

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 28, 2019  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Josh Knelsen	Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor (teleconference, left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.)
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
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Jennifer Batt	Interim Director of Finance
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman

**ALSO PRESENT:** William Friesen, LA on Wheels Society  
Cpl. Adam Stokes, Fort Vermilion RCMP  
Cst. William White, Fort Vermilion RCMP  
Members of the public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on August 28, 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**

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**MOTION 19-08-455**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS  
MEETING:**

**3. a) Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 19-08-456**      **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

None.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Wilhelm Friesen, LA on Wheels Society – Handi-Bus Agreement (Agenda Item #9.c)) (10:30 a.m.)**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**9. c) LA on Wheels – Handi-bus Agreement**

**MOTION 19-08-457**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Handi-bus agreement with the LA on Wheels Society be amended to include the maintenance of buses owned by the Society to a maximum cost of \$35,000 annually.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**5. a) None**

**GENERAL  
REPORTS:**

**7. b) None**

**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**

**8. a) None**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**9. a) Organizational Chart Amendment – Manager of Emergency & Protective Services**

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**MOTION 19-08-458**      **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the position of Manager of Emergency & Protective Services be TABLED to after lunch.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**9. b) Fort Vermilion Processor/Wood Splitter Purchase**

**MOTION 19-08-459**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

Requires 2/3

That the Fort Vermilion Processor/Wood Splitter project be cancelled and that the funds in the amount of \$33,200 be returned to the Vehicle & Equipment Reserve in the 2019 Budget.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-08-460**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

Requires 2/3

That the budget be amended to include \$6,000 for the contracted services for wood processing in 2019 with funds coming from the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED**

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

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

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

**MOTION 19-08-461**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Disaster Recovery Program update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. a) Policy ADM049 Bursaries**

**MOTION 19-08-462**      **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Policy ADM049 Bursaries be AMENDED as presented.

**CARRIED**

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**FINANCE: 10. b) Financial Reports – January 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019**

**MOTION 19-08-463 MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the financial reports for January to July 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS: 11. a) None**

**UTILITIES 12. a) None**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: 13. a) Bylaw 1154-19 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 182 1653, Block 1, Lot 2 from Agricultural “A” to Rural Industrial – General “RIG” (La Crete Rural)**

**MOTION 19-08-464 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1154-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 182 1653, Block 1, Lot 2 from Agricultural “A” to Rural Industrial General “RIG”, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: 13. b) Bylaw 1155-19 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to amend the definition of Dwelling-Row**

**MOTION 19-08-465 MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1155-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to amend the definition of Dwelling-Row.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 19-08-466 MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration investigate options to add or revise a definition and use for multi-family dwellings under Section 2 of the Land Use Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING AND 13. c) Township Road 1042 Road Allowance Use**

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**DEVELOPMENT:**

Councillor Cardinal left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

**MOTION 19-08-467**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a moratorium for road building and road closures be placed on the road allowance on Township Road 1042 for potential utility development.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. b) Fort Vermilion RCMP**

**MOTION 19-08-468**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the RCMP report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**6. a) Bylaw 1145-19 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 162 0364, Block 24, Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 from Hamlet Residential 1A "H-R1A" to Hamlet Residential 1B "H-R1B" (La Crete)**

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for Bylaw 1145-19 to order at 1:18 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1145-19 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 Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Byron Peters, Deputy CAO, presented the following:

*Mackenzie County received a request to rezone the following lots 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 within Block 24, Plan 162 0364 from Hamlet Residential 1A "H-R1A" to Hamlet Residential 1B "H-R1B" to allow for houses without attached garages. Currently, these lots in H-R1A must have Single Family Dwellings with attached garages.*

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*The applicant would like to rezone these lots, because he feels that they would sell quicker if the buyers had the option of having the attached garage or not. These lots have been for sale for 3 years and haven't sold.*

*There is a zoning for manufactured homes south of these lots.*

*The intention of the H-R1B district is for a mix of development between single detached dwellings with or without garage-attached or garage-detached.*

*First reading was given on July 24, 2019.*

Reeve Knelsen asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Council had the following questions or comments:

- *Discussion regarding notification to the landowner of the vacant lot on 11005 of the rezoning.*

Reeve Knelsen asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1145-19. No submissions were received.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1145-19. There was no one was present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1145-19 at 1:21 p.m.

**MOTION 19-08-469**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1145-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 162 0364, Block 24, Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 from Hamlet Residential 1A "H-R1A" to Hamlet Residential 1B "H-R1B".

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-08-470**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1145-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 162 0364, Block 24, Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 from Hamlet Residential 1A "H-R1A" to Hamlet Residential 1B "H-R1B".

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**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. b) Bylaw 1148-19 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 892 2718,, Lot 2, & NE 26-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial General "RIG" (La Crete Rural)**

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for Bylaw 1148-19 to order at 1:22 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1148-19 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 Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Byron Peters, Deputy CAO, presented the following:

*Mackenzie County received a request to rezone Lot 2, Plan 892 2718 & NE 26-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial General "RIG" otherwise known as the La Crete Sawmills. Currently, these properties are not zoned correctly to accommodate the sawmill.*

*This rezoning will bring everything into compliance. The applicant was granted a temporary permit to construct an addition to their existing office building. This permit was given on the condition that the property would need to be rezoned from "A" to "RIG".*

*The intention of the RIG district is to provide for heavy industrial uses on large land parcels, distant from residential uses.*

*First reading was given on July 24, 2019.*

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

Reeve Knelsen asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1148-19. No submissions were received.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1148-19. There was

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no one was present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1148-19 at 1:23 p.m.

**MOTION 19-08-471**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1148-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 892 2718,, Lot 2 & NE 26-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial General "RIG" to accommodate Natural Resource Processing.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-08-472**      **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1148-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 892 2718,, Lot 2 & NE 26-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial General "RIG" to accommodate Natural Resource Processing.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**      **14. a) Mackenzie Region Aboriginal Interagency Committee Meetings**

**MOTION 19-08-473**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request for Mackenzie Region Aboriginal Interagency Committee representation be forwarded to the local Family & Community Support Services for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**      **14. b) Canadian Bison Association – Grant Extension to Invest in Dealing with Diseased Northern Bison**

**MOTION 19-08-474**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County does not support the letter from the Canadian Bison Association regarding their request for a grant extension to invest in dealing with diseased northern bison.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-08-475**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

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That Mackenzie County send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in regards to funding for the eradication of brucellosis and tuberculosis in and around the Wood Buffalo National Park.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION 19-08-476 MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the caribou update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION 19-08-477 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION 19-08-478 MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 8, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 15. c) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 19-08-479 MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the unapproved Community Services Committee meeting minutes of August 7, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**INFORMATION /  
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**16. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 19-08-480**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration research the GST audit concerns expressed by the Town of Peace River, as it applies to Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-08-481**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

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

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:23 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

**17. Closed Meeting**

**MOTION 19-08-482**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move into a closed meeting at 2:33 p.m. to discuss the following:

17. a) Union Negotiations Update (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 23, 24*)
17. b) Disaster Recovery Program Update (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s.17*)

**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
- Jennifer Batt, Interim Director of Finance
- Dave Fehr, Director of Operations
- Doug Munn, Director of Community Services

Administration left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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**MOTION 19-08-483**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 4:56 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**17. a) Union Negotiations Update**

**MOTION 19-08-484**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the union negotiations update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**17. b) Disaster Recovery Program Update**

**MOTION 19-08-485**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Disaster Recovery Program update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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

Regular Council Meeting  
September 23, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

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

**MOTION 19-08-486**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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These minutes will be presented to Council for approval on September 10, 2019.

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Joshua Knelsen  
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Chief Administrative Officer

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