

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 1, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Lisa Wardley	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:15 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Peng Tian	Director of Finance
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
David Fehr	Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Grant Smith	Agriculture Fieldman
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Louise Flooren	Acting Finance Controller/HR Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT: None

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 1, 2016 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 10:00 a.m.

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

MOTION 16-11-813 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) None

TENDERS:

7. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. a) None

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) Organizational Chart

MOTION 16-11-814

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move in camera at 10:02 a.m. to discuss the organizational chart.

CARRIED

All administration left the meeting with the exception of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:15 a.m.

MOTION 16-11-815

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of camera at 11:17 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:28 a.m. with all council and administration present.

MOTION 16-11-816

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the organizational chart be approved as AMENDED.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. b) Request from Town of Peace River – Rotary House

Funding

MOTION 16-11-817

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the request from the Town of Peace River for funding towards the Rotary House be received for information and that a letter of support be sent.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. c) STARS – Request for Funding

MOTION 16-11-818

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the request for funding from STARS be received for information.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURE:

10. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Clerical Support – Royal Canadian Mounted Police
(RCMP)**

MOTION 16-11-819

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Mackenzie County continue to support the RCMP with a contract clerical position and that administration draft a Memorandum of Understanding/Contract with the RCMP for a three year term which includes a job description and a minimum of three working days in the La Crete Office.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. a) Draft 2017 Operating Budget

Peng Tian and Louise Flooren presented the highlights of the significant budget changes for 2017.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Roberto Noce, Q.C., Miller Thomson LLP (IN-CAMERA)

IN CAMERA SESSION:

17. b) AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 16-11-820

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council move in-camera at 12:54 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-11-821

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of camera at 1:34 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-11-822

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Mediator's Recommendations for Terms of Settlement, dated October 24, 2016, between Mackenzie County and the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (Local 118/008) be ACCEPTED.

CARRIED

Peng Tian and Louise Flooren continued the presentation of the highlights of the significant budget changes. The following suggestions were given by Council for the budget:

- Adjust the estimated decrease in tax revenue to \$1M.
- Increase the Enhanced Policing to two full-time equivalents (FTE) for 2017 instead of 1.5 FTE.
- Utilize the \$500,000 currently in the gravel reserves and \$1M from the general operating reserve for the 2017 gravel crushing program.

MOTION 16-11-823

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy RESV14 Gravel Crushing Reserve be brought back to Council for review.

CARRIED

Peng Tian and Louise Flooren continued the presentation of the highlights of the significant budget changes.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Review of the draft 2017 operating budget.

The following suggestions were given by Council for the 2017 budget:

- Review and adjust line items (freight, fuel and oil, natural gas, electricity) affected by the implementation of the carbon tax.

Review of the Cash Flow Requirement.

Review of the Water & Sewer Rates.

OPERATIONS: 13. a) None

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

UTILITIES: 15. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:** 16. a) None

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE: 19. a) Next Meeting Date

Budget Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 16-11-824 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Special Council Budget meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on November 8, 2016.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

