

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

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

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 10:08 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor (left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.)

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
William (Bill) Kostiw	Intergovernmental Relations & Special Projects Coordinator
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public and the Media

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 9, 2017 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

MOTION 17-01-001 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4. b) Delegation – Voice of Albertans with Disabilities
- 9. g) Climate Change Advisory Committee
- 9. h) Bistcho Lake Cabins

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the December 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 17-01-002

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the minutes of the December 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) Art Erickson, Voice of Albertans with Disabilities

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:08 a.m.

MOTION 17-01-003

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the presentation by the Voice of Albertans with Disabilities be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) Council Committee Reports

MOTION 17-01-004

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-01-005

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Finance Committee unapproved meeting minutes of December 15, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-01-006

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 3rd, November 24th, and December 8th 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) CAO Report

MOTION 17-01-007

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the CAO report for December 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Councillor Driedger rejoined the meeting at 11:26 a.m.
Councillor Jorgensen and Councillor Bateman rejoined the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

TENDERS:

7. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. a) None

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) Natural Gas Supply Issues – Letter to the Minister of Energy

MOTION 17-01-008

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That a letter be sent to Gas Alberta and the Minister of Energy requesting assistance in locating the issues with our natural gas shortage and work with our suppliers and distributors to resolve the problem.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. b) Request to Attend Meetings via Electronic Communication

MOTION 17-01-009 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Councillor Toews be authorized to attend all council meetings (regular, special, or budget) during the period January 10 – March 17, 2017 by means of electronic communication.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **9. c) Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Implementation Committee**

MOTION 17-01-010 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the following community members be appointed to the Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Implementation Committee:

- Erick Carter
- Sara Schmidt
- Chair and/or Board Designate of the Fort Vermilion & Area Board of Trade

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **9. d) Town of High Level – Fire Invoicing**

MOTION 17-01-011 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the request to alter fire invoicing process with the Town of High Level be discussed at the 2018 review of the Regional Service Sharing Agreement.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION: **9. e) Tri-Council Meeting Agenda**

MOTION 17-01-012 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the following items be added to the Tri-Council meeting for discussion:

- Natural Gas Situation
- Northern Transportation Routes
- Recycling Initiatives (Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Commission)
- Caribou Update

- Alberta Community Partnership Grant-Intermunicipal Collaboration Component Update (Cumulative Effects Assessment for Northwest Alberta)

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. g) Climate Change Advisory Committee (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-01-013
Requires Unanimous **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That Council support Councillor Jorgensen's application to sit on the AAMDC Climate Change Advisory Committee and cover honorariums and expenses to attend meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION: 9. h) Bistcho Lake Cabins (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-01-014
Requires Unanimous **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment & Parks and Minister of Municipal Affairs, and copy the Minister of Agriculture, requesting a meeting to discuss the revoking of land leases and immediate removal of cabins in the Bistcho Lake area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: 10. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 11. a) None

FINANCE: 12. a) Policy ADM049 – Bursaries

MOTION 17-01-015 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Policy ADM049 Bursaries be amended as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 13. a) Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing Indicator Policy

MOTION 17-01-016 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing

Indicator Policy be TABLED to the Budget Council Meeting on January 11, 2017.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Jeff Anderson, Chair, Fort Vermilion and Area Seniors and Elders Lodge Board 1788

Presentation by Jeff Anderson, Chair of the Fort Vermilion and Area Seniors and Elders Lodge Board 1788, requesting financial support for a senior's facility in Fort Vermilion.

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

Councillor Toews left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

OPERATIONS:

13. b) Purchase Rubber Track Mini Excavator

MOTION 17-01-017

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the purchase of the Rubber Track Mini Excavator be TABLED to the Budget Council Meeting on January 11, 2017.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) Bylaw 1050-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SE 16-106-15-W5M from La Crete General Commercial District "GC1" to Manufactured Home Subdivision 1 "MHS1"(La Crete)

MOTION 17-01-018

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1050-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone part of SE 16-106-15-W5M from La Crete General Commercial District "GC1" to Manufactured Home Subdivision 1 "MHS1" to accommodate the development of residential lots, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. b) Sandhills Road DLO750355

MOTION 17-01-019

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the Sandhills Road DLO750355 be received for information.

DEFEATED

MOTION 17-01-020 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That a letter be sent to Alberta Environment & Parks identifying that the Sandhills Road DLO750355 is a historical road and that the County will take over the road once the province upgrades the road to County standards.

CARRIED

UTILITIES: **15. a) None**

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

MOTION 17-01-021 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:** **17. In-Camera Session**

MOTION 17-01-022 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:25 p.m.

- 9. f) Caribou
- 17. a) Legal
- 17. b) Labour
 - Out of Scope Contracts
- 17. c) Land
 - Sale of County Properties

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-023 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 4:28 p.m.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. f) Caribou Update

MOTION 17-01-024 MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. b) Labour – Out of Scope Contracts

MOTION 17-01-025 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the “out of scope” employees’ salary grids for the period from January 1, 2016 to July 1, 2018 and retroactive pay adjustment for 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. b) Land – Sale of County Properties

MOTION 17-01-026 MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the County property located at SW 26-108-12-W5M be listed with a realtor for sale.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

- 19.**
- a) Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
 - b) Budget Council Meeting
January 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
 - c) Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 17-01-027 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 23, 2017.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

