

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 6, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

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| Bill Neufeld | Reeve |
| Walter Sarapuk | Deputy Reeve |
| Jacque Bateman | Councillor |
| Peter F. Braun | Councillor |
| Elmer Derksen | Councillor |
| John W. Driedger | Councillor |
| Eric Jorgensen | Councillor |
| Josh Knelsen | Councillor (arrived at 11:12 a.m. and left at 2:17 p.m.) |
| Ricky Paul | Councillor |
| Lisa Wardley | Councillor |

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

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| Joulia Whittleton | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Alison Kilpatrick | Director of Corporate Services |
| John Klassen | Director of Environmental Services |
| Ron Pelensky | Director of Community Services & Operations |
| Byron Peters | Director of Planning & Development |
| Carol Gabriel | Manager of Legislative & Support Services |

ALSO PRESENT: Member of the public.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 6, 2013 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 13-12-888 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) None

BUSINESS:

5. a) Multi-Year Capital Plan

Alison Kilpatrick presented the draft multi-year capital plan as reviewed and updated at the May 8, 2013 workshop.

Councillor Knelsen joined the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Further review of the draft multi-year capital plan. CAO Joulia Whittleton suggested that the Councillors each identify their capital requests for the next four years.

Reeve Neufeld presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1 | Paved Road to Heritage Centre (La Crete South Access West) |
| 2 | Buffalo Head Prairie Drainage |

Councillor Driedger presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1 | Paved Road to Heritage Centre (La Crete South Access West) |
| 2 | 99 th Street Lights (entire street – wood or steel poles) (LC) |
| | Widen 7-mile Stretch (provincial road) |
| | Drainage – Wilson Prairie SE (creek flooding) |
| | Rural Road Building (short sections here and there) |
| | 94 th Avenue West Paving (100 th street west to 1.5 mile past graveyard) (LC) |
| | Pave the road around La Crete (109 th Avenue and 113 th Street) |

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| | Pavement from the Rocky Lane School to Highway 58 |
| | Consistent Road Upgrades and Reconstruction Over Long Term |
| | Road Widening by ABCO Industry - Intersection Upgrade - Turning Lane on Highway 88 (Provincial Highway) |

Councillor Bateman presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1 | Allow Hookups to the South Waterline |
| 2 | Purchase Waterline North of High Level |
| 3 | Regional Water |
| 4 | Move Zama Helipad to 2014 or 2015 |
| 5 | Proper Road Maintenance on the Assumption Road |
| 6 | Establish a Fire Department in Rural High Level |
| 7 | Pavement on the High Level Golf Course Road and Heliport Road |
| 8 | Extension of Highway 58 (Ice or Gravel) Actual Work vs. Lobbying |

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Councillor Jorgensen presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1 | Fort Vermilion Arena – Ice Plant Replacement |
| 2 | Foster Road Paving |
| 3 | Buffalo Head Prairie Ski Hill |
| 4 | Water Line – Pumping Station/Reservoir (as recommended by Engineer) |
| | Bridge Campsite Amalgamation (FV) |
| | Assisted Living (FV) |
| | PAPI Lights – La Crete and Fort Vermilion Airports |
| | Roads to Newly Sold Lands |
| | Access to Oil Patch SE of Fort Vermilion |
| | Lobby AHS to Invest Capital into St. Theresa General Hospital |
| | Intersection Lighting and Pull-Out (Highway 58 & 88 Junction) |
| | Rural Water (Fort Vermilion to High Level area) |

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| | Highway 58 to Fort Nelson, BC |
| | Highway 58 to Fort Smith |
| | East Peace Resource/DMI Road and Bridge |
| | Road Reconstruction – North of Bridge Campsite West to Highway |

Councillor Knelsen presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Pavement to Blue Hills School from Highway 697 |
| 2 | Drainage – Buffalo Head and Blue Hills |
| 3 | East Peace Resource/DMI Road and Bridge |
| 4 | Lobby Canada Post for Postal Service in Blue Hills |

Councillor Braun presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1 | 100 th Street & 100 th Avenue Traffic Lights (LC) |
| 1 | La Crete Arena – Ice Plant Upgrade |
| 2 | 94 th Avenue Pave Recap to Hamlet Boundary West (LC) |
| 3 | 113 th Street Base Pave – move from 2024 to 2015 (LC) |
| 4 | 109 th Avenue Base Pave – move from 2025 to 2016 (LC) |
| 5 | Paved Road to Heritage Centre (La Crete South Access West) |
| 6 | La Crete Library |
| | La Crete Fire Hall Paving |
| | Buffalo Head Skate Shack Replacement |
| | La Crete Swimming Pool |
| | 99 th Avenue – Pave Urban Standard (LC) |
| | Move Remainder of La Crete Road Projects back by two years (as listed in the Draft Multi-Year Capital Plan) |
| | La Crete Arena Upgrade – \$130,000 for Lobby (move to 2015) |

Councillor Derksen presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1 | Spruce Road Rebuild |

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| 2 | 2 Mile North Intersection – Rebuild West 2 Miles |
| 3 | Rebuild Mile 3 North of La Crete |
| 4 | Half Mile Pave from Friesen’s Store to Old Colony Cemetery (Blumenort Road) |

Councillor Paul presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1 | Seniors Home in Fort Vermilion |
| 2 | New Plant and Air Flow System – Fort Vermilion Arena |
| 3 | Paving 44 th Avenue and 45 th Avenue Recap and 47 th Avenue Urban (FV) |
| 4 | Water Line (Commercial Area to Hilltop Church – Highway 88) |
| 5 | New Water Plant (FV) |
| 6 | Fire Hall (FV) |
| 6 | Bridge Campsite (FV) |
| 7 | RV Hookups at the Fort Vermilion Arena |
| 8 | Street Lights – 45 th Avenue (FV) |
| 9 | Outdoor Rink – Fort Vermilion Complex |
| 10 | Walking Trails – Outskirts of Fort Vermilion |
| 11 | Peace River Retaining Wall (FV) |
| 12 | Refurbish Fort Vermilion Dugout by Entrance – West End of River Road |
| 13 | Rebuild 52 nd Street (FV) |

Councillor Wardley presented the following requests:

| Priority | Project Description |
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| 1-5 | Full Paving of Zama Access Road |
| 6 | Water Treatment Plant, Truck Fill Distribution System, etc. (Zama) |
| 7 | Zama Helipad |
| 8 | Rural/Regional Water Fund - \$1,000,000/year for 4 years |
| 9 | Recreation Board – Commitment of Year-Over-Year Funding (FV \$30,000, LC \$40,000, Zama \$10,000) |
| 10 | Recreation Board – General Replacement Reserve (\$250,000 per year) |
| | Parks and Recreation Funding - \$250,000 per year for capital improvement replacement |
| | Bridge Campsite - \$50,000 per year for next 4 years |

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| | Zama Hamlet Streets as Listed on the Draft Multi-Year Capital Plan |
| | Policy for Hamlet Paving for Rural Standard with Stand-Alone Sidewalk |
| | Zama Vehicles (Good State of Repair – Safe to Drive) |
| | Library Funding (Regional) as Approved with Cost of Living Increase beginning in 2015 |
| | Assumption Road – Additional Maintenance and Gravelling |
| | Concentrate on Capital Projects that Grow Assessment |
| | Continue to Fund Current Non-Profit Organization Grants with Cost of Living Increase |
| | Capital Non-Profit Organization Build Fund |
| | Industrial Area Structure Plans – Highway 88 and South of High Level (Lobbying, Service, Road) |
| | Provincial – Lobby for Replacement of Blue Bridges on Highway 88 |
| | Provincial – Lobby for Larger Truck Pull-out on Highway 35 North of High Level |

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Councillor Knelsen left the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding revenue sources (ie. water rates, taxes, etc.)

IN CAMERA SESSION: 6. a) **None**

NEXT MEETING DATE: 7. a) **Next Meeting Date**

Special Council (Budget) Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 8. a) **Adjournment**

MOTION 13-12-889 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on December 10, 2013.

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

UNAPPROVED
