

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**AGENDA**

1. Dan Fletcher, CAO, Town of High Level (10:00 a.m.) 3
  - Town of High Level Fire Engine Failure
  
2. Mary Mercredi, CAO, Boreal Housing Foundation (11:00 a.m.)
  - Introduction to Council
  - Update on Boreal Housing Foundation
  
3. Fort Vermilion Airport Terminal Building 5
  
4. REDI Meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister of Alberta Economic Development (Cynthia Farmer) – August 10, 2017 7
  
5. Next Meeting – August 22, 2017
  
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**From:** [Dan Fletcher](#)  
**To:** [Len Racher](#)  
**Subject:** Town of High Level Fire Engine Failure  
**Date:** June-29-17 4:18:07 PM  
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Hi Len,

We had a catastrophic failure of our Fire Engine Pumper Truck (Pump 2) pump system while responding to the fire in Zama late last month. Since then we have been scrambling to look at repair and leasing options to get this unit back in service. This unit is our primary front line unit which has us in a rather precarious situation. Further exacerbating the situation is the fact that our backup pumper, pump 1, is 26 years old and was scheduled to be decommissioned and replaced in next years capital budget. We have been using this to respond since the failure of pump 2 but have been shown the age of the unit when they had to pull over and perform emergency maintenance returning from the last county call to get it able to crawl home at 50kph.

Given this is the second time we have had to perform emergency maintenance of this nature on Pump 2, due to the electronic valve system in place on this unit, and not knowing the amount of time the unit would be out of service, we also contacted a dealer to discuss what options were available for lease. We were presented with a purchase opportunity for a refurbished unit similar to pump 2 for \$490,000. This unit was an industrial unit that has only 900 use hours and 20,000 km that new would cost close to \$900,000. It was fully refurbished and certified as of 2015 which would give it a useful life as a primary frontline unit to 2030. Leasing this same unit for the remaining useful life of Pump 2 would cost nearly double the purchase cost today.

We brought forward a number of options to our Council on Monday night and they have decided on the following course of action:

1. Move forward with the \$25,000 repair of Pump 2
2. Negotiate an emergency 6 month lease on the new engine to allow for budgeting and purchase in 2018
3. Discuss with Mackenzie County

Ultimately moving in this manner saves us from having to look at early replacement of pump 2 in addition to the planned replacement of pump 1 which would have added an addition 1.4 million to next years budget. As part 1 is a Town initiative this is currently underway. Part 2 with regard to the lease until 2018 is what I wanted to discuss with you. Ultimately we are paying just over \$16,000 in interest to allow for this emergency to be incorporated into the 2018 budget cycle. My thinking, given that this unit will be the primary response unit both within [the](#) Town and to all County calls, that we may be able to discuss moving forward immediately and save the \$16,000 in additional interest to be incorporated into the final price of the unit next year. I was hoping you may be able to discuss with your council our situation and determine how we would all like to proceed. That being said we do need to begin moving on this rather quickly as we need this unit in operation yesterday. Please feel free to give me a call if you wish to discuss.

Thanks,

Dan



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# REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>July 25, 2017</b>
<b>Presented By:</b>	<b>Doug Munn, Director of Community Services</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Fort Vermilion Airport Terminal Building</b>

## **BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:**

On June 26, 2017 Council directed staff to explore options for the existing Fort Vermilion terminal building.

Administration has considered using this building for County purposes however it does not suit our needs. The short term plan is to move the building to a point just east of the current entrance and set it on blocks. We have also made requests to several agencies to see if they are interested in using the building and MARA has indicated interest. They are holding a Board of Directors meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the item.

## **OPTIONS & BENEFITS:**

1. MARA – Direct administration to continue to negotiate with MARA regarding the relocation of the airport terminal building to their site.
  - There is no guarantee that MARA will be interested in the building at this early stage.
  
2. Request Expression of Interest from the community - Direct administration to advertise that the County would like to invite “Expression of Interest” from community organizations that are interested in the airport terminal building. Proposals should include how they propose to use the facility, time frame and proposed location for the building. Council would consider all proposals and choose a successful proponent.

Author: D Munn Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ CAO: \_\_\_\_\_

**COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:**

**COMMUNICATION:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For discussion.

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**Cc:** [Dan Fletcher](#); [Office](#); [Susie Dziwenka](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister Alberta Economic Development Cynthia farmer  
**Date:** July-16-17 10:14:53 PM

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Dear REDI Board and area CAO's,

I am helping the regional manager with economic development, Kamie Currie, coordinate a meeting in the region with Assistant Deputy Minister for Alberta Economic development Cynthia Farmer. She is proposing to be in the High level Region on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. I would like to set up a meeting with her and with the REDI Board, local CAO's and any elected officials. Topics are open so anything that impacts economic development in the region including cariboo!

We will have her from 9am until 2:30pm ( I am also trying to coordinate a tour of Tolko in there as well).

One: Dan F. Can we use the Town Council Chambers?

Two: Would the CAOs and elected officials like to join the REDI board for the meeting?

Three: While it will be a roundtable discussion, I suspect we will have a number of topics so I would like to pull together a bit of an agenda for the day. REDI will want to discuss our Cares grant and projects. I suspect Cariboo would be on the agenda. Any other agenda items.

REDI BOARD members, please let me know if you will be attending.

Thanks

Dan