

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 30, 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
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (via teleconference) (left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.)
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:** Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Lenard Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Batt	Interim Director of Finance
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Don Roberts	Zama Site Manager
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public.

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 30, 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 19-10-649**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) **None**

**DELEGATIONS:**

4. a) **None**

**TENDERS:**

5. a) **None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

6. a) **None**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

7. a) **None**

**AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES:**

8. a) **None**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

9. a) **None**

**FINANCE:**

**10. a) Draft 2020 Operating Budget**

Review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Continuation of the review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Continuation of the review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:13 p.m. with all members present with the exception of Councillor Jorgensen.

Continuation of the review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

**MOTION 19-10-650**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following 2020 Proposed New/Amended Service

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Initiatives be considered as follows:

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget Request</b>	<b>Status</b>
Lagoon Pond Odour Control – FV	\$12,500	To be considered in the 2020 budget
Registered Apprentice Program (RAP)	\$11,000	To be considered in the 2020 budget
Line Painting – FV	\$7,000	Remove from draft 2020 budget (Tracking Change #3)
Line Painting – LC	\$15,000	Remove from draft 2020 budget (Tracking Change #4)
Rural Road Repairs – LC	\$50,000	To be considered in the 2020 budget
Spot Graveling	\$100,000	Defer to regravelling discussion (Tracking Change #5)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-10-651**  
 Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the following one-time projects for 2020 be considered as follows:

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget Request</b>	<b>Status</b>
Mackenzie County 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<del>\$25,025</del> \$2,525	To be considered in the 2020 budget (Tracking Change #7)
FV – Repair Shop Operations Fence	\$6,600	To be considered in the 2020 budget
Aerial Imagery	\$100,000	To be considered in the 2020 budget and investigate grants
Municipal Development Plan	\$175,000	To be considered in the 2020 budget
LC – Tree Removal 99 Ave.	\$6,000	To be considered in the 2020 budget

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION 19-10-652**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the following one-time projects for 2020, which are contingent on grant funding, be considered as follows:

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Budget Request</b>	<b>Status</b>
FRIAA Mitigation Study – West LC & Machesis Lake	\$60,000 Grant	To be considered in the 2020 budget
FV – Asset Management	\$75,000 MC \$50,000 Grant	To be considered in the 2020 budget
FRIAA Vegetation Management	\$142,170 Grant	To be considered in the 2020 budget

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-10-653**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the anticipated Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Operating allocation for 2020 in the amount of \$80,000 and the Agricultural Service Board Grant in the amount of \$183,359 be incorporated into the 2020 Operating Revenue as per Tracking Change #1 and #2.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-10-654**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Council budget be reduced as per Tracking Change #6.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. b) Review 2019 One-Time Projects – Carry Forwards**

**MOTION 19-10-655**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2019 One-Time Projects be carried forward to the 2020 budget as per Tracking Change #8.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. c) Town of High Level 2020 Capital Funding Request**

**MOTION 19-10-656**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

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Requires 2/3

That the 2020 capital projects requests from the Town of High Level be approved with the exception of the following, with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve (Tracking Change #9):

- Fire Training Area Classroom
- Museum Front Entrance and Parking Lot

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-10-657**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the fee schedule changes and service level changes be considered in the 2020 budget as per Tracking Change #10.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**11. a) None**

**UTILITIES:**

**12. a) None**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. a) None**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**14. a) None**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**15. a) None**

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**16. a) None**

**CLOSED MEETING:**

**17. a) None**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**19. a) Next Meeting Date**

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
January 15, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting  
January 16, 2019

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10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

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

**MOTION 19-10-658**            **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on November 5, 2019.

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Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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