

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT: Bill Neufeld Reeve
Lisa Wardley Deputy Reeve (left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.)
Jacquie Bateman Councillor
Peter F. Braun Councillor
Elmer Derksen Councillor (left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.)
John W. Driedger Councillor
Eric Jorgensen Councillor (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen Councillor
Ray Toews Councillor

ABSENT: Walter Sarapuk Councillor

ADMINISTRATION: Len Racher Chief Administrative Officer
Fred Wiebe Director of Utilities
Byron Peters Director of Planning and Development
Karen Huff Director of Finance
Dave Fehr Director of Operations
Doug Munn Director of Community Services
Carol Gabriel Director of Legislative & Support
Services/Recording Secretary
Jessica A. Simpson 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 August 23, 2017 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 17-08-578 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the August 8, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 17-08-579

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the August 8, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be approved with the following amendments:

Motion 17-08-564

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1072-17 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 032 5939, Block 1, Lot 5, from Hamlet Country Residential (HCR1) to La Crete ~~Heavy Industrial (LC-HI)~~ **Light Industrial (LC-LI)** to accommodate light industrial development, subject to a 10 meter buffer on the west side and a 5 meter buffer on the north side of the property.

Motion 17-08-565

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1072-17 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 032 5939, Block 1, Lot 5, from Hamlet Country Residential (HCR1) to La Crete ~~Heavy Industrial (LC-HI)~~ **Light Industrial (LC-LI)** to accommodate light industrial development, subject to a 10 meter buffer on the west side and a 5 meter buffer on the north side of the property.

Councillor Derksen requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Toews
Councillor Driedger
Reeve Neufeld
Deputy Reeve Wardley
Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Braun

Opposed

Councillor Derksen

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:03 a.m.

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) Council Committee Reports

MOTION 17-08-580

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-08-581

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the unapproved minutes of the August 3, 2017 Community Services Committee Meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) Northwest Species at Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 17-08-582

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the DRAFT Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting minutes of August 10, 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

6. a) None

TENDERS:

7. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. a) None

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) Bylaw 1074-17 Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION 17-08-583
REQUIRES 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1079-17 being a bylaw to appoint Len Racher to the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-584
REQUIRES 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1079-17 being a bylaw to

appoint Len Racher to the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-585
REQUIRES UNANIMOUS

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1079-17 being a bylaw to appoint Len Racher to the position of Chief Administrative Officer at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 17-08-586
REQUIRES 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1079-17 being a bylaw to appoint Len Racher to the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. b) Expression of Interest Application to the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF)

MOTION 17-08-587

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration pursue the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) and bring back potential projects.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. c) Lobbying – Highway 88 High Load Corridor

MOTION 17-08-588

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration work with Alberta Transportation and the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB) to promote Highway 88 as a high load corridor.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. d) North to Alaska Symposium

MOTION 17-08-589

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That all eligible Councillors be authorized to attend the North to Alaska Symposium being held on Thursday, September 7, 2017

in High Level, Alberta.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

9. e) Caribou Update

MOTION 17-08-590

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Mackenzie County endorse the Northwest Species at Risk Boreal Woodland Caribou Population Recovery Plan for Northwest Alberta.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-591

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County request that the provincial government recognize the current protected areas as caribou habitat and begin managing and reforesting those areas without creating any new conservation areas, park areas, or any other designation for the purpose of protecting caribou habitat.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Jeff Anderson – Chairman, Fort Vermilion Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788

MOTION 17-08-592

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Boreal Housing Foundation be requested to support the Fort Vermilion Seniors & Elders Lodge Board with support to move a lodge forward in Fort Vermilion.

Councillor Toews requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Derksen
Councillor Toews
Councillor Driedger
Reeve Neufeld
Councillor Jorgensen
Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Braun

Opposed

Deputy Reeve Wardley
Councillor Bateman

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) Maurice Wadman, WSP – La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion Study

UTILITIES:

15. a) La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion Study

MOTION 17-08-593

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration proceed with meeting with the developers and draft an off-site levy bylaw for the La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion project.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:

10. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

11. a) D.A. Thomas Park Retaining Wall Project

MOTION 17-08-594
REQUIRES 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the budget amendment to reallocate the \$4,555 spent on the cement blocks for the D.A. Thomas Park Retaining Wall project to the Fort Vermilion Salt & Sand Shed project be TABLED to the next meeting.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

11. b) Chief/Deputy Fire Chief Appointment – Fort Vermilion

MOTION 17-08-595

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That MOTION 17-08-559, appointing Steve McGean as Deputy Fire Chief for a two year Term, be rescinded.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-596

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Steve McGean be appointed as Fort Vermilion Fire Chief

for a two year term effective August 23, 2017.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-597

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That Neil Simpson be appointed as Fort Vermilion Deputy Fire Chief for a two year term effective August 23, 2017.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. a) Policy FIN022 Budget Development and 2018 Budget Meeting Dates

MOTION 17-08-598

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Policy FIN022 Budget Development be amended to include a taxation review.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-599

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2018 council budget meeting dates be scheduled as follows to begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers:

- October 30, 2017 – Council (Budget) Meeting
- November 28, 2017 – Council (Budget) Meeting (to replace the originally scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting)
- December 11, 2017 – Council (Budget) Meeting

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-600
REQUIRES UNANIMOUS

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the November 22, 2017 regular council meeting be changed to November 29, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Speed Reduction

MOTION 17-08-601

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the speed reduction from the 80km/hr. to 50km/hr. at the turn off of Hwy88 down Range Road 131 past the fill station

south of Fort Vermilion to the private school be received for information.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. b) La Crete 98 Avenue Crosswalk Lights – Budget Amendment

MOTION 17-08-602
REQUIRES 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$192.00 for the La Crete – 98 Avenue Crosswalk Lights project with funding coming from the La Crete – 94th Avenue Asphalt Overlay project.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-603

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the La Crete – 98 Avenue Crosswalk Lights project be changed to the La Crete – 94th Avenue North/South Crosswalk Project.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:53 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Wardley left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 17-08-604

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County support the County of Stettler and send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting amendments to the Municipal Government Act and other provincial legislation to improve the ability to recover unpaid taxes (including uncollectable School Tax and Seniors Housing requisitions) levied against oil and gas operations and the associated machinery and equipment linear property.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-605

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Mackenzie County send a letter to D. Gilles Seutin, Chief Ecosystem Scientist, with a copy to The Honourable Catherine McKenna and The Honorable Shannon Phillips regarding the diseased wood bison.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-08-606

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 17-08-607

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 2:09 p.m.

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

CARRIED

Councillor Derksen left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

MOTION 17-08-608

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of camera at 2:16 p.m.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour

MOTION 17-08-609

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Chief Administrative Officer pursue legal action against Councillor Derksen for failure to comply with Motion 17-08-571.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES: 19. a) **Committee of the Whole Meeting**
September 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
September 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 17-08-610 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on September 12, 2017.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

