#### **BYLAW 1053-16**

## A BYLAW OF MACKENZIE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

# FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMUNERATING VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS WITHIN MACKENZIE COUNTY

**WHEREAS** pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26 the municipality may pass bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Mackenzie County is committed to supporting volunteer efforts to protect life and property of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Mackenzie County, wishes to establish remuneration for volunteer firefighters within the Municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of Mackenzie County, in the province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. To establish remuneration for volunteers of fire departments for attending fires, fire practices (includes meetings) and training.
- 2. Remuneration rates in accordance with Schedule 'A'.
- 3. A vehicle or vehicle allowance will be provided to the Fire Chiefs. If the Hamlet/Rural Fire hall does not have a Fire Chief then the Deputy Fire Chief will receive a vehicle or vehicle allowance.
- 4. Volunteer fire fighters are allowed to participate in the County monthly cell phone program; however, they must adhere to the County's Electronic Access and Acceptable Use Policy.
- 5. Each year Mackenzie County will authorize volunteer fire fighters \$50 toward the purchase of wearing apparel that promotes the fire department. The volunteer must attend a minimum of 6 training events in the last 6 months to be eligible.
- 6. Volunteer members are responsible to supply their hourly information to their Fire Chief or designate as soon as practical after the attendance.
- 7. Upon receipt of documentation, Honorariums will be paid every 3 months to the Fire Chiefs and fire fighters. Fire fighter attendance records must be received by Mackenzie County administration quarterly (Jan-Mar, Apr-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec).

- 8. No payment will be provided to any volunteer if they fail to provide the current year information after January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year unless a Council resolution authorizes such payment.
- 9. Municipal employees shall not be paid remuneration when responding to a call during regular scheduled work hours.
- 10. If the Fire Chief is a municipal employee and engaging in normal Fire Chief duties during regularly scheduled municipal work hours the monthly flat-rate shall be reduced by 50%.
- 11. The remuneration rates shall be reviewed by Mackenzie County annually or by request. Such a review may result in an amendment to Schedule 'A'.
- 12. Bylaw 984-15 is hereby repealed.
- 13. This Bylaw shall come into effect upon receiving third and final reading.

READ a first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

READ a second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

READ a third time and finally passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher

Chief Administrative Officer

### Schedule 'A'

### **Volunteer Fire Fighter Remuneration Rates**

Fire Chief	Monthly flat-rate Practice Training Fire call-out / Investigation / Inspection Instructor	\$250.00 \$ 8.50/hr \$ 10.00/hr \$ 25.00/hr \$ 23.00/hr
Deputy Chief	Practice Training Fire call-out / Investigation / Inspection Instructor	\$ 8.50/hr \$ 10.00/hr \$ 18.00/hr \$ 23.00/hr
Captains and Lieutenants	Practice Training Fire call-out Instructor	\$ 8.50/hr \$ 10.00/hr \$ 16.00/hr \$ 23.00/hr
Fire Fighters	Practice Training Fire call-out	\$ 7.50/hr \$ 10.00/hr \$ 10.00/hr with increases of \$1 per course to a maximum of \$14.00/hr \$ 23.00/hr