

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 8, 2019  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

|                  |                                    |
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| Josh Knelsen     | Reeve                              |
| Jacquie Bateman  | Councillor                         |
| Peter F. Braun   | Councillor                         |
| Cameron Cardinal | Councillor                         |
| David Driedger   | Councillor (arrived at 10:27 a.m.) |
| Eric Jorgensen   | Councillor (arrived at 11:37 a.m.) |
| Anthony Peters   | Councillor                         |
| Ernest Peters    | Councillor                         |
| Lisa Wardley     | Councillor                         |

**ABSENT:** Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve

**ADMINISTRATION:**

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| 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   |
| Fred Wiebe    | Director of Utilities   |
| Carol Gabriel | Director of Legislative & Support<br>Services/Recording Secretary |
| Grant Smith   | Agricultural Fieldman   |

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public and the media.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on April 8, 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 19-04-227 MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the agenda be approved as presented.

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**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS  
MEETING:**

**3. a) Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 19-04-228**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the March 27, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

None.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) None**

**TENDERS:**

**5. a) None**

**GENERAL  
REPORTS:**

**7. a) CAO & Directors Report for March 2019**

**MOTION 19-04-229**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the CAO and Directors reports for March 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL  
REPORTS:**

**7. b) Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) Updates (Standing Item)**

**MOTION 19-04-230**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the disaster recovery program update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**

**8. a) VSI Services 2019 Subsidy Increase**

**MOTION 19-04-231**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

Requires 2/3

That additional funds in the amount of \$14,800.00 be provided in the proposed 2019 Operating Budget for the VSI Program.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**9. a) Recreation Energy Conservation (REC) Program**

**MOTION 19-04-232**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration be directed to apply for funding to complete a scoping audit for the La Crete and Fort Vermilion Recreation Complexes through the Recreation Energy Conservation (REC) Program and, if successful, bring these audits back to Council for further direction.

**CARRIED**

**9. b) Emergent Funding – Fort Vermilion Recreation Board**

**MOTION 19-04-233**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the payment to the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board in the amount of \$17,565.57 be approved for the artificial ice plant repairs.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. a) Mackenzie County Library Board - La Crete Community Library**

**MOTION 19-04-234**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That funding in the amount of \$4,194.16, be provided for in the 2019 operating budget, and the La Crete Community Library be refunded for the previously paid building insurance from 2015-2018 in the amount of \$4,194.16.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-235**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That funding for the La Crete Community Library's remaining 2019 building insurance be provided for in the 2019 budget.

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**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. b) 2019 Budget Approvals**

Councillor Driedger arrived at 10:27 a.m.

**MOTION 19-04-236**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$35,589,054 as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-237**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the 2019 Non-TCA Projects in the amount of \$1,804,143 and funding sources as detailed in Appendix 3 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-238**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the 2019 Capital Budget Expenditures in the amount of \$19,426,010 and funding sources as detailed for Projects Numbers 1 to 78 in Appendix 5 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-239**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2019 Capital Budget Expenditures in the amount of \$8,085,000 and funding sources for projects Number 79 to 81 in Appendix 5 be approved conditional on grant funding being confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-240**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the 2019 Operating Budget Contributions to Reserves in the amount of \$1,918,127 be as follows:

- Municipal Reserve \$70,000
- Gravel Reclamation Reserve \$50,000
- Gravel Crushing Reserve \$500,000
- Road Reserve \$500,000
- Water Infrastructure Reserve \$392,846

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- General Capital Reserve \$81,100
- Vehicle & Equipment Reserve \$324,181

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-242**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the 2019 Operating Budget be amended in the amount of \$2,071,112 with funding the following projects from the General Operating Reserves:

- Prior years capital projects for the Town of High Level - \$862,370
- Funding Non-TCA Projects \$1,187,851
- Emergent Funding – Fort Vermilion Recreation Board - \$20,891

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-243**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2019 Operating Budget be amended as follows:

- \$34,000 Water & Sewer Operating Budget
- \$231,577 General Operating Reserve

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

**OPERATIONS:**

11. a) None

**UTILITIES:**

12. a) None

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

13. a) **Bylaw 1140-19 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 8-106-14-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 2 “DC2”**

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 11:37 a.m.

**MOTION 19-04-244**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1140-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NW 8-106-14-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 2 “DC2”, subject to public hearing input.

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**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. b) Urban Development Standards – Industrial Use Land**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**6. a) Bylaw 1134-19 Lane Closure Plan 142 0594, Block 34, Lot 8 and Lot 9 (La Crete)**

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for Bylaw 1134-19 to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1134-19 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Deputy CAO, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Knelsen asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Lane Closure Plan. Byron Peters, Deputy CAO, presented the Bylaw and indicated that first reading was given on March 12, 2019.

*Administration received a request from a developer to purchase 4 meters of the public utility lane that is between Plan 142 0594, Block 34, Lot 8 and Lot 9. The Developer wishes to purchase this piece of land to amalgamate with Lot 8 to create a larger lot.*

*Administration would like to keep the northern 2 meters of the Lane in order to allow access to the future proposed park and to act as the utility right of way and as a drainage right of way.*

*The applicant must purchase the public lane from the County at market value and is responsible for all surveying costs. The market value of the land will be requested if Council, decides they are willing to sell the lane to the applicant.*

*As this is a "Lane" attached to the public roads and not a "Lot", this Bylaw requires the Minister of Transportation's approval.*

Reeve Knelsen asked if Council has any questions of the

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proposed Lane Closure Plan. *Council had the following questions/comments:*

- *Discussion regarding there being enough room for the gas line infrastructure with the remaining 3 meter width of the lane. The Northern Lights Gas Co-op has indicated that they can make it work.*
- *Are any existing gas lines impacted? No.*
- *Discussion regarding the fence requirement.*

Reeve Knelsen asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1134-19. No submissions were received.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1134-19. There was no one was present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1134-19 at 1:04 p.m.

**MOTION 19-04-245**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Bylaw 1134-19 being a Road Closure Bylaw to close the land between Plan 142 0594, Block 34, Lot 8 and Lot 9 for the purpose of consolidation be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for approval, and that purchaser of the laneway be required to install a chainlink fence on both sides of the walkway, with the walkway being ten feet wide within 30 days of the signing of the agreement.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-246**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy DEV001 Urban Development Standards for Industrial Use zoned land be brought back to include an option for a Council approved variance.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. c) 100A Street – Future Main Street Widening (La Crete)**

**MOTION 19-04-247**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the County secure a 40 meter right of way on 100<sup>th</sup> Street in

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La Crete for future main street widening and that administration move forward to close 100A Street.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION: 14. a) Policy HR004 – Modified Work Program**

**MOTION 19-04-248 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy HR004 Modified Work Program be brought back with the recommended changes.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION: 14. b) Meeting with Paramount Resources Ltd. – Zama**

**MOTION 19-04-249 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council meet with Paramount Resources Ltd. on June 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Zama City.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION: 14. c) Bridge Request from Paramount Resources Ltd.**

**MOTION 19-04-250 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the bridge request from Paramount Resources be added to the agenda for the Paramount meeting on June 13, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION: 14. d) Caribou Update (Standing Item)**

**MOTION 19-04-251 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the caribou update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

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

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**MOTION 19-04-252**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Council Committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

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

**MOTION 19-04-253**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 28, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**15. c) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 19-04-254**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of March 28, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

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

**MOTION 19-04-255**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Community Services Committee meeting minutes of April 1, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**15. e) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 19-04-256**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

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That the unapproved Finance Committee meeting minutes of March 25, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION /  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**16. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 19-04-257**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council be authorized to attend one of the Forest Industry Open House and Information Sessions.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-04-258**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the information/correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED MEETING:**

**17. None**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATE:**

**19. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Regular Council Meeting  
April 24, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting  
May 7, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 19-04-259**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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These minutes were approved by Council on April 24, 2019.

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Joshua Knelsen  
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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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