

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 12, 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 (stepped out from 11:19 a.m. – 1:12 p.m.)
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
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
David Fehr	Director of Operations
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
Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 12, 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 10:07 a.m.

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

MOTION 16-12-893 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

4. 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) None

AGRICULTURE:

10. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

11. a) None

FINANCE:

12. a) Draft 2017 Operating & Capital Budget

Council reviewed the changes to the operating budget following the November 22, 2016 Budget Council Meeting.

Council reviewed and debated the new TCA requests identified on Page 14 of the package.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Council continued to debate the new TCA requests on Page 14 of the package. No new TCA project requests were approved.

Councillor Driedger stepped out of the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Council reviewed and debated the non-profit grant applications as identified on Page 46 to 51 of the agenda package.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Council continued to review the non-profit grant applications.

- Recreation Board Operating – same as 2016 actual
- Zama Recreation Board – Add Waterline/Furnace Room Repair - \$10,000
- Mackenzie Library Board – same as 2016 Actual
- Town of High Level Library – same as 2016 Actual
- FCSS – same as 2016 Actual

Councillor Driedger rejoined the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Council continued to review the non-profit grant applications.

- Pay 75% of the heating and power costs for the La Crete Indoor Riding Arena and the Rocky Lane Indoor Riding Arena

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Council reviewed and debated the Non-TCA projects listed on Page 18 and 19 of the agenda package.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Council added the following new operating expenses listed on Page 14 of the agenda package.

- \$2,000 – Flowers for Fort Vermilion
- \$6,500 – Professional Fees – Veterinary Services Inc. increase in fees.

UTILITIES:

MOTION 16-12-894

Requires 2/3

15. a) La Crete Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Budget

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2016 budget be amended by allocating \$90,000 from the General Capital Reserve to the La Crete Sanitary Sewermain Upgrades Project.

CARRIED

The Xerox Replacement budget was reduced from \$75,000 to \$60,000. In order to take advantage of the 4th quarter pricing the order must be placed in 2016.

Council reviewed the updated Cash Requirement.

MOTION 16-12-895
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That an interim 2017 operating budget in the amount of 50% of the 2016 operating budget be APPROVED.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-12-896

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That a budget council meeting be scheduled for January 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) None

IN CAMERA SESSION:

17. a) None

NOTICE OF MOTION:

18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE:

19. a) Next Meeting Date

Budget Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 16-12-897

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on December 13, 2016.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

