

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 9, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:** Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve  
Jacquie Bateman Councillor (virtual)  
Peter F. Braun Councillor (virtual)  
Cameron Cardinal Councillor (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)  
David Driedger Councillor  
Eric Jorgensen Councillor (virtual, arrived in person at 12:31  
p.m., left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.)  
Anthony Peters Councillor  
Ernest Peters Councillor  
Lisa Wardley Councillor (virtual)

**REGRETS:** Josh Knelsen Reeve

**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 (virtual)  
Byron Peters Director of Planning & Development  
Fred Wiebe Director of Utilities  
Grant Smith Agricultural Fieldman  
Willie Schmidt Fleet Maintenance Manager (virtual)  
Caitlin Smith Manager of Planning & Development

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public.

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 9, 2020 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

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

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

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

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**MOTION 20-12-784**

**MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the agenda be approved as presented.

10. b) Beaver First Nation – Investing in Canada  
Infrastructure Program

**CARRIED**

**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) Review 2020 Capital Projects – Carry Forward**

Review of the 2020 carry forward capital projects.

Councillor Cardinal arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting 11:05 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Continuation of the review of the 2020 carry forward capital projects.

**MOTION 20-12-785**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the 2020 capital projects carry forward be incorporated into the 2021 draft budget as discussed.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. b) Review 2021 Capital Projects**

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Review of the 2021 proposed capital projects.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m.  
and reconvened the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting in person at 12:31  
p.m.

Continuation of the review of the 2021 proposed capital  
projects.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 1:51 p.m. and  
reconvened the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

**MOTION 20-12-786**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the Beaver First Nation – Investing in Canada  
Infrastructure Program be TABLED.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Cardinal left the meeting in-person at 3:09 p.m. and  
joined the meeting virtually at 3:20 p.m.

Continuation of the review of the 2021 proposed capital  
projects.

**MOTION 20-12-787**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2021 proposed Capital projects be brought to the next  
budget council meeting for further review.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

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

Review of the 2021 draft operating budget.

**MOTION 20-12-788**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2021 Draft Operating Budget be amended to include  
Tracking Sheet changes #3.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-12-789**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

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Requires 2/3

That the budget be developed with the Farm Tax mill rate increased by 10%, and the Farm Tax minimum be set at \$200.00.

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 4:07 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-12-790**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the fees for waste disposal be incorporated into 2021 Operating Budget and the Fee Schedule Bylaw as discussed.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Jorgensen left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

**MOTION 20-12-791**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2021 Draft Operating Budget be amended to include Tracking Sheet changes #4.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. d) Bylaw 1194-20 Fee Schedule**

**MOTION 20-12-792**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Bylaw 1194-20 being the Fee Schedule for Mackenzie County be TABLED.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**11. a) None**

**UTILITIES:**

**12. a) None**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. a) None**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**14. a) None**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**15. a) None**

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

**CLOSED MEETING:** 17. a) None

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** 18. a) None

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

Budget Council Meeting  
December 16, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:** 20. a) Adjournment

**MOTION 20-12-793** **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on December 16, 2020.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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