

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 8, 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 (via teleconference)
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Jennifer Batt	Interim Director of Finance
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Don Roberts	Zama Site Manager
Caitlin Smith	Planning Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Philip Doerksen, La Crete Recreation Society
Reuben Derksen, Landowner/Developer
Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 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 19-10-522 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:
13. c) Reuben Derksen, Landowner/Developer (SE 8-106-15-W5M)

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

3. a) Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 19-10-523

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes

None.

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Philip Doerksen, La Crete Recreation Society

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. a) La Crete Recreation Society – Request to Transfer Funds

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:03 a.m.

MOTION 19-10-524
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the La Crete Recreation Society request to transfer funds from the Renovate Old Dressing Rooms Project to the Buffalo Head Prairie Boards/Blumenort Skate Shack Project, in the amount of \$15,000.00, be approved.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) Reuben Derksen, Landowner/Developer (SE 8-106-15-W5M) (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-10-525
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration review easements and/or agreements on SE 8-106-15-W5M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

7. a) CAO and Director Reports for September 2019

MOTION 19-10-526

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the CAO and Director Reports for September 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

TENDERS:

5. a) Supply of 2019 Municipal Utility Tractor – Request for Proposals

MOTION 19-10-527

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Supply of 2019 Municipal Utility Tractor – Request for Proposals be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received

Cupex	\$139,988.00
Joe Johnson	\$130,970.00

MOTION 19-10-528

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration review the Supply of 2019 Municipal Utility Tractor – Request for Proposals based on the Evaluation Scoring Criteria prior to awarding.

CARRIED

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

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

MOTION 19-10-529

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the disaster recovery program update be received for information.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. b) Police Costing Model

MOTION 19-10-530

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to respond to the Police Costing Model survey on Policing and Rural Crime based on the information presented and that a letter be sent to the Solicitor General identifying the County's position.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:48 p.m. with all members present with the exception of Councillor Jorgensen.

FINANCE:

10. a) Financial Reports – January 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019

MOTION 19-10-531

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. b) Finance Charges – Request to Remove or Reduce on Invoice #26776

MOTION 19-10-532

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the request to remove or reduce finance charges on Invoice #26776 be denied.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. c) Insolvent Companies – Write off Taxes Tax Roll #422126 & #084093

MOTION 19-10-533
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That taxes in the amount of \$44,002.87 for tax roll #422126 and

\$33,558.07 tax roll #084093 be written off as unrecoverable.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. d) Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative

MOTION 19-10-534
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That as per the Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative, Council authorizes the cancellation of thirty-five percent (35%) of the shallow gas property taxes levied in 2019 as per Attachment A on Tax Roll #083803 in the amount of \$66.58 and Tax Roll #084386 in the amount of \$109.44.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-10-535
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That as per the Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative, Council authorizes the penalties assessed on Tax Roll #083803 in the amount of \$10.34 be written off.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. 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)

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for Bylaw 1154-19 to order at 1:07 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1154-19 was properly advertised. Caitlin Smith, Planning Supervisor, 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. Caitlin Smith, Planning Supervisor, presented the following:

Mackenzie County received a request to rezone Plan 182 1653, Block 1, Lot 2 from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial – General "RIG" in order to accommodate a potential industrial development. The applicant has been approached by a logging company to purchase this property. He believes this location would be ideal because

other industrial companies are in the area. There is currently a one and a half story house with a shop, a barn and a couple of portable sheds on the property.

The Southeast corner of the quarter section was rezoned in 2015 to Rural General Industrial District "RI2". This zoning is now recognized under Bylaw 1066-17 as Rural Industrial General "RIG".

First reading was given on August 28, 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 1154-19. No submissions were received.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1154-19. There was no one was present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1154-19 at 1:09 p.m.

MOTION 19-10-536 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second 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".

CARRIED

MOTION 19-10-537 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That third 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".

CARRIED

OPERATIONS **11. b) Paramount Road Systems and Airport**

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

MOTION 19-10-538 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Reeve and Councillor Wardley be authorized to meet with Paramount Resources Ltd. regarding the potential transfer of road infrastructure in Zama.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS **11. a) Rescinded Policy PW014 Sale of County Gravel/Crusher Reject for Personal Use**

MOTION 19-10-539 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the sale of County gravel and crusher reject for personal use be received for information.

CARRIED

UTILITIES **12. a) None**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: **13. a) Bylaw 1156-19 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SE 02-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial – General "RIG" (La Crete Rural)**

MOTION 19-10-540 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1156-19 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SE 02-106-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial General "RIG", subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: **13. b) Bylaw 1157-19 Inter-municipal Collaborative Framework with Northern Sunrise County**

MOTION 19-10-541 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1157-19, being a bylaw of Mackenzie County to establish the Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Northern Sunrise County

CARRIED

MOTION 19-10-542 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1157-19, being a bylaw of Mackenzie County to establish the Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Northern Sunrise County.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-10-543
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1157-19, being a bylaw of Mackenzie County to establish the Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Northern Sunrise County at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 19-10-544

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1157-19, being a bylaw of Mackenzie County to establish the Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Northern Sunrise County.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-10-545
Require Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the La Crete Area Structure Plan be brought back to the next meeting for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION:

14. a) Growing the North Conference Sponsorship

MOTION 19-10-546
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County sponsor the 2020 Growing the North Conference at a Bronze sponsorship level with funding coming from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

14. b) Mackenzie Ski Hill Society – Letter of Support

MOTION 19-10-547
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the letter of support provided to the Mackenzie Ski Hill Society for their Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant

for continued ski hill development with a municipal in-kind funding contribution of \$326,700.00 be approved for funding.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. c) Proposed Fire Salvage Plan and Community Management Zone – Tolko, Norbord, La Crete Sawmills

MOTION 19-10-548 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Proposed Fire Salvage Plan and Community Management Zone from Tolko, Norbord, and La Crete Sawmills be received for information and that a letter be sent to Alberta Agriculture & Forestry regarding stumpage fees for forest fire salvage.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION: 14. d) Region 6 Metis Nation of Alberta Annual General Meeting

MOTION 19-10-549 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Requires 2/3

That Councillor Jorgensen and Councillor Cardinal be authorized to attend the Region 6 Metis Nation of Alberta to attend their Annual General Meeting on October 19, 2019 in Peace River and that a follow-up report be provided to Council.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. e) Policy ADM042 General Safety Policy

MOTION 19-10-550 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Policy ADM042 General Safety Policy be approved as AMENDED.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. f) Caribou Update (Standing Item)

MOTION 19-10-551 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 19-10-552

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council Committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. b) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 19-10-553

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Community Services Committee meeting minutes of September 4, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 19-10-554

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 12, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION /
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 19-10-555

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

MOTION 19-10-556 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Supply of 2019 Municipal Utility Tractor be awarded to the most qualified bidder based on the evaluation scoring criteria, while staying within budget.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **17. Closed Meeting**

MOTION 19-10-557 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move into a closed meeting at 3:24 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 17. a) Tax Roll 155377 – Payment Agreement Request & Write Off (*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
- Carol Gabriel, Director of Legislative & Support Services
- Jennifer Batt, Interim Director of Finance

MOTION 19-10-558 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED

17. a) Tax Roll 155377 – Payment Agreement Request & Write Off

MOTION 19-10-559 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen
Requires 2/3

That administration enter into an agreement with the owners of Tax Roll 155377 as discussed.

CARRIED

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

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

DATE:

Organizational Meeting
October 22, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

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

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 19-10-560 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on October 23, 2019.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

