

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 23, 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 (teleconference)
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:23 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor (teleconference)

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
Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO/Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public and the Media
Randy Affolder, Alliance Assessment (teleconference)
Erick Carter

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 23, 2017 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 17-01-042 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:
17. a) Legal – Land Negotiations

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **3. a) Minutes of the January 9, 2017, Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 17-01-043 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the minutes of the January 9, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **3. b) Minutes of the January 11, 2017, Budget Council Meeting**

MOTION 17-01-044 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the January 11, 2017, Budget Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: **5. a) Council Committee Reports**

MOTION 17-01-045 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: **5. b) La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes**

MOTION 17-01-046 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee meeting minutes of November 7, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. c) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-01-047

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Finance Committee unapproved meeting minutes of January 12, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. d) Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-01-048

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Land Stewardship Committee meeting minutes of December 9, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

6. a) None

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) Species at Risk Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION 17-01-049

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Species at Risk Committee Terms of Reference be tabled to the end of the meeting.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. b) Fort Vermilion and La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committees – Member at Large Appointments

MOTION 17-01-050

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the following community members be appointed to the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee and maintain the January 9, 2017 appointments:

- John Acreman
- Tim Driedger

- Darryl Friesen
- Mike Janzen
- Ray Wiebe

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-051

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the following community members be appointed to the Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Implementation Committee and maintain the January 9, 2017 appointments:

- Danny Friesen
- Charles LaForge
- Martin Stanners

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. c) La Crete Recreation Society – Request for Letter of Support

MOTION 17-01-052

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That a letter of support be sent to the La Crete Recreation Society to apply for grant funding under the Community Facility Enhancement Program for the dressing room expansion to the Northern Lights Recreation Centre.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

10. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

11. a) None

FINANCE:

12. a) 2017 Budget Amendments

MOTION 17-01-053
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Zama FIRESMART Programs for \$169,400 be added to the 2017 Budget, with funding coming from the FRIAA FIRESMART PROGRAM grant.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-054

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Ditching Improvements - Rocky Lane Road for \$48,780 be added to the 2017 Budget, with funding coming from Alberta Transportation.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-055

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the New Tanker/Pumper (Tompkins) for \$385,000 be added to the 2017 Budget, with funding coming from Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding (\$385,000) and \$250,000 be moved from the tanker reserve to the general capital reserve.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:23 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) Species at Risk Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION 17-01-056

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended and in principle to allow for minor future amendments, should any arise from any of the four municipalities.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. d) Caribou Update

MOTION 17-01-057

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Randy Affolder, Alliance Assessment

Randy Affolder, the County's assessor was present via teleconference to discuss the following items with Council.

FINANCE:

12. b) Requests for Reduction in Taxes

MOTION 17-01-058 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That administration compiles a list of fragmented properties.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **12. c) Bistcho Lake Properties**

MOTION 17-01-059 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the following tax rolls be refunded for the difference in tax rate for the 2015 and 2016 tax years based on the schedule prepared by administration, and that the assessment coding be changed from commercial to residential for the 2016 Assessment Year (2017 Tax Year):

- Tax Roll #410955
- Tax Roll #082172
- Tax Roll #410954
- Tax Roll #410952
- Tax Roll #410953

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-060 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration reviews the new regulations coming out of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) Review to see if the new classifications of property could address assessment on remote, small, or inaccessible properties.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: **8. a) Bylaw 1056-16 Municipal Reserve Partial Closure Plan 992 0893, Block 2, Lot 13 MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M)**

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 1056-16 to order at 1:01 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1056-16 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 Municipal Reserve Partial Closure Plan. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on November 23, 2016.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land Use Bylaw Amendment. Council had the following questions/comments:

- *Why is it only on that one piece, and why only halfway?*
- *Not sure, and that is why it is brought to public hearing*

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1056-16. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1056-16. There was no one present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1056-16 at 1:03 p.m.

MOTION 17-01-061

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1056-16, being a Municipal Reserve Closure Bylaw to cancel a portion of Plan 992 0893, Block 1, Lot 13MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M).

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-062

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1056-16, being a Municipal Reserve Closure Bylaw to cancel a portion of Plan 992 0893, Block 1, Lot 13MR (NE 3-106-15-W5M).

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) Broadband Infrastructure Presentation

MOTION 17-01-063

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Broadband Infrastructure Presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

TENDERS:

7. a) Zama City Vegetation Management Project

MOTION 17-01-064

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Zama City Vegetation Management project tenders be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received:

Dechant Construction	\$ 143,622.31
Outback Ventures	\$ 92,000.00
RKM Contracting	\$ 265,000.00
Integrity Industries North	\$ 135,000.00
Prospector Energy Services	\$ 144,700.00
EOS Pipeline and Facilities Inc.	\$ 532,400.00
Wide Open Slashing Ltd.	\$ 91,350.00
Buller Contracting Ltd.	\$ 126,063.00
Northern Road Builders	\$ 182,700.00
Spectrum Resource Group Inc.	\$ 159,775.00

MOTION 17-01-065

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Zama City Vegetation Management project be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

7. b) 2017 Local Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling

MOTION 17-01-066

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the 2017 Local Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling tenders be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received:

Knelsen Sand and Gravel	\$ 1,537,000.00
B. Hinson Contracting	\$ 2,987,562.82
Saje Management Ltd.	\$ 1,407,750.00
Wapiti Gravel Suppliers	\$ 1,312,484.92
Barsi Enterprises Ltd.	\$ 1,542,300.00

MOTION 17-01-067

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration reviews the 2017 Local Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling Tenders, and bring back a recommendation to the next Council meeting for awarding.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. b) Development Statistics Report 2016 Year End

MOTION 17-01-068

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the development statistics report 2016 Year-end Summary Report be received for information.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. a) None

MOTION 17-01-069

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 2:38 p.m.

4. b) P3 Fire Hall Proposal

17. c) Land – P3 Fire Hall Proposal

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-070

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 3:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: 4. b) Erick Carter – P3 Fire Hall Proposal (IN-CAMERA)

IN-CAMERA: 17. c) Land – P3 Fire Hall Proposal

MOTION 17-01-071 **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That direction be given by Council to Erick Carter on or before June 30, 2017 regarding the P3 Fire Hall Proposal.

CARRIED

UTILITIES: 15. a) **Bylaw 1058-17 being a bylaw to Rescind Bylaw 904-13 – Local Improvement Bylaw – Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion**

MOTION 17-01-072 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1058-17 being a bylaw to rescind Bylaw 904-13 - Local Improvement Bylaw – Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

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

MOTION 17-01-073 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-074 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That administration implement an account code for additional carbon tax expenditures where possible.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-075 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Internet Funding Eligibility be added to the February 28, 2017 Council meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-076 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That a thank you letter be sent to MP Arnold Viersen for bringing the Connect to Innovate funding possibility to our attention.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-077 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That administration be authorized to provide letters of support to any Internet Service Provider (ISP) prepared to submit applications under the Connect to Innovate Program that will enhance internet service within the County boundaries.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld turned over the chair to Deputy Reeve Wardley.

MOTION 17-01-078 **MOVED** by Reeve Neufeld

That a thank you be shared to Ron Pelensky for his years of hard work and service to the County.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld resumed the chair.

IN-CAMERA SESSION: 17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 17-01-079 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:45 p.m.

- 17. a) Legal
 - Land Negotiations
- 17. b) Labour

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-080 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 4:09 p.m.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA:

17. a) Legal – Land Negotiations

MOTION 17-01-081

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Land Negotiations be received information.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-082

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That administration send the letter as presented to The Honourable Armarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

18. a) None

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

- 19.**
- a) Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
 - b) Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
 - c) Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 17-01-083

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on February 14, 2017.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

