

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

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| 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:

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| Len Racher | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Byron Peters | Deputy CAO |
| Doug Munn | Director of Community Services |
| Fred Wiebe | Director of Utilities |
| Carol Gabriel | Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary |
| Bill McKennan | Director of Finance |
| Grant Smith | Agricultural Fieldman |

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public and the media.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on June 12, 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 19-06-332 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions and

deletions:

- 4. a) Delete
- 9. c) Fort Vermilion Playground Zone
- 10. e) ATCO – Waiving of Fees for Evacuees
- 12. a) Natural Gas
- 17. d) 2019 Bursary Applications
- 17. e) Wildfire
- 17. f) Stop Orders Concern

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the May 7, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 19-06-333

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

DELEGATIONS:

- 4. a) RONA La Crete Building Center – Asphalt on 95th Street from 697 to 105 Avenue**

Item deleted from the agenda and rescheduled to a later date.

TENDERS:

- 5. a) Road Construction Supervisor / Quality Control**

MOTION 19-06-334

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the road construction supervisor/quality control be re-advertised and received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6. a) None**

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

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

MOTION 19-06-335

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the disaster recovery program update be received for information.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. b) **Mackenzie County Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting**

MOTION 19-06-336

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Mackenzie County Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting be scheduled for July 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. c) **Fort Vermilion Playground Zone (ADDITION)**

MOTION 19-06-337
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the School Zones and Other Speed Zones Bylaw be brought back to Council to include the following area as a playground zone:

- 52nd Street to 50th Street on 44th Avenue in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE:

10. a) **Tax Penalty Date**

MOTION 19-06-338

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1142-19 being an amendment to the Tax Penalties Bylaw to amend the tax penalty date for 2019 to August 2, 2019 due to the impact of the wildfires.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-06-339

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1142-19 being an amendment to the Tax Penalties Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-06-340
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1142-19 being an amendment to the Tax Penalties Bylaw, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 19-06-341

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1142-19 being an amendment to the Tax Penalties Bylaw.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. b) Financial Reports – January 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019

MOTION 19-06-342

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the financial reports for January – April 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. c) 2019 First Quarter reports of Honorariums and Related Expense Reimbursement for Councillors

MOTION 19-06-343

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2019 First Quarter reports of Honorariums and Related Expense Reimbursement for Councillors be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. d) Municipal Government Board – Designated Industrial Property Complaint

MOTION 19-06-344

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Municipal Government Board - Designated Industrial Property Complaint be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 10. e) **ATCO – Waiving of Fees for Evacuees (ADDITION)**

MOTION 19-06-345 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Requires Unanimous

That the discussion regarding the waiving of power bill fees for evacuees be tabled to later in the meeting upon receipt of further information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: 4. b) **Rodney Schmidt, Fire Chief, Town of High Level – High Level Wildland Urban Interface Engine**

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 9. a) **High Level Wildland Urban Interface Engine**

MOTION 19-06-346 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen
Requires 2/3

That \$177,100 be preauthorized in the 2020 Budget for Mackenzie County's cost share portion for the purchase of a Wildland Urban Interface Engine for the Town of High Level with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

DEFEATED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

OPERATIONS: 11. a) **None**

UTILITIES: 12. a) **Natural Gas (ADDITION)**

MOTION 19-06-347 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires Unanimous

That the natural gas item be received for information.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 13. a) **Bylaw 1115-18 Municipal Reserve Closure Plan 052 2360, Block 2, 3MR (NW 3-106-15-W5M)**

MOTION 19-06-348 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1115-18 being a Municipal

Reserve Closure to close Plan 052 2360, Block 2, 3MR (NW 3-106-15-W5M), subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. b) Bylaw 1116-18 Lane Closure Between Lots 1 & 3MR ,
Block 2, Plan 052 2360 (La Crete)**

MOTION 19-06-349

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1116-18 being a Road Closure Bylaw to close a portion of lane between Lots 1 & 3MR, Block 2, Plan 052 2360 for the purpose of consolidation, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. c) Inter-municipal Development Plan and Inter-municipal
Collaboration Framework Time Extension**

MOTION 19-06-350

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County requests that the Minister of Municipal Affairs grant a time extension for the completion of Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks and Inter-municipal Development Plans between Mackenzie County and the Town of High Level and the Town of Rainbow Lake until one (1) year after the conclusion of the process/review to consider a new municipality within Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

**14. a) Canada's Fiddling Sensation Alberta Tour – Calvin
Vollrath Concert**

MOTION 19-06-351

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the Canada's Fiddling Sensation Alberta Tour – Calvin Vollrath Concert be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

14. b) Caribou Update (Standing Item)

MOTION 19-06-352

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. c) 2019 Ratepayer Meetings

MOTION 19-06-353 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the 2018 Annual Report be compiled and released to the public by the end of July and that Council reconsider public engagement in the fall of 2019.

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 15. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 19-06-354 MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the Council Committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 15. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 19-06-355 MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 9, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE: 16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 19-06-356 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation regarding the reclassification of service rigs, mirroring the concerns of Northern Sunrise County and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-06-357

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. e) ATCO – Waiving of Fees for Evacuees (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-06-358

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County waive the municipal tax charges on power bills for customers affected by the evacuation up to a total maximum cost of \$500.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:06 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Cardinal.

CLOSED MEETING:

17. Closed Meeting

MOTION 19-06-359

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council move into a closed meeting at 2:07 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 17. a) Union Negotiations (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 23, 24*)
- 17. b) CAO Vacation Time Approval (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17*)
- 17. c) CAO Contract (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17*)
- 17. d) 2019 Bursary Applications (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17*)
- 17. e) Wildfire (ADDITION) (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 24*)
- 17. f) Stop Orders Concern (ADDITION) (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17, 24*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors
- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer (left the closed

- meeting at 4:15 p.m.)
- Byron Peters, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (left the closed meeting at 4:00 p.m.)
 - Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services (left the closed meeting at 4:00 p.m.)
 - Bill McKennan, Director of Finance (left the closed meeting at 2:20 p.m.)
 - Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities (left the closed meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

Councillor Cardinal rejoined the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Carol Gabriel rejoined the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

MOTION 19-06-360 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 4:41 p.m.

CARRIED

17. a) Union Negotiations

MOTION 19-06-361 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the union negotiations be received for information.

CARRIED

17. b) CAO Vacation Time Approval

MOTION 19-06-362 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the CAO vacation time for July 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

17. c) CAO Contract

MOTION 19-06-363 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters
Requires 2/3

That the CAO Contract be renewed for a two year term.

CARRIED

17. d) 2019 Bursary Applications (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-06-364
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2019 Bursaries be awarded to 18 qualifying recipients for the total amount of \$19,000, and that administration be authorized to approve applications received prior to June 14, 2019, subject to qualification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. d) Wildfire (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-06-365
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County work towards identifying gaps, improvements, and solutions for emergency events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. e) Stop Orders Concern (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-06-366
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That a three-week extension be granted to the Stop Orders issued on May 15, 2019 due to the impact on mail delivery because of the wildfires.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE: 19. a) Next Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 25, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
June 26, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 23, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. a) High Level Wildland Urban Interface Engine

MOTION 19-06-367
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That Motion 19-06-346 be reconsidered at this meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-06-368
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That \$177,100 be preauthorized in the 2020 Budget for Mackenzie County's cost share portion for the purchase of a Wildland Urban Interface Engine for the Town of High Level with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 19-06-369

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on June 26, 2019.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

