

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 5, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Josh Knelsen	Reeve (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor (left the meeting at 1:12 p.m.)
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Carol Gabriel	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Recording Secretary
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities

**ALSO PRESENT:** NATIONAL Public Relations Ltd.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on June 5, 2020 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

**CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order**

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions were made.

Reeve Knelsen arrived at 10:03 a.m. and resumed the Chair.

**AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 20-06-327 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

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That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

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| <b>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</b> | 3. a) None                           |
| <b>DELEGATIONS:</b>                   | 4. a) None                           |
| <b>TENDERS:</b>                       | 5. a) None                           |
| <b>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</b>               | 6. a) None                           |
| <b>GENERAL REPORTS:</b>               | 7. a) None                           |
| <b>AGRICULTURE SERVICES:</b>          | 8. a) None                           |
| <b>COMMUNITY SERVICES:</b>            | 9. a) None                           |
| <b>FINANCE:</b>                       | 10. a) None                          |
| <b>OPERATIONS:</b>                    | 11. a) None                          |
| <b>UTILITIES:</b>                     | 12. a) None                          |
| <b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:</b>      | 13. a) None                          |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>                | 14. a) None                          |
| <b>COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>     | 15. a) None                          |
| <b>INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE:</b>  | 16. a) None                          |
| <b>CLOSED MEETING:</b>                | 17. Closed Meeting                   |
| <b>MOTION 20-06-328</b>               | <b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Jorgensen |

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:04 a.m. to discuss

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the following:

17. a) Fort Vermilion Future Development (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 23, 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/ Recording Secretary
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
- Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities
- NATIONAL Public Relations Ltd.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

Councillor Bateman left the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

**MOTION 20-06-329**      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 1:23 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-06-330**      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That administration proceed with the temporary housing plan for evacuees affected by the flood as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-06-331**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs seeking clarity for development considerations for flood affected areas.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-06-332**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

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That a letter be sent to the Minister of Seniors and Housing seeking additional input for development considerations for social housing in flood affected areas.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-06-333**      **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General seeking input for development considerations for the Fort Vermilion Court House in the flood affected area.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-06-334**      **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That administration continues to support a community recovery plan that includes a community engagement component.

**CARRIED**

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

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

Regular Council Meeting  
June 10, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

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

**MOTION 20-06-335**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on June 10, 2020.

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Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

(original signed)

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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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