

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 10, 2012
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Odell Flett	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:21 a.m.)
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Alison Kilpatrick	Director of Corporate Services
Bill Kostiw	Director of Infrastructure Development & Government Relations
John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services & Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Grant Smith	Agriculture Fieldman
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 10, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

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

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

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

MOTION 12-12-826 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

4. b) La Crete Recreation Board

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) **La Crete Recreation Board**

Philip Derksen, La Crete Recreation Board Facility Manager, was present to discuss the timing of the release of capital project payment funds.

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

BUSINESS:

5. a) **Policy PW009 Dust Control Policy**

MOTION 12-12-827

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That administration bring forward the fee schedule bylaw to reflect the following amendments to dust control fees:

- General Public – reduce from \$750 to \$500
- Senior Citizens – reduce from \$250 to No Cost

CARRIED

5. b) **2013 Operating and Capital Budget Draft**

Review of Grants to Other Organizations

- Mackenzie Library Board
- Recreation Boards
- FCSS

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Presentations by local recreation boards.

Cameron Cardinal, President of the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board and Victor Tanis, Manager of the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board

- Don't agree with fundraising for operating expenses; however agree with not including the fitness centre equipment.
- Operating a larger facility now and the increase in maintenance time (new dressing rooms and new fitness center).
- Rodeo grounds is a huge expense and we don't have the manpower or the equipment to look after it. Want to have more events there (ie. 225 birthday of Fort Vermilion in 2013) Possibly three major events will be held there this summer.

Capital

- Big expense was the rodeo grounds as everything is outdated and falling apart. The grounds should be reworked for parking.
- Arena boards – three major injuries due to our boards, they are dangerous with no flexibility. Simco brought it up in a review.
- Dehumidifier – encountered a huge problem this fall when starting up two weeks earlier this year (September 15), however we brought extra income.
- Currently have three staff members looking after the maintenance, one part-time person, concession staff, one part-time person doing the books.

Philip Derksen, La Crete Recreation Board

- More people more needs
- Operate everything from Blue Hills to Blumenort
- Needs are increasing
- Need better staff and wage increases
- Everyone expects us to do a good job

Capital

- Recognize that numbers are high
- Lobby renovation is total project cost
- Currently have three staff for the arena maintenance, three staff in the bowling alley (students) during the winter, and two full-time staff in the summer.

There was consensus to increase the Recreation Boards operating budgets by 5% of the 2012 approved budget.

Council reviewed the Recreation Board capital requests.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) La Crete Swimming Pool

Darlene Bergen and Analise Dyck presented the La Crete Outdoor Pool Proposal to Council.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Continuation of the review of the recreation board capital requests.

MOTION 12-12-828

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration bring back information regarding holding a plebiscite for an outdoor swimming pool, with splashpark features, to be constructed in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

Continuation of the review of the recreation board capital requests.

Review of other Grants to Other Organizations requests.

MOTION 12-12-829

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter of support be provided to the High Level Golf & Country Club for their campsite expansion project.

CARRIED

Review of other Grants to Other Organizations requests.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Review of:

- Cash requirements
- Operating budget
- Capital budget
- Assessment and Property Tax

NEXT MEETING DATE: 6. a) **Next Meeting Date**

IN-CAMERA: 7. a) **In Camera**

ADJOURNMENT: 8. a) **Adjournment**

MOTION 12-12-830 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 15, 2013.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer