

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 7, 2015
9:00 a.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 (arrived at 9:09 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ricky Paul	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 7, 2015 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 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 15-01-001 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**3. a) Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Special Council
(Budget) Meeting**

MOTION 15-01-002

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the December 18, 2014 special council budget meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS:

5. a) 2015 Budget

Council and administration reviewed the Grants to Other Organizations.

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Councillor Wardley joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:13 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Council and administration continued to review the Grants to Other Organizations.

MOTION 15-01-003

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter of support be provided to the High Level Golf & Country Club for their campground upgrade/expansion project.

CARRIED

Council and administration continued to review the Grants to Other Organizations.

Council and administration reviewed the proposed capital projects.

Council and administration reviewed the long term debt and debenture payments.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:39 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Council and administration reviewed revenue options via tax increase and potential borrowing for major projects.

MOTION 15-01-004

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the following projects be identified for borrowing in the 2015 capital budget:

- Gravel Truck and Trailer (\$470,000)
- La Crete 99th Avenue – 101 St. to 104 Ave. (\$1,475,000)
- Fort Vermilion 48 Street & 47th Avenue (\$580,000)
- Zama Access (\$1,000,000)

CARRIED

MOTION 15-01-005

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2015 operating and capital budget be APPROVED as discussed.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

5. b) Mackenzie Veterinary Services

MOTION 15-01-006

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the letter from Dr. James Stickney from the Mackenzie Veterinary Services Ltd. be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) VSI Contract 2015

MOTION 15-01-007

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the 2015 VSI Contract be APPROVED as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson, Fort Vermilion RCMP

5. d) Enhanced Policing

MOTION 15-01-008

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the funding for the Crime Reduction Unit be discontinued.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-01-009

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the funding for the second enhanced policing position be allocated to the Fort Vermilion RCMP School Resource Officer.

CARRIED

5. e) REDI – 2015 Census Initiative

MOTION 15-01-010

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request approval to conduct a census (including the shadow population) on February 19, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-01-011

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2015 grant application from the La Crete Youth Activity Centre be received for information.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

7. a) Next Meeting Date

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

8. a) Adjournment

MOTION 15-01-012

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Special Council Budget meeting be adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 13, 2015.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer
