

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

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

- PRESENT:**
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| Josh Knelsen | Reeve |
| Walter Sarapuk | Deputy Reeve |
| Jacque Bateman | Councillor |
| Peter F. Braun | Councillor (left the meeting at 4:26 p.m.) |
| Darrell Derksen | Councillor (virtual – left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.) |
| David Driedger | Councillor (arrived at 11:37 a.m.) |
| Ernest Peters | Councillor |
| Garrell Smith | Councillor |
| Lisa Wardley | Councillor |
- REGRETS:**
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| Cameron Cardinal | Councillor |
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- ADMINISTRATION:**
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| James Thackray | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Byron Peters | Director of Projects and Infrastructure |
| Louise Flooren | Manager of Legislative & Support Services/
Recording Secretary |
| Jennifer Batt | Director of Finance |
| Don Roberts | Director of Community Services |
| John Zacharias | Director of Utilities |
- ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the Public

Minutes of the Budget Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 16, 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 22-11-817 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 4.a) Personnel (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 and 27*)
- 4.b) Policy Matter (*FOIP Sections 23 and 24*)
- 7.b) Delegation – Alberta Transportation
- 17.a) Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention
Wrap Up
- 17.b) Action List

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) None

CLOSED MEETING:

4. a) Closed Meeting (ADDITION)

MOTION 22-11-818
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:01 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Personnel (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17, 19, 24*)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- All Members of Council excluding Councillor Cardinal and Councillor Driedger
- James Thackray, Chief Administrative Officer
- Byron Peters, Director of Projects and Infrastructure
- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture

MOTION 22-11-819
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 10:25 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Councillor Driedger joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

TENDERS:

5. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None

CLOSED MEETING: 4. b) Closed Meeting

MOTION 22-11-820 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That Council move into a closed meeting at 11:38 a.m. to discuss the following:

4.b) Policy Matter (*FOIP Section 23 and 24*)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- All Members of Council excluding Councillor Cardinal
- James Thackray, Chief Administrative Officer
- Byron Peters, Director of Projects and Infrastructure
- John Zacharias, Director of Utilities
- Don Roberts, Director of Community Services
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary

MOTION 22-11-821 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 11:49 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: 7. b) Alberta Transportation - Austin Billman (ADDITION)

MOTION 22-11-822 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires Unanimous

That the Alberta Transportation discussion be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: 7. a) Mackenzie Aquatics Society – Mackenzie County Wellness Centre

MOTION 22-11-823 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County provide a letter of support to the La Crete Recreation Board and/or the Mackenzie Aquatic Society to assist with the Mackenzie Wellness Centre grant funding applications.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-11-824

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That Mackenzie County write a letter to the Fort Vermilion School Division to request a land transfer for \$1.00 for the La Crete Mackenzie Wellness Centre Project.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:47 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Councillor Derksen left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

GENERAL REPORTS:

8. a) None

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:

9. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. a) Waste Disposal Fee Review

MOTION 22-11-825
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That administration amend the Draft 2023 Operating budget as discussed, with Mackenzie County working towards a full cost recovery of Waste Disposal Services.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. b) Campground Operation Fee Review

MOTION 22-11-826
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Bylaw 1246-21 Fee Schedule be amended to charge \$10.00/day per vehicle for day use at all campgrounds.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-11-827

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County no longer supply firewood for all in hamlet parks.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

FINANCE:

11. a) Draft 2023 Operating Budget

MOTION 22-11-828

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Tracking Sheet change 4 for the Draft 2023 Operating budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

12. b) None

UTILITIES:

13. a) Water & Sewer Rate Review

MOTION 22-11-829

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Policy UT006 Municipal Rural Water Servicing Endeavour to Assist and related information be brought back to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 22-11-830

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Water and Sewer Rates remain the same as 2022.

CARRIED

Councillor Braun left the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 15. a) None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 16. a) None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 17. a) Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention Wrap Up (ADDITION)

MOTION 22-11-831 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

Requires Unanimous

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors in regards to funding for the Bridge Files within Mackenzie County from the MPE Engineering Report as well as highlighting the importance of the Economic Corridors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 17. b) Action List (ADDITION)

MOTION 22-11-832 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

Requires Unanimous

That the Action List discussion be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE: 18. a) None

NOTICE OF MOTION: 19. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES: 20. a) Next Meeting Dates

Regular Council Meeting
November 29, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Budget Council Meeting
December 5, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 21. a) Adjournment

MOTION 22-11-833 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Council meeting at adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the November 29, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Josh Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

James Thackray
Chief Administrative Officer

