

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 18, 2014
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:07 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ricky Paul	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public and the media.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 18, 2014 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 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 14-12-901 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

5. f) FRIAA Grant

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) None

BUSINESS:

5. a) Farmland Tax

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

MOTION 14-12-902

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the minimum farmland tax remain at \$35.00 for the 2015 tax year.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Wardley
Councillor Driedger
Reeve Neufeld
Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Braun

Opposed

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Derksen
Councillor Paul
Councillor Jorgensen

DEFEATED

BUSINESS:

5. b) Water Rates

MOTION 14-12-903

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the water rates remain status quo for 2015.

DEFEATED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

BUSINESS:

5. c) 2015 Budget

Council and administration reviewed the cash requirement for the 2015 budget.

Council and administration reviewed the proposed oil dust control areas for 2015.

Council and administration reviewed the TCA projects for 2015.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Council and administration continued to review the TCA projects for 2015.

Council and administration reviewed the capital requests for non-profit organizations.

- FCSS – the same as 2014
- Mackenzie Library Board – as requested
- Recreation Boards
 - 8% increase in operating for La Crete and Fort Vermilion
 - Zama – same as 2014

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Council and administration reviewed the capital requests for the recreation boards.

MOTION 14-12-904
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That an interim 2015 operating budget be approved in the amount of 50% of the 2014 operating budget.

CARRIED

MOTION 14-12-905

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That a Special Council (Budget) meeting be scheduled for January 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CARRIED

BUSINESS:

5. d) Mackenzie Veterinary Services

MOTION 14-12-906

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the correspondence from the Mackenzie Veterinary Services be TABLED to the budget meeting.

CARRIED

BUSINESS:

5. e) January 28, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Date

MOTION 14-12-907

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the January 28, 2015 regular council meeting be changed to Friday, January 30, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. f) FRIAA Grant (ADDITION)

MOTION 14-12-908

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to submit an application under the FRIAA FireSmart Program for the Zama City Vegetation Management Proposal.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

7. a) Next Meeting Date

Special Council (Budget) Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

8. a) Adjournment

MOTION 14-12-909

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Special Council Budget meeting be adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 07, 2015.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer
