

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Joshua Knelsen	Reeve (virtual)
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor (left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.)
Eileen Morris	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor (joined virtually at 10:29 a.m., left the meeting at 12:24 p.m., rejoined the meeting virtually at 1:22 p.m. and left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.)
Garrell Smith	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Dale Wiebe	Councillor (virtual, left the meeting at 12:19 p.m.)

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Darrell Derksen	Chief Administrative Officer
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Andy Banman	Director of Operations
Caitlin Smith	Director of Planning and Development
Louise Flooren	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary
Landon Driedger	Agricultural Fieldman

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on August 14, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

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

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 24-08-561 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 4. c) Land Purchase (*FOIP Sections 23, 24, 25 and 27*)
- 10. a) Forest Capital of Canada – Fire Pits
- 11. e) 2025 Budget Workshop – Scheduling
- 12. d) Road Construction
- 15. c) Alberta Forest Products Association 2024 Annual General Meeting – Location & Date Change

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 24-08-562 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

CLOSED MEETING: 4. a) Closed Meeting

MOTION 24-08-563 MOVED by Councillor Morris

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:03 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Advertising and Sale of Mackenzie County Land – Plan 052 0560, Block 05, Lot 04 (Hamlet of La Crete) (*FOIP Sections 23, 24, 25 and 27*)
- 4.b) CAO Report (*FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24*)
- 4.c) Land Purchase (*FOIP Sections 23, 24, 25 and 27*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Peters
- Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Development
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

MOTION 24-08-564 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 10:23 a.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 10:23 a.m., Councillor Peters joined the meeting virtually at 10:29 a.m. and Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

MOTION 24-08-565 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Advertising and Sale of Mackenzie County Land – Plan 052 0560, Block 05, Lot 04 (Hamlet of La Crete) *(FOIP Sections 23, 24, 25 and 27)*
- 4.b) CAO Report *(FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24)*
- 4.c) Land Purchase *(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
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Development
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

Administration left the meeting at 10:39 a.m. excluding Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION 24-08-566 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED

TENDERS: **5. a) Agricultural Land Lease – Plan 2122750; Block 13; Lot 1 in Fort Vermilion**

MOTION 24-08-567 **MOVED** by Councillor Morris

That the Agricultural Land Lease for Plan 2122750; Block 13; Lot 1 in Fort Vermilion Request for Proposal be opened.

CARRIED

Bidder	Amount
Richard Wolfe	\$ 183.80
Christopher Bartell	\$1,654.00
Jonathan Newman	\$1,600.00

MOTION 24-08-568 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Agricultural Land Lease for Plan 2122750; Block 13; Lot 1 in Fort Vermilion be awarded to the highest bidder.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING: **4. a) Advertising and Sale of Mackenzie County Land – Plan 052 0560, Block 05, Lot 04 (Hamlet of La Crete)**

MOTION 24-08-569 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration proceed with the sale of Plan 052 0560, Block 05, Lot 04 as per policy FIN035 with a reserve bid as per appraisal.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **4. b) CAO Report**

MOTION 24-08-570 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That the CAO Report be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. c) Land Purchase (ADDITION)

MOTION 24-08-571 **MOVED** by Councillor Morris
Requires Unanimous

That administration research and bring back options to sell a portion of SW 7-109-19-W5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None

DELEGATIONS: 7. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS: 8. a) None

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: 9. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 10. a) Forest Capital of Canada – Fire Pits (ADDITION)

MOTION 24-08-572 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That the Forest Capital of Canada – Fire Pits discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. a) Borrowing Bylaw 1346-24 – La Crete North Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project

MOTION 24-08-573 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1346-24 being the borrowing bylaw for La Crete North Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-08-574 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

Requires 2/3

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1346-24 being the borrowing bylaw for La Crete North Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project.

Councillor Smith requested a recorded vote:

In Favor	Opposed
Reeve Knelsen	Councillor Smith
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk	
Councillor Braun	
Councillor Cardinal	
Councillor Driedger	
Councillor Morris	
Councillor Peters	
Councillor Wardley	
Councillor Wiebe	

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. b) Disaster Recovery Program – 2023 Wildfire Events

MOTION 24-08-575 MOVED by Councillor Morris

That the 2023 Wildfire events Disaster Recovery Program report be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. c) Councillor Expense Claims

MOTION 24-08-576 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Councillor Expense Claims for July 2024 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. d) Members at Large Expense Claims

MOTION 24-08-577 MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the Member at Large Expense Claims for June/July 2024 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. e) 2025 Budget Workshop (ADDITION)

MOTION 24-08-578
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2025 Budget Workshop be scheduled for September 17-18, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS:

12. a) Amend Policy PW009 Dust Control

MOTION 24-08-579

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Policy PW009 Dust Control be amended as discussed.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

12. b) Amend Policy PW044 Road Maintenance, Repair and Snow Clearing and Removal

MOTION 24-08-580

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy PW044 Road Maintenance, Repair and Snow Clearing and Removal be amended as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

12. c) Budget Amendment - Additional Re-gravelling Zama Access Road

MOTION 24-08-581
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Reeve Knelsen

That due to the extensive wildfire traffic the 2024 One Time Budget be amended by \$184,000 for additional re-gravelling and grading of the Zama Access Road with funding coming from the Road Reserve and a bill be sent to Alberta Forestry.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

12. d) Road Construction (ADDITION)

MOTION 24-08-582

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the Road Construction discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

UTILITIES: 13. a) None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 14. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 15. a) **Ratepayer Request For Reimbursement For Vehicle Damage**

MOTION 24-08-583 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request to reimburse the ratepayer for damages to their vehicle be denied.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 15. b) **Mackenzie County Municipal Ward Boundary**

MOTION 24-08-584 **MOVED** by Reeve Knelsen

That administration research and bring back options for third party engagement for public consultation regarding the Municipal Ward Boundary and Governance Review to a future council meeting as requested by Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 12:24 p.m., Councillor Peters and Councillor Wiebe left the meeting at 12:24 pm. and Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Council explained the above motion and answered a few questions from the members of public.

Councillor Peters rejoined the meeting virtually at 1:22 p.m. and left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Councillor Driedger left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION: 15. c) Alberta Forest Products Association 2024 Annual General Meeting – Location & Date Change (ADDITION)

MOTION 24-08-585
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be rescheduled to October 16, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS:

16. a) Revised Bylaw 1332-24 Tax Rate

MOTION 24-08-586
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Revised Bylaw 1332-24 Tax Rate for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-08-587
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Morris

That second reading be given to Revised Bylaw 1332-24 Tax Rate for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-08-588
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That consideration be given to third and final reading of Revised Bylaw 1332-24 Tax Rate for Mackenzie County, at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 24-08-589
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third and final reading be given to Revised Bylaw 1332-24 Tax Rate for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS:

16. b) Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Crime Statistics

MOTION 24-08-590 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Bylaw 0956-14 Off Highway Vehicles Bylaw for La Crete and Bylaw 1196-20 Off Highway Vehicles Bylaw for Fort Vermilion be brought back to a future Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: **16. c) Draft Mackenzie County Strategic Plan**

MOTION 24-08-591 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Draft Mackenzie County Strategic Plan be TABLED to a future Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: **16. d) Repeal Bylaw 538-05 Ambulance Services Bylaw, Bylaw 139-98 and 173-99 to Approve an Agreement Between the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23 and the Town of High Level Respecting the Hutch Lake Recreation Area**

MOTION 24-08-592 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1347-24 to Repeal Bylaws 139-98, 173-99 and 538-05.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-08-593 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1347-24 to Repeal Bylaws 139-98, 173-99 and 538-05.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-08-594 **MOVED** by Councillor Morris
Requires Unanimous

That consideration be given to go to third and final reading of Bylaw 1347-24 to Repeal Bylaws 139-98, 173-99 and 538-05.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 24-08-595

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That third and final reading be given to Bylaw 1347-24 to Repeal Bylaws 139-98, 173-99 and 538-05.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

17. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 24-08-596

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

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

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

18. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 24-08-597

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

19. a) None

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

20. a) Next Meeting Dates

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

Regular Council Meeting
September 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

21. a) Adjournment

MOTION 24-08-598 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the September 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Darrell Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

