

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016  
10:00 a.m.**

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

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Jacque Bateman	Councillor
	Peter F. Braun	Councillor
	Elmer Derksen	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
	Josh Knelsen	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Ray Toews	Councillor
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
	Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
	Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
	Bill Kostiw	Intergovernmental Relations & Special Projects Coordinator
	Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
	Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant
	Oxana Mamontova	Finance Controller

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on September 28, 2016 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1. a) **Call to Order**

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

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**MOTION 16-09-671**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4. c) Green Space Alliance – Land Use Bylaw Amendment Project
- 9. b) Phase III Land Sales
- 9. c) Property Line Dispute Between a Landowner and Alberta Environment & Parks (In-Camera)
- 9. d) Unbudgeted Projects
- 17. b) Organizational Chart

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the September 13, 2016, Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 16-09-672**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as AMENDED.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Ellen Bowles, Vice President – Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) Local 744 Grande Prairie**

**MOTION 16-09-673**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Employment to preserve Canada Post's national retail network.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-09-674**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That Council move in-camera at 10:38 a.m. to discuss a property line dispute between a landowner and Alberta Environment & Parks.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-09-675**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 11:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. c) Property Line Dispute Between a Landowner and Alberta Environment & Parks (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 16-09-676**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the property line dispute between a landowner and Alberta Environment & Parks be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. c) Green Space Alliance – Land Use Bylaw Amendment Project**

**MOTION 16-09-677**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the presentation by Green Space Alliance regarding the Land Use Bylaw amendment project be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Derksen and Councillor Jorgensen.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**11. a) Fort Vermilion Board of Trade – Funds Request**

Councillor Derksen rejoined the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Councillor Braun stepped out of the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

**MOTION 16-09-678**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request for additional funding from the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade for town beautification be DENIED.

**CARRIED**

**11. b) Town of High Level Hazmat Truck – Additional Funding Request**

Councillor Braun rejoined the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

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**MOTION 16-09-679**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$6,521.37 (total County portion \$74,521.37) for the Hazmat truck refurbishing project, with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**UTILITIES:**

**15. a) Policy UT006 Municipal Rural Water Servicing**

**MOTION 16-09-680**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy UT006 Municipal Rural Water Servicing be approved as AMENDED and that the County endeavor to assist with surveying of road allowances/right-of-way if required.

**CARRIED**

**15. b) 96 Avenue, 100 Street to 101 Street (Hamlet of La Crete) Letter of Concern**

**MOTION 16-09-681**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 96 Avenue, 100 Street to 101 Street (Hamlet of La Crete) letter of concern be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. a) Council Committee Reports**

**MOTION 16-09-682**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. b) George Janzen – Quality Investment Corp.**

**MOTION 16-09-683**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the oversizing request by Quality Investment Corp. (Subdivision Application 22-SUB-14 – Phase 6) for road widening on 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Hamlet of La Crete be APPROVED and that the budget be amended to include the

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additional \$31,281.48 with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 16-09-684**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Finance Committee unapproved meeting minutes of September 14, 2016 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. c) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 16-09-685**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the unapproved minutes of the September 8, 2016 Community Services Committee Meeting be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPOSTS:**

**6. a) None**

**TENDERS:**

**7. a) None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**8. a) None**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. a) Meetings with Ministers – AAMDC Fall Convention**

**MOTION 16-09-686**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That administration setup meetings with the following Ministers and RCMP “K” Division during the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) fall convention in November 2016 in Edmonton.

Minister of Municipal Affairs

- Provincial Policy that affects declining assessment

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- Carbon Tax/Stable Funding
- Caribou

Minister of Environment & Parks

- Caribou
- Roads to New Lands
- Purchase of Recreational Leases

Minister of Transportation

- Highway 697 East Widening
- La Crete Ferry (Tompkins Crossing)
- Bridge Funding Program
- Highway 58 West

Minister of Energy

- Carbon Tax
- Coal
- Caribou

RCMP "K" Division

- Enhanced Policing
- Policing in La Crete Area due to growth

**CARRIED**

**9. b) Phase III Land Sales (ADDITION)**

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

**MOTION 16-09-687**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That a letter be sent to Darcy Beach, Executive Regional Director with Alberta Environment & Parks to push for the completion of the Phase III land sales.

**CARRIED**

**9. d) Unbudgeted Projects (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 16-09-688**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the unbudgeted projects discussion be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**

**10. a) None**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

**FINANCE:**

**12. a) Policy ADM049 – Bursary Policy**

**MOTION 16-09-689**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy ADM049 Bursary Policy be amended as presented.

**CARRIED**

**12. b) Policy RESV019 – Street Light Replacement Reserve**

**MOTION 16-09-690**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Policy RESV019 Street Light Replacement Reserve be approved as AMENDED.

**CARRIED**

**12. c) Purchase of Membership Shares in Vision Credit Union, La Crete Co-op, and United Farmers of Alberta**

**MOTION 16-09-691**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That membership shares be purchased with Vision Credit Union, La Crete Co-op and United Farmers of Alberta for \$1, \$500 and \$0 respectively.

**CARRIED**

**12. d) Financial Reports – January 1 to August 31, 2016**

**MOTION 16-09-692**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the financial reports for the period of January 1 – August 31, 2016 be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**13. a) Purchase of Wadlin Lake Campground Recreational Lease (update)**

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**MOTION 16-09-693**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the update on the purchase of the Wadlin Lake Campground Recreational Lease be received for information and that detailed chronological fact sheets be prepared for the meetings with Ministers.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Bylaw 1049-16 Road Closure Request for the West Side of NW 11-108-13-W5M (Fort Vermilion Area)**

**MOTION 16-09-694**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1049-16 being a Road Closure Bylaw to close a portion of the Government Road Allowance adjoining the west boundary of NW 11-108-13-W5M for the purpose of consolidation, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**14. b) Policy DEV010 – Land Acquisition for Road Right-of-Ways during Subdivisions**

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

**MOTION 16-09-695**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Policy DEV010 Land Acquisition for Road Right-of-Ways during Subdivisions be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**14. c) Policy PW028 Sale of Undeveloped Road Allowance**

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

**MOTION 16-09-696**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy PW028 Sale of Undeveloped Road Allowance be TABLED to the next meeting.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 16-09-697**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Policy PW028 Sale of Undeveloped Road Allowance be

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approved as AMENDED to include a statement to avoid creating fragmented parcels.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:19 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

**14. d) Alberta Government, Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Grant**

**MOTION 16-09-698**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County apply for funding through the Alberta Government, Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Grant for the following:

- Lithium
- Investment Opportunity Marketplace (as a Tri-Council application)

**CARRIED**

**14. e) Caribou**

**MOTION 16-09-699**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council appreciates the effort that Byron and his team have put into the resistance to the imposition of the Province's caribou protection plan.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-09-700**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the caribou update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION:**

**16. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 16-09-701**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA  
SESSION:**

**17. In-Camera Session**

**MOTION 16-09-702**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 5:41 p.m.

- 17. a) Legal
- 17. b) Labour
- 17. c) Land

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 16-09-703**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council move out of camera at 6:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**17. b) Labour – Organizational Chart (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 16-09-704**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the CAO be authorized to fill the position of Director of Operations South.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

- 19. a) Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- b) Organizational Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- c) Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, October 26, 2016

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10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**            **20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 16-07-705**        **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the council meeting be adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on October 11, 2016.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

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Len Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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