

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Monday, February 27, 2017  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**AGENDA**

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## Presentation to Mackenzie County Land Stewardship Committee

A little bit about The Solar Guys. Travis and I, have been working together because we see big opportunities for the region and ourselves to capitalize on a number of green energy incentives to enhance our local infrastructure.

We've spoken with a few members of the committee already but it's awesome having this time to fully lay out what we're doing, why we're doing it and what our vision is.

So I got involved in this initially because of... the carbon tax. **SLIDE**

Set on the basis of \$20/tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2017, rising to \$30/ tonne in 2018. On October 3, 2016, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a plan to mandate \$50/tonne by 2022. It's a tax on all sales and imports of fuel throughout the entire supply chain, which as we know hits northern Alberta particularly hard given our higher transportation costs. It's a huge cost to farmers, businesses, municipalities and citizens.

Here's where the good news comes in. Under the Climate Leadership Implementation Act and Energy Efficiency Alberta, \$9.6 billion of the revenue collected by Government of Alberta is being reinvested into communities, municipalities and businesses under the following criteria.

- a. initiatives related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions**
- b. supporting Alberta's ability to adapt to climate change; and**
- c. providing rebates or adjustments related to the carbon levy to consumers, businesses and communities.**

Solar energy fits all those criteria and let me give a brief breakdown of how that \$9.6 billion is being reinvested. Approximately \$6.2 billion will help diversify our energy industry, including \$3.4 billion for large scale renewable energy, bioenergy and technology, \$2.2 billion for green infrastructure, \$2.3 billion for carbon rebates to help low- and middle-income families and \$645 million for Energy Efficiency Alberta, a new Crown Corporation that will support energy efficiency programs and services for homes and businesses."

Now initially, myself included, there was some skepticism about whether northern Alberta would qualify because green public transportation obviously isn't feasible in our area, bioenergy is expensive and projects in the past haven't panned out. But one thing I noticed was the volume of press releases from the province looking to incentivize solar projects, and after meeting up with Travis and seeing his 7.8 kW installation at Aaron Krahn's farm, and then also learning more about the programs (which I'll get into in a few minutes), turns out the provincial government is really excited about what we're doing, in particular that we are the only ones certified to install these systems and exclusively use local labour to do it.

So a brief introduction to grid tie systems and how they work, and Travis will be able to answer the more technical questions, but here's the basic rundown. **SLIDE**

Solar voltaic grid tie systems are used in a way similar to a battery, although no batteries are required to set up and maintain these systems. When more power is produced than consumed, the excess energy is exported to the grid and when more is consumed, it is imported. Obviously you'd generate the most energy in the summer and least in the winter, as represented by the hours of sunlight.

These systems can be installed using either micro inverters or string inverters. Even if a system can't be installed that can produce all of a building's power requirements, a grid tie system is a nice, green way for northern Albertans to reduce their monthly power bills and lower their carbon footprint, again with big incentives to do so. In order to access these incentives, a microgeneration application must be submitted through the Alberta Utilities Commission, which is covered under our costs and is a substantial amount of paperwork.

Ok, so the big question is how much energy do these system generate?

This one here is 7.8kW and generates an average monthly power production of 860 kw/hours, which is only an approximation and based on data reported from all over Canada, and yes we do in fact realize that means absolutely nothing to most people including us. The truth is that given this our first system installed in northwestern Alberta, and we're curious to see what it can produce ourselves.

Here's what we do know. Germany is the world leader in solar manufacturing and their market has been booming despite the fact that they get less yearly sunlight average than we do. We also know that these panels are durable, they come with a 25 year warranty and require little maintenance. **SLIDE**

Let's start with the farmers. I've given everyone a copy of our proposal to northern Alberta farmers, which I thought would be relevant to this committee, and breaks down how Growing Forward 2 works, what kind of energy rebates they're eligible for, tax incentives (farmers can write off 50 per cent of the capital value of these grid tie systems every year).

Also, again these provincial incentive programs are only just starting to be rolled out, and they change quickly. It's been interesting to follow. At one point the province was offering farmers 75 per cent of the cost to install these systems up to 750,000, until they got so many applications they had to suspend the program. Anyways the incentives for farmers are big and maybe we can talk more about that in the Q&A, but I'm dying to tell you about what we're doing in Paddle Prairie. **SLIDE**

So, the provincial government has accepted our proposal to install a 20kW system, roof top mounted on the Paddle Prairie Arena, and they've told us will be followed by several others both in Paddle Prairie along with Tall Cree, Beaver First Nation, John D'Or and Dene Tha. Obviously great news for us, and the province also just finished conducting energy assessments at these places, which is a requirement to mount the panels onto roofs and also allows people to qualify for higher rebates.

So for that deal, we applied under the Alberta Indigenous Solar Program, which initially said they could fund projects up to 65 per cent. After some dialogue back and forth they've now agreed to cover 100 per cent of the installation costs, so you can imagine how excited the Paddle Prairie community is. They get a piece of capital equipment that produces energy, ties back into the grid and lowers their energy bills, at no cost. The AISP is a \$2 million program, a fraction of what's coming.

That brings me to the County. I've given Hayley a list of our latest collection of incentive programs, so the committee has that information, but I'd like to start with what we think is the most pressing – The Alberta Municipal Solar Program. **SLIDE**

### **Alberta Municipal Solar Program**

The Alberta Municipal Solar Program (AMSP) provides financial rebates to Alberta municipalities who install solar photovoltaics (PV) on municipal facilities or land and complete public engagement for the project.

Community-related organizations: non-profit community-related organizations (CROs) are eligible to participate if the project is located on municipally owned facilities or municipally owned land.

While CROs are eligible to participate, the municipality must be the signatory to the funding agreement and all reimbursements made under the program will be directed to the municipality. Off-grid Solar projects are not eligible for this grant, therefore the systems must tie back into the energy grid. The rebates are as follows:

<b>Total Installed Capacity (DC)</b>	<b>Rebate</b>
<b>&lt;10 kilowatts</b>	<b>\$0.75/Watt</b>
<b>10 kilowatts to &lt;150 kilowatts</b>	<b>\$0.60/Watt</b>
<b>150 kilowatts to 1 Megawatt</b>	<b>\$0.45/Watt</b>

To recognize and incent early action, the MCCAC will provide a \$0.15/watt bonus to all participants who have completed a successful application (signed Funding Agreement) prior to February 1, 2017.

Now this committee has a better idea of the County's energy infrastructure so Travis and I are excited to hear your thoughts on if and how we could make a partnership to enhance our energy infrastructure and capitalize on these incentives while they're there, whether it's building panels of municipal facilities like we're doing on the reserves, sharing this information with farmers and the community, letting people know that there are viable short and long term strategies to recover some of the Carbon Tax costs.

And I haven't even touched on the Green Municipal Fund, Renewable Electricity Program, Energy Efficiency Alberta, countless upcoming programs, a lot of which offer enormous opportunities for Mackenzie County to become leaders in generating clean energy. We know that part of the committee's vision involves seeing energy produced locally, and that's exactly what we're doing. Thank you and we're open to questions and comments.





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# Aaron Krahn 7.8kW system



# Introduction to grid-tie solar systems

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# Incentives

- Rebate incentive for farmers under Growing Forward 2
- Farmers can write off 50 per cent of the capital value of these grid tie systems every year
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# Paddle Prairie Metis Initiative

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# Bottom Line

- Solar Energy systems are currently the best way for the region to recover some of costs of the Carbon Tax, and they provide far more value than their initial cost of installation, which is being heavily subsidized by the provincial government.
- Mackenzie County has the opportunity to become leaders in energy innovation by enhancing its existing infrastructure
- As more programs and incentives become available, our business plan will adjust accordingly to best fit our customers' needs.



## First Round of MGA Regulations Available for Review

Following the passing of the *Municipal Government Amendment Act (2015)* and the *Modernized Municipal Government Act (2016)*, a number of regulations had to be updated or created. The first round of these **regulations** are now available for review.

The AAMDC has prepared a document, available [here](#), that outlines the changes to the regulations with some additional commentary. Alberta Municipal Affairs has provided **surveys** for each of the regulations to allow feedback and input during this 60-day comment period which ends March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The regulations available fall under three broad categories:

### Governance and Administration Regulations

- Municipal Corporate Planning Regulation - New
- Public Participation Policy Regulation - New
- Municipal Gas Systems Core Market Regulation - Updated
- MuniSERP Investment Regulation - Updated

### Planning and Development Regulations

- Aeronautics Act Agreements Regulation - No Change
- Crown Land Area Designation Regulation - Updated
- Calgary International Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation - Updated
- Edmonton International Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation - Updated
- Planning Exemption Regulation - Updated

### Assessment and Taxation Regulations

- Qualifications of Assessor Regulation - Updated

The AAMDC will be providing comments to Alberta Municipal Affairs on the above regulations but welcome member input. If AAMDC members have comments or concerns, please direct them to AAMDC Policy Analyst, Matt Dow at [matt.dow@aamdc.com](mailto:matt.dow@aamdc.com).

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# AAMDC Briefing on MGA Regulations – Batch One

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## INTRODUCTION

As part of the ongoing review of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), the following regulations have been released for public comment. These regulations are the result of legislative changes brought forward through the *Municipal Government Amendment Act* (2015) and the *Modernized Municipal Government Act* (2016). As shown below, there are a number of regulations which are newly developed while others are simply updated to reflect legislatively required changes or expiry dates. The regulations are broken into three sections: Governance and Administration, Planning and Development, and Taxation and Assessment.

The regulations are open to public comment for a 60-day period starting on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The following regulations and associated information is adopted largely from the Alberta Municipal Affairs *Municipal Government Act* Review [webpage](#). For each regulation, there is a survey available that provides feedback directly to Alberta Municipal Affairs. The purpose of this document is for the AAMDC to provide additional context and a rural municipal perspective to the regulations where applicable.

## GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

### Municipal Corporate Planning Regulation – *NEW*

The *Municipal Government Amendment Act* (2015) added in a requirement to adopt a written three-year financial (operating) plan and five-year capital plan that must be updated annually. The new regulation was drafted to accompany that requirement and proposes to:

- establish a minimum standard for the content of written three-year financial (operating) plans and five-year capital plans;
- set out that the minimum standard for the financial plan must include total revenues and expenses by major category, the annual surplus or deficit, and the accumulated surplus or deficit;
- set out that the minimum standard for the capital plan must include planned capital property additions and allocated or anticipated funding sources; and
- establish that municipalities must prepare the plans in the beginning of the second year after the MGA is proclaimed.

For a full text of the Municipal Corporate Planning Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has anticipated this new policy to be a precursor to more rigorous asset management requirements and at this stage, has not identified any significant concerns with the specific details of the regulation. The regulation outlines base requirements but is appropriately adaptable to a number of different circumstances across municipalities. It should be emphasized that the three and five year plans are

plans and not a strict budget to which municipalities must strictly adhere. Should financial conditions change for a municipality, there is a reasonable expectation that the three year and five year plans would change accordingly.

The primary concern for the AAMDC is not with the specific details of the regulation but instead, the inconsistency in provincial and federal grant funding which have a significant impact on municipal finances. It is difficult for municipalities to plan three and five years into the future when a significant portion of their revenue is unknown.

## **Public Participation Policy Regulation - *NEW***

The *Municipal Government Amendment Act* requires municipalities to establish a public participation policy. This new regulation requires municipalities to:

- establish a standard for the content of public participation policies;
- set out the requirements for how municipal stakeholders will be engaged and the circumstances in which the municipality will engage municipal stakeholders;
- require the policy to be made available to the public and clarify that it may be posted to a municipality's website;
- establish that the policy be reviewed, at a minimum, every three years; and
- establish that a municipality must have a public participation policy within 270 days of proclamation of the MGA.

For a full text of the Public Participation Policy Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

***AAMDC Perspective:*** The AAMDC has supported the implementation of public participation policies in municipalities as a means to ensure accountability and transparency. The regulation outlined above provides minimum standards which are not so prescriptive that municipalities cannot create a public participation policy that is unique to their local circumstances.

The AAMDC, the AUMA, and Alberta Municipal Affairs are in discussions currently about how to prepare tools and resources for municipalities on a number of MGA related topics. The intention is to ease the transition for municipalities to align with the new Act.

## **Municipal Gas Systems Core Market Regulation – *Updated***

This regulation was initially developed in 1995 by Alberta Energy to allow customer choice for non-industrial gas consumers and applies to municipally-owned gas utilities. It defines the roles and responsibilities of natural gas consumers, municipal governments and natural gas marketers (including gas co-operatives) within a municipal setting. The updated changes to this regulation include:

- Amending the expiry date from July 21, 2018 to July 31, 2020 to ensure there will be time for any potential review of this regulation.

For a full text of the Municipal Gas Systems Core Market Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no concerns with this regulation as only the expiry date has been revised and no previous concerns have been identified.

### **MuniSERP Investment Regulation – Updated**

This regulation provides municipalities, through the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation, with additional investment flexibility for funds allocated to the MuniSERP retirement plan. The updated changes to this regulation include:

- Removal of the expiry date. This will still allow the regulation to be reviewed periodically or upon stakeholder requests.

For a full text of the MuniSERP Investment Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no concerns with this regulation as only the expiry date has been revised and no previous concerns have been identified.

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

### **Aeronautics Act Agreement Regulation – No Change**

This regulation allows the federal government to delegate its authority for land-use planning in the vicinity of the Medicine Hat Regional Airport in order to ensure that planned development around the airport is consistent with the safe and economical operation of the airport. The updated changes to this regulation include:

No amendment is being proposed to this regulation as part of the MGA Review.

For a full text of the Aeronautics Act Agreement Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no concerns with this regulation.

### **Crown Land Area Designation Regulation – Updated**

This regulation exempts a designated area of Crown land in a municipal district or specialized municipality from Part 17 (Planning) of the MGA. The updated changes to this regulation include:

- Removal of the expiry date. This will still allow the regulation to be reviewed periodically or upon stakeholder requests.

For a full text of the Crown Land Area Designation Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no concerns with this regulation as only the expiry date has been revised and no previous concerns have been identified.

## **Calgary Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation – Updated**

This regulation controls, regulates or prohibits uses or development on lands within the vicinity of the Calgary International Airport. The updated changes to this regulation include:

- Clarifying that secondary suites are allowable in existing structures in older residential areas that predate the regulation;
- Specifying that when a municipality applies to the Minister for an amendment to the regulation, the application must include a resolution of the council that the council supports the proposed amendment.
- Removing the expiry date which will still allow the regulation to be reviewed periodically or upon stakeholder requests.

For a full text of the Calgary Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no concerns with this regulation as it does not adversely impact an rural municipalities and is specific to the area in the direct vicinity of the Calgary Airport.

## **Edmonton International Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation – Updated**

This regulation controls, regulates or prohibits uses or development on lands within the vicinity of the Edmonton International Airport. The updated changes to this regulation include:

- Updating and aligning definitions with the Calgary Airport Vicinity Protection Regulation.
- Clarifying that the Protection Area does not include the Airport Lands.
- Clarifying that when a municipality applies to the Minister for an amendment to the AVPA Regulation, the application must include a resolution of the council that the council supports the proposed amendment. Remove the expiry date. This will still allow the regulation to be reviewed periodically or upon stakeholder requests.

For a full text of the Edmonton Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no identified concerns with this regulation.

## **Planning Exemption Regulation – Updated**

This regulation identifies lands from within municipal boundaries that are exempt from the Part 17 – Planning provisions of the *MGA*, as well as site-specific case by case exemptions for unique circumstances and/or developments that do not conform to a municipality’s land-use bylaw. The updated change to this regulation involves:

- Removing the exemption for the Land Use Bylaw notification for the City of Calgary, including Schedule 6, which is no longer required; and extend the expiry date to from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2021.

For a full text of the Planning Exemption Regulation, click [here](#).

To complete Alberta Municipal Affairs survey on this regulation, click [here](#).

**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no concerns with the revised regulation.

## **ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION REGULATIONS**

### **Qualifications of Assessor Regulation – Updated**

This regulation establishes qualification criteria for individuals to hold the position of designated assessors. The updated change to this regulation involves:

- Clarifying that the assessor is responsible for the annual return declaration and cannot delegate that duty.
- Removing the expiry date. This will still allow the regulation to be reviewed periodically or upon stakeholder requests.

For a full text of the Qualifications of Assessor Regulation, click [here](#).

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**AAMDC Perspective:** The AAMDC has no concerns with the revised regulation.



## Mackenzie County Action List as of February 14, 2017

### Council Meeting Motions Requiring Action

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
<b>February 27, 2013 Council Meeting</b>			
13-02-121	That administration continue to work towards expanding the Fort Vermilion Bridge Campground recreational area by applying for a lease with Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development that encompasses both existing and future area.	Doug	Archeological work and report complete. Waiting for provincial clearance.
<b>May 28, 2013 Council Meeting</b>			
13-05-375	That the Zama Access paving be the first capital priority for paving a road outside a hamlet boundary and that administration continue reviewing options and applying for provincial and/or federal grants as these may become available with intent to complete the paving of this road.	CAO	2017 Budget REDI is discussing at the next NTAA meeting.
<b>July 29, 2015 Council Meeting</b>			
15-07-531	That administration be authorized to negotiate a Mutual Aid Agreement with Tall Cree First Nation.	CAO	Emails & Phone Call to the Chief – no response 2017-01-18
<b>October 28, 2015 Council Meeting</b>			
15-10-801	That administration draft a fireworks policy based on the following: The Municipality will, prior to issuing permission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respecting the purchase, possession, handling, discharge, fire or set-off; obtain from the applicant written confirmation that the person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will conduct activities in accordance with safe practices outlined in the Alberta Fire Code,</li> <li>• Is of at least 18 years of age, and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respecting sales, obtain from the owner of the retail business, written confirmation that the business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holds a valid municipal business license or confirmation of ownership of the business when the municipality does not require business to hold such license,</li> <li>• Employees handling fireworks for sale are of at least 18 years of age,</li> <li>• Manufacturer's instructions are posted at the sales location and provided with each sale,</li> <li>• Record of each sale is retained for examination by the Fire SCO, and</li> <li>• Stores fireworks in conformance with Part 3 of the Alberta Fire Code</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Doug	Meeting held with Agriculture and Forestry, they are responsible for issuing Firework permits during the fire season.  November 2016
<b>February 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-02-093	That administration draft a policy for the appointment of	Carol	June 2017

Motion	Action Required	Action By	Status
	Members at Large.		
February 22, 2016 Council Meeting			
16-02-135	That the County covers the additional cost of the survey on Plan 5999CL, Lot E to date and have administration release a copy of the report to the landowner informing them that the initial investigation survey has been completed.	Byron	Initial report has been received, still awaiting final report Investigated by Director of Surveys
March 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting			
16-03-158	That administration researches grant funding options for covering the costs of hazardous materials removal from the condemned office building on the experimental farm in Fort Vermilion.	CAO	2017 Budget Deliberations  Scheduled to be burnt in fall 2016. Quote to haul it away.
16-03-178	That administration pursues taking possession of the southerly gravel pit lease DRS 834, and delays pursuing possession of the northerly gravel pit lease DRS 780149.	Dave	February 2017
March 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting			
16-03-216	That administration proceeds with obtaining access in Mackenzie County's name for the E½ 30-101-17-W5M and the S½ 3-102-17-W5M.	Dave	In progress (Roads to New Lands – Blue Hills)
May 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting			
16-05-354	That administration be authorized to proceed as follows in regards to the Zama Crown Land Procurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cancel PLS 080023;</li> <li>pursue acquisition of land parcels as identified on the map presented in red;</li> <li>identify a parcel of land to be subdivided from Title Number 102 145 574 +1 (Short Legal 0923884; 21; 1) and offered for trade or sale to Alberta Environment and Parks due to its unsuitability for a hamlet development , specifically the land use restrictions per Alberta Energy Regulator.</li> </ul>	Don	PLS Cancelled Need to submit 2 different applications.
June 14, 2016 Regular Council Meeting			
16-06-440	That Bylaw 1030-16 being a road closure bylaw for the closure of government road allowance between Section 28 and 29 Township 108, Range 13, W5M for the purpose of consolidation be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for approval.	Byron	Ministerial Order Required 6 months to 1 Year
16-06-441	That Bylaw 1031-16 being a road closure bylaw for the closure of all of Plan 2982PX within SE ¼ Section 28, Township 108, Range 13, W5M lying north and east of Plan 1508PX for the purpose of consolidation be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for approval.	Byron	Ministerial Order Required 6 months to 1 Year
16-06-442	That Bylaw 1032-16 being a road closure bylaw for the closure of all of the uncanceled portion of Plan 2144EU	Byron	Ministerial Order Required

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	within SE ¼ Section 28, Township 108, Range 13, W5M lying northeast of Plan 1508PX and northwest of Plan 2982PX for the purpose of consolidation be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for approval.		6 months to 1 Year
16-06-443	That Bylaw 1033-16 being a road closure bylaw for the closure of all of the uncanceled portion of Plan 2144EU within SE ¼ Section 28, Township 108, Range 13, W5M lying south of Plan 2982PX for the purpose of consolidation be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for approval.	Byron	Ministerial Order Required 6 months to 1 Year
<b>July 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-07-526	That the County pursue purchasing the leased lands at the Wadlin Lake and Hutch Lake campgrounds.	Doug Len	Request was made to the Minister.
16-07-529	That the County agree to the request from Alberta Transportation to create a municipal road allowance on the 14 km access from the Wentzel River to the Peace River crossing accessing Fox Lake and that the County not be responsible for capital, operational and maintenance costs; or liability for the public road way and the ferry/ice-bridge.	CAO Bill K.	Notified AT Response letter received 2016-07-29  Waiting for agreement from AT
<b>August 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-08-570	That administration meet with sawmills/forestry companies in regards to summer log hauling and Road Use Agreements.	Dave	February 2017
16-08-599	That administration proceed with registering the utility right of way on NE 3-106-15-W5M and NW 3-106-15-W5M. (La Crete SE Drainage Ditch)	Byron	Signed. Submit to Land Titles. December 2016
16-08-601	That Policy DEV001 Urban Development Standards and Policy DEV007 Rural Development Standards be amended to clarify procedures for oversizing requirements.	Byron	December 2016
<b>August 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-08-626	That a letter be sent to Parks Canada and the Canadian Endangered Species Conservation Council (Species at Risk Act) regarding the Disease Risk Bison and the potential disease transfer to caribou.	Byron	In progress
16-08-649	That administration be authorized to place pit run on a section of trail through section 7-108-9-W5M up to a maximum of \$3,000 with funding coming from the operating budget.	Dave	Assess in Summer 2017
16-08-656	That administration draft an endeavor to assist policy for lateral water lines.	Fred	March 2017
<b>September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-09-630	That the range management plans for Northwestern	Byron	In progress

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Action By</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Alberta address the future of both Wood Bison and Woodland Caribou within the existing protection areas.	Bill K.	
<b>September 28, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-09-673	That a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Employment to preserve Canada Post's national retail network.	Len	In progress
16-09-698	That Mackenzie County apply for funding through the Alberta Government, Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Grant for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lithium</li> <li>Investment Opportunity Marketplace (as a Tri-Council application)</li> </ul>	Byron	2017-02-01 Tri-Council Meeting  Lithium application submitted.
<b>October 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-10-726	That Mackenzie County proceeds with an application to change the name of the Fort Vermilion Airport, which respectively recognizes Wilfrid Reid "Wop" May and his efforts during his January 1929 mercy flight from Edmonton to Fort Vermilion.	Byron	In progress
16-10-743	That Mackenzie County proceeds with acquiring the additional right-of-way from SE 17-106-15-5 that is required for future road improvements in the Hamlet of La Crete.	Byron	Engage WSP
<b>October 25, 2016 Organizational Council Meeting</b>			
16-10-753	That Bylaw 977-14 Organizational and Procedural Matters of Council, Council Committees and Councillors be brought back with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 60 – remove "by providing a statutory declaration or affidavit sworn or declared before the CAO or Commissioner for Oaths prior to the next regular Council meeting".</li> <li>Include a section to allow for the rotation of the Chair.</li> </ul>	Carol	2017 Organizational Meeting
<b>October 26, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-10-797	That a letter be sent to CN Rail requesting that they continue service and upgrade the service in Keg River.	Grant	
16-10-798	That a letter be sent to MP Warkentin, MP Viersen, MLA Jabbour and federal and provincial agriculture ministers, with a copy to the County of Northern Lights, regarding the maintaining and upgrading the producer car siding service in Keg River.	Grant	
<b>November 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-11-849	That a letter be sent to Alberta Justice and Solicitor General requesting clarification on the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch personnel ceasing attendance at Alberta airport facilities.	Len	
<b>November 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			

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16-11-864	That a revised letter of support be sent to Alberta Seniors and Housing regarding the Boreal Housing Foundation Ministerial Order and that a letter be sent to the Boreal Housing Foundation (with a copy to Alberta Seniors and Housing) to recommend that the housing foundation bill back each member for honorarium and expense costs for each of their participating members.	Carol	
16-11-867	That a letter be sent to the Prime Minister and the Special Committee on Electoral Reform requesting that a referendum be held prior to the implementation of any proposed changes to the current first-past-the-post voting system for federal elections.	Len Jessica	
16-11-868	That Mackenzie County initiate discussions with First Nations with the intention of creating a Memorandum of Understanding for a communication protocol between Mackenzie County and our First Nation neighbours.	Doug Jessica	
16-11-879	That Mackenzie County requests the Registrar to cancel the existing Certificate of Title for the following parcels of land and issue new Certificates of Title in the name of Mackenzie County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax Roll 219457</li> </ul>	Finance Dept.	
16-11-880	That the following properties remain in the current owners name and that the County continues to attempt to collect property taxes and that the property be inspected and reassessed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax Roll 300574</li> </ul>	Finance Dept.	
16-11-884	That a bylaw be brought back to rescind Bylaw 904-13 being a bylaw to impose a local improvement tax for Water and Sewer Extension on 43 Avenue and a portion of 50 Street in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.	Fred Carol	First Reading given 2017-01-23
<b>December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
16-12-910	That Accredited Supportive Living Services be exempt from paying 6% of the 2017 property taxes for the office that they lease in La Crete.	Finance Dept.	
16-12-913	That administration change equipment values as determined and to engage in an appraisal for buildings over \$100,000 as per amended list in 2017.	Finance Dept. Doug	
<b>January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
17-01-008	That a letter be sent to Gas Alberta and the Minister of Energy requesting assistance in locating the issues with our natural gas shortage and work with our suppliers and distributors to resolve the problem.	Len Jessica	Tri-Council Meeting
17-01-011	That the request to alter fire invoicing process with the Town of High Level be discussed at the 2018 review of the Regional Service Sharing Agreement.	Len	RRSA Review 2018

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17-01-014	That a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment & Parks and Minister of Municipal Affairs, and copy the Minister of Agriculture, requesting a meeting to discuss the revoking of land leases and immediate removal of cabins in the Bistcho Lake area.	Len Jessica	In progress
17-01-020	That a letter be sent to Alberta Environment & Parks identifying that the Sandhills Road DLO750355 is a historical road and that the County will take over the road once the province upgrades the road to County standards.	Byron	In progress
17-01-026	That the County property located at SW 26-108-12-W5M be listed with a realtor for sale.	Len Jessica	Property listed for sale with Century 21
<b>January 11, 2017 Budget Council Meeting</b>			
17-01-029	That a borrowing bylaw be brought back for the County portion for the two Bridge to New Lands capital projects.	Dave Finance Dept.	In progress
17-01-031	That the Fort Vermilion Ice Plant Repair be funded from the designated reserve and the remaining \$310,000 by debenture and that a borrowing bylaw be brought back to Council.	Doug Finance Dept.	2017-03-14
17-01-034	That the entire TCA Project list be revisited at the final budget meeting in April 2017.	Finance Dept.	April 2017
<b>January 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
17-01-054	That the Ditching Improvements - Rocky Lane Road for \$48,780 be added to the 2017 Budget, with funding coming from Alberta Transportation.	Finance Dept.	
17-01-058	That administration compiles a list of fragmented properties.	Finance Dept.	March 2017
17-01-059	That the following tax rolls be refunded for the difference in tax rate for the 2015 and 2016 tax years based on the schedule prepared by administration, and that the assessment coding be changed from commercial to residential for the 2016 Assessment Year (2017 Tax Year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax Roll #410955</li> <li>• Tax Roll #082172</li> <li>• Tax Roll #410954</li> <li>• Tax Roll #410952</li> <li>• Tax Roll #410953</li> </ul>	Finance Dept.	In progress
17-01-060	That administration reviews the new regulations coming out of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) Review to see if the new classifications of property could address assessment on remote, small, or inaccessible properties.	Finance Dept.	March 2017
17-01-071	That direction be given by Council to Erick Carter on or before June 30, 2017 regarding the P3 Fire Hall Proposal.	Byron	2017-06-28

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17-01-075	That Internet Funding Eligibility be added to the February 28, 2017 Council meeting.	Byron	2017-02-28
17-01-077	That administration be authorized to provide letters of support to any Internet Service Provider (ISP) prepared to submit applications under the Connect to Innovate Program that will enhance internet service within the County boundaries.	Len Jessica	As required.
17-01-082	That administration send the letter as presented to The Honourable Armarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.	Len Jessica	In progress
<b>February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting</b>			
17-02-086	That Mackenzie County participate in a sub-committee between the Tompkins Improvement Board and the Fort Vermilion School Division to explore the Blue Hills Community Complex project.	Councillor Knelsen	
17-02-093	That Mackenzie County offer to host the AAMDC Zone Meeting on August 11, 2017.	Len	Email sent to Tom Burton. Awaiting response.
17-02-095	That administration request a solar friendly municipalities presentation at a Committee of the Whole meeting.	Carol	2017-02-27
17-02-096	That administration setup meetings with the following Ministers during the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) spring convention in March 2017 in Edmonton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Zama Access Road Paving</li> <li>○ Bridge at Tompkins Crossing</li> <li>○ All Season Road – Wood Buffalo National Park – Garden River to Peace Point</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minister of Municipal Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grants</li> <li>○ Loss of Revenue</li> <li>○ Species at Risk Implications</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minister of Indigenous Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communication Protocol and Service Agreements</li> <li>○ MGA Amendments</li> <li>○ Consultation Process (sale of farmland)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minister of Agriculture &amp; Forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Disease Risk Bison</li> <li>○ Farmland Expansion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minister of Environment &amp; Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Farmland Expansion</li> <li>○ Species at Risk Implications</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Carol	Meeting requests sent by email. Awaiting responses.
17-02-105	That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health and Angie Mann, Director Area 1, Alberta Health Services, to encourage them to maintain the Personal Care Attendant	Len Jessica	

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	position at the La Crete Long Term Care Centre.		
17-02-106	That the Community Services Committee be authorized to open the Request for Proposals for the Fort Vermilion Ice Plant Upgrade project.	Doug	
17-02-107	That the request to waive penalties on Tax Roll 082831 be DENIED.	Finance Dept.	
17-02-108	That the request to reverse penalties on Tax Roll 155179 be APPROVED.	Finance Dept.	
17-02-109	That the Tax Penalty Bylaw be brought back for review and that administration draft a policy regarding tax payment notifications.	Finance Dept.	2017-03-14
17-02-113	That third reading of Bylaw 1050-16 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone part of SE 16-106-15-W5M from La Crete General Commercial District "GC1" to Manufactured Home Subdivision 1 "MHS1" to accommodate the development of residential lots be TABLED until the area structure plan and servicing requirements have been reviewed for the area.	Byron	
17-02-114	That the County contribute \$5,000 to the Fort Vermilion RCMP for the purchase of a trailer and equipment for their Safety Trailer Program with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.	Finance Dept.	
17-02-120	That a letter of support be sent to The Honourable Marc Garneau regarding the Airport Capital Assistance Program Application for the High Level Airport Runway Rehabilitation.	Len Jessica	
17-02-125	That Mackenzie County enters into a contract with Unity Sand & Gravel Ltd. to supply 3,000 m3 of ¾" gravel for the 2017 season.	Dave	