

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Joshua Knelsen	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.)
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor (joined the meeting virtually at 10:59 a.m.)
Eileen Morris	Councillor (teleconference, left the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and rejoined via teleconference at 11:32 a.m.)
Ernest Peters	Councillor (joined the meeting at 10:39 a.m.)
Garrell Smith	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor (virtual)
Dale Wiebe	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Darrell Derksen	Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Director of Projects and Infrastructure
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Andy Banman	Director of Operations
Caitlin Smith	Director of Planning and Agriculture
Louise Flooren	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Member of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 27, 2024 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 24-03-233 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 4. a) Legal Update (*FOIP Sections 23, 24, 25 and 27*)
- 9. a) Calgary Stampede

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 24-03-234 MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

That the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None

DELEGATIONS: 7. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS: 8. a) None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 15. c) Bylaw 1333-24 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add Country Recreational 2 (CREC2) to Section 9 of the Land Use Bylaw 1066-17

MOTION 23-03-235 MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1333-24 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add Country Recreational 2 (CREC2) to Section 9 of the Land Use Bylaw 1066-17.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

9. a) Calgary Stampede (ADDITION)

MOTION 24-03-236
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That two members of Council be authorized to attend the Calgary Stampede on July 5-14, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

10. a) Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant - Community Fireguard Program (CFP)

MOTION 24-03-237

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That Council supports the submission of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) grant funding proposal for the March 2024 Community Fireguard Program.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. a) Uncollectible Taxes – GIPOT

MOTION 24-03-238

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

That the outstanding levies in the amount of \$93,952.07 for Grants in Place of Taxes identified in Schedule A be written off.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. b) La Crete Agricultural Society – Additional Building Insurance Funding Request

MOTION 24-03-239

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the La Crete Agricultural Society request to fund the insurance expense for the new museum shop be approved, and considered in future years Non Profit Grant allocations during future years budget development.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. c) Financial Reports – January – February 2024

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

MOTION 24-03-240 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the financial reports for January to February 2024 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **11. d) Request to Waive Vehicle Collision Invoice # 38321**

MOTION 24-03-241 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request to waive fees charged for Fire Fighter response to a vehicle collision on Invoice # 38321 be denied.

CARRIED

Councillor Peters joined the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

MOTION 24-03-242 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

The administration coordinate discussions with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) on advertising the proper use of 911 and the correct protocol for making emergency calls.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened the meeting 10:59 a.m.

Councillor Driedger joined the meeting virtually at 10:59 a.m.

TENDERS: **5. a) Agricultural Crop Land Lease – NORTHVER 09 (Anderson Pit)**

MOTION 24-03-243 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the Agricultural Crop Land Lease for NORTHVER 09 (Anderson Pit) Request for Proposals be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-03-244 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Agricultural Crop Land Lease for NORTHVER 09 (Anderson Pit) be awarded to the highest bidder.

CARRIED

Bidder	Amount
Frank Neustaeter	\$76/acre
Greg Toews	\$85/acre
Scott Krahn	\$60/acre

TENDERS:

5. b) Agricultural Hay Land Lease – SW 6-109-19-W5 (South of High Level)

MOTION 24-03-245

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Agricultural Hay Land Lease for SW 6-109-19-W5 (South of High Level) Request for Proposals be opened.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-03-246

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the Agricultural Hay Land Lease for SW 6-109-19-W5 (South of High Level) be awarded to the highest bidder.

CARRIED

Bidder	Amount
Frank Neustaeter	\$425/year
Willie Braun	\$1,500/year
Scott Krahn	\$2,000/year
Tracy Peacock	\$3,500/year

PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE:

12. a) None

OPERATIONS:

13. a) None

UTILITIES:

14. a) None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

15. a) Bylaw 1334-24 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 052 0560, Block 05, Lot 04 from Recreation 1 “REC1” to Hamlet Country Residential “H-CR”.

MOTION 24-03-247 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1334-24 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 052 0560, Block 05, Lot 04 from Recreation 1 "REC1" to Hamlet Country Residential "H-CR", subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

15. b) Bylaw 1331-24 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NE-10-104-17-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial Light "RIL"

MOTION 24-03-248 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1331-24 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NE-10-104-17-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial Light "RIL", subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **16. a) Senior Housing (Verbal)**

MOTION 24-03-249 **MOVED** by Councillor Wiebe

That a letter be written to the Minister of Seniors, Community & Social Services regarding concerns with the housing in the region.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE ITEMS:** **17. a) Solid Waste Management Review**

MOTION 24-03-250 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration continue to research different options for solid waste management.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE ITEMS:** **17. b) Spring Clean-Up Campaign**

MOTION 24-03-251 MOVED by Councillor Smith

That Administration reach out to Non Profit Organizations requesting proposals for a Spring Hamlet Cleanup Campaign and offer a “One Day” Free disposal at all transfer stations including the Mackenzie Regional Landfill.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 17. c) 2024 Municipal Census

Councillor Morris left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

MOTION 24-03-252 MOVED by Councillor Peters

That administration requests an extension on the provincial census deadline to facilitate a Municipal Census in 2024.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 17. d) Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Debrief

MOTION 24-03-253 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Minister Meeting follow up letters be sent.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 17. e) Christmas Decorations

MOTION 24-03-254 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration purchase Option 2 Nativity Scene in the amount of \$11,000.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 17. f) Council Self Evaluation

MOTION 24-03-255

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Council Self Evaluation be TABLED to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS:

17. g) Policy ADM021 Purchase Wearing Apparel for Full Time Staff & Council

MOTION 24-03-256

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy ADM021 Purchase Wearing Apparel for Full Time Staff & Council be amended as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Morris rejoined the meeting via teleconference at 11:32 a.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

18. a) Council Committee Reports (Verbal)

MOTION 24-03-257

MOVED by Councillor Smith

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

19. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 24-03-258

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

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

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

20. a) None

CLOSED MEETING:

4. a) Closed Meeting

MOTION 24-03-259 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That Council move into a closed meeting at 11:59 a.m. to discuss the following:

4.a) Legal Update (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 25 and 27*)

CARRIED

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. (*MGA Section 197*)

- All Councillors Present
- Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer
- Byron Peters, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Director of Projects & Infrastructure
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Agriculture
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

Administration left the meeting at 12:09 p.m. excluding Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION 24-03-260 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 12:16 p.m.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **4. a) Legal Update (ADDITION)**

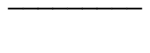
MOTION 24-03-261 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That the Legal Update be received for information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATES: **21. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Regular Council Meeting
April 8, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers



Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 22. a) Adjournment

MOTION 24-03-262 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

CARRIED

These minute were approved at the April 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Darrell Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

