

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor (left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ricky Paul	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Len Racher	Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Mark Schonken	Interim Director of Finance
Fred Wiebe	Manager of Utilities
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative and Support Services
Carrie Simpson	Executive Assistant to the CAO/Recording Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public and the media.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 12, 2016 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

**MOTION 16-01-001 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4. b) S/Sgt. Simpson – RCMP Fort Vermilion
- 10. d) Dust Control Policy
- 11. e) Fort Vermilion Streetscape Advisory Committee
- 13. g) High Level Education Committee

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the December 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 16-01-002**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the December 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. b) Minutes of the December 21, 2015 Special Council (Budget) Meeting**

**MOTION 16-01-003**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Special Council (Budget) Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**UTILITIES:**

**9. a) Utility Accounts**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Peter Schellenberg (Country Grill)**

**MOTION 16-01-004**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the following outstanding utility accounts be waived:  
Country Grill \$64,952.74  
Veterinary Clinic \$8,230.01

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**5. a) CAO Report**

**MOTION 16-01-005**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the CAO and Directors report for December 2015 be received for information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED**

**5. b) Tompkins Crossing Committee Meeting Minutes –  
April 28, 2015**

**MOTION 16-01-006**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Tompkins Crossing Committee meeting minutes of April 28, 2015 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**TENDERS:**

**6. a) None**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**7. a) None**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**8. a) None**

**OPERATIONS:**

**10. a) Review PW004 - Winter Road Maintenance/Snow  
Plowing Indicator Policy & PW005 - Road Maintenance  
Policy**

**MOTION 16-01-007**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snow Plowing Indicator Policy be brought back to the January 29, 2016 Regular Council Meeting with amendments to address concerns on the Zama Access road and the Highway 88 Connector.

**CARRIED**

**10. b) Motor Graders Purchase**

**MOTION 16-01-008**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to enter into the agreement through the National Joint Powers Alliance (Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties) with Finning to purchase two CAT 160M and one Cat 140M graders for a total of \$1,377,706 less the buyback of \$481,932.

**CARRIED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. b) S/Sgt. Simpson – RCMP Fort Vermilion**

**MOTION 16-01-009**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Mackenzie County RCMP Crime Statistics Report from Western Alberta District be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**10. c) 2015 Blue Hills Erosion Project Payment**

**MOTION 16-01-010**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration be authorized to issue a payment for the extra quantities on the Blue Hills Erosion Project, subject to independent confirmation of quantities.

**CARRIED**

**10. d) Dust Control Policy (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 16-01-011**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the Dust Control Policy be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**11. a) Bylaw 1012-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Amend  
the Definition of Garden Suite and Add Provisions**

**MOTION 16-01-012**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1012-16, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to clarify the use of garden suites, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**11. b) Bylaw 1013-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add  
Park Models to the Country Recreational District**

**MOTION 16-01-013**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1013-16, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to add Park Models to the Country Recreational district, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**11. c) Land Stewardship Committee – Terms of Reference**

**MOTION 16-01-014**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Land Stewardship Committee Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-01-015**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following four Councilors be appointed to the Land Stewardship Committee:

- Councillor Jorgensen (Agricultural Land Use Planning Committee)
- Councillor Knelsen (Agricultural Service Board)
- Councilor Bateman (Municipal Planning Commission)
- Councillor Driedger (Community Sustainability Committee)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-01-016**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman  
Requires 2/3

That the funding required for the Land Stewardship Committee be included in the final budget approval presented in April, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**11. d) Community Sustainability Plan**

**MOTION 16-01-017**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Community Sustainability Plan be approved as presented with the additions of High Level as circulated, Blumenort removal of the commerce portion and the new service centre in Bluehills.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

reconvened the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

**11. e) Fort Vermilion Streetscape Advisory Committee  
(ADDITION)**

**MOTION 16-01-018**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Councillor Paul be appointed to the Fort Vermilion Streetscape Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FINANCE:**

**12. a) Financial Reports – January 1 to November 30, 2015**

**MOTION 16-01-019**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the financial reports for the period January 1 – November 30, 2015, be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**13. a) February 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 16-01-020**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the February 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be changed to Monday, February 22, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13. b) Bill 6 – Enhanced Protection for Farm and Workers Act  
Regulations**

**MOTION 16-01-021**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration sends an inquiry to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties regarding participation in the consultation tables for the Farm and Ranch Workplace Regulation Consultations.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-01-022**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter be sent to the Provincial Government expressing our opposition to the Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation and that the questions from the public be included.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED**

**13. c) 2016 Growing the North Conference**

**MOTION 16-01-023**      **MOVED** by Councillor Paul

That the following Councillors be authorized to attend the 2016 Growing the North Conference in Grande Prairie on February 17 – 18, 2016.

Councillor Braun  
Councillor Knelsen  
Councillor Derksen  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Jorgensen  
Councillor Wardley

**CARRIED**

**13. d) Town of High Level – Capital Projects Requests**

**MOTION 16-01-024**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun  
Requires 2/3

That administration be authorized to release \$137,059.08 to the Town of High Level as part of the cost sharing for the Centennial Park project.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-01-025**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Town of High Level stating that Mackenzie County is not in a position with the current economy to commit to the sports complex new addition estimated at \$4,000,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-01-026**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Town of High Levels request for the 2016 capital projects (in the amount of \$127,000.00) be accepted as per the Regional Service Sharing Agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**13. e) STARS – Request for Funding**

**MOTION 16-01-027**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the STARS request for funding be denied.

**CARRIED**

**13. f) Farm Tech Conference**

**MOTION 16-01-028**

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That Deputy Reeve Sarapuk be authorized to attend the Farm Tech Conference in Edmonton on January 26-28, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**13. g) High Level Education Committee (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 16-01-029**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Councillor Jorgensen be authorized to attend the High Level Education Committee Meeting on Councillor Bateman's behalf on January 14, 2016.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**14. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 16-01-030**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Bateman left the meeting 3:35 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA  
SESSION:**

**15. In-Camera Session**

**MOTION 16-01-031**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4:00 p.m.

- 15. a) Legal
- 15. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations
- 15. c) Land

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-01-032**      **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That Council move out of camera at 4:37 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**15. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations**

**MOTION 16-01-033**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That legal counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to exchange the proposal with the local AUPE as revised.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**      **16. a) MOTION 15-05-373**

Councillor Derksen brought forward a Notice of Motion to reconsider Motion 15-05-373 at the January 29, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

- 17. a)      Committee of the Whole Meeting  
                 Friday, January 29, 2016  
                 10:00 a.m.  
                 Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- b)      Regular Council Meeting  
                 Friday, January 29, 2016  
                 1:00 p.m.  
                 Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**      **18. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 16-01-034**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on January 29, 2016.

(original signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

(original signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joulia Whittleton  
Chief Administrative Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_