

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, September 26, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:** Josh Knelsen Reeve  
Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve  
Jacquie Bateman Councillor  
Peter F. Braun Councillor  
Cameron Cardinal Councillor  
Darrell Derksen Councillor  
David Driedger Councillor  
Garrell Smith Councillor – arrived at 10:52 a.m.  
Lisa Wardley Councillor

**REGRETS:** Ernest Peters Councillor

**ADMINISTRATION:** James Thackray Chief Administrative Officer  
Byron Peters Director of Projects and Infrastructure  
Louise Flooren Manager of Legislative & Support Services/  
Recording Secretary  
Jennifer Batt Director of Finance  
Landon Driedger Agricultural Fieldman  
Don Roberts Director of Community Services  
Willie Schmidt Fleet Maintenance Manager  
Caitlin Smith Director of Planning and Agriculture  
John Zacharias Director of Utilities

**ALSO PRESENT:** Member of Public

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on September 26, 2022 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 22-09-623 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

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That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 4. b) Missing Gravel
- 4. c) CAO Report
- 8. a) Mitigation
- 12. b) Gravel & Culverts
- 15. c) CAO Appointment

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the September 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 22-09-624**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting be Adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**15. c) CAO Appointment (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 22-09-625**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1264-22 being a bylaw to appoint James Thackray to the position of Chief Administrative Officer effective September 26, 2022 for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 22-09-626**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1264-22 being a bylaw to appoint James Thackray to the position of Chief Administrative Officer effective September 26, 2022 for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 22-09-627**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

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Requires Unanimous

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1264-22 being a bylaw to appoint James Thackray to the position of Chief Administrative Officer at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 22-09-628**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1264-22 being a bylaw to appoint James Thackray to the position of Chief Administrative Officer effective September 26, 2022 for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CLOSED MEETING:**

**4. a) CLOSED MEETING**

**MOTION 22-09-629**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

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

- 4. a) Little Red River Cree Nation (LRRCN) – Additions to Reserve (ATR) – Indigenous Services Notification (*FOIP s. 21, 22, 23 and 24*)
- 4. b) Missing Gravel (*FOIP Sections 23 and 24*)

**CARRIED**

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Peters and Councillor Smith
- James Thackray, Chief Administrative Officer
- Byron Peters, Director of Projects and Infrastructure
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Don Roberts, Director of Community Services
- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Agriculture
- John Zacharias, Director of Utilities

**MOTION 22-09-630**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

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That Council move out of a closed meeting at 10:48 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED MEETING: 4. a) Little Red River Cree Nation (LRRCN) – Additions to Reserve (ATR)**

**MOTION 22-09-631 MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the Little Red River Cree Nation (LRRCN) – Additions to Reserve (ATR) be TABLED to the November 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Smith joined the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

**CLOSED MEETING: 4. b) Missing Gravel (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 22-09-632 MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal  
Requires Unanimous

That administration continue to investigate the missing gravel and take appropriate legal action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

**TENDERS: 5. a) None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None**

**DELEGATIONS: 7. a) None**

**GENERAL REPORTS: 8. a) Mitigation (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 22-09-633 MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal  
Requires Unanimous

That Councillor Cardinal and Councillor Smith attend a site visit regarding the flood mitigation in Fort Vermilion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**10. a) Fort Vermilion Residential Garbage Pickup Survey**

**MOTION 22-09-634**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That Administration develop a Residential Garbage Pick Up Tender to include both Fort Vermilion and La Crete and awarding in December 2022 to commence April 1, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**11. a) La Crete Recreation Society – Indoor Ice Arena Capital Projects**

**MOTION 22-09-635**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the 2022 Capital Budget be amended by \$295,000 for the La Crete Recreation Society Indoor Ice Rink project with all funding coming from public donations.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**11. b) Mackenzie Applied Research Association – 2022 Agricultural Fair Budget Amendment**

**MOTION 22-09-636**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2022 Budget for the One Time - 2022 Agricultural Fair project be amended by \$13,316 with all funding coming from public donations.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**11. c) Request to Write-Off/Remove Penalties Tax Roll 082853**

**MOTION 22-09-637**  
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**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council approve writing off penalties on tax roll # 082853 in the amount of \$821.88.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**11. d) Disaster Recovery Program – 2021 Overland flood, Severe Storm Approval**

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**MOTION 22-09-638**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Disaster Recovery Program - 2021 Overland Flood, Severe Storm Approval report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**      **12. a) La Crete Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charger Relocation**

**MOTION 22-09-639**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration research different options for the La Crete Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charger Relocations and bring back to the next Regular Council Meeting on October 19, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**      **12. b) Gravel and Culverts (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 22-09-640**      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Requires Unanimous

That the Gravel and Culverts discussion be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

**OPERATIONS:**      **12. b) Gravel and Culverts (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 22-09-641**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman  
Requires Unanimous

That administration request a culvert be installed under Highway 35 North to allow the water to flow under it, before spring thaw 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OPERATIONS:**      **12. b) Gravel and Culverts (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 22-09-642**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman  
Requires Unanimous

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That administration work with CN Rail to ensure all culvert and blockages are removed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**UTILITIES:**

**13. b) None**

Councillor Cardinal declared himself in conflict and left the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Bylaw 1263-22 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to  
Rezone Part of NW 34-105-15-W5**

**MOTION 22-09-643**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1263-22 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 34-105-15-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Urban Fringe "UF", subject to public hearing input.

**DEFEATED**

Councillor Cardinal rejoined the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**15. a) Housing Authority Jurisdiction**

**MOTION 22-09-644**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County support the creation of a new housing management board with requisitioning power, with requisitioning from Wards 1-5 to be allocated to the La Crete Municipal Nursing Association and Wards 6-10 to be allocated to Boreal Housing, with requisitioning being based on prior years deficit and that Mackenzie County requests representation on both La Crete Municipal Nursing Association's Board and Boreal Housing's Board.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**15. b) Town of High Level Request to Purchase Land Within  
Mackenzie County**

**MOTION 22-09-645**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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That Mackenzie County approve the Town of High Level's request to purchase a portion of SE-33-109-19-5 for Public Works purposes.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION: 15. b) Town of High Level Request to Purchase Land Within Mackenzie County**

**MOTION 22-09-646 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County supports the annexation of SE-33-109-19-5 and 7922039;1 into the Town of High Level for Public Works purposes.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 16. a) None**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 17. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)**

**MOTION 22-09-647 MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Council Committee Reports (verbal) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 17. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 22-09-648 MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the unapproved Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of the September 8, 2022 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**18. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 22-09-649**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

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

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**19. a) None**

**CLOSED MEETING:**

**4. c ) CLOSED MEETING**

**MOTION 22-09-650**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That Council move into a closed meeting at 2:36 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.c) CAO Report (*FOIP, Div.2, Part 1, s.16, 17, 23 and 24*)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Peters
- James Thackray, Chief Administrative Officer

**MOTION 22-09-651**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 3:45 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 22-09-652**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the CAO Report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

**20. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Regular Council Meeting

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October 19, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Organizational Council Meeting  
October 25, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT: 21. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 22-09-653 MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Council meeting at adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved at the October 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

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Josh Knelsen  
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(original signed)

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James Thackray  
Chief Administrative Officer

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