

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT: Bill Neufeld Reeve
Lisa Wardley Deputy Reeve
Jacquie Bateman Councillor
Peter F. Braun Councillor
Eric Jorgensen Councillor (arrived at 10:02 a.m., attended
via teleconference at 1:05 p.m.)
Josh Knelsen Councillor
Walter Sarapuk Councillor
Ray Toews Councillor (teleconference)

ABSENT: Elmer Derksen Councillor
John W. Driedger Councillor

ADMINISTRATION: Len Racher Chief Administrative Officer
David Fehr Director of Operations
Fred Wiebe Director of Utilities
Jennifer Batt Acting Director of Community Services
William (Bill) Kostiw Intergovernmental Relations & Special
Projects Coordinator
Liane Lambert Planner
Carol Gabriel Director of Legislative & Support
Services/Recording Secretary
Jessica Ruskowsky Executive Assistant to the CAO

ALSO PRESENT: S/Sgt. Bill Mooney, Fort Vermilion RCMP
Cpl. Greg Beach, Fort Vermilion RCMP
Cst. Dean Hull, Fort Vermilion RCMP
Greg McIvor, Chair, Zama Recreation Board
Henry Driedger, Chair – Tompkins Improvement Board
John Zacharias, Vice-Chair – Tompkins Improvement Board
Evan Gardner, Constituency Assistant, MLA – Peace River
Members of the Public and the Media

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on February 14, 2017
in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

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 17-02-084 MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 9. g) Letter of Support - LuSEE Emerald Award Application
- 9. h) Meeting with Dr. Tom Nudds
- 9. i) Alberta Rural Homelessness and Housing Conference
- 9. j) La Crete Long Term Care Centre
- 17. a) In-Camera – Meeting with RCMP

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:02 a.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the January 23, 2017, Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 17-02-085 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the minutes of the January 23, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: 4. a) Henry Driedger, Tompkins Improvement Board

MOTION 17-02-086 MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That Mackenzie County participate in a sub-committee between the Tompkins Improvement Board and the Fort Vermilion School Division to explore the Blue Hills Community Complex project.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-087 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

The Councillor Knelsen be authorized to attend the Blue Hills Community Complex Sub-Committee meetings.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) Council Committee Reports

MOTION 17-02-088

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-02-089

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

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

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. c) Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-02-090

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Land Stewardship Committee meeting minutes of January 20, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. d) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-02-091

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 26, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE**

**5. e) Northwest Species at Risk Committee Meeting
Minutes**

REPORTS:

MOTION 17-02-092 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee (previously the Lower Peace Regional Stewardship Committee) meeting minutes of November 30, 2016, December 20, 2016 and January 20, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: **6. a) CAO Report**

MOTION 17-02-093 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Mackenzie County offer to host the AAMDC Zone Meeting on August 11, 2017.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-094 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the CAO report for January 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

TENDERS: **7. a) None**

ADMINISTRATION: **9. a) Solar Friendly Municipalities Workshop**

MOTION 17-02-095 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That administration request a solar friendly municipalities presentation at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION: **9. b) Meetings with Ministers – AAMDC Spring Convention**

MOTION 17-02-096 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration setup meetings with the following Ministers during the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties

(AAMDC) spring convention in March 2017 in Edmonton.

- Minister of Transportation
 - Zama Access Road Paving
 - Bridge at Tompkins Crossing
 - All Season Road – Wood Buffalo National Park – Garden River to Peace Point
- Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - Grants
 - Loss of Revenue
 - Species at Risk Implications
- Minister of Indigenous Relations
 - Communication Protocol and Service Agreements
 - MGA Amendments
 - Consultation Process (sale of farmland)
- Minister of Agriculture & Forestry
 - Disease Risk Bison
 - Farmland Expansion
- Minister of Environment & Parks
 - Farmland Expansion
 - Species at Risk Implications

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. c) Caribou Update

MOTION 17-02-097 MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. d) Member at Large Appointments

MOTION 17-02-098 MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That Danny Friesen be appointed to the Fort Vermilion Community Streetscape Implementation Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-099 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Jake Martens be appointed to the Land Stewardship Committee.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. e) Municipal Government Act Regulations Review

MOTION 17-02-100 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Municipal Government Act regulations review be referred to the February 27, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. f) Appointment of Returning Officer

MOTION 17-02-101 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Carol Gabriel be appointed the Returning Officer for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 9. g) Letter of Support – LuSEE Emerald Award Application (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-02-102 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That a letter of support be provided to Silvacom for their 2017 Alberta Emerald Award Nomination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION: 9. h) Meeting with Dr. Tom Nudds (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-02-103 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That Councillor Jorgensen be authorized to attend the meeting with Dr. Tom Nudds regarding species at risk and caribou on February 15, 2017 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION: 9. i) Alberta Rural Homelessness and Housing Conference (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-02-104 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk
Requires Unanimous

That Councillor Toews be authorized to attend the Alberta Rural

Homelessness and Housing Conference on April 4, 2017 in Nisku, Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION:

9. j) La Crete Long Term Care Centre (ADDITION)

MOTION 17-02-105
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health and Angie Mann, Director Area 1, Alberta Health Services, to encourage them to maintain the Personal Care Attendant position at the La Crete Long Term Care Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:

10. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

11. a) Fort Vermilion Ice Plant Upgrade

MOTION 17-02-106

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Community Services Committee be authorized to open the Request for Proposals for the Fort Vermilion Ice Plant Upgrade project.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. a) Request to Reduce Tax - Tax Roll 082831

MOTION 17-02-107
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the request to waive penalties on Tax Roll 082831 be DENIED.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. b) Request to Reduce Tax - Tax Roll 155179

MOTION 17-02-108
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the request to reverse penalties on Tax Roll 155179 be APPROVED.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-109

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the Tax Penalty Bylaw be brought back for review and that administration draft a policy regarding tax payment notifications.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed that meeting at 11:47 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

IN-CAMERA:

17. a) Legal – Meeting with RCMP

MOTION 17-02-110

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That council move in-camera at 11:53 a.m.

CARRIED

Council, Len Racher (Chief Administrative Officer), Carol Gabriel (Director of Legislative & Support Services), Greg McIvor (Chair – Zama Recreation Board), and the RCMP were present for the in-camera discussion.

MOTION 17-02-111

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move out of camera at 12:29 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Toews.

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting via teleconference at 1:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. 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)

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 1050-16 to order at 1:06 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw

1050-16 was properly advertised. Liane Lambert, Planner, 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 Amendment. Liane Lambert, Planner, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on January 9, 2017.

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

- Why is the development going east/west and not north/south against the quarter line? This is what was presented by the applicant.
- The Municipal Planning Commission brought up a concern regarding water. This is not required at the Public Hearing stage.

Councillor Toews rejoined the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

- What if we want to make a change to the bylaw to include servicing? That is part of a developer's agreement not part of the rezoning.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1050-16. One written submission in opposition was received by La Crete Home Hardware and is attached to the minutes.

Council had the following additional questions/comments:

- Discussion regarding the lift station and the Off-Site Levy. The proposed development, if approved, would not be part of the Off-Site Levy.
- The Request for Proposals for the lift station will close at the next Council meeting.
- The developer may be required to upsize.
- A moratorium should have been implemented.
- Is there adequate servicing? Still working with the engineer on the Off-Site Levy. The lift station is on the quarter section north of the hamlet and includes this subdivision. Even at oversized it would not reach the George Janzen subdivision. No upsizing is being recommended on this proposed development.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would

like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1050-16. The applicant, Mike Unger, Blackstone Homes, was present to speak in favor of the proposed bylaw. Mr. Unger indicated that this was the only land available for sale and there is a need for low income housing in La Crete. He advised that the development would not be happening this summer and would understand if Council would prefer this area to remain as industrial. WSP designed the development in a way to allow for future expansion.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1050-16 at 1:25 p.m.

MOTION 17-02-112

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That second 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.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-113

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading of 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 be TABLED until the area structure plan and servicing requirements have been reviewed for the area.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) S/Sgt. Bill Mooney, Fort Vermilion RCMP

MOTION 17-02-114

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the County contribute \$5,000 to the Fort Vermilion RCMP for the purchase of a trailer and equipment for their Safety Trailer Program with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-115

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the RCMP crime statistics for Mackenzie County be

received for information.

CARRIED

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

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) Bylaw 1059-17 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of C of T SW 11-106-15-W5M from Hamlet Country Residential 1 "HCR1" to La Crete General Commercial "GC1" (La Crete)

MOTION 17-02-116

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1059-17 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of C of T SW 11-106-15-W5M from Hamlet Country Residential "HCR1" to La Crete General Commercial "GC1" to accommodate the development of a Professional Office, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Tompkins Ice Bridge – Historical Data

MOTION 17-02-117

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Tompkins Ice Bridge historical data be received for information.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. b) 2017 Local Gravel Crushing Tender Recommendations

MOTION 17-02-118
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That the gravel crushing tender of two gravel pits (Fidler, and North Vermilion), at the same quantities, be awarded to the lowest qualified proponent, while remaining in budget.

CARRIED

UTILITIES:

15. a) None

INFORMATION:

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 17-02-119 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors be notified to indicate our support of the annual Oil and Gas Awareness Day and apologize for not participating in the 2017 awareness day events.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-120 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That a letter of support be sent to The Honourable Marc Garneau regarding the Airport Capital Assistance Program Application for the High Level Airport Runway Rehabilitation.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-121 **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION: 17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 17-02-122 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 2:47 p.m.

17. a) Legal

- Legal Opinion on Alberta Environment and Parks Request for Renewing recreational Leases
- Gravel Proposals

17. b) Labour

17. a) Land

- Hamlet Utility Easements Strategy

CARRIED

MOTION 17-02-123 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move out of camera at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. a) Legal – Legal Opinion on Alberta Environment and Parks Request for Renewing Recreational Leases

MOTION 17-02-124 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the legal opinion on Alberta Environment and Parks requests for renewing recreational leases be received for information.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. b) Legal – Gravel Proposals

MOTION 17-02-125 MOVED by Councillor Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County enters into a contract with Unity Sand & Gravel Ltd. to supply 3,000 m³ of ¾" gravel for the 2017 season.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA: 17. b) Land – Hamlet Utility Easements Strategy

MOTION 17-02-126 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That administration use the Hamlet Utility Easement Strategy in conjunction with the long term capital plan to endeavor to eliminate water and sewer infrastructure located on private property.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES: 19. a) 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 17-02-127 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on February 28, 2017.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

