

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2015
1:00 p.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

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
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ricky Paul	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Len Racher	Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Mark Schonken	Interim Director of Finance
Fred Wiebe	Manager of Utilities
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services

ALSO PRESENT: Grade 6 Students, Ridgeview Central School
Members of the media and the public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on April 29, 2015 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

Mrs. Karie Becker and Mrs. Valerie Clark's grade six classes from Ridgeview Central School were present to observe the Council meeting.

The students held an election for the position of Junior Reeve. Jalayna Buller was elected the Junior Reeve and took a seat next to the Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 15-04-294 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

Move item 13. e) FCM Conference Item 16. a) Notice of Motion

10. f) Hill Crest Community School Dust Control Application

10. g) Local Road Request for Proposal

13. f) Centennial Park – Town of High Level

13. g) Tri-Council Meeting Agenda

13. h) Built Rite Invoice to Mackenzie County

13. i) Council Meeting Dates

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION 15-04-295 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: 5. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 15-04-296 MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 26, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Inter-Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 15-04-297 MOVED by Councillor Paul

That the Inter-Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes

of March 26 and the draft minutes of April 15, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:

9. a) Rural Waterline Connection Fees

MOTION 15-04-298

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration bring back the Fee Schedule Bylaw to include monthly installments for the payment of the rural waterline connection fees.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. a) Bylaw 988-15 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 9-10-15-W5M from Hamlet Residential 1B “HR1B” to Hamlet Residential 2 “HR2” (La Crete)

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller called the public hearing for Bylaw 988-15 to order at 1:17 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 988-15 was properly advertised. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, answered that the bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment. Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development, presented the Development Authority’s submission and indicated that first reading was given on March 25, 2015.

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

- Discussion was held regarding the access road. A future road is proposed below the proposed development. There is an undeveloped utility right of way which is not registered. Refer to the map on Page 50. Allowing the rezoning would take away the buffer zone.
- How is this development different than the rezoning that was done in La Crete last year? They are condos vs. mobile homes. The single biggest complaint received is that people don’t like the solid wall behind their property.

The density of condos is the same as duplexes. A transition from mobile homes to condos works but duplexes would be better.

- A comment was made that mobile homes is one class lower so why wouldn't it transition.
- Has the Municipal Planning Commission looked at it? Yes. The precedent was set regarding the buffer zone last year and their decision was not a clear majority so they recommended that it be denied.
- Councillor Braun stated that this is not a fair comparison and supports the proposed development.
- Councillor Bateman stated that there is no difference between a cheap stick built house and a nice mobile home.
- Are the condos two stories? No it is row housing, joined continuously.

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 988-15. No submissions were received.

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 988-15. There was no one present to speak to the proposed Bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld and Junior Reeve Buller closed the public hearing for Bylaw 988-15 at 1:26 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-299

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 988-15 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NW 9-106-15-W5M from Hamlet Residential 1B "HR1B" to Hamlet Residential 2 "HR2" for the purpose of a multi-lot subdivision.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-300

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 988-15 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NW 9-106-15-W5M from Hamlet Residential 1B "HR1B" to Hamlet Residential 2 "HR2" for the purpose of a multi-lot subdivision.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) Grade 6 – Ridgeview Central School

The grade 6 students were given an opportunity to present their questions to Council.

1. Why did we vote for a pool in La Crete but not for the baseball diamonds?
There was no opposition to building the baseball diamonds. There were a lot of different opinions regarding the swimming pool. Many people were opposed as a swimming pool is very expensive. Council discussed the issue and decided to hold a plebiscite to let the people vote on the issue.
2. How old do you have to be to sign a petition?
18 years old. You must be old enough to vote.
3. How many signatures do we need to be noticed?
According to the Municipal Government Act a legal petition requires 10% of the eligible voters. However, Council still has the final decision.

Councillor Jorgensen stated that you only need one signature to be noticed. Any ratepayer can come to Council as a delegation and there is a process to be added to the agenda. Any letters addressed to Council always come to Council.

4. Where is the majority of your budget spent?
The majority of the County's budget is spent on roads – building and maintenance. Our Annual Report shows the breakdown of these costs.
5. Why didn't we vote for the High Level pool and our taxes go towards it?
High Level has its own government (incorporated municipality) and they make decisions for their area. They asked the County to support it. The County has a Regional Service Sharing Agreement with the Town for services they provide to County residents.
6. Do you sit in a certain order in your meetings?
Yes. The name tags are set out after the general election and usually stay the same for the term. Sometimes people talk too much and they have to be moved.

7. How much money did you spend last year?
\$30 million dollars. Page 157 of the council package shows the County's financial statements and the amount that was spent in 2014. Some municipalities spend over \$100 million more than us.
8. Where does your money come from?
People pay taxes. We also get money from the provincial government. We also have user fees such as sale of maps, building permits, rentals, camping fees, fines, water and sewer, etc.
9. Where does the provincial government get their money from?
Taxes, oil revenues, and gas.
10. You said you get money from campgrounds, how do the campgrounds get paid?
The County pays them.
11. If there are businesses that get/make more money do they pay more in taxes?
The taxes from the municipality are based on property assessment (what the building is worth). Taxes are charged based on the value of the building and not on how much money the business makes. The provincial government, however, charges taxes based on the money they make.
12. Who has been on Council the longest?
The Reeve (34 Years) and Deputy Reeve (25 years).
13. Is there a limit to how long you can stay on Council?
No. An election is held every 4 years and if the people don't like you then you're gone.
14. How long will it take to pave all the roads in La Crete?
A long time. It is very expensive. This year we are paving the road past the post office and it will cost \$1.7 million dollars.
15. What happens when you spend more than your budget?
Under the Municipal Government Act we are not allowed to spend over our budget. We have reserves set aside and Council can add additional money for a project if needed or

cancel the project.

16. Do you have dates set for council meetings?

Yes, the regular meetings are set for the entire year at the annual organizational meeting in October. Sometimes the meetings are changed and under the Act we can also call Special Meetings.

The grade 6 students left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: **4. a) Wilde & Company – 2014 Audited Financial Statement Presentation**

FINANCE: **12. c) 2014 Audited Financial Statements (DRAFT)**

MOTION 15-04-301 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires 2/3

That the 2014 Audited Financial Statements be APPROVED as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: **10. a) Policy PW039 Rural Road, Access Construction and Surface Water Management Policy**

MOTION 15-04-302 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy PW039 Rural Road, Access Construction and Surface Water Management Policy be approved as AMENDED.

CARRIED

10. b) Second Access Request – NW-11-105-15-W5M

MOTION 15-04-303 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the second access request for NW-11-105-15-W5M be DENIED.

DEFEATED

MOTION 15-04-304 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the second access request for NW-11-105-15-W5M be APPROVED.

DEFEATED

10. c) Second Access Request – SE-26-106-14-W5M (Old Colony Mennonite Church)

MOTION 15-04-305 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the second access request for SE-26-106-14-W5M (Old Colony Church) be APPROVED subject to an approved development permit for the proposed development.

CARRIED

10. d) Second Access Request SW-3-107-14-W5M

MOTION 15-04-306 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the second access request for SW-3-107-14-W5M be APPROVED as requested subject to an approved development permit and house/yard site construction.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:38 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

10. e) Dust Control – Calcium Chloride and Oil

MOTION 15-04-307 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the dust control areas for 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. f) Hill Crest Community School Dust Control Application (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-04-308 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen
Requires Unanimous

That the Hill Crest Community School oil dust control be considered in the 2016 budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. g) Local Road Request for Proposals (ADDITION)

Councillor Derksen stepped out of the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-309

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the local road request for proposals be received for information.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**11. a) Bylaw 993-15 Plan Cancellation for Consolidation
Purposes Plan 882 1687, Block 3, Lots 1 and 2 (Zama)**

MOTION 15-04-310

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 993-15, being a Plan Cancellation Bylaw to cancel and consolidate Plan 822 1687, Block 3, Lots 1 and 2 into one lot in the Hamlet of Zama, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

**11. b) Second Access Request – Plan 982 5932, Block 01,
Plan 01**

Councillor Derksen rejoined the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-311

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the second access request to Plan 982 5932, Block 1, Lot 1 be APPROVED as a temporary access until a major road upgrade is completed or the construction of internal roads.

CARRIED

11. c) PAPI Light Update

MOTION 15-04-312

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration proceed with completing the PAPI light deficiencies at the La Crete and Fort Vermilion airports.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. a) Bylaw 990-15 Community Aggregate Payment Levy Fee

Councillor Bateman declared herself in conflict and left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-313
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That third reading be given to Bylaw 990-15, being the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw that authorizes the imposition of a levy in respect of all sand and gravel businesses operating in the Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

Councillor Bateman rejoined the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

12. b) Bylaw 992-15 – 2015 Tax Rate Bylaw

MOTION 15-04-314
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 992-15 being the 2015 Tax Rate bylaw for Mackenzie County as AMENDED with the following:

That the combined residential and farmland rate remain the same as 2014 and that the combined non-residential remain as proposed for 2015.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-315
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 992-15 being the 2015 Tax Rate bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-316
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 992-15 being the 2015 Tax Rate bylaw for Mackenzie County at this meeting.

DEFEATED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-317

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That Motion 15-04-316, to go to third reading of Bylaw 992-15 being the 2015 Tax Rate bylaw for Mackenzie County, be reconsidered.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-318

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 992-15 being the 2015 Tax Rate bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 15-04-319

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That third reading be given to Bylaw 992-15 being the 2015 Tax Rate bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

12. d) La Crete Swimming Pool Committee Request

MOTION 15-04-320

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the La Crete Swimming Pool Committee request be forwarded to the La Crete Recreation Board as the splash park funds are set aside for the Recreation Board.

CARRIED

12. e) Fort Vermilion FCSS Request for Funds

MOTION 15-04-321

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Fort Vermilion FCSS request for funds be APPROVED with funding coming from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED

12. f) Tax Recovery – Sale of Land/Properties By Public Auction

MOTION 15-04-322 MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the sale of land by public auction for properties under tax arrears be set for September 30, 2015.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-323 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the reserve bid for the properties being sold by public auction be set as follows:

Tax Roll #	Ward	Zoning	Legal	Civic	Outstanding Taxes	Reserve Bid
219457	07	MHS-2	2938RS; 01; 11	4720 – 49 Avenue	20,578.08	49,320
229959	07	HCRT	842 0527; 01; 09	4701 – River Road	3,038.82	41,180
229966	07	MHS-2	842 0527; 01; 17	4706 – 49 Avenue	1,556.55	11,640
229967	07	MHS-2	842 0527; 01; 18	4708 – 49 Avenue	1,215.55	27,350
229970	07	MHS-2	842 0527; 01; 21	4714 – 49 Avenue	1,820.07	29,350
229971	07	MHS-2	842 0527; 01; 22	4716 – 49 Avenue	2,283.24	34,690
229972	07	MHS-2	842 0527; 01; 23	4718 – 49 Avenue	2,430.59	43,040
106062	07	HR-1	2938RS; 08; 03	4606 – 50 Street	2,900.35	52,700
300574	09	F	902 2917; 02A; 24		5,155.25	18,040
082047	03	HR3	042 5759; 33; 11	10422 – 109 Street	6,388.49	150,510
082443	10	HG1	072 0008; 18; 13	1030 Tower Road	45,944.56	15,910
148076	07	HR-1	892 1752; 05; 49	5116 – 43 Street	2,489.50	18,020
074410	05	A	NE17-107-12W5		206.00	4,270
229919	09	A1	NE30-110-18W5		63.25	170
296347	07	HR1	892 1752; 05; 52	4323 – 52 Avenue	4,054.71	43,200
077029	01	CR	CARCAJOU ; 02; 10		118.82	2,570
082453	04	HI1	062 6286; 23; 09	9701 – 101 Avenue	6,885.03	184,810
192383	03	HR-1	782 0147; 01; 35	10009 – 95 Avenue	1471.07	87,790
307114	09	HLR	922 2231; ; 21		1,611.13	64,410

CARRIED

12. g) Request to Waive Penalties - Tax Roll 082954

MOTION 15-04-324
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the request to waive the penalties on tax roll 082954 in the amount \$964.78 be APPROVED.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

13. a) Bylaw 991-15 Fee Schedule

MOTION 15-04-325

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 991-15 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-326

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 991-15 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

**13. b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) –
Invitation to Participate in a Workshop with First
Nations**

MOTION 15-04-327

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Mackenzie County participate in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Municipal Community Infrastructure Partnership (CIPP) Workshop with First Nations on June 9, 2015 in High Level.

CARRIED

**13. c) Mutual Aid Agreements for Emergency Response (Fire
Services) with First Nations**

MOTION 15-04-328

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That administration respond to the Beaver First Nation indicating June 9, 2015 as a suitable date for the mutual aid agreement

negotiations for emergency response (fire services) and that the other First Nations be notified of the expired deadline (April 30, 2015) to which Mackenzie County will not respond to their emergency calls as per previous notifications.

CARRIED

13. d) Agenda Item for May 29, 2015 Tri-County Meeting (with MD of Opportunity and Northern Sunrise County)

MOTION 15-04-329

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the 2015 Alberta Transportation budget cuts to the Tri-County agenda for discussion.

CARRIED

13. f) Centennial Park – Town of High Level (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-04-330

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Paul

That the letter from the Town of High Level regarding the Centennial Park be received for information.

CARRIED

13. g) Tri-Council Meeting Agenda (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-04-331

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Tri-Council meeting agenda be received for information.

CARRIED

13. h) Built Rite Invoice to the County (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-04-332

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Built Rite invoice to the County be received for information.

CARRIED

13. i) Council Meeting Dates (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-04-333

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

Requires Unanimous

That the May 27, 2015 regular council meeting time be changed to 11:00 a.m. and that the June 24, 2015 regular council meeting be changed to Monday, June 22, 2015 to begin at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

14. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 15-04-334

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

15. In-Camera Session

MOTION 15-04-335

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 5:07 p.m.

- 15. a) Legal
- 15. b) Labour
- 15. c) Land

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-336

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 5:26 p.m.

CARRIED

15. a) Legal – Legal Claim for Road Allowance Clearing

MOTION 15-04-337

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the legal claim for road allowance clearing be received for information.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 16. a) FCM Conference

MOTION 15-04-338 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference attendance and cost be added to the May 8, 2015 regular council meeting agenda.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-339 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County proclaim June 1–7, 2015 as Seniors Week.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATES: 17. a) Regular Council Meeting
Friday, May 8, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 18. a) Adjournment

MOTION 15-04-340 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on May 8, 2015.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

