

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 27, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT: Josh Knelsen Reeve
Jacquie 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: Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve

ADMINISTRATION: Len Racher Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters Deputy CAO
Doug Munn Director of Community Services
David Fehr Director of Operations
Bill McKennan Director of Finance
Carol Gabriel Director of Legislative & Support
Services/Recording Secretary
Grant Smith Agricultural Fieldman

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public and the media.
Grade Six Students, Ridgeview Central School

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on February 27, 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.

Reeve Knelsen welcomed Mrs. Karie Becker and Mrs. Shannon Peters' grade six classes from Ridgeview Central School in La Crete to the Council meeting.

The students held an election for the position of Junior Reeve. Landon Schmidt was elected the Junior Reeve and took a seat

beside the Reeve.

AGENDA:

2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 19-02-093

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4. a) Swimming Pool (added by the Grade 6 Students)
- 14. e) Power Generation Strategy Study
- 14. f) North Northwest Citizens Advisory Committee

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

3. a) Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 19-02-094

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes

MOTION 19-02-095

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the business arising out of the minutes be received for information.

CARRIED

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

7. a) Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) Updates

MOTION 19-02-096

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the disaster recovery program update be received for information.

CARRIED

4. a) Swimming Pool (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-02-097

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the swimming pool debate be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Grade 6 Class, Ridgeview Central School

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

- Why don't we have a police station?
- What is La Crete missing until it can become a town?
- Why has Zama City's population gone down?
- Why can't we attract specialized nurses and doctors?
- What would La Crete have to do to get a pool?
- Why is the road from Prairie Packers to the cemetery not paved?
- Is it easy being a Councillor?
- Do Councillors get paid?

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

9. a) Request to Waive Fire Invoice – William Wiebe

MOTION 19-02-098

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the request to waive a fire invoice be TABLED for more information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) Fort Vermilion RCMP – Statistics and Enhanced Policing Report

MOTION 19-02-099

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the RCMP crime statistics and enhanced policing report be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. c) LA on Wheels Society – Handivan Agreement

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. b) Handivan – LA on Wheels Society Agreement

MOTION 19-02-100

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration prepare an agreement between Mackenzie County and the LA on Wheels Society based on the Handivan Memorandum of Understanding with the following amendment(s):

- a. Mackenzie County retains ownership.
- b. That the Society be allowed to take the Handivan out of the region at the Board's discretion.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. d) Calvin McLeod, Northwest Director, Alberta Environment and Parks – Parks Division (Caribou Mountains Wildland Provincial Park Advisory Committee)

Delegation postponed until June 2019.

ADMINISTRATION:

14. f) North Northwest Citizens Advisory Committee (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-02-101

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter be sent to Calvin McLeod, Northwest Director, regarding the move by the Government of Alberta to have the herd of diseased American Plains Bison hybrids roaming outside of the Wood Buffalo National Park declared as wildlife under the Wildlife Act and the ramifications of that decision on local cattle and bison producers and information regarding the public consultation process.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

5. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. a) None

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

FINANCE:

10. a) None

OPERATIONS: 11. a) None

UTILITIES: 12. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:** 13. a) **Land Stewardship Committee – Crop Disease and
Noxious Weed Prevention Letter to the Minister of
Alberta Agriculture and Forestry**

MOTION 19-02-102 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry regarding crop disease and noxious weed prevention be sent on behalf of Mackenzie County and the Land Stewardship Committee.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:** 13. b) **Community and Regional Economic Support Program
(CARES) Grant – Mackenzie Regional Agricultural
Investment Attraction Plan**

MOTION 19-02-103 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters
Requires 2/3

That the 2019 Budget for the Economic Development Investment Attraction Marketing Packages project be amended to \$114,000 with \$57,000 in funding coming from the Community and Regional Economic Support Program (CARES) grant and \$57,000 from the current operating budget.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. a) **Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Annual
General Meeting**

MOTION 19-02-104 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Chair of the Finance Committee be appointed to act as proxy at the Annual General Meeting of the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange on March 18, 2019 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. b) **La Crete Agricultural Society – Request for Letter of
Support**

MOTION 19-02-105 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Agricultural Society for their Co-op Community Spaces Grant for playground equipment.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. c) 2019 Ratepayers Meetings

MOTION 19-02-106 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2019 annual ratepayer meetings be held as follows:

- Fort Vermilion – June 12, 2019
- Rocky Lane/High Level Rural – June 13, 2019
- Tompkins Landing – June 14, 2019
- La Crete – June 17, 2019
- Zama – June 18, 2019

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting 2:14 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION: 14. d) Caribou Update

MOTION 19-02-107 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter of support be provided for the Northwest Species at Risk Committee Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute Collaborative Caribou Ranges Research Project.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-02-108 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council accept Councillor E. Peters resignation from the Northwest Species at Risk Committee and that Councillor Cardinal be appointed as the replacement.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. e) Power Generation Strategy Study (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-02-109 MOVED by Councillor Braun
Requires Unanimous

That Mackenzie County partner with the Regional Economic Development Initiative on a 50/50 cost sharing basis for the

Power Generation Strategy Study (estimated cost is \$70,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 19-02-110

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Council Committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION /
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 19-02-111

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING:

17. Closed Meeting

MOTION 19-02-112

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move into a closed meeting at 3:21 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 17. a) Union Negotiations (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 23, 24*)
- 17. b) Town of Rainbow Lake – Revenue Sharing Agreement Negotiations (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 21,24*)
- 17. c) Plan 5999CI Fort Vermilion (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17*)
- 17. d) Personnel (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 23, 24, 27*)

CARRIED

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. (*MGA Section 602.08(1)(6)*)

- All Councillors

- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
- Byron Peters, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services

MOTION 19-02-113 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 4:31 p.m.

CARRIED

17. a) Union Negotiations

MOTION 19-02-114 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That Motion 18-10-873, Motion 19-02-088, and Motion 19-02-089 be RESCINDED.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-02-115 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Reeve and the following Councillors be appointed to the Ad Hoc Union Negotiating Committee:

- Councillor A. Peters
- Councillor Bateman
- Councillor Driedger

CARRIED

17. b) Town of Rainbow Lake – Revenue Sharing Agreement Negotiations

MOTION 19-02-116 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the inter-municipal negotiations update with the Town of Rainbow Lake be received for information.

CARRIED

17. c) Plan 5999CI Fort Vermilion

MOTION 19-02-117 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration proceed with Plan 5999CL in Fort Vermilion as discussed.

CARRIED

17. d) Personnel

MOTION 19-02-118 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the personnel update be received for information.

CARRIED

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

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

Regular Council Meeting
March 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 26, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
March 27, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

MOTION 19-02-119 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That the June 11, 2019 Regular Council meeting be changed to June 12, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: **20. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 19-02-120 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on March 12, 2019.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

