

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Josh Knelsen	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
Darrell Derksen	Councillor
Garrell Smith	Councillor (left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor (virtual left at 10:24 a.m., rejoined at 1:05 p.m., left at 4:10 p.m.)

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

James Thackray	Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters	Director of Projects & Infrastructure
Louise Flooren	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Caitlin Smith	Director of Planning and Agriculture
John Zacharias	Director of Utilities

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public
Grade 8/9 Students, Buffalo Head Prairie School

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 19, 2022 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 22-10-654 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 9. a) Range Road 15-5 Drainage
- 15. a) Empire Hydrogen

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

**10. a) Bylaw 1268-22 to Rescind Bylaw 231-00 - The Curfew
Bylaw**

MOTION 22-10-655

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1268-22 to Rescind Bylaw 231-00 - The Curfew Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-10-656

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1268-22 to Rescind Bylaw 231-00 - The Curfew Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-10-657
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That consideration be given to go to third and final reading to Bylaw 1268-22 to Rescind Bylaw 231-00 being The Curfew Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 22-10-658

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third and final reading to Bylaw 1268-22 to Rescind Bylaw 231-00 being The Curfew Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Driedger left the meeting virtually at 10:24 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

7. a) Buffalo Head Prairie – Grade 8/9 Students

The grade 8/9 students were given an opportunity to present questions to Council, these included:

- What is most time consuming part of being a County Councillor?
- In your opinion what are the big decisions that Mackenzie County faces daily?
- Do you feel residents have a strong enough voice in Federal politics?
- If any student wanted to become a County Councillor what steps would they take?

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

3. a) Minutes of the September 26, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 22-10-659

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Regular Council Meeting be Adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes

CLOSED MEETING:

4. a) CLOSED MEETING

MOTION 22-10-660

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council move into a closed meeting at 11:01 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Union Negotiations (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 23, 24*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Driedger
- James Thackray, Chief Administrative Officer
- Byron Peters, Director of Projects & Infrastructure
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance

- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

MOTION 22-10-661 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **4. a) Union Negotiations (FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1,s. 23, 24)**

MOTION 22-10-662 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the union negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

TENDERS: **5. a) None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: **6. a) Bylaw 1262-22 Water Services Franchise**

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for Bylaw 1262-22 to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed bylaw 1262-22 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Director of Projects & Infrastructure answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Knelsen asked the Director of Projects & Infrastructure to outline the proposed Bylaw 1262-22 Water Service Franchise. Byron Peters, Director of Projects & Infrastructure presented the following:

The Regional Service Sharing Agreement (RSSA) discussion brought forth the need to create a Bylaw for Water Service Franchise between Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level.

The Water Services Franchise Agreement allows the Town of High Level the exclusive right to provide potable

water services to a specified part of Mackenzie County for a period of not more than twenty (20) years.

Reeve Knelsen asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Bylaw. Council had the following question:

- *Would this stop or hamper the water line? No*

Reeve Knelsen asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1262-22. There we no submissions.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1262-22. There was no one present to speak.

Councillor Driedger rejoined the meeting virtually at 1:05 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1262-22 at 1:10 p.m.

MOTION 22-10-663

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the second reading be given to Bylaw 1262-22, being a bylaw to approve the water franchise agreement between the Town of High Level and Mackenzie County for the provision of potable water services.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-10-664

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the third and final reading be given to Bylaw 1262-22, being a bylaw to approve the water franchise agreement between the Town of High Level and Mackenzie County for the provision of potable water services.

CARRIED

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

8. a) CAO & Director Reports for September 2022

MOTION 22-10-665

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the CAO & Director reports for September 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

**8. b) Fort Vermilion Mitigation Construction Update – 2020
Overland Flood (STANDING ITEM)**

MOTION 22-10-666

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Fort Vermilion Mitigation Construction Update – 2020 Overland Flood report of October 19, 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:17 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

9. a) Range Road 15-5 Drainage (ADDITION)

MOTION 22-10-667
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the Range Road 15-5 Drainage be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

**10. b) Bylaw 1267-22 To Repeal and Replace Bylaw 985-15
Fire Services**

MOTION 22-10-668

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1267-22 being the Mackenzie County Fire Services Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-10-669

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1267-22 being the Mackenzie County Fire Services Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-10-670
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That consideration be given to go to third and final reading of Bylaw 1267-22 being the Mackenzie County Fire Services Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 22-10-671 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That third and final reading be given to Bylaw 1267-22 being the Mackenzie County Fire Services Bylaw.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **11. a) Financial Reports – January – September 30, 2022**

MOTION 22-10-672 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the financial reports for January to September 30, 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **11. b) Expense Claims – Councillors**

MOTION 22-10-673 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Councillor Expense Claims for September 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **11. c) Expense Claims August – Members at Large**

MOTION 22-10-674 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Member at Large Expense Claims for September 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **11. d) Amend - Policy FIN028 Credit Card Policy**

MOTION 22-10-675 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Credit Card Policy FIN028 be amended as discussed.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-10-676 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the following Councillors be authorized to receive a credit card:

- Reeve Knelsen
- Councillor Wardley
- Councillor Cardinal
- Councillor Smith

CARRIED

FINANCE: **11. e) Proposed Budget 2023 Council Meeting Dates**

MOTION 22-10-677 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the previously scheduled Regular Council Meeting on October 26, 2022 be identified as a Budget Council meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-10-678 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Budget Council meetings be scheduled as follows:

Tuesday	November 1, 2022
Wednesday	November 2, 2022
Wednesday	November 16, 2022
Tuesday	December 6, 2022
Wednesday	December 7, 2022

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: **12. a) Electric Vehicle Charging – La Crete Location Options**

MOTION 22-10-679 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
 Requires 2/3

That the 2022 Capital Project – Budget for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station be amended by \$4,000 from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 12. b) LOC Acquisition (Paramount)

MOTION 22-10-680 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration proceed with acquiring the four accesses and bring forward information to a future Council meeting:

CARRIED

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

UTILITIES: 13. a) None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 14. a) Bylaw 1265-22 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 882 1687, Block 12, Lot 15 from Zama City – Residential Business “Z-RB” to Zama City – Mixed Use “Z-MU”.

MOTION 22-10-681 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1265-22 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 882 1687, Block 12, Lot 15 from Zama City – Residential Business “Z-RB” to Zama City – Mixed Use “Z-MU”, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 14. b) Bylaw 1266-22 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 12-105-15-W5M from Agriculture “A” to Rural Country Residential 3 “RCR3”

MOTION 22-10-682 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1266-22 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 12-105-15-W5M from Agriculture “A” to Rural Country Residential 3 “RCR3”, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. c) Development Statistics Report – January to
September 2022**

MOTION 22-10-683

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the development statistics report for January to September 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

15. a) Empire Hydrogen (ADDITION)

MOTION 22-10-684
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the Empire Hydrogen discussion be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE ITEMS:**

16. a) None

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

17. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 22-10-685

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That a letter of congratulations be sent to The Honourable Danielle Smith on her appointment as Premier.

CARRIED

Councillor Driedger left the meeting virtually at 4:10 p.m.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

18. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 22-10-686

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration invite the Fort Vermilion School Division Superintendent and the Chair of the Board of Trustees to the October 26, 2022 Budget Council Meeting in regards to the school closure for Grades 10-12 at the Rocky Lane School.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 19. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES: 20. a) Next Meeting Dates

Organizational Council Meeting
October 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Budget Council Meeting
October 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 21. a) Adjournment

MOTION 22-10-687 MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the October 26, 2022 Budget Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Josh Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

James Thackray
Chief Administrative Officer

