

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 5, 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
	David Driedger	Councillor
	Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:50 a.m.)
	Anthony Peters	Councillor
	Ernest Peters	Councillor
REGRETS:	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
ADMINISTRATION:	Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
	Carol Gabriel	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer /Recording Secretary
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
	Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
	Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
	Jennifer Batt	Interim Director of Finance
	Dave Fehr	Director of Operations
	Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman

ALSO PRESENT: Nicholas Kuhl, O2 Planning

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 5, 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 19-11-659 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

8. a) VSI Funding Level

- 17. c) Organizational Chart
- 17. d) Paramount Road Infrastructure

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

- 3. a) **Minutes of the October 23, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 19-11-660

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

- 3. b) **Minutes of the October 30, 2019 Budget Council Meeting**

MOTION 19-11-661

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the minutes of the October 30, 2019 Budget Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

DELEGATIONS:

- 4. a) **Nicholas Kuhl, O2 Planning (La Crete Industrial Growth Strategy)**

MOTION 19-11-662

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the briefing provided by O2 Planning in regards to the La Crete Industrial Growth Strategy be received for information.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

- 5. a) **None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6. a) **None**

GENERAL

- 7. a) **CAO & Director Reports for October 2019**

REPORTS:

MOTION 19-11-663 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the CAO & Director reports for October 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

MOTION 19-11-664 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the disaster recovery program update be received for information.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: **8. a) VSI Funding Level (ADDITION)**

MOTION 19-11-665 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires Unanimous

That the VSI funding level remain at fifty (50%) percent for 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY SERVICES: **9. a) Policy ADM042 General Safety Policy**

MOTION 19-11-666 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Policy ADM042 General Safety Policy be approved as AMENDED.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES: **9. b) Waste Transfer Station Service Agreement Extension Request**

MOTION 19-11-667 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun
Requires 2/3

That the Waste Transfer Station Service Agreement with L & P Disposals Inc. be extended for a one year term ending December 31, 2020, subject to an increase to cover the cost of landfill tipping

fees.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

9. c) Fort Vermilion Rear Office Gate Project – Additional Funding Request

MOTION 19-11-668
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$4,262 for the Fort Vermilion Rear Gate Project with funding coming from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. a) None

OPERATIONS

11. a) Oil Rocky Lane Road – Additional Funding Request

MOTION 19-11-669
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$86,941 for the Oil Rocky Lane Road project with funding coming from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS

11. b) Teachers Loop Asphalt & Sidewalk – Additional Funding Request

MOTION 19-11-670
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$243,024 for the Teachers Loop Asphalt & Sidewalk project with funding coming from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

UTILITIES

12. a) None

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:50 a.m.

PLANNING AND

13. a) Sale of County Land

DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION 19-11-671 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the three County owned quarter sections immediately east of the Norbord plant south of High Level be offered for farmland lease in exchange for clearing.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **14. a) Smoke Management**

MOTION 19-11-672 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That residents be issued a letter when found creating a highway safety hazard due to fires.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-11-673 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County continue to lobby the Provincial Government to extend the fire season year-round for the High Level Forest Area.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **14. b) Economic Disaster Resilience & Recovery Workshop**

MOTION 19-11-674 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Councillors be authorized to attend the Economic Disaster Resilience & Recovery Workshop in High Level or La Crete in November 2019.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **14. c) Child Advocacy Centre for High Level Region – Request for Letter of Support**

MOTION 19-11-675 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That a letter of support be provided for PACE (Providing Assistance, Counseling, & Education) and the High Level Community Policing Society to obtain office space for the Child

Advocacy Centre at the High Level Provincial Building.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

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

MOTION 19-11-676 MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That Mackenzie County representatives appointed to a provincial task force must provide regular written reports to council, shall immediately forward all task force material and information to council and CAO, and shall receive specific, prior approval from council to represent views or negotiate on behalf of the County.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen left the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

MOTION 19-11-677 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Motion 19-08-435 be clarified in that the funds supporting the three year research data project for the Northwest Species at Risk (NWSAR) includes the annual voting membership fees for 2020 – 2022.

CARRIED

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

MOTION 19-11-678 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Council Committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE: 16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 19-11-679 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for

information purposes.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:29 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING: 17. Closed Meeting

MOTION 19-11-680 MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That Council move into a closed meeting at 1:57 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 17. a) Diversion Licenses (s. 21, 24)
- 17. b) Town of Rainbow Lake Revenue Sharing Agreement (s. 21, 24)
- 17. c) Organizational Chart (s. 24)
- 17. d) Paramount Road Infrastructure (s. 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
- Carol Gabriel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer Batt, Interim Director of Finance
- Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities
- Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development

All administration left the meeting with the exception of the Chief Administrative Officer at 3:00 p.m.

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Carol Gabriel rejoined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

MOTION 19-11-681 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 4:04 p.m.

CARRIED

17. a) Diversion Licenses

MOTION 19-11-682 MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

Requires 2/3

That administration follow-up with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Environment & Parks and our local MLA regarding the water diversion licenses as discussed.

CARRIED

17. b) Town of Rainbow Lake Revenue Sharing Agreement

MOTION 19-11-683

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a letter be sent to the Town of Rainbow Lake accepting their proposal for the Revenue Sharing Agreement and that administration prepare the amending agreements as discussed.

CARRIED

17. c) Organizational Chart (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-11-684

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the organizational chart discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

17. d) Paramount Road Infrastructure (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-11-685

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration work with Paramount Resources Ltd. and lobby the government to leave the road infrastructure intact.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

**NEXT MEETING
DATE:**

19. a) Next Meeting Dates

Budget Council Meeting
November 26, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

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

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 19-11-686 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on November 27, 2019.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

