

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 13, 2018  
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers  
Fort Vermilion, AB**

**PRESENT:**

Peter F. Braun	Reeve
Lisa Wardley	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:13 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters	Deputy CAO
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Karen Huff	Director of Finance
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Grant Smith	Agriculture Fieldman
Don Roberts	Zama Site Manager
Jessica Simpson	Executive Assistant to the Deputy CAO

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public and the media.  
Diana McQueen, DMC Consulting  
Grade 6 Students, Ridgeview Central School

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 13, 2018 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

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

Reeve Braun called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

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**MOTION 18-03-179**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**3. a) Minutes of the February 28, 2018 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 18-03-180**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the minutes of the February 28, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Mrs. Karie Becker's grade six class from Ridgeview Central School in La Crete was present to observe the Council meeting.

The students held an election for the position of Junior Reeve. Zach Borges was elected the Junior Reeve and took a seat between the Reeve and the Deputy Reeve.

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)**

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:13 a.m.

**MOTION 18-03-181**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

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

**MOTION 18-03-182**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

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That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 28, 2018 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. c) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 18-03-183**

**MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the unapproved Finance Committee meeting minutes of February 26, 2018 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. d) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 18-03-184**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Community Services Committee meeting minutes of January 22, 2018 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**6. a) CAO Report**

**MOTION 18-03-185**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the CAO report for February 2018 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Grade 6 Class, Ridgeview Central School (10:30 a.m.)**

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

Do you get any advantages for being a Reeve or a Councillor?  
*No advantages. We get honorarium to do the job. We also get input into projects for the good of the community. There are strict rules about conflict of interest and we cannot be in it for personal gain or you can be dismissed.*

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Why do you want to be a Reeve?

*Someone has to be the leader. I have been a councillor for 13 years and have a lot of experience and the Councillors elected me as the Reeve this year. The Reeve is elected every year by Council at the organizational meeting.*

Approximately how much money do you get in a year for taxes?

*We receive a total of \$28M in taxes and \$5M of that goes to school tax to help operate the schools. A small portion is also collected for the seniors lodge.*

If you don't pay your taxes how long do you have before your house is taken away?

*The process takes about three years after working with you to pay. And if you can't/don't pay we put your house up for public auction.*

Why do we have to pay for library cards in La Crete?

*Library services are free. La Crete charges a basic membership fee and the cost of the library cards is to cover the cost to produce the card.*

What is our residential tax rate?

*7\$ per 1,000 of value of your property and an additional \$4 per \$1,000 is for the school tax.*

Why did you new Councillors want to run for Council?

- I have always been interested in politics, provincially and now locally. Hoping to contribute to the County during my term. I could serve the people.*
- When I was in school I hated social studies but now I realize the importance. I love my community and felt I could represent my community better. Encourage you to pay attention in social studies.*
- I ran because I had a lot of pressure in my ward and they wanted me to run. My decision for leaving my name stand was because of what I see in front of me, all the kids in the community. I wanted to make a difference for the kids in the future.*
- I have lived in the same yard where I grew up and a lot of people wanted me to run and I know the community. I want to make sure that all the children have a job when they get older and that you stay living here. We have big challenges to make sure that there will be jobs for*

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*you when you graduate and that you keep living here and raise families here.*

How often do you have meetings like this?

*We have two council meetings per month and also have committee meetings.*

As a councillor what is all included in your job?

- *Listening to all the people's complaints. When people have problems they call me and I try to help. Sometimes you can't satisfy them all but if you fulfilled everybody's request it would cost a lot of money. You need to know a little bit about everything. We run because we want to make the community a better place to live. Is it always fun, no, someone will always be unhappy. It's challenging yet also rewarding.*
- *We also have to get along with each other to get things done.*

If you could really make a difference what would you do to make the community better?

*Being a remote northern community the services that are available in the city are not readily available here. Many times we are talking about items such as health issues.*

How will the caribou issue affect the county?

*We are not sure how it will affect/impact us at this point until the provincial government makes their decision. It will affect us in some way. There are six municipalities involved and we are trying to get the provincial government to listen. A lot of people are working really hard.*

The Reeve thanked the students for coming.

Reeve Braun recessed the meeting at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

**TENDERS:**

**7. a) Agricultural Land Lease Request for Proposals – Section 8-110-15-W5M (Fitler Pit)**

**MOTION 18-03-186**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the Agricultural Land Lease Request for Proposals – Section 8-110-15-W5M (Fitler Pit) be opened.

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**CARRIED**

Proposals Received:

Paul K. Unrau	\$36.00 per acre
Henry Wiebe	\$53.00 per acre
Brian Schmidt	\$40.00 per acre
<b>Ernie Driedger</b>	<b>\$75.00 per acre</b>
Heinrich Braun	\$50.00 per acre
Pete N. Friesen	\$50.00 per acre
Bernie Doerksen	\$31.95 per acre
Northern Farms Ltd.	\$48.50 per acre
Abe T & Helen Martens	\$55.00 per acre
Jim Klassen	\$65.00 per acre
Martin Braun	\$46.51 per acre
George T. Wiebe	\$46.00 per acre
Jacob Unrau	\$31.50 per acre
Julius Unrau	\$62.00 per acre
Willy Klassen	\$50.00 per acre
Martin & Lucy Braun	\$55.11 per acre

**MOTION 18-03-187**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the Agricultural Land Lease Request for Proposals – Section 8-110-15-W5M (Fidler Pit) be awarded to the highest bidder.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**7. b) Agricultural Land Lease Request for Proposals – Hay Land Rental**

**MOTION 18-03-188**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Agricultural Land Lease Request for Proposals – Hay Land Rental be opened.

**CARRIED**

Proposals Received:

Jacob Unrau	\$300.00 per year
Reuben Dyck	\$650.00 per year
Julius Unrau	\$300.00 per year
Bernie Doerksen	\$915.00 per year

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George T. Wiebe	\$1,020.00 per year
Neil & Paris Simpson	\$610.00 per year
John Fehr	\$960.00 per year
James Friesen	\$600.00 per year
Abe F. Doerksen	\$650.00 per year
Cornie Klassen	\$750.00 per year
<b>Martin Wiens</b>	<b>\$1,200.00 per year</b>

**MOTION 18-03-189**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Agricultural Land Lease Request for Proposals – Hay Land Rental be awarded to the highest bidder.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**7. c) Roadside Spraying Program 2018-2020 – Request for Proposals**

**MOTION 18-03-190**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Roadside Spraying Program 2018-2020 – Request for Proposals be opened.

**CARRIED**

Proposals Received:

Stat Energy	\$40.00 per km 2018
	\$42.00 per km 2019
	\$44.00 per km 2020
	\$44.00 per km 2021
Sandy Ridge Cattle Company	\$40.39 per km 2018
O/A Green Zone Herbicide	\$40.39 per km 2019
	\$40.39 per km 2020
	\$40.39 per km 2021

**MOTION 18-03-191**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Agricultural Service Board review the Roadside Spraying Program 2018-2020 – Request for Proposals at their March 16, 2018 meeting and prepare a recommendation to Council, according to the evaluation criteria, for the March 28, 2018 Council meeting.

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**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**7. d) Municipal Census Coordinator – Request for Proposals Round 2**

**MOTION 18-03-192**

**MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the Municipal Census Coordinator – Request for Proposals Round 2 (Envelope #2 – Technical Proposal) be opened.

**CARRIED**

Proposals Received:

Aylward Research Services

**MOTION 18-03-193**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration review the Municipal Census Coordinator “Technical Proposals” and prepare a list of qualified proposals, subject to the evaluation criteria, for later in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 18-03-194**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Agricultural Service Board review the options of development of County owned lands for agricultural purposes.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. a) Town of High Level – Aquatic Centre Pool Pilot/Chemical Controller Replacement Project Scope Change Request**

**MOTION 18-03-195**  
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**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Town of High Level Aquatic Centre Pool Pilot/Chemical Controller Replacement Project scope change request be approved.

**CARRIED**

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**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. b) 2018 Ratepayer Meetings**

**MOTION 18-03-196**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the 2018 annual ratepayer meetings be held as follows:

- Tompkins Landing – June 11
- Fort Vermilion – June 12
- Rocky Lane/High Level Rural – June 13
- Zama – June 14
- La Crete – June 18

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. c) Caribou Update**

**MOTION 18-03-197**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the caribou update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Braun recessed the meeting at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Policy ADM010 Cold Weather**

**MOTION 18-03-198**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Policy ADM010 Cold Weather be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**8. a) Bylaw 1091-18 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add Rifle/Skeet Range as a Discretionary Use to the Agricultural “A” and Forestry “F” Districts and to Remove “Institutional Use” and “Place of Worship” as Discretionary Uses from the Agricultural “A” District**

Reeve Braun called the public hearing for Bylaw 1091-18 to order at 1:07 p.m.

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Reeve Braun asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw

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1091-18 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Deputy CAO, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Braun asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed land use bylaw amendment. Byron Peters, Deputy CAO, presented the Bylaw and indicated that first reading was given on February 8, 2018.

Reeve Braun asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment. There were no questions.

Reeve Braun asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1091-18. No submissions were received.

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Reeve Braun asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1091-18. No one was present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Braun closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1091-18 at 1:09 p.m.

**MOTION 18-03-199**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1091-18 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add Rifle/Skeet Range as a discretionary use to the Agricultural "A" and Forestry "F" zoning districts and to remove Institutional Use and Place of Worship as discretionary uses from the Agricultural "A" zoning district.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 18-03-200**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1091-18 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add Rifle/Skeet Range as a discretionary use to the Agricultural "A" and Forestry "F" zoning districts and to remove Institutional Use and Place of Worship as discretionary uses from the Agricultural "A" zoning district.

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**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. b) Henry Enns, Caribou Publicity Strategy**

**MOTION 18-03-201**

**MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the caribou publicity strategy presentation by Henry Enns be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**7. d) Municipal Census Coordinator – Request for Proposals Round 2**

**MOTION 18-03-202**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Census Coordinator – Request for Proposals Round 2 (Envelope #1 – Fee Structure) be opened.

**CARRIED**

Proposals Received:

Aylward Research Services      \$114,955.00 incl. GST

**MOTION 18-03-203**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Municipal Census Coordinator project be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, subject to evidence of WCB.

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURE SERVICES:**

**10. a) None**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**11. b) Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Emergent Funding Request – Fort Vermilion Museum Major Building Expenses**

Councillor A. Peters stepped out of the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

**MOTION 18-03-204**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Emergent Funding Request for the Fort Vermilion Museum Major Building Expenses be approved in the amount \$2,087.03 with funds coming from the Grants to Other Organizations –

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Emergent/Emergency Funding.

**CARRIED**

Councillor A. Peters rejoined the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Reeve Braun recessed the meeting at 1:52 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**11. c) Hutch Lake Campground Caretaker – Request for Proposal Awarding**

**MOTION 18-03-205**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Hutch Lake Campground Caretaker contract be awarded to Dean Hoyle, subject to conditions.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**11. d) Machesis Lake Campground Caretaker – Request for Proposal Awarding**

**MOTION 18-03-206**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the Machesis Lake Campground Caretaker contract be awarded to Anna Braun, subject to conditions.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**11. e) Wadlin Lake Campground Caretaker – Request for Proposal Awarding**

**MOTION 18-03-207**

**MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the Wadlin Lake Campground Caretaker contract is awarded for a one year term with the option of two one-year extensions to the qualifying bidder, Jake Gerbrandt, subject to conditions.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**11. f) Removal of Scrap Metal from all Waste Transfer Stations – Request for Proposals Awarding**

**MOTION 18-03-208**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

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That the Removal of Scrap Metal from all Waste Transfer Stations contract be TABLED to later in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. a) Policy ADM054 Fuel Usage**

**MOTION 18-03-209**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Policy ADM054 Fuel Usage be amended as presented.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. b) Policy FIN005 Petty Cash**

**MOTION 18-03-210**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Policy FIN005 Petty Cash be amended as presented.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**13. a) None**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Bylaw 1093-18 to Amend Bylaw 1057-16 Service  
Road Closure (Frontier Auto)**

**MOTION 18-03-211**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1093-18 being a bylaw amending the plan number in Bylaw 1057-16 as required by Alberta Land Titles.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 18-03-212**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1093-18 being a bylaw amending the plan number in Bylaw 1057-16 as required by Alberta Land Titles.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 18-03-213**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1093-18 being a bylaw amending the plan number in Bylaw

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1057-16 as required by Alberta Land Titles at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 18-03-214**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1093-18 being a bylaw amending the plan number in Bylaw 1057-16 as required by Alberta Land Titles.

**CARRIED**

**UTILITIES:**

**15. a) None**

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**16. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 18-03-215**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 18-03-216**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the Removal of Scrap Metal from all Waste Transfer Stations contract be awarded to the qualifying tender, Abe and Henry Wiens.

**CARRIED**

**IN-CAMERA SESSION:**

**17. a) None**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**19. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Tuesday, March 27, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday March 28, 2018  
10:00 a.m.

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Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**            **20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 18-03-217**            **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on March 28, 2018.

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Peter F. Braun  
Reeve

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Len Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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