

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.)
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Peng Tian	Director of Finance
Bill Kostiw	Intergovernmental Relations & Special Projects Coordinator
Jennifer Batt	Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Media
Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on September 13, 2016 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 16-09-622

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the August 24, 2016, Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 16-09-623

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the minutes of the August 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. b) Minutes of the September 9, 2016, Special Council Meeting

MOTION 16-09-624

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the minutes of the September 9, 2016 Special Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

5. a) Council Committee Reports

MOTION 16-09-625

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Tompkins Crossing Committee Unapproved Minutes

MOTION 16-09-626

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Tompkins Crossing Committee unapproved minutes of August 25, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and rejoined the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

IN-CAMERA: 17. c) In Camera

MOTION 16-09-627 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council move in-camera to discuss Caribou Management Lands at 10:25 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-628 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 11:01 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

MOTION 16-09-629 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That as Mackenzie County already has Caribou Wildland Park, the Caribou Management area, Wood Buffalo National Park, Hay Zama Complex along with numerous Wildlife Protection Notations on lands, and therefore the proposed Caribou Protection Plan is not acceptable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 16-09-630 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the range management plans for Northwestern Alberta address the future of both Wood Bison and Woodland Caribou within the existing protection areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 16-09-631 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Caribou Communities of Alberta (CCoA) meeting scheduled for September 16, 2016 in Manning be postponed due to attendance, and new information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: 6. a) CAO Report

MOTION 16-09-632

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Interim CAO report for August, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

7. a) None

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) Regional Sustainability Study – Draft Report

MOTION 16-09-633

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the draft Regional Sustainability Study report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. b) Municipal Government Act (MGA) Regulations – Discussion Guides

MOTION 16-09-634

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Act Government Regulations be submitted as discussed.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed meeting for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:

10. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

11. a) D.A. Thomas Park Steps Project

MOTION 16-09-635

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the funds for the D.A. Thomas Park Steps Project be reallocated to the D.A. Thomas Park Concrete Block Installation at the dock area.

CARRIED

11. b) Commercial Fishing

MOTION 16-09-636

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMD&C) to follow up on the commercial fishing, and that administration seek a legal opinion.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-637

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the assessor be informed that the cabins at Bistcho Lake should have been reclassified to Residential in 2014 due to the closure of commercial fishing.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. a) Bylaw 1041-16 Road Closure Request for the South side of SW 18-104-17-W5M (Blue Hills Area)

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 1041-16 to order at 1:04 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1041-16 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, presented the Development Authority's submission and indicated that first reading was given on June 14, 2016.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land Use Bylaw Amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1041-16. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1041-16.

- *Willie Neufeld – land owner to the South spoke*
- *Bill Friesen – spoke about the adjacent church property*

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1041-16 at 1:25 p.m.

MOTION 16-09-638

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Bylaw 1041-16 being a Road Closure Bylaw to close all of the Government Road Allowance adjoining the south boundary of SW 18-104-17-W5M for the purpose of sale and consolidation be TABLED.

CARRIED

8. b) Bylaw 1043-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 13-106-15-W5M from Recreational “REC” to Country Recreational District “CR”(La Crete Rural)

Reeve Neufeld called the public hearing for Bylaw 1043-16 to order at 1:26 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1043-16 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, presented the Development Authority’s submission and indicated that first reading was given on June 30, 2016.

Reeve Neufeld asked if Council has any questions of the proposed land Use Bylaw Amendment.

- *Is homeowners association legally binding?*
- *Yes*
- *Is this caveated to this property?*
- *Yes*
- *What is the waste water boundary?*
- *300 m boundary*
- *38 lots for sewer system, what kind of system is being used*
- *Low pressure system*
- *Privately owned by golf course*
- *Advanced treatment system*
- *Sewer will be treated and reused*
- *Sewer treated at golf course*
- *Yes*
- *Is there a legal access to plant*
- *N.E. access road*

Reeve Neufeld asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1043-16. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1043-16.

- *Jake Driedger spoke on the sewer system to be installed for the subdivision.*

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1043-16 at 1:40 p.m.

MOTION 16-09-639

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1043-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NW 13-106-15-W5M from Recreational "REC" to Country Recreational "CR" for the purpose of a Multi-lot subdivision.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-640

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1043-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NW 13-106-15-W5M from Recreational "REC" to Country Recreational "CR" for the purpose of a Multi-lot subdivision.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

- 4. b) Sheila Willis – Friends of Historical Northern Alberta Society (FHNAS)**

MOTION 16-09-641

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the presentation from the Friends of Historical Northern Alberta Society be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 12. a) Bylaw 1045-16 Outstanding Tax Payment Bylaw

MOTION 16-09-642 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1045-16 being the Outstanding Tax Payment Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-643 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1045-16 being the Outstanding Tax Payment Bylaw.

CARRIED

12. b) Insured Asset Values – Property & Equipment

MOTION 16-09-644 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration pose questions to Jubilee Insurance at the November 9, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: 4. a) Simon Driedger – Subdividing Acreage with Drainage Ditch

MOTION 16-09-645 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the presentation by Simon Driedger regarding his acreage subdivision be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 12. c) Request to Reduce Tax - Tax Roll 082172

MOTION 16-09-646 MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the request to reduce taxes on Tax Roll 082172 be received for information.

CARRIED

12. d) Request to Reduce Tax – Tax Roll 074356

MOTION 16-09-647 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request to decrease the minimum tax for Tax Roll 074356 to \$35 be APPROVED.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-648 **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That administration contacts the assessor and have the repeat Tax Roll reductions reassessed.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen and Councillor Knelsen stepped out of the meeting at 3:08 p.m. Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and Councillor Knelsen rejoined the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

12. e) Policy FIN022 Budget Development and 2017 Budget Meeting Dates

MOTION 16-09-649 **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That Council direct administration to hold the line in the 2017 Budget development.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-650 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the 2017 budget review dates be scheduled as follows to begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers:

- November 1, 2016 – Council (Budget) Meeting
- November 22, 2016 – Council (Budget) Meeting
- December 12 , 2016 – Council (Budget) Meeting

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-651 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy FIN022 Budget Development be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Construction and Maintenance of Tompkins Crossing Ice Bridge – Award

MOTION 16-09-652

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Construction and Maintenance of Tompkins Crossing Ice Bridge be awarded to George & Abe Driedger as per their submitted proposal.

CARRIED

13. b) Construction Work – Blumenort Road

MOTION 16-09-653

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the Blumenort Road construction work update be received for information.

CARRIED

13. c) Request to Tender for Gravel Crushing

MOTION 16-09-654

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2016 operating budget be amended to include an additional \$1,500,000 with \$500,000 in funding coming from the Gravel Crushing Reserve, and \$1,000,000 from the General Operating Reserve for gravel crushing in 2016.

CARRIED

13. d) Supply and Construct Wooden Post Frame Sand Shed Tender

MOTION 16-09-655

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Supply and Construct Wooden Post Frame Sand Shed be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder while remaining in budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 3:49 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

13. e) Blumenort Road West

MOTION 16-09-656

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That Council commit to reapplying oil dust control to Blumenort Road West in the summer of 2017.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Bylaw 1046-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add
Wastewater Treatment Setbacks Regulations to the
Land Use Bylaw 791-10**

MOTION 16-09-657

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading as amended be given to Bylaw 1046-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add Section 7.47.1 Wastewater Treatment Setbacks to the Land Use Bylaw 791-10, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**14. b) Bylaw 1047-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to
Revise the Definition of Automotive Equipment and
Vehicle Services**

MOTION 16-09-658

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1047-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to change the definition of Automotive Equipment and Vehicle Services, and place the new definitions within the appropriate districts, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**14. c) Bylaw 1048-16 Plan Cancellation & Consolidation of
Plan 122 3197, Block 2, Lot 4 & 5**

MOTION 16-09-659

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1048-16, being a Plan Cancellation Bylaw to cancel and consolidate Plan 122 3197, Block 2, Lots 4 and 5 into one lot, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

14. d) Land Use Bylaw Amendment Update

MOTION 16-09-660

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Land Use Bylaw Amendment project update be received for information.

CARRIED

14. e) Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) Ministry Dinner

MOTION 16-09-661

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the following Councillor(s) be authorized to attend the Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) Ministry Dinner on October 27, 2016 in Edmonton, Alberta.

-Reeve Neufeld and/or designate

CARRIED

14. f) Caribou

MOTION 16-09-662

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the Caribou report be received for information.

CARRIED

UTILITIES:

15. a) None

INFORMATION:

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 16-09-663

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council invites the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, La Crete Chamber of Commerce, and industry leaders to a meeting with MLA Prasad Panda on October 17, 2016.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-664

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration to look into an application for the lithium project.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-665

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:23 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 16-09-666

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4: 31 p.m.

17. a) Legal

17. b) Labour

17. c) Land

- Gravel Proposals

CARRIED

MOTION 16-09-667

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council move out of camera at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED

17. b) Land – Labour

MOTION 16-09-668

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to hire a contracted Executive Assistant to the CAO.

CARRIED

17. c) Land – Gravel Proposals

MOTION 16-09-669

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the gravel proposal be received for information.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES: 19. a) Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

c) Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 16-09-670 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on September 28, 2016.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

