

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 2, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

Josh Knelsen	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (arrived at 10:01 a.m.)
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor (arrived at 10:02 a.m. and left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.)
David Driedger	Councillor (left the meeting at 3:36 p.m.)
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (teleconference and joined in-person at 10:38 a.m.)
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Lenard Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Carol Gabriel	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Recording Secretary
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager
Caitlin Smith	Manager of Planning & Development

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 2, 2020 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

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

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

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

MOTION 20-12-738

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk arrived at 10:01 a.m.

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) **None**

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) **None**

TENDERS:

5. a) **None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. a) **None**

GENERAL REPORTS:

7. a) **None**

**AGRICULTURAL
SERVICES:**

8. a) **None**

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. a) **None**

FINANCE:

10. a) **Draft 2021 Operating Budget**

Review of draft 2020 operating budget.

Councillor Cardinal arrived at 10:02 a.m.

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting in person at 10:48 a.m.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Continuation of the review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Continuation of the review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

MOTION 20-12-739

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

Requires Unanimous

That a flight fuel assessment invoice in the amount of \$200,000 be sent to Alberta Forestry for the fuel flowage fee for the period May – August 2019 as per the Fee Schedule Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:47 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Continuation of the review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING:

17. a) Closed Meeting

MOTION 20-12-740

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move into a closed meeting to discuss the Town of High Level Regional Service Sharing Agreement at 3:13 p.m. (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 21, 24, 25*)

CARRIED

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. (*MGA Section 602.08(1)(6)*)

- All Councillors Present
- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
- Carol Gabriel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Don Roberts, Director of Community Services
- Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
- Caitlin Smith, Manager of Planning & Development
- Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities
- Grant Smith, Agricultural Fieldman
- Willie Schmidt, Fleet Maintenance Manager

Councillor Driedger left the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

MOTION 20-12-741

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 4:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Cardinal left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

MOTION 20-12-742
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration bring back additional options for the 2021 operating budget as discussed.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. b) Review 2021 One Time Projects

MOTION 20-12-743
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2021 One Time Projects be TABLED to the next meeting.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. c) Review 2020 Capital Projects – Carry Forwards

MOTION 20-12-744
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2020 capital projects – carry forwards be TABLED to the next meeting.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. d) Review 2021 Capital Projects

MOTION 20-12-745
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the 2021 capital projects be TABLED to the next meeting.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. e) Bylaw 1194-20 Fee Schedule

MOTION 20-12-746
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the Fee Schedule Bylaw be TABLED to the next meeting.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

11. a) None

UTILITIES: 12. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:** 13. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 14. a) None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REPORTS:** 15. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:** 16. a) None

CLOSED MEETING: 17. a) **Town of High Level Regional Service Sharing Agreement**

MOTION 20-12-747 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Town of High Level Regional Service Sharing Agreement negotiations be TABLED to the December 8, 2020 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE: 19. a) **Next Meeting Date**

Budget Council Meeting
December 9, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) **Adjournment**

MOTION 20-12-748 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

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

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on December 8, 2020.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

