

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 30, 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 (virtual, joined the meeting in person at 12:50 p.m.)
David Driedger	Councillor
Eileen Morris	Councillor (virtual, joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m. and left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.)
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Garrell Smith	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor (virtual)
Dale Wiebe	Councillor

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
John Zacharias	Director of Utilities
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager
Louise Flooren	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary
Landon Driedger	Agricultural Fieldman

ALSO PRESENT:

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on October 30, 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 24-10-782 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be adopted with the following change:

11. d) 2025 Administration Conference, Workshop and Training Budget Requests be moved to the Closed Meeting portion 4. a)

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) None

DELEGATIONS: 7. a) None

TENDERS: 5. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS: 8. a) None

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: 9. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 10. a) None

FINANCE: 11. a) Draft 2025 Operating Budget

Councillor Morris joined the meeting virtually at 10:22 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

MOTION 24-10-783 MOVED by Councillor Braun
Requires 2/3

That the 2025 Draft Operating Budget be amended by Tracking Sheet Change #1.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. b) 2025 Operating Budget Reserve Allocations and Draws

MOTION 24-10-784 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters
Requires 2/3

That the 2025 allocations and draws from various reserves be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed meeting at 12:05 p.m., Councillor Morris left the meeting, Deputy Reeve Sarapuk reconvened the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

FINANCE: 11. c) Organizational Chart

MOTION 24-10-785 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Organizational Chart be amended as discussed.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. e) Review 2025 One Time Projects

MOTION 24-10-786 **MOVED** by Reeve Knelsen
Requires 2/3

That administration incorporates the approved 2025 One Time Projects into the Draft 2025 Operating budget as follows:

- 1. Rural Traffic Counts - \$75,000
- 2. Aerial Imagery - \$150,000
- 3. Planning for Tompkins River Crossing - \$100,000

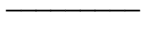
CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. f) Local Growth and Sustainability Grant

MOTION 24-10-787 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration work with MPA Engineering and proceed with applying for a \$6 million bridge replacement project over 3 years under the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant.

CARRIED



Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

OPERATIONS: 12. a) None

UTILITIES: 13. a) None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 14. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 15. a) None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 16. a) None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 17. a) None

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE: 18. a) None

NOTICE OF MOTION: 19. a) None

CLOSED MEETING: 4. a) Closed Meeting

MOTION 24-10-788 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That Council move into a closed meeting at 2:33 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) 2025 Administration Conference, Workshop and Training Budget Requests (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 and 27*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Morris
- Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION 24-10-789 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 3:02 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 24-10-790
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2025 Administration Conference, Workshop and Training Budget Requests be approved as discussed.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATES:

20. a) Next Meeting Dates

MOTION 24-10- 791
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the Regular Council Meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 be changed to Monday, November 18, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Council Meeting
November 18, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Budget Council Meeting
November 19, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

21. a) Adjournment

MOTION 24-10-792

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:07 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

