

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (BUDGET)**

**Monday, December 17, 2007 &
Tuesday, December 18, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, AB**

PRESENT:

Greg Newman	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Peter Braun	Councillor
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Ed Froese	Councillor
Bill Neufeld	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Stuart Watson	Councillor (absent on December 17, 2007)

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

William (Bill) Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Joulia Whittleton	Director of Corporate Services
Ryan Becker	Director of Planning & Emergency Services
Eva Schmidt	Planning Supervisor
Jason Gabriel	Supervisor of Emergency Operations
Mary Jane Driedger	Public Works Admin. Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 17 & 18, 2007 at the Council Chambers in Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Newman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 07-12-1140 MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

**3. a) Grants – Updated Summary
Recreation Boards (continue from Nov. 2 meeting)**

The 2008 recreation boards program was reviewed by Council:

- 7% increase from 2007 budgets (including \$4,300 reduction for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board catering)
- Set \$120,000 for capital and major operating costs – to be distributed according to need.
- The replacement of the existing capital to be paid by the County.
- As a reward, the County will pay 10% on all outside grants and fundraising (administration to bring forward a policy).
- Increased level of service must be brought forward to Council for approval.
- Will be required to provide a list of upcoming capital and major operating repairs.

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 07-12-1141

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move in camera at 11:15 a.m. to discuss the Footner closure.

CARRIED

MOTION 07-12-1142

MOVED by Councillor Froese

That Council move out of camera at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Library Funding

MOTION 07-12-1143

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the County offer to the La Crete Community Library cost sharing at a value to be determined in the budget subject to the library expansion be in conjunction with the school.

CARRIED

3. b) 2008 Operating Budget

Administration presented the revisions to the 2008 operating budget.

MOTION 07-12-1144

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m. and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

CARRIED

Reeve Newman reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

3. c) 2008 Requests for Capital Projects

Council and administration reviewed the 2008 capital project requests.

3. d) Vehicle and Equipment Lists for Transportation

Vehicle and equipment lists were presented for information.

MOTION 07-12-1145

MOVED by Councillor Neufeld

That the interim 2008 operating budget be approved at 50% of the 2007 operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 07-12-1146

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the grants to non-profit organizations including libraries and recreation boards be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

5. Adjournment

MOTION 07-12-1147

MOVED by Councillor Watson

That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved on Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

(signature on file)
Greg Newman, Reeve

(signature on file)
Carol Gabriel, Executive Assistant