

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

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

- PRESENT:**
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| Joshua Knelsen | Reeve |
| Walter Sarapuk | Deputy Reeve (joined the meeting at 10:51 a.m.) |
| Peter F. Braun | Councillor |
| Cameron Cardinal | Councillor |
| David Driedger | Councillor (virtual, joined the meeting at 11:34 a.m. and left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.) |
| Eileen Morris | Councillor (virtual, left the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and rejoined the meeting virtually at 12:53 p.m.) |
| Ernest Peters | Councillor |
| Garrell Smith | Councillor |
| Lisa Wardley | Councillor |
- REGRETS:**
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| Dale Wiebe | Councillor |
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- ADMINISTRATION:**
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| 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 |
| John Zacharias | Director of Utilities |
| Louise Flooren | Manager of Legislative & Support Services/
Recording Secretary |
| Landon Driedger | Agricultural Fieldman |
- ALSO PRESENT:**
- (Zoom) Minister of Energy and Minerals, Honourable Brian Jean
(Zoom) Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy and Minerals Ahmad (AJ) Jebara
Royal Canadian Mounted Police Staff Sergeant, Kevin Wright
Corporal, Matthew MacDonald

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 23, 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 24-10-757

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

10. b) Budget Amendment – Jaws of Life – Spreader

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3. a) Minutes of the October 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 24-10-758

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the October 16, 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 24-10-759

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:02 a.m. to discuss the following:

4.a) Frontier Veterinary Service Contract Renewal
(*FOIP Section 25*)

4.b) Land Sales (*FOIP Sections 23, 24, 25 and 27*)

4.c) CAO Report (*FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Deputy Reeve Sarapuk, Councillor Driedger and Councillor Wiebe

- 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
- John Zacharias, Director of Utilities
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary
- Landon Driedger, Agricultural Fieldman

Administration left the meeting at 10:10 a.m. excluding Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer and Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Development.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk joined the meeting at 10:51 a.m., Councillor Morris left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Development left the meeting 11:24 a.m.

MOTION 24-10-760

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 11:34 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Driedger joined the meeting virtually at 11:34 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

7. a) Minister of Energy and Minerals the Honourable Brian Jean (Zoom - 11:30 a.m.)

MOTION 24-10-761

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the discussion with the Honourable Brian Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING:

4. a) Frontier Veterinary Service Contract Renewal

MOTION 24-10-762

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the current agreement between Frontier Veterinary Services Ltd. and Mackenzie County be renewed for a period of two years.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. b) Land Sales

MOTION 24-10-763 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council agrees with the appraised value for Plan 792 1881, Block 18, Lot 01 and direct administration to proceed with the offer to purchase.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m., Councillor Morris rejoined the meeting virtually at 12:53 p.m. and Reeve Knelsen reconvened the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

TENDERS: 5. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS: 8. a) None

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: 9. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 10. a) Fort Vermilion Library Building

MOTION 24-10-764 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration proceed with renting out space formally used by the Fort Vermilion Community Support Services in the Fort Vermilion Library building located at 5103 River Road and bring back the 1277-23 Fee Schedule Bylaw to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 10. b) Budget Amendment – Jaws of Life – Spreader (ADDITION)

MOTION 24-10-765 MOVED by Councillor Braun
Requires Unanimous

That the 2024 Capital Budget be amended by \$15,500 for the Jaws of Life – Spreader Capital project, with funds coming from the La Crete Fire Department Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE: 11. a) **Financial Reports – January – September 2024**

MOTION 24-10-766 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. b) **MasterCard Statements –August 2024**

MOTION 24-10-767 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the MasterCard statements for August 2024 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. c) **Bylaw 1351-24 Remuneration for Volunteer Fire Fighters**

MOTION 24-10-768 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1351-24 Remuneration for Volunteer Fire Fighters Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-10-769 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1351-24 Remuneration for Volunteer Fire Fighters Bylaw.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-10-770 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That consideration be given to third reading be given to Bylaw 1351-24 Remuneration for Volunteer Fire Fighters Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 24-10-771 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1351-24 Remuneration for Volunteer Fire Fighters Bylaw.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **11. d) Budget Amendment – Laundry Facility – Zama Campground**

MOTION 24-10-772 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun
Requires 2/3

That the 2024 Capital Budget be amended by \$590 for the Laundry Facility Capital project, with funds coming from the Zama Recreation Society.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: **12. a) Northridge Subdivisions Access Extension Requests**

MOTION 24-10-773 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That current and future requests to alter and/or extend accesses will be denied on the Southside of 105th Avenue in Hamlet of La Crete due to surface water drainage issues in the area.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: **12. b) Playground Zone Signage for Sand Hills Elementary & Reinland Christian School**

MOTION 24-10-774 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That administration bring back Bylaw 1229-21 School Zones and Other Speed Zones to reflect the signs on 94th Avenue within the Hamlet of La Crete and bring back recommendations to add lunch hours to all school zones.

CARRIED

UTILITIES: **13. a) None**

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Invest Alberta/Xperience Alberta 2025 Edition
Magazine Advertising (EDA) – Forest Capital of
Canada**

MOTION 24-10-775

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County Council receives the Invest
Alberta/Xperience Alberta magazine advertising for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

15. a) None

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE ITEMS:**

16. a) None

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

17. a) Council Committee Reports (Verbal)

Councillor Driedger left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

MOTION 24-10-776

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

17. b) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 24-10-777

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the approved Community Services Committee meeting
minutes of May 2, 2024, June 13, 2024 and August 21, 2024 be
received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

18. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 24-10-778

MOVED by Councillor Braun

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

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. a) Closed Meeting

MOTION 24-10-779 MOVED by Councillor Smith

That Council move into a closed meeting at 2:25 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.c) CAO Report (*FOIP Sections 16, 17, 23 and 24*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Driedger and Councillor Wiebe
- Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION 24-10-780 MOVED by Councillor Smith

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 2:39 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 19. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES: 20. a) Next Meeting Dates

Budget Council Meeting
October 30, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
November 13, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 21. a) Adjournment

MOTION 24-10-781 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the November 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Darrell Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

