

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:	Joshua Knelsen	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (arrived at 11:47 a.m.)
	Peter F. Braun	Councillor
	Cameron Cardinal	Councillor (left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.)
	David Driedger	Councillor
	Eileen Morris	Councillor (left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)
	Ernest Peters	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
	Dale Wiebe	Councillor
REGRETS:	Garrell Smith	Councillor
ADMINISTRATION:	Darrell Derksen	Chief Administrative Officer
	Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
	Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
	Andy Banman	Director of Operations
	John Zacharias	Director of Utilities
	Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager
	Louise Flooren	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary
	Landon Driedger	Agricultural Fieldman

ALSO PRESENT:

Minutes of the Budget Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 19, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Knelsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 24-11-825 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) None

CLOSED MEETING:

4. a) None

TENDERS:

5. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

7. a) None

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

8. a) None

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

9. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

10. a) None

FINANCE:

11. a) Additional 2025 One Time Projects for Review

MOTION 24-11-826
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration incorporates the additional 2025 One Time projects:

- Fort Vermilion Shop Floor Repair - \$12,000
- Well #4 Cleaning - \$85,000

into the Draft 2025 Operating budget with funding coming from the 2025 taxation levy as Tracking Sheet Change #4.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. b) Review 2024 One Time Projects – Carry Forwards

MOTION 24-11-827
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2024 One Time project requiring additional funds to complete projects in 2025 have their budgets amended as follows:

- Fishing Opportunities (MARA, Tompkins Twin Pond)
(2023) –\$25,000

with funding coming from the Municipal Reserve as Tracking
Sheet Change #5.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-11-828

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Morris

That administration incorporates the requested 2024 One Time
Carry Forward projects in the Draft 2025 Operating budget.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. c) 2025 Non-Profit Organization Grant Applications

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:35 a.m., Deputy
Reeve Sarapuk joined the meeting at 11:47 a.m., Reeve
Knelsen reconvened the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:27 p.m., Councillor
Cardinal left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Reeve Knelsen
reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

MOTION 24-11-829

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That a support letter be provided to the La Crete & Area
Chamber of Commerce for their Small Community Opportunity
Program Grant Application.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-11-830

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2025 Non-Profit Organization grant applications be
approved as discussed, and incorporated into the 2025 Draft
Operating Budget as Tracking Sheet Change #6.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:07 p.m. and
reconvened the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

FINANCE:

11. d) Draft 2025 Operating Budget

MOTION 24-11-831
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2025 Draft Operating Budget be approved with Tracking Sheet Change #3 as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. e) Review 2024 Capital Projects – Carry Forwards

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Councillor Morris left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION 24-11-832
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

That the 2024 One Time Projects requiring additional funding to compete projects in 2025 have their budgets amended as follows:

- Wadlin Lake Campground \$50,000;
- Hutch Lake Campground \$50,000 with funding for both coming from the Parks and Recreation Reserve;
- Hamlet Park Development \$25,000 with funding coming from other Sources;
- La Crete Walking Trail 109 Ave & 113 Street - \$20,000 with funding coming from the General Capital Reserve;
- Fort Vermilion – Frozen Water Services Repair (River Road) (2015) - \$15,000 with funding coming from the Water Sewer Infrastructure Reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-11-833
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration incorporates the requested 2024 Capital Carry Forward projects in the Draft 2025 budget as amended.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. f) 2025 Capital Projects

MOTION 24-11-834

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2025 Capital Projects be brought back to the December 11, 2024 Budget Council meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 12. a) None

UTILITIES: 13. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:** 14. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 15. a) None

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE ITEMS:** 16. a) None

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:** 17. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:** 18. a) None

NOTICE OF MOTION: 19. a) None

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:** 20. a) **Next Meeting Dates**

Regular Council Meeting
November 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
December 10, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 21. a) **Adjournment**

MOTION 24-11-835 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the November 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Darrell Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

