

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, June 30, 2016  
1:00 p.m.**

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

**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
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Ron Pelensky	Acting CAO/Director of Community Services & Operations
Len Racher	Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Peng Tian	Director of Finance
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Media  
Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on June 30, 2016 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

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

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**MOTION 16-06-482**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the June 14, 2016, Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 16-06-483**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the June 14, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**8. a) Bylaw 1028-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SW 8-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Country Residential District 3 "RC3" (La Crete Rural)**

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 1028-16 to order at 1:09 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1028-16 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on May 10, 2016.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed road closure bylaw. Council had the following questions:

- Will the bylaw still allow us to do an off-site levy? Yes at subdivision approval.
- Lots under Country Residential zoning are generally big lots, will they be under municipal water and sewer? It would be a trickle system with a low pressure sewer system.
- How much space is remaining within the hamlet boundaries for this type of development? This particular

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development is outside the hamlet boundary. There is room for more than 4,000 residents within the hamlet boundary for new development.

- A comment was made that this development fits well in the proposed area. Larger lots are better outside the hamlet boundaries instead of inside the hamlet.
- A comment was made regarding how many more quarters of land we are going to turn into Country Residential.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1028-16. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1028-16. There was no one present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1028-16 at 1:15 p.m.

**MOTION 16-06-484**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1028-16 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SW 8-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Country Residential District 3 "RC3" to allow for the development of multiple residential lots in the rural area.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-06-485**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1028-16 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Part of SW 8-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Country Residential District 3 "RC3" to allow for the development of multiple residential lots in the rural area.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. a) Council Committee Reports**

**MOTION 16-06-486**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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That the Council Committee Reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPORTS:** 6. a) None

**TENDERS:** 7. a) None

**ADMINISTRATION:** 9. a) **Bylaw 1039-16 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw**

**MOTION 16-06-487** **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1039-19 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

9. b) **Alberta Health Services Vacant Lots**

**MOTION 16-06-488** **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Infrastructure requesting that they delay selling the 8 vacant lots in Fort Vermilion until the visioning for health services including designated assisted living has been completed.

**CARRIED**

9. c) **Municipal Government Act Amendments**

**MOTION 16-06-489** **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the report on the Municipal Government Act amendments be received for information.

**CARRIED**

9. d) **Request from the Town of Peace River – Rotary House Funding**

**MOTION 16-06-490** **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That a letter of support be sent to the Town of Peace River in response to their funding request for the rotary house project and that financial consideration be debated during the 2017 budget deliberations.

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**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

**9. e) Mackenzie Housing Management Board – Notice of Motion – Seniors’ Housing Facility in High Level**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Roberto Noce, Miller Thomson LLP (via teleconference)**

**17. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations Update**

**MOTION 16-06-491** **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move in-camera at 2:32 p.m. to discuss 17. b) AUPE Negotiations Update.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-06-492** **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of camera at 3:34 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-06-493** **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the AUPE Negotiations Committee proceed as discussed.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. e) Mackenzie Housing Management Board – Notice of Motion – Seniors’ Housing Facility in High Level**

**MOTION 16-06-494** **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

Requires Unanimous

That Mackenzie County council clearly reiterate that Mackenzie County will not be responsible for any capital funding of a lodge in High Level.

Councillor Toews requested a recorded vote.

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**In Favor**  
Councillor Toews  
Councillor Jorgensen

**Opposed**  
Councillor Derksen  
Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Driedger  
Reeve Neufeld  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Knelsen  
Councillor Bateman  
Councillor Braun

**DEFEATED**

**9. f) MGA Session – Councillor Reimbursement**

**MOTION 16-06-495**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Councillor Jorgensen be authorized to receive honorariums and expenses for attending the AAMDC Municipal Government Act consultation session on June 20, 2016 in St. Isidore.

**CARRIED**

**9. g) La Crete Canada Post Facility**

**MOTION 16-06-496**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration investigate options with Canada Post to assist in moving forward the new Canada Post facility in La Crete.

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**

**10. a) None**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Memorandum of Understanding between Mackenzie  
County and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

**MOTION 16-06-497**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Memorandum of Understanding between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Mackenzie County be APPROVED for the two enhanced policing positions for a three year term, expiring June 30, 2019 as presented.

**CARRIED**

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**FINANCE:**

**12. a) La Crete Recreation Society – Budget Reallocation Request**

**MOTION 16-06-498**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request by the La Crete Recreation Society to transfer \$1,600 of approved capital funds from the La Crete Arena Outdoor Lights Project to the Bluehills Rink Boards Project be APPROVED.

**CARRIED**

**12. b) Zama Recreation Society Water Line – Budget Reallocation Request**

**MOTION 16-06-499**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the request by the Zama Recreation Society to transfer \$30,000 of approved capital funds from the Water Line Project to the Electrical Upgrade for the Hall Property Project be APPROVED.

**CARRIED**

**12. c) Request to Waive Penalties – Tax Roll 082100**

**MOTION 16-06-500**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration be authorized to waive penalties on Tax Roll #082100 in the amount of \$490.17 due to an administrative error and that the 50% down payment requirement to re-enter into a Tax Installment Agreement be waived.

**CARRIED**

**12. d) Request to Waive Penalties - Tax Roll 105972**

**MOTION 16-06-501**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2014 penalties on Tax Roll 105972 totaling \$493.90 be voided and the 2015 penalties be recalculated based on the 2014 levy paid in full and that the tax notification be discharged; and that the \$10.00 fee for tax notification registration be voided subject to the final payment; and that the transfer of \$1,116.03 from Tax Roll 105973 to the correct Tax Roll 105972 be approved.

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**CARRIED**

**12. e) Request to Reduce Tax - Tax Rolls 077026, 077027 & 077030**

**MOTION 16-06-502**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the request to reduce tax on Tax Rolls 077026, 077027 & 077030 be DENIED.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 16-06-503**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request to reduce tax on Tax Rolls 077026, 077027 & 077030 be APPROVED to \$35 minimum tax as requested in 2015.

Councillor Braun requested a recorded vote.

**In Favor**

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

**Opposed**

Councillor Toews  
Councillor Driedger  
Reeve Neufeld  
Councillor Braun

**DEFEATED**

**12. f) Request to Reduce Tax - Tax Roll 118524-118528 & 118535-118539**

**MOTION 16-06-504**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the request to reduce tax on Tax Rolls 118524-118528 & 118535-118539 be APPROVED to \$35 minimum tax as requested in 2015.

Councillor Bateman requested a recorded vote.

**In Favor**

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Jorgensen  
Councillor Knelsen  
Councillor Bateman  
Councillor Wardley

**Opposed**

Councillor Derksen  
Councillor Toews  
Councillor Driedger  
Reeve Neufeld  
Councillor Braun

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**DEFEATED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:18 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

**12. g) Request to Reduce Tax – Tax Roll 289333**

**MOTION 16-06-505**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the request to reduce tax on Tax Roll 289333 be APPROVED to decrease to minimum tax of \$35 as requested in 2015.

Councillor Wardley requested a recorded vote.

**In Favor**

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

**Opposed**

Councillor Bateman  
Councillor Toews

**CARRIED**

**12. h) Request to Reduce Tax – Tax Roll 410954**

**MOTION 16-06-506**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the request to reduce tax on Tax Roll 410954 to a minimum tax of \$35 for 2016 be APPROVED.

**CARRIED**

**12. i) Request to Waive Penalties – Tax Roll 082193**

**MOTION 16-06-507**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the penalty of \$46.08 for Tax Roll 082193 arising due to the transfer to outstanding utilities charges be WAIVED.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**13. a) Collector Road Intersections**

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**MOTION 16-06-508**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration forwards a copy of the collector road intersection report to Alberta Transportation in order for them to include any intersection improvements in their future paving projects.

**CARRIED**

**13. b) La Crete Salt & Sand Shed Progress**

**MOTION 16-06-509**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the La Crete salt and sand shed progress photos be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Bylaw 1043-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 13-106-15-W5M from Recreational "REC" to Country Recreational District "CR"(La Crete Rural)**

**MOTION 16-06-510**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1043-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NW 13-106-15-W5M from Recreational "REC" to Country Recreational "CR" for the purpose of a Multi-lot subdivision providing that the lots are serviced by a low pressure municipal system, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**14. b) Caribou Protection Areas**

**MOTION 16-06-511**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a request be sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs to collect assessment data for the caribou protection areas.

**CARRIED**

**UTILITIES:**

**15. a) Hamlet Utility Easements Strategy**

**MOTION 16-06-512**                    **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

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That administration bring back additional information specific to individual properties affected by the hamlet utility easements.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION:**

**16. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 16-06-513**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Councillor Bateman be authorized to attend the Town of Rainbow Lake 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on July 1 – 3, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-06-514**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA  
SESSION:**

**17. In-Camera Session**

**MOTION 16-06-515**

**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 5:23 p.m.

17. a) Legal

17. b) Labour

- CAO Recruitment

17. c) Land

- Gravel Land Purchase

- Caribou Protection Areas

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-06-516**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 6:24 p.m.

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**CARRIED**

**14. b) Caribou Protection Areas**

**MOTION 16-06-517**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the caribou protection area update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**17. a) Land – Gravel Land Purchase**

**MOTION 16-06-518**      **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the gravel land purchase be TABLED for more information.

**CARRIED**

**17. b) Labour – CAO Recruitment**

**MOTION 16-06-519**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Ron Pelensky's Acting CAO appointment be extended from July 10, 2016 to July 12, 2016.

**CARRIED**

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

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

- 19. a) Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 12, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
  
- b) Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 9, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**      **20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 16-06-520**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on July 12, 2016.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer

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