

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 27, 2015  
1:00 p.m.**

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

<b>PRESENT:</b>	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
	Ricky Paul	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
	Mark Schonken	Interim Director of Finance
	Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
	Len Racher	Director of Facilities & Operations
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
	Fred Wiebe	Manager of Utilities
	Grant Smith	Agriculture Fieldman
	Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services
	Alexandra Codispodi	Municipal Intern

**ALSO PRESENT:** None

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 27, 2015 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 1:00 p.m.

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

**MOTION 15-10-776 MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved as presented.

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**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

**DELEGATIONS:**

4. a) None

**BUSINESS:**

5. a) **2016 Operating Budget Draft**

Mark Schonken presented the draft 2016 operating budget.

- Significant Budget Changes
  - Revenue – taxation, water sales, penalties on taxes, provincial grants
  - Expenses – wages and salaries, professional fees, enhanced policing, repairs and maintenance (bridges, buildings), rental (vehicle & equipment), dust control, gravel, grants to local governments, grants to other organizations, tax cancellation/write-off, depreciation.
- Cash Flow Requirement

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Mark Schonken continued the presentation of the draft 2016 operating budget.

- Long Term Debt
- Assessment and Estimated Tax Revenues
- Review of Water and Sewer Rates

**MOTION 15-10-777**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the water and sewer rates remain the same as the 2015 rates.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Mark Schonken continued the presentation of the draft 2016 operating budget.

- Municipal Government Act Amendments

**BUSINESS:**

5. b) **2015 Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Projects**

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**MOTION 15-10-778**

**MOVED** by Councillor Paul

That the Mackenzie Housing Skate Shack in Fort Vermilion be moved to the Fort Vermilion Rodeo Grounds.

**CARRIED**

**5. c) New Proposed Positions – Organizational Chart**

**MOTION 15-10-779**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the additional Equipment Operator II position in La Crete be approved.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-10-780**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the additional General Maintenance Laborer position (RAP/Maintenance shared) in La Crete be approved.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-10-781**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the additional Planner (certified) position be approved.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-10-782**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the additional GIS/Inspections position be TABLED to the 2017 budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA SESSION:**

**6. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**7. a) Next Meeting Date**

Special Council (Budget) Meeting  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**8. a) Adjournment**

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**MOTION 15-10-783**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Special Council Budget meeting be adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on October 28, 2015.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

(original signed)

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Joulia Whittleton  
Chief Administrative Officer

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