forward: \$ 64,033.46
- Total Revenues: \$ 293,246.48
- Total Expenses: \$ 275,184.84
- Ending Bank Balance: \$ 82,095.10
MOTION #2016-10-03 LaDawn moves to accept the financial report as presented. **CARRIED**

Meeting paused for informal meeting with FV Library Society at 7:10pm. Present from FVCLS: Sabrina Westra and Ena Simpson.
MCLB meeting resumed at 8:40pm.

6.0 Library/Committee reports

6.1 La Crete
A new book deposit box has been ordered.
Book signing with Eva Schmidt went well.
Book signing with KV Doerksen is coming up.
Grief books have been ordered.
Tuesdays are extremely busy, probably because of closure on Sundays and Mondays.
Knelsen is removing snow.
They have had lights installed at the back of the building so people can park in the evenings.
Their next meeting is Dec 5, Christmas party on Dec 12.

6.2 Fort Vermilion
They hope to have another meeting next week. Several ideas are brought up to revamp the interior of the library. They hired Eva Peters as the new library assistant, to start in two weeks.

6.3 Zama Library

Nordic pole walking in April.

“Adopt a shelf” with kids: kids take care of a shelf in the library.

They started an Instagram and Pinterest page.

Remembrance Day display and Postcards for Peace.

Lots of activities (Bingo).

- 6.4** High Level had Grand Opening on Saturday Nov 19. MCLB gave flowers, John attended.
MOTION # 2016-10-04: John moves to repay Beth \$30.00 for the flowers.

CARRIED

They weeded out their collection.

- 6.5 MCLC Tabled.**

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Plan of Service: Tabled

7.2 Library Service Agreement Tabled.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Library Wage Grid

To be further discussed at the next meeting, Sabrina will bring the FVCLS wage grid.

8.2 A writing promotion is initiated in collaboration with the Echo/Pioneer.

9.0 Adjournment

MOTION #2016-10-05 John moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm.

CARRIED

Next meeting December 15 at 6:00pm at the Mackenzie County Office in Fort Vermilion.

These minutes were adopted this 9th day of January, 2017.

Beth Kappelar, Chair



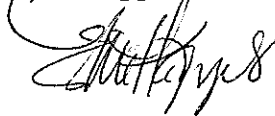
**Mackenzie County Library Board
Dec 15, 2016 meeting minutes
Mackenzie County Officie, Fort Vermilion, AB**

Present: Beth Kappelar, Lisa Wardley, Lorraine Peters, Lorna Joch, LaDawn Dachuk, Irene van der Kloet, John Driedger, Lucille Labrecque, Kayla Wardley

- 1.0 Meeting called to order at 6:12pm.
- 2.0 The Plans of Service and the Service Agreements of the libraries are discussed.
- 3.0 **Approval of the service agreement:**
MOTION #2016-11-01 Lucille moved that the MCLB is authorized to sign the service agreements with the 3 libraries. **CARRIED**
- 4.0 **Various:**
MOTION #2016-11-02 Irene moved to have more rack cards printed to be put on the Little Bookshelves. **CARRIED**
- 5.0 **MOTION #2016-11-03** John moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

These minutes were adopted this 9th day of January, 2017.

Beth Kappelar, Chair



SAVE THE DATE!!

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4th Annual Big Lakes
Invitational Charity
Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 17, 2017
High Prairie & District Golf Course



*Registration forms & sponsorship information will be
forthcoming. For more information
Please contact Jessica Martinson at
780-523-5955 or email jmartinson@biglakescounty.ca*

January 17, 2017



Trade DIVISION

MEMBER UPDATE

To our valued members,

As of January 1, 2017, UFA Farm & Ranch Supply and AAMDC Trade Division have decided not to continue their partnership. As UFA Farm & Ranch Supply are no longer an AAMDC Approved Supplier, all purchases will be processed through UFA Farm & Ranch Supply directly and will not be accounted towards the AAMDC annual dividend.

PLEASE NOTE: This partnership change only refers to **UFA Farm & Ranch Supply** purchases. This will not affect the PFA / UFA Petroleum relationship. All PFA / UFA Petroleum contracts and pricing agreements will remain unchanged.

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Government of Canada invests over \$1 million in improvements to community infrastructure in Slave Lake, Fort Vermilion and Barrhead

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150) funding helps communities improve their local amenities, thus improving collective well-being in society.

January 19, 2017 – Slave Lake, Alberta – Western Economic Diversification Canada

Slave Lake, Fort Vermilion and Barrhead will receive much-needed funding to upgrade valuable local infrastructure through the Government of Canada's CIP 150 combined investment of over \$1 million. The improvements made with this funding will help make community and recreational facilities more sustainable and enjoyable for many years to come.

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is part of Canada 150 Celebrates, the Government of Canada's celebration of our country's 150th anniversary of Confederation. Budget 2016 provided an additional \$150 million over two years to Canada's Regional Development Agencies to deliver further community funding across the country, starting in 2016-17, with Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) being responsible for administering the program in Western Canada.

Through investments in community infrastructure, the Government of Canada will invest in projects that seek to renovate, expand and improve existing community infrastructure, with a focus on recreational facilities, projects that advance a clean growth economy, and projects with a positive impact on Indigenous communities.

Quotes

“Participation in cultural and recreational activities brings us together in our communities and contributes to our health and well-being. The renewed facilities funded through the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program respond to the significant demand for community infrastructure improvements and also give us an opportunity to celebrate the people and communities of this great country.”

- The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Mill Woods on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for Western Economic Diversification Canada

"Today's Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program funding announcement will provide upgrades to the Slave Lake Multi Recreational Center (MRC) that residents here in the Slave Lake region use on a daily basis. The MRC provides meaningful and important recreational programs and activities for this community, and this funding will contribute to a recreational facility that Slave Lake residents can be proud of."

- His Worship Tyler Warman, Mayor, Town of Slave Lake

Backgrounder

Government of Canada Invests in Slave Lake, Fort Vermilion and Barrhead Community Infrastructure

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150) is part of Canada 150 Celebrates, the Government of Canada's celebration of our country's 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Budget 2016 provided an additional \$150 million over two years to Canada's Regional Development Agencies to invest in local improvements to communities across the country, starting in 2016-17. A total of \$46.2 million was allocated for projects across Western Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba). WD is responsible for administering the program in the West.

CIP 150 supports projects seeking to renovate, expand, and improve existing community infrastructure. Priority was given to projects that upgrade recreational facilities, advance a clean growth economy, and have a positive impact on Indigenous communities and peoples.

A Government of Canada CIP 150 investment of \$1,005,731 was announced today for work on three recreational and cultural projects in north-central Alberta.

Organization	Project	Location	Federal Funding
Fort Vermilion Recreation Board	Replace the ice plant at the arena	Fort Vermilion, Alberta	\$480,000
Town of Barrhead	Enhance energy efficiency at the Barrhead Arena	Barrhead, Alberta	\$78,000
Town of Slave Lake	Upgrade the Multi-Recreation Centre	Slave Lake, Alberta	\$447,731

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- [Government of Canada Announces Support for Community Infrastructure in Alberta](#)
- Backgrounder: [The 150th Anniversary of Confederation in 2017](#)

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2017-01-19

From: [Patricia Tiamiyu](#)
Subject: A message from the Minister of Municipal Affairs
Date: January-19-17 6:19:24 PM

To my new partners,

It was truly an honour to be sworn in this afternoon as the new Minister of Municipal Affairs. I'm proud to take on this important role and am looking forward to building relationship and working in partnership with all of you.

For the past year and a half I have served as the MLA for Leduc-Beaumont and prior to that, I worked for over ten years as a telecommunications technician. I have called Beaumont home for the last 11 years, and am raising my two children there. Like you, I am committed to building strong communities and a more resilient and diversified future for my family and all families.

I know over the past few years you have seen a number of new faces in this role and I want to assure you that I am committed to finishing the work Minister Larivee and our government has started. As one of the co-sponsors for the *Modernized Municipal Government Act*, I am already deeply involved in the work of this ministry and am humbled to take on a portfolio that impacts the lives of every single person in our province.

I am also pleased to tell you that Deputy Minister Brad Pickering and all of the staff in the Minister's office will be staying in their current positions to help ensure continuity as we move forward.

We have many major milestones ahead of us, but I am confident that by working together we will meet these goals, chart new ones and mark our collective achievements.

I look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming days and to our new relationship and partnership.



Hon. Shaye Anderson

Minister of Municipal Affairs

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From: [MA Minister](#)
Subject: Thank you
Date: January-19-17 6:10:44 PM

To my partners,

This afternoon I was honoured to be sworn in as the new Minister of Children’s Services. It will be a challenging portfolio, but one that I am humbled to take on. However, it is with mixed emotion that I write this note to you and reflect back on all that we have accomplished together while I was Minister of Municipal Affairs.

In May we faced one of the worst natural disasters in our country’s history when a wildfire swept through the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Together we proved how strong we are in the face of adversity, and how generous we are to our neighbours in times of need. I want to thank you for your willingness to step up and help in any way you could. It truly speaks to the dedication you have to our province and I know you made a real difference in the lives of Wood Buffalo residents. You have also been an important part of the *MGA* review and I want to thank you for your input and advice on how to make the act even stronger and more effective. You were key players in our province wide summer tour and I really appreciated your participation and input on what matters to you and your organizations. I was tremendously proud when the *Modernized Municipal Government Act* passed unanimously on December 6, and I greatly appreciate your continued involvement in the regulations.

I am pleased to see that Municipal Affairs will be in very capable hands with Minister Anderson. As co-sponsor of the Modernized Municipal Government Act, he played an important part in shepherding this bill through the Legislature and he understands the complexities that are faced by municipalities. I look forward to working with him on the *MGA* spring bill and regulations as we will both serve as members of the Municipal Governance Cabinet Policy Committee. Minister Anderson is dedicated, thoughtful, approachable, and practical. Municipal Affairs is a key priority for our government, and Minister Anderson will be an excellent Minister serving all of the communities in this great province.

I’ve said this before, but you truly are our government’s partners and it’s been a privilege to work so closely with you. I appreciate the support you’ve given me and the relationships we’ve built over the past year and a half and I look forward to having our paths cross again in the future.



Hon. Danielle Larivee

From: [Tasha Blumenthal](#)
Subject: Save the Date - March 16 - Alberta NAWMP Partnership 2017 Wetland Forum
Date: January-18-17 10:15:29 AM
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Municipalities and Wetlands

Municipalities are being asked to save March 16, for the [Alberta NAWMP Partnership](#)'s 2017 Wetland Forum on the topic of Wetlands and Municipalities, which will take place in Leduc. The event seeks to acknowledge and support the important role that municipalities play in wetland conservation through panel discussions and profiles, including:

- a primer on Your Guide to Making Wetlands Work in your Municipality
- introduction to the provincial merged wetland inventory
- municipal wetland education needs and future options
- wetland menu concept: municipal public advisory committees
- MGA revision update: implications for wetlands
- municipal-wetland case studies: MDPs and wetlands, municipal inventories, wetlands and watersheds

Stay tuned for the agenda and registration information to be released mid-February. Note that 60 spaces will be available for municipal elected officials and staff on a first-come-first-served basis. A follow-up email will be distributed with registration information when it becomes available. Due to limited space available, this information is being shared via email instead of broadly in the Contact newsletter.

***The Role of Municipalities in Wetland Conservation:
opportunities, resources and partnerships***

Alberta NAWMP Wetland Forum - 9AM-3PM Thursday March 16, 2017 (Leduc)



We will:

- Clarify Municipal roles and responsibilities for wetlands
- Launch *Your Guide to Making Wetlands Work in your Municipality (2016)*
- Shop the wetland resource and partnership 'marketplace'

Please save-the-date: invitation to follow in February for this free event hosted by the Alberta NAWMP Partnership

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