

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 14, 2019  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Josh Knelsen	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Lenard Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters	Deputy CAO
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Bill McKennan	Director of Finance
Jennifer Batt	Finance Controller
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 14, 2019 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

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

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

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

**MOTION 19-01-001 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

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That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

9. a) Cannabis Open Houses

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) **Minutes of the December 12, 2018 Budget Council Meeting**

**MOTION 19-01-002**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Budget Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

4. a) **None**

**TENDERS:**

5. a) **None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

6. a) **None**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

7. a) **None**

**AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES:**

8. a) **None**

**FINANCE:**

10. a) **Questions from the December 12, 2018 Budget Council Meeting**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

**MOTION 19-01-003**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the proposed 2019 tax rates be set as follows, subject to final review of budget and assessments.

- minimum farmland tax be set at \$50.00
- farmland mill rate be increased by 10%
- non-residential tax rate ratio be set at 1.75 (9%)
- residential tax rate be reduced by 5%

Councillor Cardinal requested a recorded vote.

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In Favor  
Councillor Cardinal  
Councillor E. Peters  
Councillor Driedger  
Councillor A. Peters  
Reeve Knelsen  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Braun

Opposed  
Councillor Jorgensen  
Councillor Bateman  
Councillor Wardley

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**9. a) Cannabis Open Houses (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 19-01-004**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Cannabis open houses update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. b) Update on 2019 Operating Budget**

**MOTION 19-01-005**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, or designate, be authorized to attend a Fort Vermilion School Division Board of Trustees meeting as a delegation to discuss the RCMP School Resource Officer position.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-01-006**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the update on the 2019 operating budget be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. c) 2018 Exempted Properties, including Grants in Lieu**

**MOTION 19-01-007**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2018 Exempted Properties Report be received for information.

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**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**FINANCE:**

**10. d) 2019 TCA Update Project List and Funding Options**

**MOTION 19-01-008**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the 2019 non-profit capital and operating funding be approved and that fifty percent (50%) of the operating funding be released.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-01-009**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2019 TCA update project list and funding sources be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

**FINANCE:**

**10. e) Zama Road LOC**

**MOTION 19-01-010**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Zama Road LOC project report be received for information and that the bridge request from Paramount be brought back for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**11. a) None**

**UTILITIES:**

**12. a) None**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. a) None**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**14. a) None**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**15. a) None**

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**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:** 16. a) None

**CLOSED MEETING:** 17. a) None

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** 18. a) None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** 19. a) **Next Meeting Date**

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
January 15, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting  
January 16, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

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

**MOTION 19-01-011** **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on January 16, 2019.

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Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

(original signed)

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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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