

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 23, 2017

10:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS FORT VERMILION, AB

MACKENZIE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 23, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers – Fort Vermilion, Alberta

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Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Oath of Office – All Council

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Section 156 of the Municipal Government Act states:

A councillor, a chief elected official and a deputy and acting chief elected official may not carry out any power, duty or function until that person has taken the official oath prescribed by the *Oaths of Office Act*.

The Oath of Office for all Councillors will be performed by the following:

Jeneane Grundberg, Brownlee LLP

A copy of the Oath is attached.

Author:	C. Gabriel	Reviewed by:	CAO:
			

AFFII	DAVIT
I,, of Ma	ackenzie County, in the Province of
Alberta:	
	ly, and to the best of my ability execute JNCILLOR for Mackenzie County.
So help me God.	
SWORN before me)
in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion)
in the Province of Alberta, this)
23 rd day of October, 2017.) Councillor)
)
	,)
A Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta	,
Witness	

AFFII	DAVIT
I,, of Ma	ackenzie County, in the Province of
Alberta:	
	y, faithfully, and to the best of my ability e of COUNCILLOR for Mackenzie
AFFIRMED before me)
in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion)
in the Province of Alberta, this)
23 rd day of October, 2017.) Councillor)))
A Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta))
Witness	



Meeting: Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Overview of Roles & Responsibilities of the Reeve and

Deputy Reeve

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

An overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve will be presented by Jeneane Grundberg, Brownlee LLP.

Additionally, the Reeve has the following duties/responsibilities for Mackenzie County:

- Official spokesperson, including the media, attendance at special events, etc.
- Legal signing officer, including council minutes, bylaws, financial documents, contracts, etc.
- Responsible for monitoring compliance by Council with the Council/Administration Protocol policy.

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Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2017
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Voting Procedure
BACKGROUND / P	ROPOSAL:
	recy of a vote, administration recommends that all elections held tional Meeting be held by secret ballot.
OPTIONS & BENEF	FITS:
COSTS & SOURCE	OF FUNDING:
SUSTAINABILITY F	<u>'LAN:</u>
COMMUNICATION:	
RECOMMENDED A	CTION:
☑ Simple Majority	☐ Requires 2/3 ☐ Requires Unanimous
That all elections red	quired at the Organizational Meeting be held by secret ballot.
Author: C. Gabriel	Reviewed by: CAO:



Meeting:	Organizational Council Meetir	ng
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2017	
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administra	tive Officer
Title:	Election of Reeve	
BACKGROUND / P	ROPOSAL:	
the organizational m		s members on an annual basis at required when electing the Reeve e Council Procedural Bylaw.
NOMINATIONS:		
Call for nominations	:	
First Call:		_
Second Call:		_
Third Call:		_
RECOMMENDED A	ACTION:	
✓ Simple Majority	Requires 2/3	Requires Unanimous
County for the period	was elected/acclaing was elected	med as Reeve for Mackenzie 918.
Author: C. Gabriel	Reviewed by:	CAO:



Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting	g
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2017	
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrati	ive Officer
Title:	Election of Deputy Reeve	
BACKGROUND / P	ROPOSAL:	
basis at the organiza	of the municipality is elected from valid the majority of the manner prescribed in the Cou	vote is required when electing
NOMINATIONS:		
Call for nominations	:	
First Call:		
Second Call:		
Third Call:		
RECOMMENDED A	ACTION:	
✓ Simple Majority	Requires 2/3	Requires Unanimous
Mackenzie County fo	was elected/acclaim or the period October 23, 2017 to 0	ned as Deputy Reeve for October 2018.
Author: C. Gabriel	Reviewed by:	CAO:



Meeting: Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Oath of Office – Reeve and Deputy Reeve

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Section 156 of the Municipal Government Act states:

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The Oath of Office for the Reeve and Deputy Reeve will be performed by the following:

• Jeneane Grundberg, Brownlee LLP

A copy of the Oaths are attached.

Author:	C. Gabriel	Reviewed by:	CAO:

Witness

AFFID	AVIT
l,	, of Mackenzie County, in the
Province of Alberta:	
Swear that I will diligently, faithfully according to law the office of REE	v, and to the best of my ability execute VE for Mackenzie County.
So help me God.	
SWORN before me	
in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion	
in the Province of Alberta, this	Deeve
23 rd day of October, 2017.	Reeve
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)	
A Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta	

AFF	IDAVIT
I,	, of Mackenzie County, in the
Province of Alberta:	
•	tly, faithfully, and to the best of my ability ce of REEVE for Mackenzie County.
AFFIRMED before me in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion))))
in the Province of Alberta, this) <u> </u>
23 rd day of October, 2017.)))))
A Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta	
Witness	

AFFI	DAVIT
I,	, of Mackenzie County, in the
Province of Alberta:	
	y, and to the best of my ability execute PUTY REEVE for Mackenzie County.
So help me God.	
SWORN before me)
in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion)
in the Province of Alberta, this)
23 rd day of October, 2017.) Deputy Reeve
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	,))
A Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta	,
Witness	

AFFIC	DAVIT
l,	, of Mackenzie County, in the
Province of Alberta:	
,	/, faithfully, and to the best of my ability e of DEPUTY REEVE for Mackenzie
AFFIRMED before me)
in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion))
in the Province of Alberta, this)
23 rd day of October, 2017.) Deputy Reeve)
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))
A Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta)
Witness	



Meeting: Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Overview of Roles & Responsibilities of Council

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

An overview of the roles and responsibilities of Council will be presented by Jeneane Grundberg, Brownlee LLP.

The Municipal Government Act requires that a municipality must offer orientation training to each councillor within 90 days after the councillor takes the oath of office according Section 201.1.

The following orientation topics will be covered during this overview:

- Municipal Purposes and Powers
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Council Proceedings
- Bylaws and Resolutions
- Code of Conduct Bylaw
- Pecuniary Interest and Bias
- Councillor Disqualification
- Budget and Finance
- Personal Liability of Councillors
- Intermunicipal Cooperation

The following orientation topics will be covered at a later date:

- Key municipal plans, policies, and projects
- Public participation

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Orientation training

- **201.1(1)** A municipality must, in accordance with the regulations, offer orientation training to each councillor, to be held within 90 days after the councillor takes the oath of office.
- (2) The following topics must be addressed in orientation training required under subsection (1):
 - (a) role of municipalities in Alberta;
 - (b) municipal organization and functions;
 - (c) key municipal plans, policies and projects;
 - (d) roles and responsibilities of council and councillors;
 - (e) the municipality's code of conduct;
 - (f) roles and responsibilities of the chief administrative officer and staff:
 - (g) budgeting and financial administration;
 - (h) public participation;
 - (i) any other topic prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) The Minister may make regulations respecting orientation training, including, without limitation, regulations
 - (a) respecting the delivery of orientation training;
 - (b) prescribing topics to be addressed in orientation training.
 2016 c24 s16

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: CAO:

COUNCIL ORIENTATION 2017

A PRESENTATION TO MACKENZIE COUNTY
OCTOBER 23, 2017



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ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

- A. Municipal Purposes and Powers
- **B.** Roles and Responsibilities
- **C.** Council Proceedings
- D. Bylaws and Resolutions
- E. Code of Conduct Bylaw

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ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

- F. Pecuniary Interest and Bias
- **G.** Councillor Disqualification
- H. Budget & Finance
- I. Personal Liability of Councillors
- J. Intermunicipal Cooperation

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MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW

Bill 20: Municipal Government

Amendment Act, 2015

Bill 21: Modernized Municipal

Government Act

Bill 8: An Act to Strengthen Municipal

Government

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PART A: MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND POWERS



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WHAT IS A MUNICIPALITY?

- a corporation
- created by statute
- no inherent power
- a delegate of the Province

MGA, s. **4**

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MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

To provide **good government**

To provide **services**, **facilities**, or other things necessary or desirable for the municipality

To develop and maintain safe and viable communities

To **foster** the well-being of the environment

To work collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities to plan, deliver and fund intermunicipal services

MGA, s. **3**

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MUNICIPAL POWERS AND DUTIES

A municipality has the:

- Powers provided for by the MGA and other enactments;
- Duties imposed by the MGA, other enactments and municipal policies; and
- Functions described in the MGA and other enactments

MGA, s. **5**

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A "NATURAL PERSON"

A municipality has the powers of a "natural person", except as limited by the MGA or any other enactment



MGA, s. 6

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NATURAL PERSON POWERS

Powers of a "real person" granted to a corporation

- Right to own, sell and use property
- Right to enter into contracts, sue and be sued
- Right to do anything not expressly prohibited by law

In contrast, legislative and taxation powers held by municipalities are not available to corporations

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PART B: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



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WHAT IS A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL?

- Governing body
- Law-making body
- Policy-making body



MGA, s. 142

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COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Developing and evaluating policies and programs
- Carrying out powers and duties expressly given to it under the MGA or another enactment

MGA, s. 201

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COUNCIL MUST NOT...

Exercise a power, function or duty that is specifically assigned to the CAO or a designated officer by the MGA or another enactment

MGA, s. **201**

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WHO CAN EXERCISE POWERS AND DUTIES?

- If the MGA, any other enactment or a bylaw requires or authorizes a <u>municipality</u> to do something, but does not specify who may do it...
- Or, the municipality wishes to exercise its natural person powers...
- Council or the CAO may exercise such powers or perform such duties, UNLESS Council specifies otherwise

MGA, s. **202**

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COUNCIL DELEGATION

Council may, by bylaw, delegate powers, duties or functions to a Council Committee, the CAO or a designated officer



MGA, s. **203**

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COUNCIL CANNOT DELEGATE...

its power to:

- Pass bylaws;
- Make, suspend or revoke the appointment of CAO;
- Adopt budgets;
- Cancel, reduce, refund or defer taxes (MGA, s. **347)**; or
- Decide appeals <u>unless</u> delegated to a Council Committee by bylaw

MGA, s. **203**

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COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Council may, by bylaw, establish Council
 Committees and the procedures a committee
 must follow
- Council Committees may consist of persons who are Councillors, non-Councillors, or a combination of both



MGA, s. **145**

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COUNCILLOR DUTIES

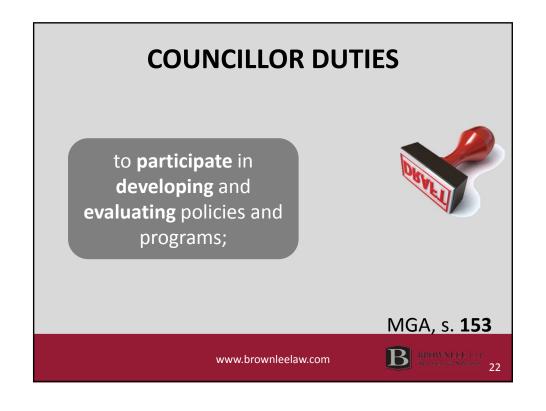
to consider and promote the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole;



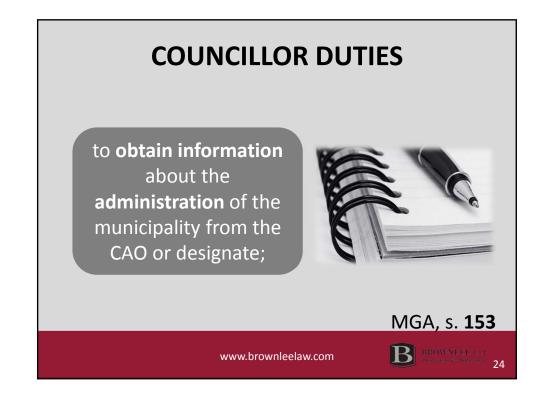
MGA, s. 153

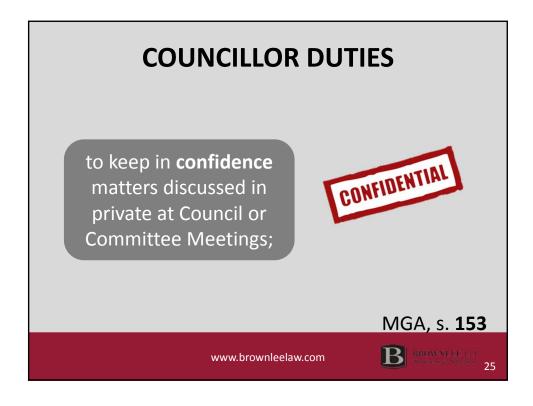
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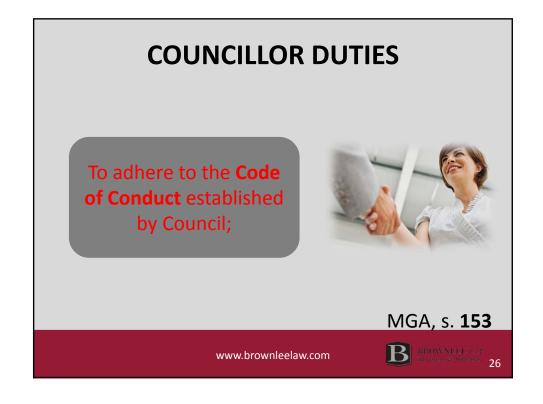
















PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

The policy must identify:

- ✓ Types/categories of approach to be used to engage with stakeholders
- ✓ Types/categories of circumstances when municipality will engage stakeholders

The Policy must be available for public inspection and may be posted on the municipality's website.

MGA, s. **216.1**

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ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING

Each municipality **must** offer Councillor Orientation Training within 90 days of the councillor taking the oath of office.



MGA, s. **201.1**

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CEO RESPONSIBILITIES

Chief Elected Official (Mayor or Reeve)

- Preside over Council meetings
- Perform any other duty imposed by the MGA, another enactment or bylaw (e.g. signing bylaws s. 213(3)(a))

MGA, s. **154**

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CEO RESPONSIBILITIES

- CEO is a member of all Council committees and bodies that Council has the right to appoint members (ex officio)
- ...**UNLESS** Council provides otherwise

MGA, s. **154**

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CEO RESPONSIBILITIES

 The CEO may be a member of a board, commission, subdivision authority or development authority established under Part 17 (Planning) only if the CEO is appointed in his or her personal name

MGA, s. 154

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DEPUTY CEO

 Council must appoint one or more Councillors as Deputy CEO



MGA, s. **152**

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DEPUTY CEO MUST...

Act as the CEO when:

- CEO is unable to perform the CEO's duties; or
- The office of the CEO is vacant

MGA, s. 152

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ACTING CEO

Council **may** appoint a Councillor as an Acting CEO to act as the CEO when:

- Both the CEO and Deputy CEO are unable to perform the CEO's duties; or
- Both the office of the CEO and the office of the Deputy CEO are vacant

MGA, s. **152**

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CAO POSITION

 Council must establish, by bylaw, a position of Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO")

MGA, s. 205

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CAO EVALUATION

 Council must provide the CAO with an annual written performance evaluation, with respect to fulfilling the CAO responsibilities under s. 207



MGA, s. 205.1

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CAO APPOINTMENT, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION

- Majority vote of the whole Council is required
- Notification must be provided with reasons for a revocation or suspension
- If requested, Council must allow the CAO to be heard before Council



MGA, s. 206

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CAO RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administrative head of the municipality
- Ensures that policies and programs are implemented
- Advises and informs Council on the operation and affairs of the municipality
- Performs duties and exercises powers assigned to the CAO by the MGA, other enactments and Council

MGA, s. **207**



CAO DUTIES

Ensures:

- Minutes are recorded
- All bylaws, minutes, records, and documents of the municipality are kept safe
- the council is advised of its legislative responsibilities under the MGA
- Information requested by a councillor is provided to all other councillors as soon as is practicable

MGA, s. 153.1 and 208

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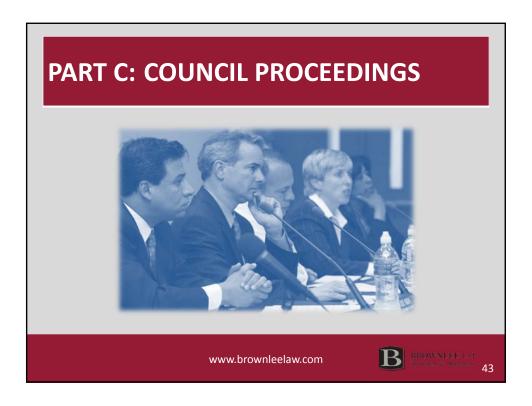
DELEGATION BY THE CAO

 May delegate any of their powers, duties or functions under the MGA or any other enactment or bylaw to a designated officer or employee of the municipality



MGA, s. 209





MEETINGS



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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Council **must** hold an annual organizational meeting no later than two weeks after the third Monday in October.



MGA, s. 192

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Council may decide, at a meeting at which all Councillors are present, to hold regular meetings on a particular date at a particular time.

MGA, s. 193



CHANGES TO MEETINGS

If the date, time, or place of a regular Council meeting is changed, 24 hours notice must be provided:

- To any Councillors not present at the meeting where the change was made; and
- To the public.

MGA, s. 193

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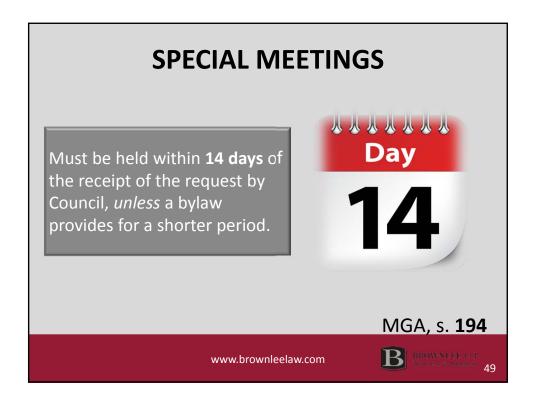
SPECIAL MEETINGS

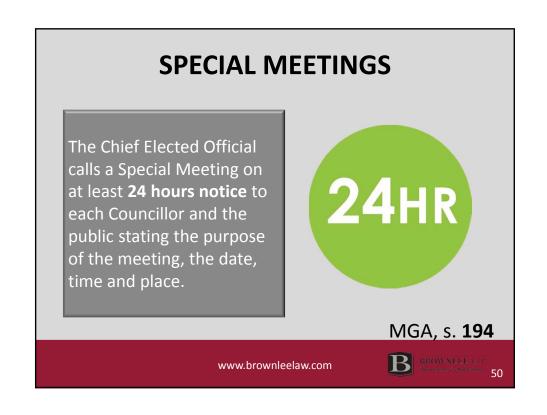
The CEO:

- May call a Special Meeting at their discretion.
- Must call a Special Meeting when the majority of Councillors make a written request stating the purpose for the special meeting.

MGA, s. **194**







SPECIAL MEETINGS

Council may meet with less than 24 hours notice to all Councillors and without notice to the public if 2/3 of the Council agrees in writing before the beginning of the meeting.

MGA, s. **194**

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Council must conduct meetings <u>in</u> <u>public</u> unless a statutory exception applies.

MGA, s. **197**

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Everyone has a right to be present at public Council meetings and public Committee meetings **UNLESS** the person chairing the meeting expels a person for <u>improper</u> conduct.

MGA, s. **198**

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LONDON (CITY) v RSJ HOLDINGS INC. (2007 SCC)

"The democratic legitimacy of municipal decisions does not spring solely from periodic elections, but also from a decision-making process that is transparent, accessible to the public, and mandated by law. When a municipal government improperly acts with secrecy, this undermines the democratic legitimacy of its decision..."

at para. 38 [emphasis added]



All or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the matter to be discussed is an exception to the disclosure requirements pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or by Regulation.

MGA, s. 197

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IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

A municipal planning commission, subdivision authority, development authority or subdivision and development appeal board may deliberate and make its decision in a meeting closed to the public.

MGA, s. **197**



Before closing all or any part of a meeting to the public, a council or council committee must by resolution approve:

- (a) The part of the meeting that is to be closed, and
- (b) The basis on which, under an exception to disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or under the regulations under subsection (7), the part of the meeting is to be closed.

MGA, s. 197(4)

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IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

It's more than the "3 L's": land, labour and legal

MGA, s. 197(2)



Exceptions to disclosure under FOIP include information the disclosure of which may be harmful to:

- Business interests of a third party (s. 16)
- Personal privacy (s. 17)
- Individual or public safety (s. 18)
- Confidential evaluations (s. 19)

FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1

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IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

- Law enforcement (s. 20)
- Intergovernmental relations (s. 21)
- Local public body confidences (s. 23)
- Advice from officials (s. 24)
- Economic/other interests of public body (s. 25)

FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1



- Testing procedures, tests and audits (s. 26)
- Privileged information (s. 27)
- Conservation of heritage sites (s. 28)
- Information that is or will be available to the public (s. 29)

FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1

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IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

When a meeting is closed to the public, no resolution or bylaw may be passed at the meeting, except a resolution to revert to a meeting held in public.

MGA, s. **197**

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ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Council may hold electronic meetings provided that:

- Notice is given to the public;
- The facilities enable the public to watch or listen to the proceedings;
- A designated officer is present; and
- The facilities enable participants to watch or hear each other

MGA, s. 199

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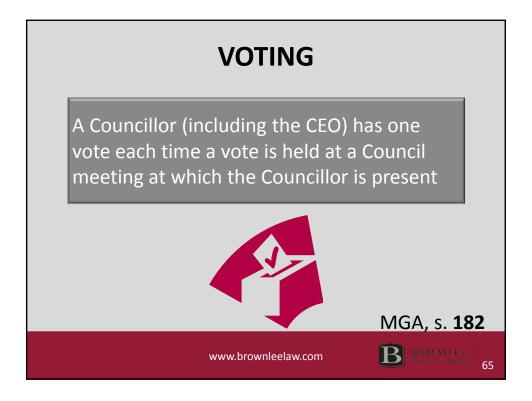


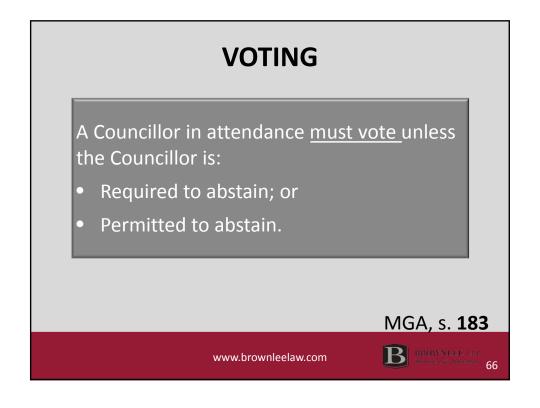
QUORUM

- Majority of all Councillors that comprise the Council
- A Councillor is deemed to be absent from a vote if the Councillor is required/permitted to abstain, and does abstain

MGA, s. **167**

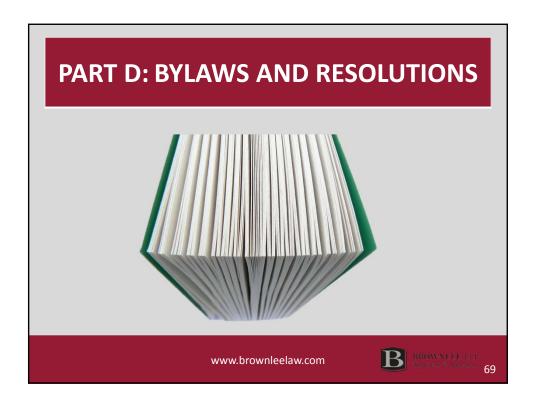


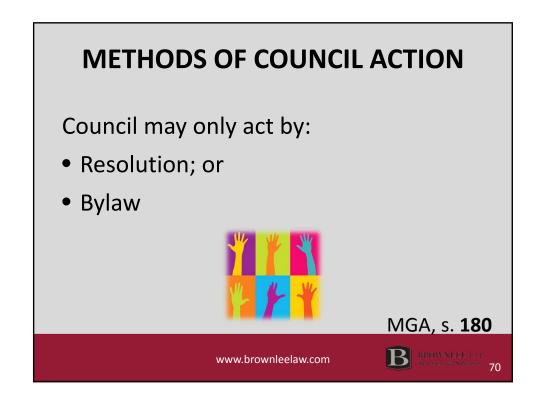












RESOLUTIONS

- Used when the decision is not creating law of general application
- Resolutions are passed in one motion

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BYLAWS

 Where a Council is required or authorized to do something by bylaw, it may ONLY be done by bylaw

MGA, s. 180

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VALID ACTIONS OF COUNCIL

 A bylaw or resolution of Council is not valid unless it is passed at a Council meeting held in public at which there is a quorum present



MGA, s. **181**

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BYLAW PURPOSE

Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting:

- the safety, health and welfare of people
- the protection of people and property
- people, activities and things in, on or near public places
- nuisances, including unsightly property

MGA, s. **7**

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BYLAW PURPOSE

Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes, respecting:

- transport and transportation systems
- business and business activities
- services provided by the municipality
- public utilities
- wild and domestic animals
- enforcement of bylaws

MGA, s. 7

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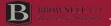
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PASSING A BYLAW

- 3 distinct and separate readings required
- Councillors must have the opportunity to review the full text of a proposed bylaw <u>before</u> 1st and 3rd reading
- No more than 2 readings at a Council meeting unless the Councillors present <u>unanimously</u> agree to consider a 3rd reading

MGA, s. 187

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RESCISSION OF PREVIOUS READINGS

 Previous readings are rescinded if the proposed bylaw does not receive 3rd reading within 2 years after 1st reading or is defeated on 2nd or 3rd reading

MGA, s. 188

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PASSING A BYLAW

 A bylaw is passed when it receives 3rd reading and is signed in accordance with s. 213



MGA, s. 189

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FORCE AND EFFECT

- A bylaw takes effect at the beginning of the day it is passed unless otherwise provided in the MGA, another enactment or the bylaw itself
- If the bylaw must be approved (e.g. by the Minister), it does not come into force until approval is given

MGA, s. **190**

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AMENDING AND REPEALING BYLAWS

 Must be done in the same way as the original bylaw was passed

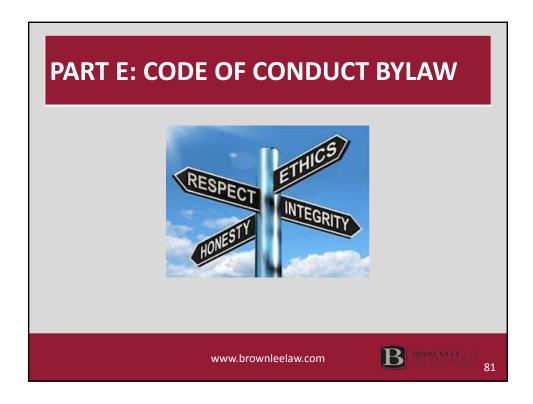


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- Council must adopt a bylaw establishing a code of conduct to govern the conduct of councillors
- Council may establish a bylaw governing the conduct of members of council committees and other bodies established by council

MGA, s. 146.1

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- The Code must apply to all councillors equally
- The Code must, at a minimum, include the following topics:
 - Representing the municipality
 - Communicating on behalf of the municipality
 - Respecting the decision-making process

MGA, s. 146.1

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CODE OF CONDUCT BYLAW

The Code must, at a minimum, include the following topics:

- Adherence to policies, procedures and bylaws
- Respectful interactions with councillors, staff, the public and others
- Confidential information
- Conflicts of interest

MGA, s. 146.1

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The Code must, at a minimum, include the following topics:

- Improper use of influence
- Use of municipal assets and services; and
- Orientation and other training attendance

MGA, s. 146.1

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CODE OF CONDUCT BYLAW

A Code must establish a complaint system including:

- Who may lodge a complaint
- The method by which a complaint may be made
- The process used to determine the validity of the complaint
- The process used to determine how sanctions are imposed

MGA, s. 146.1



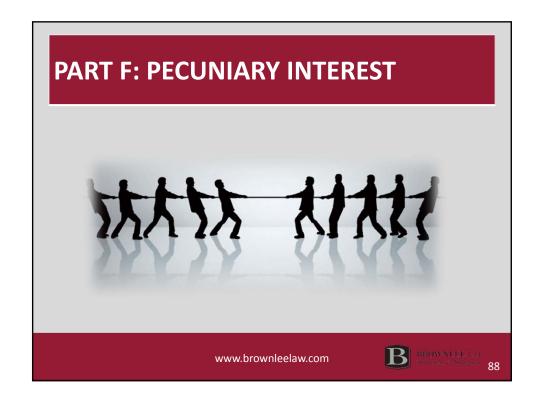
Sanctions may include:

- Letter of reprimand
- Letter of apology
- Mandatory training
- Suspension/removal of CEO/Deputy appointment/duties
- Suspension/removal of committee appointment(s) and/or remuneration

MGA, s. 146.1

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PECUNIARY INTEREST

- A Councillor has a pecuniary interest in a matter if:
 - The matter could monetarily affect the Councillor or an employer of the Councillor; or
 - The Councillor knows or should know that the matter could monetarily affect the Councillor's family



MGA, s. 170

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PECUNIARY INTEREST

"Pecuniary Interest" is a financial interest that could affect a person (objective).

The test is NOT whether the interest **does** affect the person (subjective).

MGA, s. **170**



APPLICATION OF RULES

 The rules apply every time a matter comes before Council, a Council Committee or any other body to which the Councillor is appointed as a representative of Council

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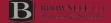
IF A COUNCILLOR HAS A PECUNIARY INTEREST THEY MUST...

- Disclose the nature of the pecuniary interest <u>before</u> any discussion of the matter;
- 2. Abstain from voting on the matter;



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IF A COUNCILLOR HAS A PECUNIARY INTEREST THEY MUST...

- 3. Abstain from any discussion, save for the right as a taxpayer, owner or elector to participate in a required public meeting;
- 4. Leave the room until discussions and voting have ended



MGA, s. 172

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IF A COUNCILLOR HAS A PECUNIARY INTEREST THEY MUST...

5. The Councillor's abstention and disclosure of a pecuniary interest must be recorded in the minutes



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A COUNCILLOR MAY REMAIN IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IF...

 The pecuniary interest relates to the payment of an account for which funds have already been committed

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A COUNCILLOR MAY REMAIN IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IF...

 The pecuniary interest matter is a question for which the Councillor as a taxpayer, an elector or an owner has a right to be heard by Council

MGA, s. **172**

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WHO IS A "COUNCILLOR'S FAMILY"?

- Spouse;
- Adult Interdependent Partner;
- Children;
- Parents; and
- Parents of a Spouse or Adult Interdependent Partner
- But NOT siblings

MGA, s. **169**

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EMPLOYER'S PECUNIARY INTEREST

- An Employer's Interest will also be a Councillor's Interest if the Councillor's Employer is monetarily affected by the decision
- BUT, not if an Employer of a Family
 Member is monetarily affected, UNLESS
 the Family Member is an employee of the
 municipality

MGA, s. 170



PRIVATE ENTITY'S PECUNIARY INTEREST

- A Private Entity's Interest will also be a Councillor's Interest, if:
 - The Councillor is a director,
 shareholder or officer of a
 corporation, other than a distributing
 corporation;

MGA, s. **170**

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PRIVATE ENTITY'S PECUNIARY INTEREST

- A Private Entity's Interest will also be a Councillor's Interest, if:
 - The Councillor owns shares in a distributing corporation constituting at least 10% of the voting rights; or
 - The Councillor is a member of a partnership or firm

MGA, s. 170



- any interest as an elector, taxpayer or utility customer of the municipality
- Council appointment as a director or representative of Council to a municipal corporation (including remuneration)

MGA, s. **170**

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EXCEPTIONS TO PECUNIARY INTEREST...

 any allowance, honorarium, remuneration or benefit to which the Councillor may be entitled by being a Councillor



MGA, s. 170



 being employed by the Government, except with respect to a matter directly affecting the department, corporation or agency they are an employee for

MGA, s. **170**

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EXCEPTIONS TO PECUNIARY INTEREST...

 any interest a member of the Councillor's family may have by having an employer, other than the municipality, that is affected by a decision of the municipality

MGA, s. **170**



- being a member or director of a nonprofit organization as defined in s. 241(f)
- being appointed as the volunteer chief or other volunteer officer of a volunteer service, including any remuneration received in that capacity

MGA, s. 170

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EXCEPTIONS TO PECUNIARY INTEREST...

 any interest that is held in common with the majority of electors of the municipality, or if the matter affects only part of the municipality, with the majority of electors in that part

MGA, s. **170**



 any interest that is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence the Councillor



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EXCEPTIONS TO PECUNIARY INTEREST...

 discussing or voting on a bylaw that applies to a business that a Councillor, employer of the Councillor or a member of the Councillor's family holds a business interest in, unless the bylaw affects only that business

MGA, s. 170



BIAS

Bias concerns natural justice and procedural fairness

Two broad categories:

- 1. Legislative Decisions policies/bylaws
- 2. Quasi-Judicial/Administrative Decisions affect rights/interests of individuals

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LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS

Closed Mind Test (subjective)

An opinion about the subject matter so strong as to produce fixed and unalterable conclusions. The councillor has prejudged the matter to the extent of being no longer capable of persuasion.



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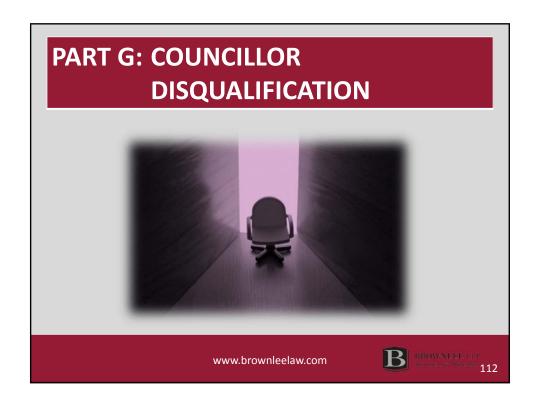
ADJUDICATIVE DECISIONS

Reasonable Apprehension of Bias Test (objective)

Whether a reasonable person properly informed would apprehend there was conscious or unconscious bias on the part of the councillor (e.g. due to relationship to one of the parties)

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A COUNCILLOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF...

The Councillor becomes a judge, member of Senate, House of Commons or Legislature.



MGA, s. 174

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A COUNCILLOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF...

The Councillor is

absent from all regular

meetings held during

any period of 8

consecutive weeks

UNLESS...



MGA, s. 174

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APPROVED ABSENCE EXCEPTION

...the Councillor's absence is approved by a resolution of Council before the last regular meeting of Council in the 8-week period.

...the Councillor is absent on Council business at the direction of Council.

...the Councillor's absence is in accordance with a bylaw under s. 144.1 (i.e. parental leave).

MGA, s. 174

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A COUNCILLOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF...

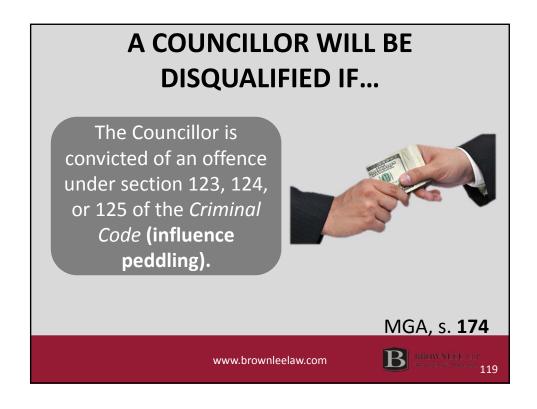
The Councillor is convicted of an offence punishable by 5 or more years of imprisonment.



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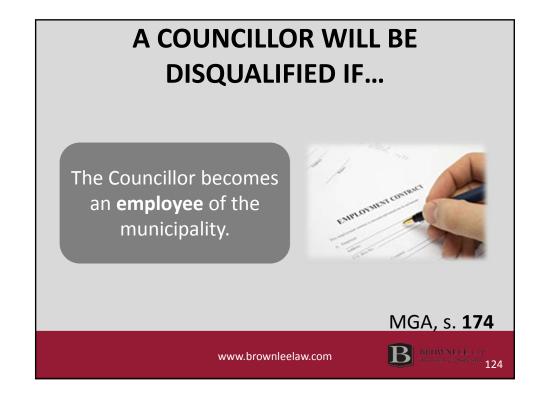
















A COUNCILLOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF...

If a Councillor does not resign, Council or an Elector may apply to the Court of Queen's Bench.

MGA, s. 175

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A COUNCILLOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF...

The Court may:

- Declare the person disqualified and the position vacant;
- Declare the person able to remain on Council; or
- Dismiss the application



MGA, s. **176**









OPERATING BUDGET

Council <u>must</u> adopt an operating budget for each calendar year that includes:

- Council's policies and programs;
- Debt obligations;
- Requisitions;
- Depreciation of Municipal Public Utilities;
- Transfer to reserves;
- Transfers to capital budget; and
- Recovery of any short fall under s. 244.

MGA, s. 242 and 243



OPERATING BUDGET

- Operating Budget must include:
 - Estimated amounts of revenue and transfers including:
 - Property tax;
 - Business tax;
 - Business improvement area tax;
 - Community revitalization levy;
 - Special tax;

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OPERATING BUDGET

Operating Budget must include:

- Estimated amounts of revenue and transfers including:
 - Oil drilling and equipment tax;
 - Local improvement tax;
 - Community Aggregate payment levy;
 - Grants;
 - Transfers from surplus or reserve; and
 - Any other source.

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A municipality must include a budgeted expenditure in the next calendar year sufficient to recover any short fall in the previous year.



MGA, s. 244

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CAPITAL BUDGET

A council <u>must</u> adopt a capital budget for each calendar year which includes:

- The amount needed to acquire, construct, remove or improve capital property;
- Anticipated sources and amounts of money to pay the costs referred to above; and
- Amount to be transferred from the operating budget.

MGA, s. **246**



TAX BYLAW

Council must adopt an operating and capital budget for that year **before** it may pass a property tax bylaw or business tax rate bylaw.

MGA, s. 247

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EXPENDITURES

A municipality may only expend money that is:

- Included in a budget or otherwise authorized by council;
- For an emergency, or
- Legally required to be paid.

Council must establish procedures regarding unbudgeted expenditures.



MGA, s. **248**



INVESTMENTS

A municipality may only invest its money in securities authorized under the Municipal Government Act and the Investment Regulation.



MGA, s. 250

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BORROWING

A "borrowing" means the borrowing of money and includes:

- Borrowing to refinance existing debt;
- A lease of capital property with a fixed term beyond five years; and
- An agreement to purchase capital property if the payment of the purchase price exceeds five years.

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BORROWING BYLAW

A borrowing <u>must</u> be authorized by a **borrowing bylaw** which sets out:

- The amount to be borrowed and the purpose for borrowing the money;
- The maximum rate of interest and terms of repayment; and
- The source of money used to pay for the borrowing.

A borrowing bylaw must be advertised unless exempted.

MGA, s. **251**

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BORROWING

- A municipality may not borrow in excess of its debt limit unless approved by the Minister.
- A municipality may only use money it borrows for the purpose for which it borrowed the money.

MGA, s. **252** and **253**

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VALIDITY OF BORROWING BYLAWS

A borrowing bylaw is valid if:

- No application to have the bylaw declared invalid has been made within 30 days after the bylaw was passed, or
- An application to have a bylaw declared invalid and any appeal is dismissed.

MGA, s. **273**

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LOANS AND GUARANTEES

- A municipality may only lend money or guarantee repayment of the loan if the loan or guarantee is made to:
 - A non-profit organization; or
 - A controlled corporation of the municipality.
- A municipality may not lend money or guarantee repayment of a loan if it will cause the municipality to exceed its debt limit.

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LOANS AND GUARANTEES

Bylaws:

- Bylaw authorizing a loan must set out:
 - The amount of money to be loaned and the purpose for which the money is being loaned;
 - The minimum rate of interest and terms of repayment; and
 - The sources of money to be loaned.
- A loan bylaw must be advertised.

MGA, s. **265, 266** and **268**

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FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL PLANS

- A municipality <u>must</u> prepare a three year financial plan and a five year capital plan.
- Council may include more than three financial years in a financial plan or more than five financial years in a capital plan.
- Council must annually review and update its financial plan and capital plan.

MGA, s. **283.1**



FINANCIAL PLAN

A financial plan must include:

- Total revenues and total expenses by major category;
- Annual surplus or deficit; and
- Accumulated surplus or deficit.



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CAPITAL PLAN

A capital plan must include:

- Planned capital property additions; and
- Allocated or anticipated funding sources.



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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Each municipality must prepare annual financial statement for the preceding year in accordance with:
 - Canadian generally accepted accounting principals for municipal governments approved by the public sector accounting board; and
 - Any modified or supplementary principles established by regulation.

MGA, s. **276**

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

Each Municipality must prepare a financial information return and submit to the Minister by May 1.

MGA, s. 277 and 278

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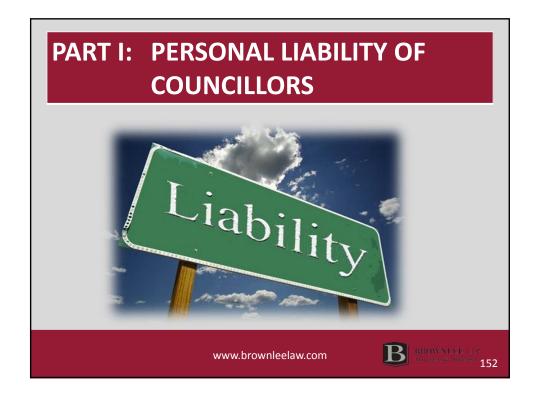
AUDITORS

- A council must appoint an auditor for the municipality and for each of its controlled corporations.
- Council may not appoint a councillor, municipal employee or an employee of a controlled corporation to be an auditor.



MGA, s. 280







Councillors are **exempt**from personal liability
when carrying out
their duties in **good**faith



MGA, s. **535**

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EXCEPTION TO THE GENERAL RULE

Councillors are NOT protected from liability if the basis of the action is defamation.



MGA, s. **535**

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IMPOSITION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY

Use of Confidential Information:

 A disqualified Councillor who uses confidential information for financial gain, may be ordered to pay the municipality a sum of damages that a Court determines appropriate.

MGA, s. **176**

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IMPOSITION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY

Expenditure of Municipal Funds:

- A Councillor who makes an unauthorized expenditure is liable to the municipality for the monies spent.
- Liability and collection can be enforced by the municipality, an elector, taxpayer or security holder.

MGA, s. **249**

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IMPOSITION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY

Borrowing:

 A Councillor who votes to spend money obtained under a borrowing on something that is not within the purpose for which the money was borrowed is liable for the amount.

MGA, s. 249

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IMPOSITION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY

Grants:

 A Councillor who votes in favour of spending money that has been obtained under a grant on something that is not within the purpose for which the grant was given.

MGA, s. 249



IMPOSITION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY

Exceeding Debt Limit:

 A Councillor who votes in favour of a bylaw authorizing borrowing, lending or guaranteeing of monies, exceeding the regulated debt limit, is liable for the amount.

MGA, s. 275

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PART J: INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION



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INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

- IDPs are compulsory though Minister can grant exemption
- Must have IDP with neighbouring municipalities that share a common boundary (unless member of Growth Region)

MGA, s. **631**

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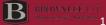


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INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

- IDP must address:
 - Future land use within the area;
 - Manner of and proposals for future development;
 - Provision of transportation systems;
 - Co-ordination of intermunicipal programs relating to development;
 - Environmental matters;
 - Any other matter related to development that councils consider necessary.

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INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

- IDP must include:
 - Procedure to be used to resolve conflict
 - Procedure to be used to amend or repeal the plan
 - Provisions relating to the administration of the plan

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INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- Must be adopted by bylaw (municipalities must pass matching bylaws)
- 2 years to implement
- ICF not complete unless IDP has been adopted
- Review in conjunction with ICF at least every 5 years

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Required if share common boundary
- Members of growth management board are exempt (with exceptions)
- Minister may require members of same growth management board to create framework with each other

MGA, s. 708.28

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Must address:
 - Intermunicipal services (planning, delivery and financing).
 - Stewardship of scarce resources in providing services.
 - Funding contributions from the members.

MGA, s. **708.29**

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Must address services relating to:
 - Transportation
 - Waste and wastewater
 - Solid waste
 - Emergency services
 - Recreation
 - Any other services that benefit residents in more than one of the municipalities that are parties to the framework

MGA, s. 708.29

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Must be adopted by bylaw (municipalities must pass matching bylaws)
- ICF must be submitted to Minister
- 2 years to implement
- ICF not complete unless IDP has been adopted
- Must be reviewed every 5 years

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Must have binding dispute resolution process.
- Dispute resolution "decision maker" cannot be MGB.

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Arbitration if cannot agree
- Arbitrator establishes the ICF
- Arbitrator chosen by municipalities or Minister if no agreement
- Nothing in amendments regarding qualifications of Arbitrator

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Arbitrator to consider:
 - services to be provided intermunicipally;
 - cost sharing;
 - public interest; and
 - matters prescribed by regulation
- Costs of arbitration shared proportionally based on equalized assessment

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION **FRAMEWORK (ICF)**

- MUST comply with ICF
- Once ICF created by arbitrator, municipalities must amend bylaws as necessary
- Agreements must comply with ICF

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- If Minister concludes not complying with ICF, Minister may:
 - Suspend authority of council to pass bylaws.
 - Exercise bylaw making authority for areas where authority is suspended.
 - Withhold money.

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INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF)

- Minister may (cont'd):
 - Repeal, amend or make policies and procedures for the municipality.
 - Suspend authority of development or subdivision authority and provide person to act in place.
 - Other action as necessary to ensure compliance with ICF.

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QUESTIONS?

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: **Organizational Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services

Bylaw 1083-17 Organizational and Procedural Matters of Title:

Council, Council Committees and Councillors

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The organizational/procedural bylaw is reviewed annually at the organizational meeting.

At the October 2016 organizational meeting the following recommendations were made which have been addressed in the draft bylaw attached.

BYLAWS/POLICIES: 6. b) Bylaw 977-14 Organizational and Procedural Matters

of Council, Council Committees and Councillors

MOVED by Councillor Braun MOTION 16-10-753

Requires 2/3

That Bylaw 977-14 Organizational and Procedural Matters of Council, Council Committees and Councillors be brought back

with the following amendments:

- 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".
- Include a section to allow for the rotation of the Chair.

CARRIED

Election of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve

In order to maintain consistency in leadership, both locally and at the provincial/federal level, Administration does not recommend that the position of Reeve be elected on a rotational basis. However the position of Deputy Reeve would be better suited on a rotational basis to allow Councillors the opportunity to learn and experience this position.

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: CAO:	
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Electronic Participation at Meetings

The section identified in Motion 16-10-753 is being recommended for removal.

Bylaws

Author: C. Gabriel

Changes are being recommended which clarifies that a bylaw comes into effect after third and final reading and not necessarily upon receiving signatures. Do to geographic distances this may not always be possible.

Additionally a clause has been included which allows for the consolidation of bylaws as per the Municipal Government Act section 69. An example of where this would be used is for the Land Use Bylaw and the Fee Schedule Bylaw.

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OPTIONS & BENEFITS:	OPTIONS & BENEFITS:				
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COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNI	<u>DING:</u>				
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:					
COMMUNICATION:					
Municipal bylaws are made av	ailable on the Mack	enzi	e County website.		
RECOMMENDED ACTION:					
☐ Simple Majority ☑	Requires 2/3		Requires Unanimous		
That first reading be given to E bylaw for Mackenzie County.	Bylaw 1083-17 bein	g the	e organizational and procedural		

CAO:

Reviewed by:

BYLAW NO. 977-14 1083-17

BEING A BYLAW OF MACKENZIE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

TO PROVIDE THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLORS

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26 provides for the establishment of Council committees and other bodies, procedure and conduct of Council, Council committees and other bodies established by Council and the conduct of Councillors and members of Council committees and other bodies established by Council; and

WHEREAS, the MGA provides for organizational and procedural matters of Council, Council committees and Councillors.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Mackenzie County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

TITLE

1. This bylaw shall be cited as the "Procedural Bylaw".

DEFINITIONS

- 2. In this bylaw:
 - a. "Act" means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-26, any regulations thereunder, and any amendments or successor legislation thereto;
 - b. "Administration" means the Chief Administrative Officer or an employee accountable to the CAO employed by the Municipality.
 - c. "Agenda" is the list of items and orders of business for any meeting of Council or a Council Committee;
 - d. "Chief Administrative Officer" (otherwise known as the "CAO") means the person appointed by Council into the position of CAO pursuant to the *Act*.
 - e. "Chairperson" means the person who presides at a Meeting, and, when in attendance at a Council Meeting, shall mean the Reeve.
 - f. "Corporate Office" means the office located at 4511-46 Avenue in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

- g. "Council Committee" means a committee, board, or other body established by Council under the Act;
- h. "Councillors" means a duly elected Member of Council, including the Reeve.
- i. "Deputy Reeve" means the Deputy Chief Elected Official or Councillor who is appointed by Council pursuant to the Act to act as Reeve in the absence or incapacity of the Reeve.
- j. "Ex-Officio" means a member of a Committee, by virtue of the right to hold a public office such as a Reeve, and has the right to make motions and vote.
- k. "In-Camera" means the portion of the meeting at which only members of Council and other persons designated by Council may attend.
- I. "Meeting" means an organizational, regular, or special meeting of Council or Committee.
- m. "Member" means a duly elected Member of Council or a duly appointed Member of a Committee.
- n. "Municipality" means Mackenzie County.
- "Public Hearing" means a meeting or portion of a meeting that council is required to hold under the *Act* or another enactment for the primary purpose of hearing submissions:
- p. "Reeve" means the Chief Elected Official for the Municipality pursuant to the Act.
- q. "Quorum" is the majority of all members, being fifty (50) percent plus one (1), unless Council provides otherwise in this bylaw.

APPLICATION

- 3. This Bylaw applies to all Council and Committee Meetings and shall be binding on all Councillors and Committee Members.
- 4. Notwithstanding Paragraph 3, where the Terms of Reference give Permission to a Committee to establish its own Meeting procedure, if there is a conflict between the Committee's established Meeting procedures and this Bylaw, that Committee's established Meeting procedures will have precedence over this Bylaw for the purposes of that Committee's Meetings.

INTERPRETATION

- 5. When any matter relating to Meeting procedures is not addressed in this Bylaw, the matter shall be decided by reference to the most current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, if applicable.
- 6. Procedure is a matter of interpretation by the Reeve or the Committee Chair.
- 7. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Bylaw and Roberts Rules of Order, the provisions of this Bylaw shall apply.
- 8. In the absence of any statutory obligation, any provision of this Bylaw may be waived by Special Resolution of the Members in attendance at the Meeting.
- 9. In all cases throughout this Bylaw, reference to "he" or "she" shall mean males and females equally.

ROLE OF THE REEVE

- 10. The Reeve, when present, shall preside as Chairperson over all Meetings of Council.
- 11. In the absence, incapacity, or inability, of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve to act, Council Members will elect from among themselves a Chairperson for the day to act as Reeve. This Member shall be referred to as "Acting Reeve" for the duration of that Meeting.
- 12. Unless otherwise provided in a bylaw, the Reeve shall be an ex-officio Member of all Committees.
- 13. The Reeve has all of the rights and privileges of other Committee Members.

ROLE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- 14. The Chairperson shall preside over the conduct of the Meeting, including the preservation of good order and decorum, ruling on Points of Order, replying to Points of Procedure and deciding on all questions relating to the orderly procedure of the meeting, subject to an appeal by a Councillor from any ruling of the Chairperson.
- 15. The Chairperson shall make reasonable efforts, including the calling of a recess, to ensure all Councillors in attendance at a Meeting are present while a vote is

- being taken, unless a Councillor is excused from voting in accordance with the Act or this Bylaw.
- 16. When the Chairperson wishes to make a motion he/she shall vacate the Chair and request the Vice-Chairperson to assume the Chair.
- 17. The Chairperson may invite Persons to come forward from the audience to speak with permission of Council if it is deemed to be within the best interests of the issue being discussed, the public, and the conduct of good business.

ROLE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)

18. The Chief Administrative Officer, in accordance with Sections 207 and 208 of the Act and in accordance with Bylaw 030/95, which created the position of the Chief Administrative Officer, is required to advise and inform Council in writing of its legislative responsibilities and ensure that the Municipality's policies and programs are implemented as well as to advise Council on the operation and affairs of the Municipality.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

- 19. An Organizational Meeting of Council shall be held not later than two weeks after the third Monday in October each year.
- 20. The CAO or designate shall fix the time, date and place of the Organizational Meeting.
- 21. The CAO or designate shall advertise at least three weeks prior to the Organizational Meeting, inviting applications for Committee vacancies which will be required to be filled that year.
- 22. The Reeve shall be elected annually by a simple majority vote.
- 23. The Deputy Reeve shall be elected annually by a simple majority vote.

OR

Councillors may serve a _____ month term as Deputy Reeve, rotating in a manner as agreed upon by Council.

- 24. The Organizational Meeting Agenda shall be restricted to:
 - a. The election of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve annually;
 - b. The administration of the Oath of Office:

- i. to the Reeve and Deputy Reeve annually
- ii. to the entire Council following the municipal election
- c. Review of honorariums and expense reimbursement;
- d. Review of procedural bylaw;
- e. The establishment of Council Committees and Boards;
- f. The establishment of membership on Committees and Boards;
- g. The establishment of regular Council meeting dates for the year;
- h. Other business as required by the Act, or which Council or the CAO may direct.
- 25. At the Organizational Meeting the CAO shall:
 - a. Call the Meeting to Order;
 - b. Preside over the Meeting until the Reeve has been elected and has taken the Oaths of Office as Reeve.
- 26. In the event that only one nomination is received for the position of Reeve or Deputy Reeve, that nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation by the CAO.
- 27. Where there is more than one nomination for Reeve or Deputy Reeve, the CAO shall request that voting be done by secret ballot.
- 28. If, on the first ballot, no Councillor receives a clear majority of votes, the Council Member who received the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and the second ballot shall be taken.
- 29. On subsequent ballots, a Council Member who receives the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot until a Councillor receives a clear majority.
- 30. When there is a tie vote between two candidates, each candidate's name shall be written on a blank sheet of paper, of equal size and color, and deposited into a receptacle and someone shall be directed to withdraw one of the sheets. The candidate whose name appears on the sheet shall be considered to have one more vote than the other candidate.
- 31. All Members of Council hold office from the beginning of the Organizational Meeting following the General Election until immediately before the beginning of the Organizational Meeting following the next General Election, in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act*.
- 32. The appointment of Councillors and Members at Large to Committees shall be for a term of one year, unless otherwise specified, and by secret ballot if a vote is required.

QUORUM

- 33. Quorum of Council is a majority of Councillors.
- 34. If quorum is not achieved within 30 minutes after the time the meeting was scheduled to begin, the CAO shall record the names of the members present, and the Council shall stand adjourned until the next regular or special meeting.
- 35. If at any time during a meeting the quorum is lost, the meeting shall be recessed and if quorum is not achieved again within 15 minutes, the meeting shall be deemed to be adjourned.

COMMITTEES

- 36. Council may, by resolution or by Bylaw, establish Committees as are necessary or advisable for the orderly and efficient handling of the affairs of the Municipality and establish the Terms of Reference and duration of a Committee.
- 37. All Committee appointments shall be reviewed annually at the Organizational Meeting, unless otherwise specified in this Bylaw or the Terms of Reference.
- 38. Each Committee shall elect one (1) of its Members to be the Chairperson unless Council designates.
- 39. A Special or Ad-hoc Committee may be appointed at any time by Council providing that a motion has been adopted specifying the matters, duration of the Committee, and Terms of Reference to be dealt with by the Committee.

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 40. Council may appoint alternate committee members to ensure that proper representation and quorum is achieved.
- 41. Alternate representatives from Council may attend all committee meetings, except where legislation disallows. The alternate Council member may only vote at the committee meeting when the regular Council member is absent from the meeting.
- 42. Alternate members at large may attend committee meetings as a member of the committee when a regular member at large is absent from the meeting. They cannot vote on matters of the committee unless a regular member at large is absent from the meeting.

43. Alternate committee members are eligible to receive the same training that their respective committee is authorized to attend.

REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 44. The date and time of regular Council meetings shall be established by resolution at the Organizational Meeting or at any future Meeting of Council.
- 45. Regular meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise specified.
- 46. Regular meetings shall commence at 10:00 a.m. and shall be held in the Council Chambers located at the Municipality's Corporate Office, unless otherwise specified.
- 47. Council may, by resolution (unanimous consent), change the date, time and location of any of its Meetings.
- 48. All Meetings shall be open to members of the public, except for the In-Camera portions of the Meeting.
- 49. The CAO or designate will post a schedule of regular meetings in the front foyer of all municipal offices and on the Municipality's website.
- 50. If there are changes to the date and time of a regular meeting, the municipality must give at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the change to all members and post the notice in a public office. Posting a public notice in the front foyer of the municipal offices and on the Municipality's website is sufficient notice to the public if administration is unable to advertise the change in a local newspaper.
- 51. Council has the authority to move "In-Camera" pursuant to Section 197 (2) of the Act for the purposes of :
 - a. Protecting the Municipality, its operations, economic interests and delivery
 of its mandate from harm that could result from the release of certain
 information; and,
 - b. To comply with Division Two of Part One of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- 52. Matters which may be discussed "In-Camera" include the following:
 - a. Personnel matters;
 - b. Any information regarding contract negotiations;
 - c. Negotiations regarding acquisition, sale, lease or exchange of land;

- d. Matters involving litigation, or the discussion of legal advice provided to the Municipality; and
- e. Matters concerning RCMP investigations or confidential reporting; and
- f. Any other item that may be considered a private matter under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- 53. The Reeve may call a special council meeting whenever he/she considers it appropriate to do so or if he/she receives a written request for the meeting, stating its purpose, from a majority of the Councillors, in accordance with Section 194 of the Act.
- 54. No business other than that stated in the notice shall be conducted at any Special Meeting of Council unless all the Members of Council are present at the Special Meeting and the Council agrees to deal with the matter in question.

CANCELLATION OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 55. A Council Meeting may be cancelled:
 - a. By resolution of a majority of Members at a previously held Meeting; or
 - b. With written consent of a majority of the Members and by providing not less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to Members and the public.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

- 56. Council members may attend a Council meeting by means of electronic communication. Acceptable alternatives include through the use of telephone, ensuring that dialogue is available for both parties; through the use of a personal computer; or other means as technology advances.
- 57. A Council Member must advise the CAO or designate at least one (1) day in advance of their intention to participate through electronic communications.
- 58. A Council Member may attend regular or special Council Meetings by means of electronic communication to a maximum of three (3) times per calendar year, unless otherwise approved by Council resolution.
- 59. A Council Member attending a meeting via electronic communications is deemed to be present at the meeting for whatever period of time the connection via electronic communications remains active and will be recorded in the minutes as being present via electronic communication.
- 60. A Council Member attending a meeting via electronic communications must declare if any other persons are present in the room.

- 61. When a vote is called, Council Members attending the meeting by means of electronic communications shall be asked to state their vote only after all other Council Members have cast their votes by a show of hands.
- 62. When a Council Member attends an "In-Camera" session, via electronic communication, they will be required to confirm that they have attended the "In-Camera" session alone in keeping with the definition in this Bylaw of "In-Camera", by providing a statutory declaration or affidavit sworn or declared before the CAO or Commissioner for Oaths prior to the next regular Council meeting.

COUNCIL AGENDA

- 63. The agenda for each regular and special Meeting shall be organized by the CAO and compiled together will copies of all pertinent correspondence, statements, and reports provided to each member of Council at least two (2) working days prior to each regular meeting.
- 64. Any member of Council, administration or any other person wishing to have an item of business placed on the agenda, shall make the submission to the CAO or designate not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled Council meeting date. The submission shall contain adequate information to the satisfaction of the CAO to enable Council to deal with the matter.
- 65. Additions placed on the agenda at the Meeting shall be discouraged however an addition may be made to the agenda with a simple majority consent of the Members present. Actions resulting from the agenda additions require unanimous consent given by those Members present. Exceptions to actions requiring unanimous consent are a tabling motion or that the agenda item be received as information.
- 66. Documentation for "In-Camera" items shall be distributed at the Council Meeting and must be returned to the CAO immediately after the Meeting. Large volume documentation may be distributed to Council prior to the Meeting.
- 67. The agenda shall list the order of business, as determined by the CAO, in consultation with the Reeve.

MEETING MINUTES OF COUNCIL

68. The CAO or designate shall ensure that all Council Meeting minutes are recorded in the English language, without note or comment.

- 69. The CAO or designate shall ensure that the draft/unapproved Minutes of each Council Meeting be distributed to each Member of Council and administration within a reasonable amount of time after the holding of the Meeting.
- 70. A Councillor may make a motion requesting that the Minutes be amended to correct an inaccuracy or omission. However, the CAO or designate shall be advised of the challenge to the Minutes at least 24 hours before the Council Meeting at which the Minutes are to be officially adopted.
- 71. Only minor changes may be made to correct errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation or to correct the omission of a word necessary to the meaning or continuity of a sentence; but no change shall be allowed which would alter or affect, in a material way, the actual decision made by Council.
- 72. Draft/unapproved Council Meeting Minutes will be made available to the public and media upon request.
- 73. The minutes of each Council Meeting shall be presented to Council for adoption at the next regular Meeting.
- 74. Adopted minutes of Council shall be made available at all municipal offices and posted on the Municipality's website.

PROCEEDINGS

- 75. The Reeve or presiding officer, shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide order of questions.
- 76. Every member wishing to speak to a question or resolution shall address himself to the Reeve or presiding officer.
- 77. A resolution submitted to Council does not require a seconder.
- 78. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before voting.
- 79. The following motions are not debatable:
 - a. Adjournment
 - b. Take a recess
 - c. Question or privilege
 - d. Point of order
 - e. Limit debate on the matter before council
 - f. Division of a question
 - g. Table the matter to another meeting

- 80. When a resolution has been made and is being considered by Council, no other resolution may be made and accepted, except:
 - a. To amend the motion;
 - b. To refer the main motion to committee of the whole, administration, a council committee or some other person or group for consideration;
 - c. To postpone consideration of the main motion; or
 - d. To table the motion.
- 81. After any question is finally put to vote by the Reeve or other presiding officer, no member shall speak to the question, nor shall any other resolution be made until after the result of the vote has been declared.
- 82. Voting on all matters shall be done by raising of the hand in such a clear manner that they may be easily counted by the presiding officer.
- 83. Every member of Council attending a Council meeting must vote on a matter put to vote at the meeting unless the Councillor is required or permitted to abstain from voting.
- 84. If there is an equal number of votes for and against a resolution or bylaw, the resolution or bylaw is defeated.
- 85. When it is requested that a vote be recorded, the minutes must show the names of the Councillors present and whether each Councillor voted for and against a resolution or bylaw or abstained. A request for a recorded vote must be made before the vote is called.
- 86. Council shall hear all delegations who have brought their items onto the agenda in the order in which they are placed on the agenda or the order may be changed by consensus of members present. All rules of Council in this Bylaw shall apply to each and every member of the delegation. Delegations shall have fifteen (15) minutes for presentation.
- 87. Any matter of meeting conduct that is not provided for in this Bylaw shall be determined in accordance with the current *Robert's "Rules of Order, Newly Revised"*.

DEBATE OF RESOLUTIONS

88. A member may ask a question, stated concisely, of the previous speaker to explain any part of the previous speaker's remarks.

- 89. A member may ask questions of the CAO or administration to obtain information relating to a report presented to Council or to any clause contained therein, at the commencement of the debate on the report or on the clause.
- 90. When it is a member's turn to speak during debate, before speaking he/she may ask questions of the CAO, or administration in order to obtain information relating to the report or clause in question.
- 91. Any member may require the question or resolution under discussion to be read at any time during the debate but not so as to interrupt a member while speaking.
- 92. When the resolution has been declared as having been put to a vote, no member shall debate further on the question or speak any words except to request that the resolution be read aloud.
- 93. The Reeve or presiding officer shall determine when a resolution is to be put to a vote.

MOTIONS OUT OF ORDER

- 94. It is the duty of the Chair to determine what motions are amendments to motions that are in order subject to challenge by a Member, and decline to put a motion deemed to be out of order.
- 95. The Chair shall advise the Members that a motion is out of order and cite the applicable rule or authority without further comment.
- 96. The Chair may refuse to accept a motion to refer, that has the effect of defeating the motion to which it refers, e.g. time constraints.
- 97. The following motions are out of order:
 - a. A motion, similar to a motion voted on in the previous six (6) months, without reconsidering the original motion;
 - b. A motion contrary to law or a previous motion;
 - c. A motion similar to an item which has been tabled;
 - d. A motion to reconsider a motion to reconsider;
 - e. A motion referring an item to a Committee, if the final report of the Committee is complete; and
 - f. A motion which is out of scope of Council business.

RECONSIDERING AND RESCINDING A MOTION

- 98. A Member wishing to reconsider, alter or rescind a motion already passed, or an action taken at a previous Meeting and when the matter does not appear on the Agenda, shall bring the matter forward by a Notice of Motion, which shall:
 - a. Be considered at a Council Meeting;
 - b. Specify the Meeting proposed to bring the matter to; and
 - c. Indicate, in the substantive portion of the motion, the action which is proposed to be taken on the matter.
- 99. Notwithstanding the above, if Notice of Motion was not given, the requirement for Notice may be waived on a Two-Thirds vote.
- 100. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, no motion made or action taken shall be reconsidered unless:
 - a. It is a motion made or an action taken at the same Meeting; or
 - b. It is a motion made or an action taken at a Meeting held six (6) months or more before its reconsideration; or
 - c. Approval for reconsideration of a motion made or an action taken less than six (6) months earlier is given by a Two-Thirds vote prior to reconsideration.
- 101. A Member who voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider a motion only at the same meeting or during any continuation of the meeting at which it was decided.
- 102. The following motions cannot be reconsidered:
 - A motion which created a contractual liability or obligation, shall not be reconsidered, altered, varied, revoked, rescinded or replaced except to the extent that it does not attempt to avoid or interfere with the liability or obligation;
 - b. A motion to adjourn;
 - c. A motion to close nominations:
 - d. A request for division of a question;
 - e. A point of order, a point of privilege or a point of information;
 - f. A motion to recess:
 - g. A motion to suspend the Procedural Bylaw;
 - h. A motion to lift from the table:
 - i. A motion to bring forward; and
 - j. Motion to adopt the agenda.
- 103. A motion to reconsider or rescind is debatable only when the motion being reconsidered is debatable.

NOTICE OF MOTION

- 104. A notice of motion may be given at any council meeting, but may not be dealt with at that meeting.
- 105. A notice of motion shall be given verbally and in writing to all members of council present. A copy of such notice of motion shall be given to the CAO upon adjournment of the meeting at which the notice is given.
- 106. Every notice of motion shall precisely specify the entire content of the motion to be considered, and shall be on the agenda for the next regular meeting of Council unless otherwise specified.

PECUNIARY INTEREST

- 107. When a Member has a pecuniary interest in a matter before Council, a Council Committee or any other body, board, commission, committee or agency to which the Member is appointed as a representative of the Council, the Member shall, if present:
 - a. Disclose the general nature of the pecuniary interest prior to any discussion on the matter;
 - b. Abstain from any discussion and voting on any question relating to the matter;
 - c. Leave the room in which the meeting is being held until discussion and voting on the matter are concluded; if required;
 - d. If the matter with respect to which the Member has a pecuniary interest is the payment of an account for which funds have previously been committed, it is not necessary for the Councillor to leave the room; and
 - e. If the matter with respect to which the Member has a pecuniary interest is a question on which the Member as a tax payer, an elector or an owner has a right to be heard by the Council;
 - i. It is not necessary for the Member to leave the room; and
 - ii. The Member may exercise the right to be heard in the same manner as a person who is not a Member.

BYLAWS

- 108. The CAO must review the form of each proposed bylaw to ensure that it is consistent with the form of bylaw that Council may adopt from time to time.
- 109. Each proposed bylaw must include:
 - a. The bylaw number assigned to it by the CAO or designate; and
 - b. A concise title.

- 110. Where a Bylaw is presented to Council for enactment, the CAO or designate shall cause the number and short title of the Bylaw to appear on the Agenda.
- 111. The CAO must make available a copy of the bylaw to each Councillor before the first reading of the bylaw.
- 112. A Bylaw shall be introduced for first reading by a motion that the Bylaw, specifying its number and short title, be read a first time.
- 113. When a Bylaw is subject to a Public Hearing, a Council, without amendment or debate, shall vote on the motion for first reading of a Bylaw and the setting of a public hearing date in accordance with the applicable form of notice. A Member may ask a question or questions concerning the bylaw provided that such questions are to clarity the intent, purpose or objective of the bylaw, and do not indicate the Member's opinion for or against the bylaw.
- 114. After the holding of the required public hearing, a bylaw shall be introduced for second reading by a motion that it be read a second time specifying the number of the bylaw.
- 115. After a motion for second reading of the bylaw has been presented, Council may:
 - a. Debate the substance of the bylaw; and
 - b. Propose and consider amendments to the bylaw.
- 116. A proposed amendment shall be put to a vote and if carried, shall be considered as having been incorporated into the bylaw at second reading.
- 117. When all amendments have been accepted or rejected the motion for second reading of the bylaw shall be voted on.
- 118. A bylaw shall not be given more than two readings at one meeting unless the Members present at the meeting unanimously agree that the bylaw may be presented for third reading at the same meeting at which it received two readings, provided that Council is not prohibited from giving more than two readings to a bylaw at one meeting by any valid enactment.
- 119. When Council unanimously agrees that a bylaw may be presented for third reading at a meeting at which it has received two readings, the third reading requires no greater majority of affirmative votes to pass the bylaw than if it has received third reading at a subsequent meeting.
- 120. A bylaw shall be adopted when a majority of the Members present vote in favour of third reading, provided that any applicable provincial statute does not require a greater majority.

- 121. A bylaw, which has been defeated at any stage, may be subject to a motion to reconsider in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 122. A bylaw is passed and comes into effect when it has received third and final reading and has been signed by the Reeve and CAO, unless otherwise provided by statute.
- 123. The Reeve and CAO or designate shall sign and seal the bylaw as soon as reasonably possible after third reading.
- 124. After passage, a bylaw shall be impressed with the corporate seal.
- 125. The CAO or designate is designated to consolidate one or more bylaws as deemed convenient.

CODE OF ETHICS

- 126. The proper operation of democratic local government requires that elected officials be independent, impartial and duly responsible to the people. To this end it is imperative that:
 - a. Government decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of government structure.
 - b. Public office not be used for personal gain.
 - c. The public have confidence in the integrity of its government.
- 127. Accordingly, it is the purpose of these guidelines of conduct to outline certain basic rules for Mackenzie County Council so that they may carry out their duties with impartiality and equality of services to all, recognizing that the basic functions of elected local government officials are, at all times, services to their community and the public.
- 128. To further these objectives, certain ethical principles should govern the conduct of Mackenzie County Council in order that they shall maintain the highest standards of conduct in public office and faithfully discharge the duties of office without fear or favour.
- 129. Councillors shall:
 - a. Govern their conduct in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in the municipal legislation of the Province of Alberta and as specified in this Bylaw.
 - b. Not use confidential information for personal profit of themselves or any other person.

- c. Not communicate confidential information to anyone not entitled to receive the applicable confidential information.
- d. Not use their position to secure special privileges, favours, or exemptions for themselves or any other person.
- e. Preserve the integrity and impartiality of Council.
- f. For a period of twelve (12) months after leaving office, abide by the ethical standards of conduct listed above, except those related to confidential information which shall apply in perpetuity.
- g. Not assume that any unethical activities (not covered by or specifically prohibited by these ethical guidelines of conduct, or by any legislation) will be condoned.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

130. No Member shall:

- Use offensive language, inappropriate actions or unparliamentary language in or against Council or against any Member of Council or any administration or any member of the public;
- b. Speak disrespectfully of any member of the Royal Family, the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governor of any Province, Council, any municipality, an Member or any official or employee of the Municipality;
- c. Engage in private conversations while in the Council Meeting or use personal electronic devices including cellular phones, media players, etc. in any manner that disrupts the Member speaking or interrupts the business of Council:
- d. Leave his/her seat or make noise or disturbance while a vote is being taken and until the result of the vote is announced;
- e. Speak on any subject other than the subject under debate:
- f. Not interrupt the speaker, except on a point of order;
- g. Where a matter has been discussed "In-Camera", and where the matter remains confidential, disclose a confidential matter or the substance of deliberations at an in-camera session, except to the extent that Council has previously released or disclosed the matter in public. All information, documentation or deliberations received, reviewed or provided in an incamera session is confidential. Members of Council shall not release, reproduce, copy or make public any information or material considered at an in-camera session, or discuss the content of such a meeting with persons other than members of Council or relevant staff members, prior to it being reported in public by Council;
- h. Criticize any decision of Council except for the purpose of moving that the question be reconsidered;
- Contravene the rules of Council or a decision of the Chair or of Council on questions of order or practice or upon the interpretation of the rules of Council. In case a Member persists in any such contravention, after having been called to order by the Chair, the Chair shall not recognize that Member,

except for the purpose of receiving an apology from the Member tendered at that Meeting or any subsequent Meeting.

- 131. Members of the public during a Meeting shall:
 - a. Address the Members of Council or Committee at the permission of the Chair;
 - b. Maintain order and remain quiet;
 - c. Not applaud nor otherwise interrupt a speech or action of the Members or other Person addressing the Members.
- 132. The Chair may cause to be expelled and excluded from any Meeting any person who creates any disturbance during a meeting or who, in the opinion of the Chair, has been guilty of improper conduct and for that purpose the Chair may direct that such a person be removed by a Peace Officer.
- 133. A Councillor that displays inappropriate and abusive behavior towards other members of council, administration or the public while on County business may be reprimanded in a form as may be acceptable by 2/3 vote of Council.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

- 134. Order in Council No. 54/201 establishing Mackenzie County as a Specialized Municipality, requires a Two-Thirds (2/3) majority vote for the following:
 - a. Procedural Bylaw
 - b. Council Remuneration Bylaw
 - i. A simple majority vote is required when authorized Councillors to attend a seminar, convention, workshop, or any other function that Councillors may attend for reimbursement of expenses.
 - c. All issues regarding property taxes
 - d. A bylaw to change the number of Councillors, the boundaries of wards or the method of electing a Chief Elected Officer.
 - i. A simple majority vote is required when electing a Chief Elected Officer in the manner prescribed in this Bylaw.
 - e. The appointment or termination of the Chief Administrative Officer; however, any direction given to the CAO shall be done by a simple majority vote.
 - f. A resolution for the adoption and amendment of the budget.
 - g. Any other matter designated by Council within this Bylaw.

RECORDING DEVICES AT MEETINGS

135. The CAO may authorize the use of any mechanical or electronic means of recording proceedings of Council and Council Committee meetings necessary to assist with the preparation of an accurate set of minutes. Any such recording will be erased or destroyed after the Council or Council Committee meeting has approved the minutes.

136. No person shall, unless a Two-Thirds majority consent of Council is given, record the proceedings of Council through tape recorder, video camera, or other devices.

REPEAL AND COMING INTO FORCE

- 137. Bylaw No. 969-14 977-14 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
- 138. This Bylaw shall come into effect upon receiving third and final reading.

READ a first time this day of October, 2017.
READ a second time this day of, 2017.
READ a third time and finally passed this day of, 2017.
Reeve
Len Racher

Chief Administrative Officer



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services

Bylaw 1084-17 Honorariums and Related Expense

Title: Reimbursement for Councillors and Approved Committee

Members

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

A municipal council establishes a bylaw that outlines types of meetings and activities for which the honorariums and reimbursable expenses, and at what levels, can be claimed.

This bylaw is reviewed annually by Council at the organizational meeting.

Administration is recommending a change to Section 16 to change the submission date of the December expense claim in order to process it prior to year-end.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Expenses associated with councillors' honorariums and reimbursements are included in the County's annual operating budgets.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

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				e Honorariums and Related Approved Committee Members.
Auth	nor: C. Gabriel		Reviewed by:	CAO:

BYLAW NO. 1077-17 1084-17

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE MACKENZIE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

TO PROVIDE FOR HONORARIUMS AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNCILLORS AND APPROVED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, hereinafter referred to as the "M.G.A." provides for decisions of council to be made by resolution or bylaw, and

WHEREAS, the council is desirous of establishing compensation of Councillors and approved committee members for their meeting time and their out of pocket expenses while on official municipal business,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Mackenzie County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS:

"Council Meeting/Special Council Meeting" – refers to a duly called meeting according to the Municipal Government Act.

"Committee Meetings" – refers to meetings related to Council Committees, Committee of the Whole, AAMDC Zone Meetings, Tri-Council Meetings, etc.

HONORARIUMS

1. Monthly honorariums shall be paid to each Councillor for their time spent conducting the daily local business of the municipality as follows:

(a) Reeve \$1,050.00 per month

(b) Deputy Reeve \$ 900.00 per month

(c) Councillor \$ 750.00 per month

2. Councillors in attendance at council meetings, approved council committee meetings, seminars and conventions shall be paid according to the following rates plus mileage and meal allowance, where applicable.

(a)	Council Meeting/Special Council Meetings	\$300.00
(b)	Committee Meetings	\$200.00
(c)	Seminars/Conventions/Workshops (see note)	\$300.00

- 2.1 Councillors attending less than half of a Council Meeting may claim only half the honorarium.
- 2.2 A combined maximum of two meetings may be claimed per day under Section 2 (a) and 2 (b).
- 2.3 Honorariums claimed under Section 2. (c) are all inclusive. Only one (1) per diem may be claimed per day.
- 3. Members-at-large appointed to approved council committees shall be paid \$200.00 per meeting when in attendance at approved council committee meetings, seminars and conventions, plus mileage and meal allowance, where applicable.
- 4. Travel time to and from any council meeting, approved council committee meeting, seminar and/or convention shall be paid mileage and meal allowance, where applicable.
 - (a) Councillors or committee members driving to a seminar/convention shall be paid \$200.00 for one travel day there and one travel day back. Only one per diem per day shall be allowed.
 - (b) An additional travel day may be allowed when travel is out of province and in excess of 1,000 kilometers from the individual's home and their destination via the shortest route.
- 5. A monthly communication allowance shall be paid
 - (a) an internet access allowance of \$75, and
 - (b) a personal computer allowance of \$50, if applicable, and
 - (c) a telephone allowance of \$60 for Councillors, and
 - (d) a telephone allowance of \$100 for the Reeve.

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

- 6. Mileage shall be paid at the current non-taxable rate (as per Canada Revenue Agency Reasonable per Kilometer Allowance) for each kilometer travelled by each Councillor or committee member who is travelling with their personal vehicle on business of the municipality or its committees. Such mileage shall be calculated from the place of residence of the Councillor or committee member to the place of the meeting and return. In addition, such mileage allowance shall apply to any approved convention or seminar.
- 7. Taxi fares, automobile rental, parking charges and public transportation fares will be reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS

- 8. Where a Councillor or committee member is required to travel on municipal business and overnight accommodation away from his/her regular place of residence is necessary, he/she may claim in respect of the time spent on travel status
 - (a) Either
 - (i) reimbursement of the cost of accommodation in a hotel, motel, guest-house, inn or other similar establishment, on a receipt submitted with the municipal expense account form, or
 - (ii) an allowance of \$50.00 per night
 - (b) in respect of each breakfast, lunch, or dinner,
 - (i) a meal allowance may be claimed as follows:

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breakfast - $15.00 including GST (if time of departure is prior to 7:30 a.m.)
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lunch - \$20.00 including GST (if time of return is after 1:00 p.m.)

dinner - \$35.00 including GST (if time of return is after 6:30 p.m.)

9. Meal claims will be calculated based on reasonable travel times to get to and return from meeting commencement and conclusion times.

- 10. A Councillor may claim reasonable government networking expenses while representing the County without prior approval. Reimbursement of these expenses will require approval by the Finance Committee based on the submission of actual receipts.
- 11. A Councillor or committee member may claim
 - (a) an allowance for personal expenses for each full 24-hour period on travel status (as per the Canada Revenue Agency Appendix C Meals and Allowances 1.2 Incidental Expense Allowance).
 - (b) reasonable telephone expenses on County business.

ATTENDANCE AT POLITICAL EVENTS

In accordance with the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act:

- 12. Should a member of Council be approved to attend a political event, on behalf of Mackenzie County, for which proceeds support a political party or candidate, Mackenzie County will reimburse the value of the meal or event upon submission of receipt. Mackenzie County will not reimburse any portion of a meal or event expense that constitutes proceeds to a political party or candidate. (For example: If the individual charge is more than \$50, \$25 shall be allowed for expenses and the balance shall be considered as a contribution to the registered party, registered constituency association or registered candidate, as the case may be.)
- 13. The individual purchasing the ticket may retain the tax receipt for his or her own purposes. The tax receipt issued by the party or candidate should be in the name of the individual purchasing the ticket.
- 14. Councillors are eligible to claim honorariums and mileage expenses to attend political functions.

BENEFITS

12. A group benefits package shall be made available to each Councillor at 50% of the cost of the benefit premiums.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

13. Administration shall have the authority to verify and sign the Reeve and Councillor expense claims and honorariums under the following conditions:

- (a) Councillors have attended Council meetings in person or by teleconference.
- (b) Workshops, conferences, conventions that have been approved by Council prior to submission of expense claim.
- (c) Attendance at Committee meetings or Task Force meetings will be in accordance with the bylaws or Terms of Reference of that committee or task force.
- 14. In the event that a discrepancy is noted on an expense or honorarium claim, Administration shall forward the claim to the Finance Committee for final decision. A Councillor shall have the option to appeal a decision of the Finance Committee to Council as a Whole.
- 15. Council members must submit their expense claims by the 5th of each month.
- 16. Council members will supply their expense claims and honorariums within Expense claims submitted 60 days after submission date (1st of each month). After this time, the expense claims will not be paid, unless there are special circumstances. The Finance Committee shall review and make the final decision.
- 17. Council members will submit their December expense claim and honorarium by January 31 December 15th of the following year in order to expedite the closing of the year-end accounts.
- 18. No expenses other than those listed in this bylaw may be claimed.
- 19. This bylaw shall come into effect the day that it is passed and rescinds Bylaw 1010-15 1077-17 and all amendments made thereto.

First Reading given on the day of October, 2017.
Second Reading given on the day of, 2017.
Third Reading and Assent given on the day of, 2017.
Reeve
Len Racher Chief Administrative Officer



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting		
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2017		
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer		
Title:	Policy ADM050 Council/Administration Protocol		
BACKGROUND / PI	ROPOSAL:		
•	n 11, Policy ADM050 Council/Administration Protocol is scheduled ally at the organizational meeting of Council.		
OPTIONS & BENEFITS:			
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:			
SUSTAINABILITY F	PLAN:		
COMMUNICATION:			
Municipal policies ar	re made available on the Mackenzie County website.		
RECOMMENDED A	CTION:		
☑ Simple Majority	☐ Requires 2/3 ☐ Requires Unanimous		
That Policy ADM050	Council/Administration Protocol be received for information.		
Author: C. Gabriel	Reviewed by: CAO:		

Mackenzie County

Title	Council/Administration Protocol	Policy No:	ADM050

Legislation Reference MGA

PURPOSE

To establish a framework to clarify the roles of Council and Administration and set out communication standards between Council and Administration and to identify tools that may guide to the overall efficiency and effectiveness in decision making and assist in building and fostering respectful relationship between Council and Administration.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Statement:

Mackenzie County Council recognizes that in order to create an environment for the effective management and operation of the County, Council and Administration must have a clear understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities.

Further, Mackenzie County Council wishes to establish a regime of protocol for regulating relations and communication between Council and Administration in order to promote a sound working relationship. This can be achieved through a comprehensive framework that guides their interaction.

In order to build effective partnerships and relationships, Council will use a self-evaluation tool (Schedule A) to assist Council in determining Council's strength, areas for improvement, and ultimately increase Council's efficiency and effectiveness.

GUIDELINES

2. Definitions:

- a) "Administration" means CAO and Managers for the County;
- b) "County" means Mackenzie County;
- c) "CAO" means Chief Administrative Officer for the County;
- d) "Council" means the duly elected council for the County;
- e) "Councillor" means a member of Council including the Reeve;
- f) "Managers" means the Directors, Agricultural Fieldman, Zama Site Supervisor, and Executive Assistant to CAO and Council for the County;

- g) "Reeve" means the Chief Elected Official or in his/her absence the Deputy Reeve for the County;
- h) "Policy" means a policy, bylaw or other formal resolution of Council;

3. Municipal Governance Framework:

- a) Council is the political and policy-making arm of the County, while Administration is the administrative and operational arm of the County;
- b) The legal responsibilities, functions and powers of Council and Administration are both inter-dependent and interrelated.
- c) The statutory powers of Council and the CAO are set out in the *Municipal Government Act*.
- d) Council is lead by the Reeve who is the Chief Elected Official as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*.
- e) Administration is led by the CAO whose roles and responsibilities are defined in the *Municipal Government Act*.

4. Roles and Responsibilities:

- a) Council provides direction, makes strategic policy decisions, represents the public's interests, and performs the duties of Councillors as per the *Municipal Government Act*.
- b) Council's effectiveness depends on Councillors providing input on their areas while thinking and voting for the whole municipality.
- c) Council is responsible to hire, supervise, and terminate the CAO. Council has one employee: the CAO.
- d) The Reeve acts as Council's spokesperson, facilitates the Council/Administration interface, and performs the duties of the Chief Elected Official as per the *Municipal Government Act*.
- e) The CAO coordinates the organization's systems, manages organizational resources, facilitates the Administration/Council interface, performs the duties as outlined in the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw, and performs the duties of chief administrative officer as per the *Municipal Government Act*.
- f) The CAO is responsible for the hiring, managing, and terminating of all the employees of the County.
- g) Administration implements Council's policies and programs, assists Council in

- meeting their annual business plan priorities, provides decisions-making advice, and communicates customer needs under the direction of CAO.
- h) Council and Administration will adhere to formal channels of communication between each other as established by this policy.

5. Council/Administration General Protocol:

- a) Council and Administration will treat each other with respect and integrity.
- b) Council recognizes the complexities and volume of operational tasks and activities of Administration.
- c) Administration recognizes the value of Councillors' input through the local knowledge of their wards.
- d) The Reeve will advise Council when a Councillor's activities are affecting Administration's performance.
- e) Council will deal with Administration performance concerns by communicating them to the CAO as concerns arise.
- f) The CAO will provide information to all of Council as deemed appropriate in responding to a request from a Councillor.
- g) Managers will advise the CAO if a request for information and/or action from a Councillor may create a significant impact on performance/workload.

6. Council/Administration Communication Protocol (Internal):

- a) Council will channel formal communications to Administration with regard to a municipal matter through the CAO. Council will make information requests to Administration with the following understanding:
 - Information that is readily available to the public can be requested from the appropriate Manager directly;
 - Information on the status of ongoing programs, activities and/or projects can be requested from the appropriate Manager directly;
 - All other requests for information and/or action will be directed to the CAO.
- Administration will channel communication to Council through the CAO if a municipal matter is outside of existing County Policy and/or Council approved budget.

- c) The municipal matters not addressed in existing Council Policy will be brought forward to the attention of Council and/or a committee of Council as appropriate.
- d) Council will provide direction to Administration through bylaws and resolutions of Council on all matters outside of existing County Policy and/or Council approved budget.

7. Council/Administration Communication Protocol (External):

- a) Administration will forward external correspondence directed to a Councillor or Council without delay.
- b) If Council receives requests from residents for service or information, Council will refer residents to the appropriate County department or the CAO for action.
- c) Administration will maintain a log of external communications, which come as a request for service, into the County's customer service system. Each Manager will be responsible for maintaining the log for their appropriate department(s).
- d) The Reeve may coordinate and direct Council regarding action and response to be taken by Councillors to verbal or written communications received from external sources. The Reeve will also coordinate these action and responses with the CAO.
- e) The CAO will coordinate and direct Administration regarding action and response to be taken by employees of the County to verbal or written communications received from external sources. The CAO will also coordinate these actions and responses with Council when appropriate.

8. Organizational Tools:

The following organizational tools will be utilized to contribute to a successful working relationship between Council and Administration:

- a) Monthly CAO reports to Council regarding Administration's activities to be presented during regular Council meetings;
- b) Monthly progress capital project report to be presented during regular Council meetings;
- Requests for decisions which provide the information required for decisionmaking;

- d) Clear and concise direction to Administration through resolutions made at Council meetings;
- e) Updates from the Reeve and Councillors as necessary at Council meetings;
- f) An up-to-date organizational chart which shows a clear chain of command and indication of who has duties in which areas:
- g) Council Procedural Bylaw which provides the framework for parliamentary procedure, current legislation and the specific governance preferences of Council;
- h) A clear understanding of Council's and Administration's roles, activities and capacities;
- i) An annual business planning process which outlines the strategic direction set by Council.
- j) An annual council self-evaluation (Schedule A) undertaken in conjunction with mandatory CAO evaluation as per MGA.

9. Success Indicators:

The following are indicators of the success of this policy:

- a) Flexibility in organizational hierarchy to deal with urgent matters;
- b) Excellent customer service;
- c) No direct supervision of Administration by individual members of Council;
- d) A clear chain of command;
- e) Higher employee satisfaction;
- f) Achieving Council's business priorities;
- g) Timely communication, both internal and external; and
- h) An informed and involved Council.

10. Policy Implementation and Monitoring:

- a) The Reeve will be responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy by Council.
- b) The CAO will be responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy by

Administration.

11. Policy Review:

This policy shall be reviewed annually during the organizational meeting.

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved	01-May-12	12-05-309
Amended	24-Apr-13	13-04-294
Amended		

SCHEDULE A

COUNCIL SELF-EVALUATION TOOL

PURPOSE:

Just like going to the doctor once a year for an annual checkup, governing bodies should periodically take time to do a "checkup" on their performance. Periodic reviews do the same thing as a doctor's visit; they provide an opportunity to implement preventative measures; identify issues that need attention that are not immediately apparent; and/or just verify that all is going well. And just like an annual checkup; once all the data is collected, an action plan for optimum health (performance) for the future can be developed.

The following questionnaire has been developed to assess Council's performance. The statements below reflect optimum performance measures for Council and this questionnaire reflects how Council views its performance in relation to these optimum performance measures.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please rank yourself and your colleagues on a scale of 1-4. Mark the number you feel most accurately describes the current Council context:

- 1 = We "Never" meet this performance measure
- 2 = We "**Sometimes**" meet this performance measure
- 3 = We "Often" meet this performance measure
- 4 = We "Always" meet this performance measure

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18.	8. Council members direct any criticisms of staff through the CAO and refrain from criticizing staff in public or the media (praise publicly, criticize privately).						
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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting
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Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Review of Council Committee Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The Council Committee Terms of Reference document is attached for Council review annually at the Organizational Meeting.

Administration is recommending amendments to the following Terms of Reference (please refer to the attached for details):

- Agricultural Service Board
- Community Services Committee
- Finance Committee
- Public Works Committee
- Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
- Tompkins Crossing Committee

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

COMMUNICATION:

Author: C. Gabriel Reviewed by: CAO:	
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KEC	COMMENDED ACTION	<u> </u>			
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Tha	t the Council Commit	tee Ter	ms of Reference	be a	mended as presented.
Auth	nor: C. Gabriel		Reviewed by:		CAO:



Council Committee TERMS OF REFERENCE



Council Committee Terms of Reference

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ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

Local Aboriginal communities are our neighbors and actively participate in local economy. Local Aboriginal communities have interests in communities' health, education and growth.

The Committee will develop strategies for establishing and maintaining respectful relationships with the local Aboriginal communities, and timely engagement in activities and projects of potential mutual interest.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee shall be comprised of the following:

- Whole Council
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate

Quorum:

Two members of Council shall be considered quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a four year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October to coincide with the general election.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

Findings and recommendations of the Committee to be discussed and formally ratified at a regular council meeting.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner.

General Responsibilities:

The Committee shall develop an Aboriginal engagement process including the following:

- Seeking knowledge by engaging with Aboriginals that may help in future decision-making;
- Jointly assessing the shared interests, concerns, expectations and responsibilities areas;
- Understanding the differences while the County is established by the Province, recognition of Aboriginal rights is enshrined in Canada's constitution.
- Establish and implement a Communications Protocol.

The Committee shall develop a protocol and identify matters in which local aboriginal communities can be engaged, such as but not limited to:

- Land use planning and development;
- Infrastructure planning;
- Recreation planning;
- Social services.

The Committee shall review and negotiate shared services agreements with First Nations as required.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Shared Services Agreements with First Nations

Approved External Activities:

Not applicable.

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved		
Amended	2015-10-27	
Amended	2016-10-25	

AGRICULTURAL FAIR COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

To provide advice and recommendations regarding the Annual Agricultural Fair and Tradeshow.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised of the following:

- All ASB Members (voting members)
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate (non-voting member)
- Agricultural Fieldman (non-voting member)
- Two Representatives from MARA (voting members)
- Two Members from each local Agricultural Society. (High Level, La Crete, Fort Vermilion, & Rocky Lane) (voting members)
- Support Staff (non-voting members)

The committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting.

Quorum:

Members present shall constitute quorum. CAO or designate must be in attendance.

Term:

Members shall sit on the Committee for a one year term.

Authority:

Mackenzie County Council.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its responsibilities in a timely manner.

General Responsibilities:

The Agricultural Fair Committee shall:

- Organize the Annual Agricultural Fair & Tradeshow
- Manage budget and assume fiscal responsibilities
- Set meeting dates

Approved External Activities:

N/A

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved	2016-02-09	
Amended		
Amended		

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

To promote continuing maintenance and expansion of the agricultural land base within the Region.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised as follows:

- Reeve Ex-officio (voting member)
- Four members of Council
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Planning & Development
- Others as required

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Any three Councillors present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner. The Committee shall meet as required at the call of the Chair or the Chief Administrative Officer.

General Responsibilities:

- Review and provide recommendations to Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (via Council) on which productive green zone land should be converted to white zone.
- Review and provide recommendations to Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (via Council) on the procedures of white zone disposition.
- Liaison with the Province on identifying suitable agricultural land to fulfill the commitment to open up 136,000 acres of new agricultural land.
- Review and provide recommendation on agricultural land use policies in the County.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Not applicable.

Approved External Activities:

Not applicable.

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved		
Amended	2014-10-28	
Amended		

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Agriculture Service Board Policies & Bylaws

Purpose:

The Agriculture Service Board advises Council on innovative and sustainable agriculture policy and programs designed to assist Mackenzie County (ASB001).

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Board will be comprised of the following (ASB005):

- Reeve Ex-officio (voting member)
- Two members of Council
- Three members at large
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Agriculture Fieldman
- Other resources as required

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Two Councillors and two members at large present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a two four year period (in conjunction with municipal elections), with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

Pursuant to the Agricultural Service Board Act (Section 2).

Meeting Schedule:

Meetings will be bimonthly or at the call of the Chair or Agricultural Fieldman (ASB006).

General Responsibilities:

The Board shall (ASB001):

- Establish policies and programs which accomplish their mission.
- Provide and promote programs that strive to improve the economic viability of farms.
- Ensure programs address the changing needs of clients.
- Have good public awareness of policies and programs and those involved in implementing them.
- Provide information /technology transfer to its Clients.
- Ensure that the public sees the Agricultural Service Board as a receptive, responsible, concerned board and that employees show good work ethic.
- Work with the Council in a positive and productive manner.
- Appointment of one member from within it's membership to the Mackenzie Applied Research Association.
- Appointment of one member from within its membership to the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI).

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Agriculture Service Board Policies & Bylaws

Approved External Activities:

- Provincial ASB Conference
- Regional Meetings (regularly scheduled)
- ASB Tours
- One additional conference per member, subject to ASB approval.

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved		
Amended	2014-10-28	
Amended	2015-10-27	

ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Bylaw 760/10 Assessment Review Board

Purpose:

To carry out the duties and responsibilities as set out in the Municipal Government Act and the Assessment Complaints Regulation.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Board shall consist of the following:

- Two members of Council with one member being an alternate;
- A pool of three members at large;
- Assessment Review Board Clerk.

Quorum:

Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) shall consist of a panel of three members:

- One member of Council
- Two members at large

Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) shall consist of a panel of three members:

- One member of Council
- One member at large
- One member appointed by the Province of Alberta

Term:

Membership terms will be no longer than three years and will be made in such a manner that the expiry dates of the members are staggered.

A member may be re-appointed to the Board at the expiration of his/her term.

Authority:

According to the Municipal Government Act and the Assessment Complaints Regulation.

Meeting Schedule:

The Board shall meet as required pursuant to the Municipal Government Act and the Assessment Complaints Regulation.

General Responsibilities:

To hear complaints about any matter referred to in Section 460(5) of the Municipal Government Act that is shown on an Assessment Notice or tax notice.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Not applicable.

Approved External Activities:

- Completion of the mandatory training program as set or approved by the Minister.
- Refresher courses as may be required.

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BOREAL HOUSING FOUNDATION TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Ministerial Order No. H:042/16

Purpose:

The Boreal Housing Foundation is established as management body with all powers, functions and duties as prescribed in the Ministerial Order.

Committee Structure:

The members of the management body are as follows:

- Mackenzie County Three (3) appointed members.
 - Two members from its municipal council;
 - One member at large representing
- Town of High Level Two (2) appointed members.
- Town of Rainbow Lake Two (2) appointed members.
- La Crete Municipal Nursing Association Two (2) appointed members.
- Dene Tha' First Nation One (1) appointed member.
- Beaver First Nation One (1) appointed member.
- Tall Cree First Nation One (1) appointed member.
- Little Red Cree First Nation One (1) appointed member.

Quorum:

A minimum of seven (7) voting board members is considered guorum.

Term:

All members of the Board hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

Authority:

The management body has and is subject to the powers, functions or duties as provided in the following Regulations:

- Management Body Operation and Administration Regulation;
- Social Housing Accommodation Regulation;
- Housing Accommodation Tenancies Regulation;
- Rent Supplement Regulation; and
- Lodge Assistance Program Regulation

Meeting Schedule:

Meetings are held on a monthly basis.

General Responsibilities:

The management body is responsible for:

- The operation and administration of the housing accommodation listed in Schedule A of the Ministerial Order.
- Operation of Rent Supplement housing accommodation as designations are allocated to the management body by the Minister under the Rent Supplement Program Regulation.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Not applicable.

Approved External Activities:

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

To provide recommendations to Council determining the levels of service at existing and future recreational facilities; to liaison with local Recreation Boards and Family and Community Support Services groups: to provide recommendations to Council on Bylaw enforcement issues

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised of the following:

- Reeve Ex-officio (voting member)
- Four members of Council
 - Fort Vermilion at least one member from either Ward 6, 7 or 8
 - La Crete at least one member from Ward 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5
 - Zama at least one member from Ward 9 or 10
 - One Council member at large
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Facilities & Operations
- Director of Community Services & Operations
- Other resources as required

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Any three Councillors present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

The Committee shall appoint 1 member to each local Recreation Board and FCSS Organization from within its membership.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner.

General Responsibilities:

The Committee shall:

- Review and recommend service levels for municipal recreational facilities;
- Review and recommend priorities for improvement to existing and development of new recreational facilities, including multi-year forecast;
- Give consideration to how recreational facilities within Mackenzie County promote tourism in the region;
- Review and recommend policies and bylaws relating to;
- Review and recommend improvements to operating agreements with the local Recreation Boards for the municipally owned recreational facilities;
- Liaison with the local Recreation Boards with aim to enhance programs and services at municipal facilities, including participation in their local regular meetings;
- Review annual Family and Community Support Services reports and liaison with the local FCSS groups with aim to enhance programs and services, including participation in their local regular meetings;
- Develop and maintain a public information program related to available recreational and social services opportunities.
- Liaison with other non-profit organizations (ie. La Crete Ferry Campground).
- Review provincial lease agreements (ie. Machesis, etc.)
- Review and recommend solutions on Bylaw enforcement issues (ie. Dog Complaints)
- Review and recommend Fire & Rescue Services.

Responsible for review of all Bylaws/Documents relating to:

- Municipal Parks
- Mackenzie County Recreational Areas
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Recreational Capital
- Fire and Rescue Services

Approved External Activities:

- Attendance of Recreation Boards' local regular meetings with the same privileges as any other Board Director (one member per community).
- Attendance of FCSSs' local regular meetings as a voting member (one member per community)
- Parks Conference (one member per year)
- FCSS Conference (one member per year)

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Amended	2015-11-10	

COMMUNITY STREETSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

Streetscape and façade design guidelines that established a framework for infrastructure improvements and future development were approved in May 2016. The design concepts require a long-term implementation plan for each community. The plan will be created by the County with ongoing input from the Community Streetscape Implementation Committee in each community.

In La Crete, the area encompasses the 100 Street corridor and the downtown. The guidelines create complementary standards for the four-lane, undivided commercial roadway and an improved downtown fabric.

For Fort Vermilion, the vision is to build on the existing character and heritage of the community through design standards for River Road and its adjacent downtown area.

The primary role of the Committee is to make recommendations to Council regarding implementation of streetscape improvements.

Committee Structure:

There will be two committees, one each for Fort Vermilion and La Crete.

The committees will be chaired by a local County Councillor, and be otherwise comprised of community members representing a variety of groups and interests. The goal is to have 7 to 9 community members on the committee, representing diverse interests such as: Business and Industry; Cultural Heritage; Environmental Conservation; Active Living; Universal Accessibility; Public Safety; Stakeholder Engagement.

The Committee will appoint its own Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

The Councillor appointed by Council, and an overall majority of members at large present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Director of Planning & Development or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council, in an advisory capacity, on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule & Remuneration:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work, anticipating four (4) to six (6) meetings per year. Meetings will typically be held at the County office in the applicable community.

Committee members shall not receive remuneration for their appointment to the committee.

General Responsibilities:

The Committee shall:

- Identify priorities
- Advise on implementation strategies and sequence
- Assist in identifying and creating community partnerships
- Promote the adoption of the façade standards with private developers
- Provide local knowledge to further inform design details

Responsible for review of all Bylaws/Documents relating to:

None

Approved External Activities:

None

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COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

To monitor, provide guidance and provide reports for the implementation of the Community Sustainability Plan.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised as follows:

- Reeve Ex-officio (voting member)
- Four members of Council
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Planning and Development
- Others as required

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Any three Councillors present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner.

Meetings shall generally be held on a monthly basis or as required taking into consideration the demands imposed by the Scope of Work and the availability of information.

The Committee and the Reeve may be required to liaison with other stakeholders, other government organizations and public in order to carry out the Scope of Work as may be identified in the implementation plan.

General Responsibilities:

In August 2010, Mackenzie County Council approved the Four-Step Community Sustainability Plan.

In general, the County will follow the Four-Step Community Sustainability Plan. The plan is a comprehensive plan and discusses matters of community sustainability with respect of economic, environment, social and cultural factors. The Four-Step Community Sustainability Plan includes a document outlining the key performance indicators and the associated deadlines for achieving these.

The Committee will monitor and provide guidance in plan implementation.

In an attempt to strengthen a unified message from Council as a Whole, the Committee and the Reeve will prepare the County's Briefs at no less than an annual basis. The Briefs will be presented to Council as a recommendation for approval prior to being communicated to the outside agencies or persons. The individual Briefs may identify:

- Regional and local priorities for communication to the Ministers and/or during a meeting with the Minister's personnel;
- Regional and/or local priorities in an order of importance to the other local government supporting agencies to which a Council member(s) has been appointed, such as Regional Economic Development Initiative.

The Committee will provide recommendations to Council regarding modifications to future goals and strategies as opportunities arise and threats emerge.

The Committee shall be responsible to prepare a sustainability plan implementation report every year-for Council's approval that will be circulated to residents within the annual report.

The annual report should identify specific actions with regards to solving problems and measuring the results as it pertains to community sustainability and within the following general guidelines:

- Creating sustainable communities where people respect each other and nature, to the benefit of all;
- Achieving long-term economic and social security;
- Minimizing the communities' ecological footprint;
- Recognizing and building on the distinctive characteristics of the County communities such as human and cultural values, history and natural resources.
- Enabling communities to work together towards a common, sustainable future:
- Enabling continuing improvement for accountable, transparent and good governance.

The Committee shall make efforts to stay informed and educated regarding the methods of strengthening the community capacity and make strategy recommendations to Council regarding solving communities' and regional problems.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

• Four-Step Community Sustainability Plan

Approved External Activities:

FCM Sustainability Conference (one member per year)

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EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MACKENZIE COUNTY TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Regional Emergency Management Bylaw – Mackenzie County Emergency Advisory Committee

Purpose:

To carry out Council's statutory powers and obligations under the Emergency Management Act.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised of the following:

- All members of Council
- Chief Administrative Officer
- Director of Emergency Management (DEM) (as appointed by Bylaw)
- Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM) (as appointed by Bylaw)
- All Municipal Directors
- Other resources as required

Quorum:

Quorum for this committee shall be three Members of Council, the DEM, DDEM, Chief Administrative Officer, and one additional Municipal Director.

Term:

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet a minimum of twice a year (Spring/Fall) in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner.

General Responsibilities:

The Committee shall:

- a. have the authority to declare a State of Local Emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Act;
- b. provide for the payment and expenses of its member(s) of the Committee;
- c. participate in Mackenzie County's Risk Assessment;
- d. ensure that emergency plans and programs are prepared to address emergencies or disasters in Mackenzie County;
- e. review and advise Council on the development and status of CEMP and related programs at least once annually.
- f. recommend local mitigations plans/initiatives to Council;
- g. participate in the Northwest Alberta Regional Emergency Advisory Committee.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

- Municipal Emergency Plan
- Regional Emergency Management Bylaw

Approved External Activities:

- Local Emergency Management Courses (all members)
- Disaster Forum (2 members per year)

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

To provide oversight over the municipality's financial matters.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised as follows:

- Reeve Ex-officio (voting member)
- Four members of Council
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Finance
- Others as required

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Any three Councillors present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner.

General Responsibilities:

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for oversight of any matters involving finances and in particular:

Financial oversight duties:

- 1. Review financial reports as and if required.
- 2. Ensure that Review municipal investments and make recommendations to Council are pursuant to Section 250 of the Municipal Government Act.
- 3. Initiate audits and bank proposals.
- 4. Review auditor's management letters and other audit related communications.

Advisory duties, provide recommendations to Council:

- 5. Review financial policies, reserve policies, and the format of monthly reports (operating and capital), and make recommendations to Council.
- 6. Review any Regional matters that may have financial implications, such as Regional Airports.
- 7. Explore/review and recommend options regarding sale and/or lease of the County owned lands (for example: airport lots/stalls)
- 8. Review fees and charges (including water, sewer, and garbage) payable by ratepayers under the various bylaws.
- In general provide recommendations to Council regarding the financial affairs and the financial management of the County, or as requested or required.

Delegated organizational duties:

- 10. Be responsible for setting parameters and making recommendations to Council on the Union negotiations position.
- 11. Award and administer the Bursary Program.
- 12. Review and approve CAO's expense claims.
- 13. Review monthly MasterCard statements.
- 14. Review Council monthly expenses and honorariums and make decisions on any discretionary honorarium and expenses.
- 15. Administer the use of the annually budgeted funds (if any) for the local recreational boards for emergent items.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

- Fee Schedule Bylaw
- Financial Policies

Approved External Activities:

Not Applicable

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INTER-MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION (IMPC) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to the Inter-municipal Planning Commission Agreement dated October 30, 2009.

Purpose:

The Subdivision and Development Authority pertaining to applications relating to lands located within the Inter-municipal Development Plan (IDP) area and to make decisions in relation to connections for water service in a service area pursuant to an agreement between the municipalities for regional service sharing (Regional Service Sharing Agreement).

Committee Structure:

The IMPC shall consist of six (6) members who shall be appointed for a term not to exceed one year, as follows:

- Two (2) Town Council members appointed by resolution of Town Council;
- Two (2) County Council members appointed by resolution of the County Council;
- One (1) member at large appointed by resolution of Town Council;
- One (1) member at large appointed by resolution of the County Council.
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Planning & Development

Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of four members, comprised of two members appointed by the Town and two members appointed by the County.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

Authority:

The IMPC has all the powers, duties and responsibilities of a subdivision and development authority under the Act and the Subdivision and Development Regulations passed pursuant to the Act.

Meeting Schedule:

Meetings are generally held on a monthly basis.

General Responsibilities:

The Inter-municipal Planning Commission shall:

- Determine all subdivision applications and development permit applications which relate to lands in the IDP area.
- Determine all applications for water service for land in the Service Area; and
- Perform such functions as are set out in Scheduled "B" of the Agreement.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

• Inter-municipal Development Plan (IDP)

Approved External Activities:

Training workshops.

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INTER-MUNICIPAL SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (ISDAB) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Inter-municipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Agreement dated October 30, 2009.

Purpose:

The Inter-municipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board for the purposes of hearing appeals from decisions made by the Inter-municipal Planning Commission (IMPC) and the County's development authority and subdivision authority pertaining to applications relating to lands located within the Inter-municipal Development Plan (IDP) Area.

Committee Structure:

The ISDAB shall consist of six members who shall be appointed for a term not to exceed one year, as follows:

- One (1) Town Council member appointed by resolution of Town Council;
- One (1) County Council member appointed by resolution of County Council;
- Two (2) members at large appointed by resolution of Town Council;
- Two (2) members at large appointed by resolution of County Council;
- Inter-municipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Clerk.

Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of four members, comprised of two members appointed by the Town and two members appointed by the County.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

Authority:

The ISDAB has all the powers, duties and responsibilities of a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board under the MGA and the Subdivision and Development Regulations passed pursuant to the MGA.

Meeting Schedule:

As required.

General Responsibilities:

In accordance with Sections 678 and 686 of the MGA, the ISDAB shall hear all subdivision appeals and development appeals from decisions made by the IMPC which related to lands located within the IDP Area.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

• Not applicable.

Approved External Activities:

• Training workshops.

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LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

To provide recommendations to Council regarding land stewardship practices. The Committee's primary role is to learn and understand the issues and impacts of current, pending and proposed legislation as it relates to land use, deriving strategies on how to mitigate the negative impacts on the County, and provide recommendations to Council on how to best address the issues.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the committee shall be comprised as follows: include four (4) Councillors and between five (5) and ten (10) members at large.

- Four (4) members of Mackenzie County Council
- Five (5) to ten (10) members at large
- · Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Planning & Development
- Agricultural Fieldman
- Two (2) members appointed by the Town of High Level
- Two (2) members appointed by the Town of Rainbow Lake
- Others as required

The Councillors appointed to the Committee shall represent these existing committees:

- Agricultural Service Board
- Agricultural Land Use Planning Committee
- Municipal Planning Commission
- Community Sustainability Committee

The members at large shall ideally represent varying industries, interests and communities within the County.

The Committee will appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Any three (3) Mackenzie County Councillors and an overall majority of members present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of vacancy by death, resignation or from any other such cause except the expiration of the term of appointment, such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule:

The Committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner.

General Responsibilities:

The Committee shall:

- Be familiar with the Alberta Land Stewardship Act and Regulation and how this impacts the County and/or its residents
- Be familiar with the Alberta Wetland Policy and how this impacts the County and/or its residents
- Be familiar with the Alberta Water Act and Regulation and how this impacts the County and/or its residents
- Be familiar with the Alberta Public Lands Act and Regulation and how this impacts the County and/or its residents
- Be familiar with the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and how this impacts the County and/or its residents
- Be familiar with the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance, their mandate, and how this impacts the County and/or its residents
- Be familiar with the County's Municipal Development Plan, Community Sustainability Plan, Agricultural Service Board Business Plan
 - Utilize this familiarity to identify potential conflicts between provincial and/or federal regulations and County plans and priorities
 - Provide recommendations on whether to revise County plans to comply with provincial and/or federal requirements or to lobby for changes to provincial and/or federal documents
- During the creation of the Lower Peace Regional Plan (LPRP) stay abreast the progress and be informed of potential implications on the County

- Liaise with various industry groups (ie. forestry, oil & gas, farming) to inform them of potential issues and to gather their perspective on issues
- Seek to understand the provincial cumulative effects management framework and how this is likely to impact the County
- Provide recommendations for educational type sessions that would be beneficial for local residents and/or industries as they relate to land use
- Be generally knowledgeable about provincial and federal legislation as it relates to land use and become a local subject matter expert on the relevant issues

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

N/A

Approved External Activities:

Regional meetings with industry and/or provincial representatives

Compensation:

 Municipalities shall be responsible for their respective appointees in regards to honorariums and expenses.

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Approved	2016-01-12	
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MACKENZIE LIBRARY BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Bylaw 150/98 Municipal Library Board and the Board's Policies & Procedures

Purpose:

To manage, regulate, and control the municipal libraries.

To provide quality materials and services, which fulfill the education, information, culture, and recreation needs of the communities it serves, in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful, and businesslike. (1.1)

Committee Structure:

The Board is comprised of seven members as follows:

- Two members of Council
- Seven members at large
 - o 2 La Crete and Area
 - 2 Fort Vermilion and Area
 - o 2 High Level Rural
 - o 1 − Zama (Rotating Position)

Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of four members, of which one must be the Chairperson. (1.11.4)

Term:

The term of a Board member shall normally extend for a period of three years. (1.8.1)

All members of the Board are appointed by County Council at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

Authority:

The Board shall be authorized to exercise any and all duties, powers, and responsibilities permitted by the *Alberta Libraries Act.* (1.3.1)

Meeting Schedule:

Meetings are held on a monthly basis. (1.11.2.1)

General Responsibilities:

Board powers and duties shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- Determining and adopting written policies to govern the operation and programs of the community libraries including personnel policies, financial policies and policies governing the use of the library buildings and the selection and use of library materials, supplies, and equipment.
- Assisting in the preparation of and seeking adequate financial support for annual operation.
- Reporting to and cooperating with governments, boards, and the region and community as a whole to support public awareness and relations.
- Developing long-range plans for the Board programs and working toward their achievement.

(1.3.4)

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Not applicable.

Approved External Activities:

 Grande Prairie Regional Library Conference (funded by the Library Board except members of Council)

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Bylaw 563/06 Establishing the Municipal Planning Commission (Subdivision and Development Authority)

Purpose:

To advise Council with respect to achieving the orderly, economical and beneficial development, use of land and pattern of settlement in Mackenzie County and to service as the Subdivision and Development Authority in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Committee Structure:

The Commission shall consist of five members as follows:

- Two members of Council;
- Three members at large
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Planning & Development

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

A quorum of the Commission shall consist of a majority of the members.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Subdivision Authority has those powers and duties as set out in the MGA and any regulation thereunder.

The Development Authority has those powers and duties as set out in the MGA, the Land Use Bylaw, and the Subdivision and Development Authority Bylaw, and any regulations made thereunder.

Meeting Schedule:

The Commission shall hold meetings monthly or as required, and undertake such actions as are necessary to fulfill the powers and duties of the Commission.

General Responsibilities:

The Municipal Planning Commission has the following functions and duties:

- Upon request of Council, to advise Council with respect to achieving the orderly, economical and beneficial development, use of land and pattern of settlement in Mackenzie County.
- To serve as the Subdivision Authority7 pursuant to Part 17 of the MGA and of the Subdivision and Development Authority Bylaw.
- To serve as the Development Authority pursuant to Part 17 of the MGA and of the Subdivision and Development Authority Bylaw.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Land Use Bylaw

Approved External Activities:

- Choice of one of the following conferences (three members per year):
 - o Alberta Development Officers Association Conference
 - Community Planning Association of Alberta Conference

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NORTHWEST SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background:

The northwest region of Alberta encompasses high economic development value in a variety of natural resource sectors. Notwithstanding this, the region is requested to carry the highest burden of environmental protection of any other region within Alberta.

Current and proposed Provincial policy and strategies requires the Lower Peace Region to subsidize economic activity in other regions; to allow, both, the Federal and Provincial governments to achieve conservation targets for the natural environment. Cumulatively, multiple conservation initiatives and species at risk recovery strategies have the ability to negatively impact the rural communities of northwest Alberta.

We, the local tenants of this region have collaborated; in an attempt to secure smart economic growth, a sustained quality of life, and well-balanced environmental protection for our future generations. Through the use of optimal adaptive management, transparent stakeholder engagement, and effective environmental stewardship; we endeavour to achieve this purpose.

Purpose:

To collectively provide and share information, ideas and resources; relating to the continued and future prosperity of northwest Alberta. Instill effective regional adaptive management and transparency which allows all stakeholders to play a vital role in shaping our collective future. Develop tangible solutions founded upon an evidence-based approach, to ensure a balance of smart economic growth, a sustained quality of life, and an enhanced natural environment; for all of our businesses, communities and wildlife.

Responsibilities:

To ensure that any impending species recovery or conservation initiative, that has the ability to affect the smart growth of northwest Alberta; is prefaced with a thorough regional socioeconomic impact analysis.

To proactively work with all other levels of government, including the First Nations; to create well-balanced working groups; with all key stakeholders relevant to impending conservation areas and species recovery.

Emphasizing that, northwest Alberta currently encompasses a vast amount of protected lands. Impending species recovery and conservation initiatives should aim to enhance the value of these areas for species at risk recovery and biodiversity, rather than seeking to protect unjustifiable additional areas of land.

Structure:

Two councillors and/or Members at Large and an alternate appointed by each of the founding municipalities.

Alternates may attend all meetings.

Founding municipalities consist of:

- County of Northern Lights
- Mackenzie County
- Town of High Level
- Town of Rainbow Lake

Mackenzie County is the administrative lead for the committee, with administrative support from each of the founding municipalities.

The administrative lead will prepare and provide the agenda for all meetings.

Meetings are open to the public as per Section 197 and Section 198 of the Municipal Government Act.

Meetings may, in part, be closed to the public if matters to be addressed are recognized under; Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, and/or Division 2 – Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The committee shall pursue grant opportunities to fund any larger projects, with Mackenzie County as the grant sponsor and/or lead.

Quorum and Costs:

Decisions shall be reached by consensus, consisting of two appointed members from each of the founding municipalities. Alternates shall not be considered for consensus unless standing in for an appointed member.

Meetings shall be hosted by the Town of High Level, at the Town of High Level Office, and meeting costs will be shared by the founding municipalities.

Each Municipality and other delegates are expected to cover the costs of their members. Additional costs, such as those derived from committee motions, will be subject to additional discussion and approval from each of the founding municipalities.

All decisions reached by consensus; which are within the scope of the Terms of Reference, are binding upon all municipalities.

Communication:

An electronic data sharing forum will be created and maintained, with access for all of the committee members, and meetings will be scheduled quarterly, or as required by the Chair.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Indigenous Engagement

Committee Members: Crystal McAteer

Eric Jorgensen Leigh Bateman

Purpose: To engage all local Indigenous communities in a manner that is clearly

represented as transparent engagement, rather than consultation.

Key Considerations: To determine what each community would consider as acceptable land

use management.

To learn how each community plans to sustain/become economically and

socially viable over the longer-term.

To determine what role each community is willing to play in ensuring the

long-term enhancement and existence of our boreal ecosystems.

Federal and Provincial Government Engagement

Lisa Wardley Chris Mitchell
Terry Ungarian Mike Morgan

Purpose: To engage the Federal and Provincial governments on matters within

their jurisdiction; including action under the Species at Risk Act, cumulative effects of multiple recovery strategies and environmental

initiatives, and [their] implementation in response to legislation.

Key Considerations: Engage the Government of Alberta at the political level; to seek a written

commitment to working with the key stakeholders of Northwestern Alberta

in the development of all future land-use planning documents.

Engage the Provincial governments of Alberta, British Columbia and Northwest Territories at the bureaucratic level; with a view to gaining cross-jurisdictional support, to ensure that our collective voice is heard, and our participation in all future land-use planning processes is required.

Engage the Federal government to reiterate to the Government of Alberta that:

 There is flexibility in meeting their October 2017 timeline for Caribou Range Plans;

- To name all the municipalities of the Lower Peace Region as key stakeholders, which are required to be engaged;
- To mandatorily bring all key stakeholders together for the development of interjurisdictional Caribou Range Plans.

Industry Engagement - Oil & Gas, Forestry and Minerals

Committee Members: Lisa Wardley Eric Jorgensen

Leigh Bateman Terry Ungarian
Jacquie Bateman Crystal McAteer

Purpose: To engage all the oil, gas and forestry companies actively operating

within the Lower Peace Region; to encourage transparent communication, with a view to informing [them] on the potential implications of Caribou Range Planning, and to gain a full understanding

of their key concerns.

Key Considerations: To encourage all the companies to work collectively with all other

stakeholders; communicating that effective collaboration is our only option in securing future investment, economic growth, and practical Caribou

Range Plans.

Inform the companies on the factual processes and considerations of Caribou Range Planning, and to highlight all the crucial unknowns and/or

uncertainties relating to potential implications.

To gain a complete understanding of the land and infrastructure required by the companies; to enable [their] sustained long-term smart economic

growth, within and surrounding the Caribou ranges.

Community, Agriculture, and Service Industry Engagement

Committee Members: Eric Jorgensen Jacquie Bateman

Terry Ungarian Leigh Bateman

Crystal McAteer

Purpose: To ensure appropriate information is provided publicly to all members of

our communities, and to work with our agriculture, hunting/trapping and small business sectors; to ensure their concerns are fully considered by the Committee, and any relevant willingness to contribute is thoroughly

considered.

Key Considerations: To encourage all the sectors to work collectively with all other

stakeholders; communicating that effective collaboration is our only option in securing future investment, economic growth, a sustained quality of life,

and practical Caribou Range Plans.

Inform all sectors on the factual processes and considerations of Caribou Range Planning, and to highlight all the crucial unknowns and/or uncertainties relating to potential implications.

To ensure all relevant concerns are brought to the Committee's attention, if necessary, to reassure concerned sectors that future consideration will be given; in an attempt to mitigate the implications of these concerns in future Caribou Range Plans.

Any relevant willingness to contribute towards the Committee's fundamental purpose and responsibilities should be thoroughly considered.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S OVERALL DIRECTION

Process:

Every Sub-Committee, through their administrative support, will report back to the administrative lead with information acquired from all meetings, in a very timely manner. The administrative lead will be responsible for processing all information, and providing strategic recommendations to the Committee.

Responsibilities:

Every Sub-Committee must ensure that administrative support is present for all meetings.

Strategic Direction:

Every Sub-Committee should ensure that all meetings are guided by the applicable key considerations; this will allow for information and findings acquired at meetings to contribute towards the Committee's fundamental purpose and responsibilities. Thus allows for any commitment and/or willingness to contribute by stakeholders, including the Federal and Provincial governments; provides essential support to the Committee's outputs.

SUB-COMMITTEE KEY ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS

- 1. What level of protection can each community/company withstand without reducing the number of local businesses/ employees?
- 2. How each community/company plans to remain/become economically viable over the longer term, once restrictions on industry are in place?
- 3. Within the identified caribou ranges, what are the areas of highest importance, both; economically and environmentally to your community/business?

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

To assist Council in providing direction and guidance on issues relating to public works, water, wastewater, sewer, and solid waste management services.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised as follows:

- Reeve Ex-officio (voting member)
- Four members of Council
- One member of the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Commission (when waste is discussed)
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Facilities & Operations
- Director of Community Services & Operations
- Director of Utilities
- Others as required

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Any three Councillors present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner.

General Responsibilities:

The Committee shall assist Council in monitoring the activities and programs as follows:

<u>General</u>

- The Committee shall stay informed and respond to federal and provincial environmental initiatives affecting municipal operations and surface water management;
- Provide overall guidance and direction in areas of environmental protection, including water supply, solid waste management.

Public Works Services:

- Review and recommend priorities for municipal road improvements, including a multi-year plan for municipal roadway infrastructure;
- Review rural and hamlet road maintenance and service level policies and recommend improvements as applicable;
- Review and recommend priorities for major municipal equipment replacement, including a multi-year forecast;
- Review and recommend policies for municipal equipment replacement:
- Develop and maintain a public information program related to municipal roadway use.

Water, Wastewater and Sewer Services:

- Review and recommend policies for sustainable development of municipal water, and sewer services infrastructure;
- Review and recommend priorities for continuing rural water line development, including a multi-year forecast;
- Develop and recommend policies related to rural water line laterals system development;
- Develop and maintain a public information program related to rural water line laterals system development.

Solid Waste Disposal Services:

- Review and recommend improvement to bylaws and policies for solid waste collection and disposal;
- Review and recommend priorities for development of solid waste collection and disposal facilities, including a multi-year forecast;

- Review existing operational programs (e.g. tires, batteries, recyclables collections), service levels and recommend improvements as necessary;
- Encourage continuing implementation of recycling programs;
- Develop and maintain a public information program related to sustainable and responsible solid waste disposal practices.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

- Public Works Policies
- Equipment Replacement Policies
- Water & Sewer Systems Bylaw
- Solid Waste Disposal Policies & Bylaws

Approved External Activities:

• Recycling Council of Alberta Conference (two members per year)

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved		
Amended	2014-01-14	
Amended	2015-10-27	
Amended	2016-10-25	

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (SDAB) TERMS OF REFERENCE

Refer to Bylaw 1034-16 Establishing the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

Purpose:

To make decisions on appeals of a development permit decision, issuance of a stop order, or notice of decision for subdivision.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Board shall consist of the following:

- Two (2) members of Council with one member being an alternate;
- A pool of five (5) members at large of which two (2) will sit on the Board at any one hearing.
- Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Clerk

Quorum:

Three (3) members of the Board where members of Council do not form the majority constitute a quorum.

Term:

All members of the Board will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

Authority:

Pursuant to the MGA.

Meeting Schedule:

The Board shall meet for the hearing of appeals as frequently as is necessary, and in any event within thirty days of receipt of a notice of appeal duly filed pursuant to the MGA.

General Responsibilities:

The Board shall:

 Decide upon all appeals referred to it by the Secretary of the Board, including an:

- Appeal of a development permit decision issued by the development authority;
- o Appeal of a stop order issued by the development authority; and
- Appeal of a notice of decision for subdivision issued by the subdivision approving authority.
- Perform any other such duties as described or implied in the SDAB Bylaw or as may be assigned to it by Council.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Not applicable.

Approved External Activities:

• Training workshops. Training as required by the Municipal Government Act.

	Date	Resolution Number
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TOMPKINS CROSSING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose:

The Tompkins Crossing Committee is a Council Committee established by Mackenzie County Council to provide advice and recommendations regarding the Tompkins ferry and ice-bridge operations.

Committee Structure:

The membership of the Committee will be comprised of the following:

- Reeve Ex-officio (voting member)
- Three members of Council
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate
- Director of Facilities & Operations
- Other resources as required

The Committee shall appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair at the first Committee meeting held following Council's Organizational Meeting.

Quorum:

Any three Councillors present at a meeting shall be considered a quorum. In order for the meeting to take place the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designate must be present.

Term:

All members of the Committee will hold office for a one year period, with members being appointed at the Organizational Meeting in October of each year.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or from any other cause except the expiration of the term of the appointment; such vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by Council as soon as possible.

Authority:

The Committee shall report directly to the County Council on all matters including recommendations with the Committee's approved minutes being presented to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Schedule:

The committee shall meet as required in order to adequately address its Scope of Work in a timely manner. The Committee shall meet at the call of the chair or the Chief Administrative Officer.

General Responsibilities:

The objective, scope of activities and duties of the Tompkins Crossing Committee shall encompass:

- Review current ferry and ice-bridge operations;
- Provide recommendations to Council regarding appropriate actions to provide high quality service;
- The CAO and Director will inspect and ensure compliance with regulations and contract;
- Review options for ferry replacement;
- Develop and recommend a strategy for lobbying for a permanent crossing.

Responsible for review of the following Bylaws/Documents:

Not applicable.

Approved External Activities:

Not applicable.

	Date	Resolution Number
Approved		
Amended	2015-10-27	
Amended		



REQUEST FOR DECISION

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Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting			
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2017			
Presented By:	Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & S	Support Services		
Title:	Abolishment of Inactive Committees			
BACKGROUND / PI	ROPOSAL:			
Annual review of cur	rent committee list and discussion regarding	inactive committees.		
to the October 24,	commending that the abolishment of inactive 2017 council meeting in order for the new e committees and their functions.			
OPTIONS & BENEF	FITS:			
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:				
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:				
COMMUNICATION:				
Author: C. Gabriel	Reviewed by:	CAO:		

RECOMMENDED ACTION:					
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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting					
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2017					
Presented By:	Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer					
Title:	Appointment of Council Members to Counc Boards	il Committees and				
BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:						
Council appointments are made annually to internal council committees and boards. Nominations to committees are made on a self-nomination process.						
A current list of Council Committees and Boards is attached.						
OPTIONS & BENEFITS:						
Administration is recommending that the committee appointments be tabled to the October 24, 2017 council meeting in order for the new councillors to become more familiar with the committees and their functions.						
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:						
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:						
COMMUNICATION:						
Author: C. Gabriel	Reviewed by:	CAO:				

RECOMMENDED ACTION:						
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MACKENZIE COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMITTEE LIST 2016 – 2017

ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

All Council Len Racher

AGRICULTURAL APPEAL BOARD (Bylaw 943-14) (14-03-147)

Councillor Braun Carol Gabriel

Councillor Driedger Councillor Sarapuk

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Reeve (Ex-officio)

Councillor Bateman

Len Racher

Byron Peters

Councillor Driedger Councillor Jorgensen Councillor Knelsen

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD (Policy ASB005)

Councillor Jorgensen (2017) Terry Batt (2017) Len Racher
Councillor Knelsen (2017) David Doerksen (2017) Grant Smith*

Ernie W. Dyck (2017)

ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD (Bylaw 760/10)

Councillor Braun Jerry Chomiak (2019) Carol Gabriel

Deputy Reeve Wardley (alternate) Tony DelleRose (2019)

Joe Froese (2018)

BOREAL HOUSING FOUNDATION (Ministerial Order)

Councillor Driedger Peter H. Wieler (2017) Len Racher (liaison)

Councillor Toews

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Reeve (Ex-officio)

Councillor Braun

Doug Munn*

David Fehr

Councillor Knelsen Councillor Toews

Deputy Reeve Wardley

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Reeve (Ex-officio)

Deputy Reeve Wardley

Len Racher

Byron Peters*

Councillor Braun Councillor Driedger

Councillor Jorgensen

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE (Bylaw 1039-16)

Reeve Neufeld

Deputy Reeve Wardley

Councillor Toews

Len Racher

Doug Munn

Don Roberts*

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Reeve (Ex-officio)
Deputy Reeve Wardley
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Braun
Councillor Knelsen

Len Racher Karen Huff*

Byron Peters

INTER-MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION (Agreement)

Councillor Bateman Beth Kappelar (2017) Byron Peters

Councillor Driedger

INTER-MUNICIPAL SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (Agreement)

Deputy Reeve Wardley Joe Froese (2017) Carol Gabriel

Councillor Knelsen (alternate) Jerry Chomiak (2017)

LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Councillor Bateman (MPC)

Councillor Driedger (CSC)

Councillor Jorganson (ALLIPC)

Anthony Peters (2017)

George Fehr (2017)

Councillor Jorgensen (ALUPC)

Councillor Knelsen (ASB)

Joe Peters (2017)

Mike Alsterlund (2017)

Fraie Dyck (2017)

Ernie Dyck (2017) Jake Martens (2017)

MACKENZIE LIBRARY BOARD (Bylaw 150/98)

Deputy Reeve Wardley Lorna Joch (2019) (Rural) Len Racher (liaison)

Councillor Driedger Lorraine Peters (2017) (LC)

Lorraine Peters (2017) (LC)
Lucille Labrecque (2017) (FV)
Beth Kappelar (2018) (HL Rural)
La Dawn Dachuk (2017) (FV)
Irene van der Kloet (2017) (LC)

Kayla Wardley (2017) (Zama/Rotating)

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION (Bylaw 563/06)

Councillor Bateman Jack Eccles (LC) (2017) Byron Peters

Councillor Driedger Erick Carter (FV) (2017)

Beth Kappelar (HL) (2017)

NORTHWEST SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Deputy Reeve Wardley

Councillor Jorgensen

Byron Peters

Councillor Bateman (alt)

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Reeve (Ex-officio)Len RacherCouncillor BatemanDavid Fehr*Councillor BraunDoug MunnCouncillor DriedgerFred Wiebe

Councillor Knelsen

REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

Reeve Neufeld
Deputy Reeve Wardley
Councillor Bateman

Councillor Driedger Councillor Jorgensen

STREETSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE - FORT VERMILION (Terms of Reference)

Councillor Toews Erick Carter Byron Peters

Danny Friesen

FV Board of Trade - Chair/Designate

Charles LaForge Sara Schmidt Martin Stanners

(members not eligible for honoraria)

STREETSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE - LA CRETE (Terms of Reference)

Councillor Braun John Acreman Byron Peters

Tim Driedger Darryl Friesen Mike Janzen Ray Wiebe

(members not eligible for honoraria)

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (Bylaw 079/97)

Deputy Reeve Wardley Jerry Chomiak (2017) Carol Gabriel

Joe Froese (2017) Vacant Position

TOMPKINS CROSSING COMMITTEE (Terms of Reference)

Reeve (Ex-officio)

Councillor Braun

Len Racher

David Fehr*

Councillor Driedger Councillor Knelsen

Councillor Knelsen (alternate)

Len Racher

^{*} Responsible for preparing committee packages.



MACKENZIE COUNTY EXTERNAL COMMITTEES WITH COUNTY REPRESENTATION 2016 - 2017

CARIBOU MOUNTAINS WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Jorgensen Councillor Sarapuk (alt) Len Racher

COMMUNITY FUTURES NORTHWEST

Councillor Sarapuk

Byron Peters

HAY ZAMA BISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Reeve Wardley Len Racher

HAY ZAMA COMMITTEE & TOURISM SUB-

COMMITTEE

Deputy Reeve Wardley Len Racher

Councillor Knelsen

HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

Councillor Sarapuk Len Racher

HIGH LEVEL RECREATION FACILITY TASK FORCE

Councillor Bateman Doug Munn

LA CRETE COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING COUNCIL

Councillor Braun Len Racher

MACKENZIE APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Grant Smith Member appointed by ASB

MACKENZIE FRONTIER TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Deputy Reeve Wardley

Carol Gabriel

Councillor Driedger

MACKENZIE REGIONAL COMMUNITY POLICING

SOCIETY (VSU)

Councillor Driedger Doug Munn

MACKENZIE REGIONAL CHARITY GOLF

Reeve Neufeld Carol Gabriel

Councillor Bateman

MACKENZIE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Councillor Driedger (2017)

Doug Munn

Councillor Knelsen (2017)

MIGHTY PEACE WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Councillor Jorgensen (Rep)

Councillor Toews (Peace River Flow Regime Working

Group)

Bill Kostiw (Non-Saline

Working Group)

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING

COUNCIL

Councillor Jorgensen Len Racher

NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE CEC

Councillor Jorgensen Len Racher

NORTHERN LIGHTS FOREST EDUCATION SOCIETY

Deputy Reeve Wardley Grant Smith

NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY BUREAU

Len Racher Councillor Driedger

Councillor Jorgensen

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Deputy Reeve Wardley Don Roberts

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

(REDI)

Deputy Reeve Wardley

Councillor Braun

Byron Peters

Len Racher

TOMPKINS IMPROVEMENT BOARD

Councillor Knelsen Byron Peters

VETERINARY SERVICES INCORPORATED

Councillor Sarapuk Grant Smith

Councillor Driedger (alt)

WATER NORTH COALITION

Councillor Jorgensen Fred Wiebe

Councillor Knelsen

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services

Title: Appointment of Members-at-Large to County Boards and

Committees

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Member-at-Large appointments are made annually to internal council committees and boards.

Advertisements were placed for various Member at Large positions on County Boards/Committees (a copy of the advertisement is attached). The deadline for application was October 18, 2017. A copy of the applications will be provided under separate cover at the meeting.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Administration is recommending that the member-at-large appointments be tabled to the October 24, 2017 council meeting in order for the new councillors to become more familiar with the committee's function and member applications.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

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COMMUNICATION:

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MACKENZIE COUNTY BOARD/COMMITTEE "MEMBER-AT-LARGE" POSITIONS AVAILABLE

AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD (3 POSITIONS)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill three (3) positions from the public at large on the Agriculture Service Board. Appointments to the Board are for a two-year term. Members will be appointed from the Fort Vermilion, La Crete and the Rocky Lane/High Level Rural areas.



The Agriculture Service Board acts as an advisory body and to assist the Council and the Minister in matters of mutual concern; to advise on and help organize and direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs; to assist in the control of livestock disease; to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture; and to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality. The Board meets bi-monthly, or as necessary.

BOREAL HOUSING FOUNDATION (1 POSITION)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill one (1) position from the public at large, on the Boreal Housing Foundation. The Foundation is the newly amalgamated board which replaced the Mackenzie Housing Management Board and the High Level Housing Authority. Appointments to the Board are for a one-year term.

It is the responsibility of the Boreal Housing Foundation to manage community and senior housing in the region. The Foundation meets once every month, plus additional meetings as necessary.

INTER-MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION (1 POSITION)

The Inter-Municipal Planning Commission is seeking one (1) public member to sit on the Commission. Appointments to the Commission are for a one-year term.

The Commission's duties are to determine all subdivision applications and development permit applications which relate to lands in the Inter-municipal Development Plan area (40 km radius around the Town of High Level) and determine applications for water service for lands in the Service Area.

INTER-MUNICIPAL SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (2 POSITIONS)

The Inter-municipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board is seeking two (2) public members to sit on the Board. Appointments to the Board are for a one-year term.

The Board's duties are primarily to review appeals on decisions related to subdivision and development applications which relate to lands within the Inter-Municipal Development Plan area (40 km radius around the Town of High Level). A background in building construction and development is not required.

LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (5 – 10 POSITIONS)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill five to ten positions from the public at large on the Land Stewardship Committee. Appointments to the Board are for a one-year term.

It is the responsibility of the Committee to provide recommendations to Council regarding land stewardship practices. The Committee's primary role is to learn and understand the issues and impacts of current, pending and proposed legislation as it relates to land use, deriving strategies on how to mitigate the negative impacts on the County, and provide recommendations to Council on how to best address the issues.

MACKENZIE LIBRARY BOARD (5 POSITIONS)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill five (5) positions on the Mackenzie County Library Board. Appointments to the Board are for either a one, two or three-year term. Members will be appointed from the following areas:

- La Crete 2 Positions
- Fort Vermilion 2 Positions
- County at Large Area 1 Position

The Library Board oversees the operation and funding requirements of the Fort Vermilion, La Crete, and Zama community libraries. The Board meets on a monthly basis. For more information visit www.mclboard.com.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION (3 POSITIONS)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill three (3) positions from the public at large, on the Municipal Planning Commission. If possible, one member will be selected from the High Level Rural, Fort Vermilion, and La Crete areas. Appointments to the Board are for a one-year term.

It is the responsibility of the Municipal Planning Commission to assist with all information relating to subdivision applications and development permits within the County. The Board meets monthly, or as necessary, to assist with decisions for all subdivision applications and discretionary development permits within the County.

STREETSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (7 – 9 POSITIONS)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill positions on the Community Streetscape Committees in the Hamlets of La Crete and Fort Vermilion. Ideally each Committee would be comprised of 7 to 9 community members representing diverse interests such as: Business and Industry; Cultural Heritage; Environmental Conservation; Active Living; Universal Accessibility; Public Safety; Stakeholder Engagement. The primary role of the Committee's is to make recommendations to Council regarding implementation of streetscape improvements.

The Committee meets approximately four to six times per year. Appointments to the Board are for a one-year term. Members appointed to this Committee are not eligible for remuneration or expense reimbursement.

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (3 POSITIONS)

Mackenzie County is seeking applications to fill three (3) positions from the public at large, on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Appointments to the Board are for a one-year term.

It is the responsibility of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board to hear all information relating to a subdivision or development appeal at the local level. The Board meets as necessary to hear appeals of subdivisions and development.

Individuals appointed to this Board must successfully complete a training program set or approved by the Minister.

Appointments to the Board

All appointments will be made by County Council. Members-at-large, appointed to council committees, are paid a per diem according to the current Honorarium and Expense bylaw unless otherwise specified.

Eligibility

To be eligible for appointment as a Public Member-at-Large applicants must be 18 years of age, Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, residents of Mackenzie County for six consecutive months immediately prior to application submission or not otherwise ineligible. Must be able to attend daytime meetings.

Application Process

To apply, please complete the Member at Large Application Form (available at any County Office or on our website) and forward to:



Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services Mackenzie County, P.O. Box 640, Fort Vermilion, AB T0H 1N0 Email: cgabriel@mackenziecounty.com

Phone: 780.927.3718 | Fax: 780.927.4266

Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

To view the complete Terms of Reference for each Committee visit our website at www.mackenziecounty.com.



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services

Title: Appointment of Council Representatives to External

Committees

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council representatives are appointed each year at their organizational meeting to sit on various external associations, advisory committees, local recreation boards, etc. See attached current list of Council representatives. Nominations to committees are made on a self-nomination process.

We recently received a request from Tall Cree First Nation to appoint one councillor to a Joint Mutual Aid Committee that meets once per year to review the agreement. Consideration of this appointment will be added to the list for 2017-2018 appointments.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Administration is recommending that the committee appointments be tabled to the October 24, 2017 council meeting in order for the new councillors to become more familiar with the committees and their functions.

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

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COMMUNICATION:

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: Organizational Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 23, 2017

Presented By: Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services

Title: 2018 Council Meeting Dates

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

Council Meeting Dates

A 2018 calendar is attached which includes suggested Council meeting dates, statutory holidays, and conferences typically attended by Councillors and/or management.

Council meetings generally fall on the second Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday of the month; however this varies depending on conflicting events. Only one meeting is being recommended for July and December.

Council Meeting Times

Administration recommends that meeting times remain at 10:00 a.m.

Council Meeting Locations

Council meetings are typically held at the Corporate Office in Fort Vermilion, unless otherwise approved.

Committee of the Whole Meetings

Committee of the Whole meetings have generally been scheduled on a bi-monthly basis.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION:

Council meeting dates are advertised on the County website calendar and posted for the public at each municipal administrative office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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That the 2018 Council meetings be scheduled as follows:

Date	Meeting Type	Location	Time
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 24, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 13, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 28, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 13, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 28, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 25, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 8, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 23, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 12, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 27, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 25, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 14, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 29, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 11, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Monday, September 24, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 9, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 23, 2018	Organizational	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 24, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 13, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 28, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	Regular	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.

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That the 2018 Committee of the Whole meetings be scheduled as follows:

Date	Meeting Type	Location	Time
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	Committee of the Whole	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 27, 2018	Committee of the Whole	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 26, 2018	Committee of the Whole	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 28, 2018	Committee of the Whole	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 27, 2018	Committee of the Whole	Fort Vermilion	10:00 a.m.

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January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	New Years Day County Offices Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Provincial ASB Confe	18 erence (Entrec Centre-	19 -GP)	20
21	22	COW Meeting 10 am (FV)	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	Water North Coalition Meeting 10 am (Beaverlodge)	26	27
28	Ag Fair Committee Meeting 10 am (FV)	30	3 Farm Tech Conferen	ce		

February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		F	arm Tech Conference	l ce	2	3
4	5	6	7 Tri-Council Meeting (RBLK Host) 5:30 pm (HL)	8	AAMDC Zone Meeting 10 am (Greenview)	10
11	12	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	14	15	16	17
18	Family Day County Offices Closed	20	2 I Growing the North	th Conference (GP)	23	24
25	26	27	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)			

March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 COW Meeting 10 am (FV)	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	29	Good Friday County Office Closed	3 I

April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I	Easter Monday County Offices Closed	Mennonite Holiday LC Office Closed	4	5	6	7
8	9	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	II	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Alberta Muni	19 cipal Clerks Assoc. C	20 Conf. (Canmore)	21
22	23	24	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		I	Tri-Council Meeting (HL Host) 5:30 pm (HL)	3	4	5
6	7	8 Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	9	Mennonite Holiday LC Office Closed (Ascension)	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Victoria Day County Office Closed	22 oliday—LC Office Closed (Pentecost)	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	24	25	26
27	28	29 AMA Conference (Frederic	30	31 FCI	1 Conference (Ha	ılifax, NS)

June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				FCI	4 Conference (Halifax	c, NS)
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FCM Conference (Halifax, NS)						
10	11	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	COW Meeting 10 am (FV)	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	28	29	30

July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Canada Day	STAT in Lieu of Canada Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	II	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	Civic Holiday County Offices Closed	7	8	9	2018 Agrice Trade	 ultural Fair & e Show
12	13	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	COW Meeting 10 am (FV)	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	30	31	

September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labour Day County Offices Closed	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	25	26	27 AFPA Conference (Jas	28	29
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October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	I	2	3	4	5	6
7	Thanksgiving County Offices Closed	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	Organizational Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November 2018



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10
County Offices Closed in Lieu of Remembrance Day	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	14	15	16	17
19	20	21	22	23	24
26	27 COW Meeting 10 am (FV)	28 Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	29	30	
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December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Council Meeting 10 am (FV)	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Floater Day	Christmas Day County Offices Closed	Boxing Day County Offices Closed	27	28	29
30	31					



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Organizational Council Meeting					
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2017					
Presented By:	Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services					
Title:	Destruction of Ballots					
BACKGROUND / PI	ROPOSAL:					
A motion is required various positions.	for the destruction of all ballots (used for the election of members to				
OPTIONS & BENEF	ITS:					
COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:						
SUSTAINABILITY P	LAN:					
COMMUNICATION:						
RECOMMENDED A	CTION:					
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That all ballots used during the 2017 organizational meeting be destroyed.						
Author: C. Gabriel	Reviewed by:	CAO:				