

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

December 14, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (arrived at 10:08 a.m.)
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
Mark Schonken	Interim Director of Finance (left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.)
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Len Racher	Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Manager of Utilities
Peng Tian	Finance Controller
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Alexandra Codispodi	Municipal Intern

ALSO PRESENT: None

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 14, 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 10:07 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION 15-12-955

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk arrived at 10:08 a.m.

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) None

BUSINESS:

**5. a) Fort Vermilion Cold Storage, Office/Shop Bay,
Generator**

MOTION 15-12-956

MOVED by Councillor Paul

That the 2015 Fort Vermilion Cold Storage/Emergency Generator Building Project funds be redirected to the Fort Vermilion Shop Office Addition and that the additional shop bay be brought to the 2017 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

5. b) La Crete Fire Department – Special Rescue Equipment

MOTION 15-12-957

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the following specialized equipment be included in the 2016 budget and that administration bring forward an amendment to the Fee Scheduled Bylaw:

- Embankment/Low Angle Basic Rescue Kit - \$3,595
- Safety Harness - \$200 each (minimum 2)
- The Great Wall of Rescue - \$3,700
- Equipment Trailer - \$6,000

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

5. c) La Crete Dump Trailer

Discussion regarding the La Crete dump trailer.

5. d) Vehicle Chart

Detailed review of the acquisition and disposal of vehicles for 2016.

5. e) Fort Vermilion Airport Shelter

Discussion regarding the Fort Vermilion airport shelter.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

5. f) 2016 Operating & Capital Budget

Council and administration reviewed the following:

- 2016 Budget Changes
- 2016 Draft Operating Budget
- Cash Flow Requirement

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Council and administration reviewed the following:

- Cash Flow Requirement
- 2015 Carry Forward Projects
- 2016 Capital Budget
- 2016 Municipal Taxes
- Municipal Reserves

MOTION 15-12-958

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That a Notice of Motion be made to review the minimum tax for crown leased land vs. owned farm land at the budget discussion in April 2016.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-12-959

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Zama Road LOC be added to the 2016 Non-TCA Project list with a budget of \$100,000.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-12-960

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the original projects ranked 2, 3, or 4 that were not approved in the 2016 budget be brought back to the 2017 budget deliberations for discussion.

DEFEATED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:13 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

5. g) Policy FIN025 Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process

MOTION 15-12-961

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Policy FIN025 Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process be amended by inserting the matrix as presented and when the contract value does not exceed \$40,000.00 (stacking of contracts shall not be permitted) and the hazard risk is low, and that current contracts be grandfathered until the expiry of their contracts.

DEFEATED

MOTION 15-12-962

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy FIN025 Purchasing Authority Directive and Tendering Process be TABLED to the December 21, 2015 Special Council (Budget) Meeting.

CARRIED

5. h) Grants to Other Organizations

The review of the Grants to Other Organizations to be held at the December 21, 2015 Special Council (Budget) meeting.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

MOTION 15-12-963

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move in-camera at 4:48 p.m. to discuss AUPE Negotiations.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-12-964

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Council move out of camera at 5:48 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

6. a) AUPE Negotiations

Councillor Wardley declared herself in conflict of interest and requested to be removed from the AUPE Negotiating Committee.

MOTION 15-12-965

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the negotiating committee be authorized to proceed with AUPE negotiations as discussed.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

6. b) Request to Purchase Land (NE 1-4, Section 6-109-19-W5M)

MOTION 15-12-966

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Request to Purchase Land (NE 1-4, Section 6-109-19-W5M) be TABLED to the December 21, 2015 Special Council (Budget) meeting.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE:

7. a) Next Meeting Date

Special Council (Budget) Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

8. a) Adjournment

MOTION 15-12-967

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Special Council Budget meeting be adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on December 21, 2015.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

