

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Lisa Wardley	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor (teleconference)

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
William (Bill) Kostiw	Intergovernmental Relations & Special Projects Coordinator
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the Public and the Media  
Grade 6 Students – Ridgeview Central School

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on February 28, 2017 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Mrs. Karie Becker and Mrs. Valerie Clark's grade six classes

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from Ridgeview Central School were present to observe the Council meeting.

The students held an election for the position of Junior Reeve. Kyanna Peters was elected the Junior Reeve and took a seat next to the Reeve.

**AGENDA:**

**2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 17-02-128**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 9. d) Municipal Census
- 9. e) Fire Hall Recognition
- 10. a) VSI Subsidy Increase
- 17. a) Negotiations

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the February 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting**

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:03 a.m.

**MOTION 17-02-129**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the minutes of the February 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. a) Council Committee Reports**

**MOTION 17-02-130**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. b) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 17-02-131**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the February 9, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meeting be received for information.

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**CARRIED**

**5. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 17-02-132**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 9, 2017 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. c) Caribou Update**

**MOTION 17-02-133**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the caribou update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Grade 6 Students – Ridgeview Central School**

The grade 6 students were given an opportunity to present questions to Council:

1. Can we get a swimming pool in La Crete?  
*This is a question we receive many times, however many people don't want it. The majority voted no when a plebiscite was held. At this time the County is not willing to go there.*
2. Why do you want to become Councillors?  
*To provide input into what happens in the community and to make your community a better place. To stand up for the people you represent as we are elected by the people in our ward. However we are supposed to work together as a whole council. We all have different personalities and interests and contribute differently to the discussions. We all debate issues and give the municipality direction.*
3. Why are you over your snow plowing budget? Are there other budgets that are under that you could transfer money from?  
*The CAO responded that we look after all budgets and that the snow plow budget was not over budget. Mrs. Becker clarified that the student's question was an example from their textbook. This was a good example of*

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*how rumors start and encouraged the students to make sure to get the facts and ask questions.*

*Deputy Reeve Wardley commented that services like snowplowing is an essential service and the municipality would find the money to ensure the roads are safe for ambulances, school buses, etc. and that we may have to cut in other areas to cover costs of essential services. Councillor Sarapuk also commented that we have operating reserves for emergencies.*

4. What do you spend most of your money on?  
*Most of our operating budget is spent on transportation services (roads) and water and sewer services.*
5. Why don't you have an odd number of Councillors?  
*Sometimes a Councillor is missing and then the number would be odd anyway. When a vote is tie then the motion is lost/defeated, this does not usually happen. We are a Specialized Municipality and have additional rules when voting on certain issues (ie. Budget) and must have a two-thirds vote. When all Council is present that would be seven out of the ten votes.*
6. Can we get an indoor basketball court?  
*Recreational facilities are provided by the Recreation Board and they bring forward requests annually for various services in each community.*
7. A question was asked regarding why The Brick did not come to La Crete and why La Crete doesn't apply for Town status.  
*It is up to business owners if they wish to set up businesses in different communities. Most Towns have a higher tax rate. The County shares its revenue from all its communities and that keeps the tax rates down.*

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. b) Odell Flett – Hamlet Boundaries**

**MOTION 17-02-134**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration clarify the inquiry regarding the Ward 7 boundary.

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**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPORTS:** 6. a) None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** 8. a) None

**ADMINISTRATION:** 9. a) **Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Annual General Meeting**

**MOTION 17-02-135** **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Chair of the Finance Committee be appointed to act as proxy at the Annual General Meeting of the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange on March 20, 2017 in Edmonton.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:** 9. b) **La Crete Long Term Care – Staffing Cuts**

**MOTION 17-02-136** **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the La Crete long term care staffing cuts be received for information.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 17-02-137** **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration request a meeting with the Minister of Health and Deputy Minister of Health, Carl Amrhein, to discuss health care needs in the region.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-02-138** **MOVED** by Councillor Toews  
Requires 2/3

That \$50,000 be transferred from the General Operating Reserve to cover the wages of a Personal Care Attendant at the La Crete Long Term Care facility.

Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor  
Reeve Neufeld  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Toews

Opposed  
Councillor Derksen  
Councillor Sarapuk  
Councillor Driedger  
Deputy Reeve Wardley

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Councillor Jorgensen  
Councillor Knelsen  
Councillor Bateman

**DEFEATED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. d) Municipal Census (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 17-02-139**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That a municipal census be completed in 2018 in coordination with the Regional Economic Development Initiative.

**DEFEATED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. e) Fire Hall Recognition (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 17-02-140**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That administration ensure that the County fire halls be added to municipal maps for recognition for insurance purposes.

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**

**10. a) VSI Subsidy Increase**

**MOTION 17-02-141**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Agricultural Service Board operating budget be amended to include an additional \$5,000 for the VSI requisition increase with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) None**

**FINANCE:**

**12. a) None**

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**OPERATIONS: 13. a) None**

Councillor Derksen stepped out of the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 14. a) Bylaw 1041-16 Road Closure Request for the South side of SW 18-104-17-W5M (Blue Hills Area)**

**MOTION 17-02-142 MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That second reading be given to 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.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-02-143 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to 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.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Derksen rejoined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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

**MOTION 17-02-144 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1049-16 being a Road Closure Bylaw to close a portion of government road allowance adjoining the west boundary of NW 11-108-13-W5M for the purpose of consolidation.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-02-145 MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1049-16 being a Road Closure Bylaw to close a portion of government road allowance adjoining the west boundary of NW 11-108-13-W5M for the purpose of consolidation.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. c) Policy DEV001 Urban Development Standards and  
Policy DEV007 Rural Development Standards –  
Clarification for Oversizing Procedures**

**MOTION 17-02-146**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Policy DEV001 Urban Development Standards be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-02-147**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That Policy DEV007 Rural Development Standards be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**UTILITIES:**

**15. a) None**

**INFORMATION:**

**16. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 17-02-148**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:24 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION:**

**17. In-Camera Session**

**MOTION 17-02-149**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 1:49 p.m.

17. a) Legal

- Negotiations

17. a) Labour

- Organizational Chart

17. a) Land



**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-02-150**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move out of camera at 2:09 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**IN-CAMERA:**

**17. a) Legal - Negotiations**

**MOTION 17-02-151**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That administration be authorized to purchase at public auction two 2016 new dodge pickups and a dump truck subject to price.

**CARRIED**

**IN-CAMERA:**

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

**MOTION 17-02-152**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the organizational chart be TABLED to later in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**7. a) La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion Study**

**MOTION 17-02-153**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion Study proposals be opened.

**CARRIED**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
Helix Engineering Ltd.	\$95,751.00
WSP	\$29,184.00
MPE Engineering	\$52,904.00

**MOTION 17-02-154**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That administration reviews the La Crete Sanitary Sewer Expansion Study proposals, according to the matrix, and that a recommendation for best qualified bidder be brought back to the next council meeting.

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**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-02-155**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That council move in-camera at 2:17 p.m. to further discuss the organizational chart.

**CARRIED**

Only Councillors were present during the in-camera discussion.

**MOTION 17-02-156**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That council move out of camera at 2:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-02-157**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Organizational Chart be approved as presented including the following changes:

- Facilities, parks, and recreation board ground maintenance – Community Services
- Indigenous relations – Community Services
- Aggregate - Operations

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

- 19. a)** Regular Council Meeting  
March 14, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- b)** Committee of the Whole Meeting  
March 28, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- c)** Regular Council Meeting  
March 29, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**20. a) Adjournment**

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**MOTION 17-02-158**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on March 14, 2017.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

(original signed)

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Len Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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