

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020
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
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

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
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on July 15, 2020 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 20-07-406 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 11. e) Road Maintenance – Potholes
- 14. d) Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention Conference
- 17. a) Labour

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

3. a) Minutes of the June 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 20-07-407

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the June 24, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes

None

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) None

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

7. a) CAO and Director Reports for June 2020

MOTION 20-07-408

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the CAO & Director Reports for June 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

7. b) Disaster Recovery Update (verbal report)

MOTION 20-07-409

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the disaster recovery update be TABLED to the closed meeting session.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

**9. a) Fort Vermilion Corporate Office – Council Chambers
Heat Registers**

MOTION 20-07-410
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Fort Vermilion Corporate Office Council Chambers heat registers be received for information.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. b) Fort Vermilion Recreation Society – Repair Request

MOTION 20-07-411
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the budget be amended to include \$5,500.00 for the repairs of the condenser at the Fort Vermilion Recreation Complex, with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

**10. a) Bylaw 1189-20 Borrowing – Mackenzie County
Wellness Centre**

MOTION 20-07-412
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the budget be amended to include \$25,700,000 for the Mackenzie County Wellness Centre project, subject to grant funding, with \$5M coming from municipal borrowing and \$20.7M coming from other funding sources.

Councillor Bateman requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor E. Peters
Councillor Cardinal
Councillor Driedger
Councillor A. Peters
Councillor Braun
Reeve Knelsen
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

Opposed

Councillor Jorgensen
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Wardley

CARRIED

MOTION 20-07-413
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1189-20 being the borrowing bylaw for the Mackenzie County Wellness Centre.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

TENDERS:

**5. a) Mackenzie Applied Research Association (MARA)
Agronomy Building – Request for Proposals**

MOTION 20-07-414

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Mackenzie Applied Research Association (MARA) Agronomy Building – Request for Proposals be opened.

CARRIED

Proposals Received

Alpine Builders	\$579,310.00
Git R Dun Contracting	\$547,762.00
Hiway Steel Structures	\$617,778.00
Savage Construction	\$575,000.00
Square D Carpentry	\$724,377.00

MOTION 20-07-415

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration review the Mackenzie Applied Research Association (MARA) Agronomy Building proposals and prepare a list of qualified proposals for later in the meeting.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

5. b) 2020 Heliport Road Asphalt Overlay

MOTION 20-07-416

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2020 Heliport Road Asphalt Overlay Tenders – Envelope 1 be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received

Knelsen Sand & Gravel	Required documents enclosed
E Construction	Required documents enclosed

MOTION 20-07-417 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2020 Heliport Road Asphalt Overlay Tenders – Envelope 2 be opened for qualified bidders.

CARRIED

Tenders Received

Knelsen Sand & Gravel	\$207,250.00
E Construction	\$214,740.00

MOTION 20-07-418 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2020 Heliport Road Asphalt Overlay contract be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder and that administration negotiate to maximize the scope of the project, while staying within budget.

CARRIED

TENDERS: **5. c) 2020 La Crete Slurry Seal**

MOTION 20-07-419 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2020 La Crete Slurry Seal Tenders – Envelope 1 be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received

Miller Capilano Maintenance Corporation	Required documents enclosed
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MOTION 20-07-420 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the 2020 La Crete Slurry Seal Tenders – Envelope 2 be

opened for qualified bidders.

CARRIED

Tenders Received

Miller Capilano Maintenance Corporation	Original Bid \$960,000.00 Less - \$306,405.00 Final Bid \$653,595.00
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MOTION 20-07-421 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the 2020 La Crete Slurry Seal contract not be awarded due to being over budget.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-07-422 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration contact the bidders of the Heliport Road Asphalt Overlay project to obtain an overlay quote for the La Crete North and South Accesses.

CARRIED

TENDERS: **5. d) 2016 Kenworth Super B and Trailers**

MOTION 20-07-423 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the sale of the 2016 Kenworth Super B and Trailers be received for information as no bids were received.

CARRIED

TENDERS: **5. e) Blue Hills Erosion Project Twp Rd 103-2 – Request for Proposals**

MOTION 20-07-424 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Blue Hills Erosion Project Twp Rd 103-2 Request for Proposals Envelope 1 be opened.

CARRIED

Proposals Received

Northern Road Builders
Outback Ventures

Required documents enclosed
Required documents enclosed

MOTION 20-07-425 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Blue Hills Erosion Project Twp Rd 103-2 Request for Proposals Envelope 2 be opened for qualified bidders.

CARRIED

Proposals Received

Northern Road Builders	\$282,600.00
Outback Ventures	\$273,600.00

MOTION 20-07-426 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration review the Blue Hills Erosion Project Twp Rd 103-2 proposals and prepare a list of qualified proposals for later in the meeting.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

MOTION 20-07-427 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Mackenzie Applied Research Association (MARA) Agronomy Building project be awarded to the most qualified bidder and that the budget be amended to include \$60,000.00 for the project overage, with the County's portion of \$25,000 funding coming from the General Capital Reserve and the remainder being funded by MARA.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-07-428 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the Blue Hills Erosion Project Twp Rd 103-2 be awarded to the most qualified bidder, subject to budget.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 10. b) Expense Claims – Councillors

MOTION 20-07-429 **MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the Councillor expense claims be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 10. c) Expense Claims – Members at Large

MOTION 20-07-430 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Member at Large Expense Claims be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 10. d) Property Tax Exemption Request– Mackenzie Ski Hill Society

MOTION 20-07-431 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger
Requires 2/3

That the 2020 taxes for Tax Roll 087019 (Mackenzie Ski Hill Society) be written off in the amount of \$6,621.88.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 11. a) Gravel – Request for Additional Funds

MOTION 20-07-432 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters
Requires 2/3

That the budget be amended to include \$490,000 from the Gravel Inventory to be added to the Gravel Operating Budget.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) Bylaw 1185-20 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of SE 11-105-15-W5M from Agricultural “A” to Direct Control 2 “DC2”

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for Bylaw 1185-20 to order at 1:09 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1185-20 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Director of

Planning and Development, 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, Director of Planning and Development, presented the following:

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 1185-20. There were no written submissions.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1185-20. There was no one present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1185-20 at 1:11 p.m.

MOTION 20-07-433

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1185-20 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SE 11-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Direct Control 2 "DC2", to accommodate a Retail-General Use.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-07-434

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1185-20 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of SE 11-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Direct Control 2 "DC2", to accommodate a Retail-General Use.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

11. b) Online Auction – Fire Trucks

MOTION 20-07-435

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the 1990 Ford Superior Fire Truck and the 1991 GMC C7H042 Superior Fire Truck be offered to the Paddle Prairie Metis

Settlement and that the book value of the vehicles in the total amount of \$10,000 be written off if the offer is accepted.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

11. c) Antique Vehicles and Equipment

MOTION 20-07-436

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Antique Vehicles and Equipment be kept for historical purposes and out of service.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

11. d) Contract – Tompkins Crossing Ice Bridge

MOTION 20-07-437

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Administration be authorized to execute the agreement with Alberta Transportation for the Construction and Maintenance of the Tompkins Crossing Ice Bridge as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-07-438

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Administration proceed with the one-year extension and creating a two-year sub-contract request for proposals for the Construction and Maintenance of the Tompkins Crossing Ice Bridge.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

11. e) Roads Maintenance – Potholes (ADDITION)

MOTION 20-07-439

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That administration proceed with pothole repairs as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UTILITIES:

12. a) None

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. a) Bylaw 1188-20 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add
Regulation to Prohibit Waste Disposal to Section 8**

MOTION 20-07-440 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1188-20 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add Regulation to Prohibit Waste Disposal to Section 8, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

13. b) Policy DEV011 Floodplain Building Restrictions

MOTION 20-07-441 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Policy DEV011 Floodplain Building Restrictions be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-07-442 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That due to the emergent nature of land use policy revisions required to respond to the 2020 Peace River Ice Jam Flood, Policy DEV011 Floodplain Building Restrictions supersede the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:44 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

13. c) Development Statistics Report – January to June 2020

MOTION 20-07-443 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the development statistics report for January to June 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **14. a) Petition to Form a New Municipality**

MOTION 20-07-444 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County continue to support Motion 20-02-123 made by Council on February 26, 2020 in regards to the petition

to form a new municipality.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. b) Tompkins Crossing – Request for Toll Bridge

MOTION 20-07-445 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation requesting that the Government of Alberta explore the concept of building a toll bridge at the Tompkins Crossing.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. c) Caribou Update (standing item)

MOTION 20-07-446 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. d) Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention Conference (ADDITION)

MOTION 20-07-447 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Requires Unanimous

That Councillor Wardley be authorized to attend the Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention Conference on October 6 – 8, 2020 in Drayton Valley, Alberta.

DEFEATED

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

MOTION 20-07-448 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council Committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:44 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. b) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 20-07-449

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the unapproved minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting of July 8, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 20-07-450

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 11 & 25, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION /
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 20-07-451

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING:

17. Closed Meeting

MOTION 20-07-452

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move into a closed meeting at 3:17 p.m. to discuss the following:

17. a) Labour

7. b) Disaster Recovery Program Update

CARRIED

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. *(MGA Section 602.08(1)(6))*

- All Councillors Present
- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer

The following individuals joined the closed meeting discussion at 3:40 p.m.:

- Carol Gabriel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
- Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities

MOTION 20-07-453 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **17. a) Labour (ADDITION)**

MOTION 20-07-454 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger
Requires Unanimous

That the labour discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **17. b) Disaster Recovery Program**

MOTION 20-07-455 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires 2/3

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$1M for the installation of municipal services, with funding coming from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-07-456 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Innovative Recovery Solution Application be presented to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for consideration.

CARRIED

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

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 18, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
August 19, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: **20. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 20-07-457 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on August 19, 2020.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

