

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL (BUDGET) MEETING**

**April 4, 2014
1:00 p.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
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
	Josh Knelsen	Councillor
	Ricky Paul	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:	Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
	Mark Schonken	Interim Director of Finance
	John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services
	Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
	Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman

ALSO PRESENT: None

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on April 4, 2014 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 1:00 p.m.

WAIVER: 2. a) Signing of Waiver

The Special Council Meeting waiver was signed by all Councillors present at the meeting.

AGENDA: 3. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 14-04-216

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

4. a) **None**

GENERAL REPORTS:

5. a) **None**

TENDERS:

6. a) **None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) **None**

ADMINISTRATION:

8. a) **2014 Budget**

Joulia Whittleton, CAO, provided an overview of the 2014 operational budget changes; the actual assessment and school and seniors requisitions.

MOTION 14-04-217

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That a \$50.00 minimum tax and one mil increase be established for farm land.

Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Wardley
Councillor Derksen
Reeve Neufeld
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Braun

Opposed

Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Jorgensen
Councillor Driedger
Counillor Paul

DEFEATED

MOTION 14-04-218

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That a \$35.00 minimum tax and one mil increase be established for farm land.

Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Derksen
Reeve Neufeld
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Braun
Counillor Paul

Opposed
Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Jorgensen
Councillor Driedger

CARRIED

MOTION 14-04-219

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Mackenzie County Council continues to gather information about the minimum tax for farm land.

CARRIED

Joulia Whittleton, CAO, provided an overview of the 2014 capital projects additions/changes, 2013 carry-forward projects, 2014 estimated reserves levels.

MOTION 14-04-220
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2014 operating and capital budgets be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

9. a) None

IN CAMERA SESSION:

10. a) None

NOTICES OF MOTION:

11. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE:

12. a) None

ADJOURNMENT:

13. a) Adjournment

MOTION 14-04-221

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on April 8, 2014.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

