

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 08, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve (absent 11:03 a.m. – 2:43 p.m.)
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public and media.
Grade 6 Class – Ridgeview Central School
C/Supt. Brenda Lucki – C/Supt District Commander Western Alberta District - RCMP
S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson – Fort Vermilion RCMP
S/Sgt. Brad Giles – High Level RCMP
Insp. Craig Peterson – RCMP
Blaine Brody – Manager of Alberta Medical First Response Program Alberta Health Services
Jason Gabriel – Manager North Zone, Northwest Alberta Health Services Clinical Operations

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 8, 2016 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

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

Mrs. Karie Becker and Miss Jacklyn Cottrell's grade six classes from Ridgeview Central School were present to observe the Council meeting.

The students held an election for the position of Junior Reeve. Evan Bergen was elected the Junior Reeve and took a seat next to the Reeve.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 16-03-151 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

9. h) Resignation of Councillor and By-election

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the February 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 16-03-152 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 5. a) Council Committee Reports (Verbal)

MOTION 16-03-153 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Council Committee verbal reports be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION 16-03-154 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of February 29, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 16-03-155 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 4, 2016 and February 19, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

MOTION 16-03-156 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the CAO and Directors reports for February 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: **4. b) Grade 6 Class – Ridgeview Central School**

The grade 6 students were given an opportunity to present questions to Council:

1. Reeve Neufeld was asked how long he has been the Reeve?
Reeve Neufeld replied, he has been on Council for 35 years and has been the Reeve for approximately 20 years.
2. Why can we get a splash park but not a pool?
Council had to take into consideration what it would cost to maintain and run the pool in the future. The cost to maintain a pool year after year is very expensive. Also, the pool would require many more staff, lifeguards, which also would add to the cost. The Splash Park in the long run is considerably cheaper to maintain and requires little staff. In the end it came down to a plebiscite – which is a direct vote by eligible voters that decided to vote against having a pool.

3. Can La Crete get a mini-golf course?
This is a good question that should be brought forward to your local recreation boards.
4. What is the percentage (%) of education tax based on the Tax Notice? What percentage of that is given back to the school?
Councillor Wardley explained the 3 components of the Tax Notice to the students. The tax money that Mackenzie County receives for education (approximately 20 %) is given to the Provincial Government and they send the money out to the schools here. Mackenzie County collects the taxes for the municipality, education and for the lodge. For 2015 the amounts collected were:
 - *Municipal - \$35.2 M*
 - *Education - \$6.5 M*
 - *Lodge - \$800,000*

TENDERS: 7. a) **None**

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

ADMINISTRATION: 9. a) **Policy ADM042 General Safety Policy**

MOTION 16-03-157 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy ADM042 General Safety Policy be amended as presented.

CARRIED

9. b) **Office Building on the Experimental Farm**

MOTION 16-03-158 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That administration researches grant funding options for covering the costs of hazardous materials removal from the condemned office building on the experimental farm in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

Junior Reeve Evan Bergen called a recess at 11:03 a.m.

Reeve Neufeld turned over the chair to Deputy Reeve Sarapuk and left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

The grade 6 students left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reconvened the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

- 4. a) C/Supt. Brenda Lucki, District Commander Western Alberta District – RCMP
Insp. Craig Peterson – District Operations, Support Operations - RCMP**

Presentation was given by C/Supt. Brenda Lucki and Insp. Craig Peterson of the RCMP. Discussion regarding:

- Adequate staffing levels for the northern districts
- Basic service levels vs. enhanced levels of service

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

MOTION 16-03-159

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the RCMP presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

- 9. c) Letter of Support – La Crete Recreation Society**

MOTION 16-03-160

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That a letter of support be sent to the La Crete Recreation Society to apply for grant money under the Community Enhancement Program for lobby renovation and ice plant upgrade.

CARRIED

- 9. d) Citizen's Contribution for Street Lamps**

MOTION 16-03-161

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Mr. Danny Friesen's letter regarding a street lamp project along River Road in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion be received for information and that the \$10,000 cheque be returned, thanking him for his generous contribution to a future project.

CARRIED

- 9. e) Fort Vermilion School Division (Councillor Request)**

MOTION 16-03-162 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That a letter of support be sent to the Fort Vermilion School Division Board of Trustees in regards to their position on Bill 10 with a copy being sent to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. f) Jubilee and Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Annual General Meeting

MOTION 16-03-163 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Chair of the Finance Committee be appointed to act as proxy at the Annual General Meeting of the Jubilee and Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange on March 14, 2016 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

9. g) 2016 Mackenzie Regional Charity Golf Tournament

MOTION 16-03-164 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That September 7, 2016, be selected as the date for the 2016 Mackenzie Regional Charity Tournament.

9. h) Resignation of Councillor and By-election (ADDITION)

MOTION 16-03-165 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council acknowledges the resignation of Councillor Ricky Paul and that a by-election be held for the Councillor vacancy in Ward 7 as follows:

- Election Day – Wednesday, May 4, 2016;
- Nomination Day – Wednesday, April 6, 2016;
- Advance Vote - Saturday, April 30, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:

10. a) Policy ASB018 - Clubroot of Canola Policy

MOTION 16-03-166 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy ASB018 Clubroot of Canola be approved with the following amendment:

Action

5. All municipal contractors bringing equipment into the County must clean/sterilize their equipment.

CARRIED

10. b) Policy ASB019 - Fusarium Graminearum Policy

MOTION 16-03-167

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Policy ASB019 - Fusarium Graminearum be approved as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

11. a) Request for Proposal – Awarding Hutch Lake Campground Caretaker

MOTION 16-03-168

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the Hutch Lake Campground Caretaker contract be awarded to Vernon Shelton.

CARRIED

Councillor Wardley declared herself in conflict and stepped out of the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

11. b) Request for Proposals– Awarding Machesis Lake Campground Caretaker

MOTION 16-03-169

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Machesis Lake Campground Caretaker contract be awarded to Kenneth Ward.

CARRIED

Councillor Wardley rejoined the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

DELEGATION:

4. c) Blaine Brody, Manager of Alberta Medical First Response Program – Alberta Medical First Response Program - Alberta Health Services

Presentation was made regarding the Alberta Medical First Response Program.

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

OPERATIONS:

11. c) Medical First Responder Program

MOTION 16-03-170

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the County fire departments continue to participate in the Medical First Responders Program at the limited response level which includes fire specifics, cardiac arrest, other immediate life threatening and Delta and Echo level events and driver assistance, if requested by Alberta Health Services.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. a) Zama Recreation Board – Capital

MOTION 16-03-171

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Zama Recreation Capital funds be reallocated as follows:

- Community Hall: Yard Light Project reallocated to the Community Hall: Storage Room Flooring project (\$2,500)
- Hall Electrical Upgrades reallocated to the Shower Unit Project (\$1,612.83)

CARRIED

12. b) Reversal of Late Reporting Penalty (Community Aggregate Payment Levy)

MOTION 16-03-172

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the late reporting penalty in the amount of \$1,000 for the operator that was late with submitting the aggregate use report by four days, due to delay in receiving an exemption letter by a government body, be waived.

CARRIED

12. c) Accredited Supportive Living Services (ASLS) – 2016 Property Tax Exemption Request

MOTION 16-03-173

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Accredited Supportive Living Services be exempt from paying 6% of the property taxes under roll 076846 for the office that they lease in La Crete for 2016.

CARRIED

12. d) Maranatha Evangelical Church – 2016 Property Tax Exemption Request

MOTION 16-03-174

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Maranatha Evangelical Church Services request for property tax exemption be TABLED until the rezoning is complete.

CARRIED

12. e) Noralta Inn West – 2016 Property Tax Exemption Request

MOTION 16-03-175

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the request by Noralta Inn West for a property tax exemption be TABLED for further information.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Tolko DLO 3841 Road

MOTION 16-03-176

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Tolko DLO 3841 Road be TABLED.

DEFEATED

MOTION 16-03-177

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration advises Tolko that Mackenzie County is not interested in taking over lease DLO 3841 and send a letter to Alberta Environment and Parks requesting them to consider keeping this trail open as a heritage trail.

CARRIED

13. b) Proposed Lease for Meander River Gravel Pits

MOTION 16-03-178 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration pursues taking possession of the southerly gravel pit lease DRS 834, and delays pursuing possession of the northerly gravel pit lease DRS 780149.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld rejoined the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) Bylaw 1016-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 580KS from Hamlet Residential District 1 "HR1" to Residential Condominium District "RCD"

MOTION 16-03-179 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the letter from Mona and Richard Randle in regards to their submission for the Public Hearing for the land use rezoning for Bylaw 1016-16 be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld resumed the Chair at 2:47 p.m.

14. b) Bylaw 1018-16 – Hawkers and Peddlers

MOTION 16-03-180 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1018-16 being the Hawkers and Peddlers Bylaw as AMENDED.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 3:03 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

UTILITIES: **15. a) Policy UT007 Lagoon Sludge Application to Land Policy**

MOTION 16-03-181 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration bring back Policy UT007 Lagoon Sludge Application to Land Policy with the amendments as discussed to the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

15. b) Rural Potable Water Infrastructure – Expression of Interest and Pre-Qualifications

MOTION 16-03-182 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Rural Potable Water Infrastructure Expression of Interest and Pre-qualification list of contractors be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:** **16. a) Information/Correspondence**

MOTION 16-03-183 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires 2/3

That Mackenzie County sponsor the Hockey Alberta Bantam D Provincial Tournament in High Level as a Bronze Sponsor.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld turned over the chair to Deputy Reeve Sarapuk at 3:44 p.m.

MOTION 16-03-184 **MOVED** by Reeve Neufeld
Requires 2/3

That a sponsorship of \$500 be given to the Senior Boys Provincial Basketball Tournament being held in La Crete.

DEFEATED

Reeve Neufeld resumed the chair at 3:46 p.m.

MOTION 16-03-185 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires 2/3

That Motion 16-03-183 be amended to change the sponsorship level to \$1500.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-03-186 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires 2/3

That Motion 16-03-184 be amended to change the sponsorship

amount to \$1500.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-03-187 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Health and MLA, Debbie Jabbour regarding the Alberta Health Review of Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP) initiative.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-03-188 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

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

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

17. In-Camera Session

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

MOTION 16-03-189 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4:15 p.m.

- 16. a) Legal
- 16. b) Labour
 - AUPE Negotiations
- 16. c) Land
 - Gravel Proposal

CARRIED

Councillor Bateman declared herself in conflict for the Gravel Proposals/Negotiations and stepped out of the meeting at 4:37 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

MOTION 16-03-190 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 16-03-191 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County's negotiation committee for the new AUPE collective agreement proceeds as discussed.

CARRIED

17. c) Land – Gravel Proposal

MOTION 16-03-192 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration negotiate the Gravel Proposal as discussed.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: **18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

- 19. a) Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Tuesday, March 22, 2016
 10:00 a.m.
 Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

- b) Regular Council Meeting
 Wednesday, March 23, 2016
 10:00 a.m.
 Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: **20. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 16-03-193 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the council meeting be adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on March 23, 2016.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

