

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 25, 2015
1:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve (teleconference)
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 and Support Services/Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: David Berrade, Consultant, Amisk Hydroelectric Project (Delegation)
Ruth Janzen, Ratepayer (Delegation)
Members of the public and the media.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 25, 2015 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 15-11-880 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 13. e) Bill 6 Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation Changes
- 13. f) Hosting Water North Coalition Meeting
- 13. g) La Crete Library Request for Letter of Support

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **3. a) Minutes of the November 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 15-11-881 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as AMENDED.

CARRIED

TENDERS: **6. a) Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station Caretaker Tender**

MOTION 15-11-882 **MOVED** by Councillor Paul

That the Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station Caretaker tenders be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received:

	3 Year Contract Price
Ronald Lambert	\$36,000.00
Lisa Lepensee	\$43,200.00
Neil Jorgensen	\$43,200.00
Kim Bancarz	\$64,800.00
David & Margaret Fehr	\$64,800.00

MOTION 15-11-883 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration negotiates and enters into a contract for the Rocky Lane Waste Transfer Station Caretaker with the lowest qualified bidder and that an update be provided to Council in future CAO reports.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: 5. a) None

PUBLIC HEARING: 7. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES: 8. a) **Friends of Historical Northern Alberta – Preserving and Promoting History of Northern Alberta**

MOTION 15-11-884 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires 2/3

That Mackenzie County support the Friends of Historical Northern Alberta Society in the amount of \$5,000 with funds coming from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UTILITIES: 9. a) **Fort Vermilion Water Treatment Plant – Agricultural Truckfill Options**

MOTION 15-11-885 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration proceeds with supplying a truckfill on the east side of the Fort Vermilion Water Treatment Plant for agricultural purposes using infrastructure from one of the existing potable truckfills on the west side of the Water Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 10. a) None

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: 11. a) **Community Advisory Committee – Economic Development & Streetscape Project**

MOTION 15-11-886 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That an Ad Hoc Community Advisory Committee for the Economic Development and Streetscape project be created for each Fort Vermilion and La Crete, and that the Community Sustainability Committee be authorized to appoint members to the advisory committee.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

MOTION 15-11-887 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Ad Hoc Community Advisory Committee public members for the Economic Development and Streetscape be selected and invited to participate by the administration and the Community Sustainability Committee members.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: **4. a) Amisk Hydroelectric Project Integrated Environments – David Berrade**

MOTION 15-11-888 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Amisk Hydroelectric Project presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: **12. a) Financial Reports – January 1 to October 31, 2015**

MOTION 15-11-889 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the financial reports for the period, January 1 – October 31, 2015, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **13. a) La Crete Agriculture Society – Request for Letter of Support**

MOTION 15-11-890 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Agricultural Society in support of their funding application under the Community Facility Enhancement Program to install a small air conditioner in the large hall of the La Crete Heritage Centre.

CARRIED

13. b) Northern Lakes College – Re-establishing Community Education Committee

MOTION 15-11-891 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Mackenzie County participates and appoints a representative to the Northern Lakes College Community Education Committee for the High Level campus.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-11-892 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Councillor Bateman be appointed to the Northern Lakes College Community Education Committee for the High Level campus.

CARRIED

13. c) Mackenzie Housing Management Board – Request to Change the Ministerial Order

MOTION 15-11-893 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a letter of support be provided to Mackenzie Housing Management Board with respect that the province give voting powers to the Town of High Level and Town of Rainbow Lake representatives for all housing matters due to expansion of the Board's services in the Region while maintaining the current composition of the Board.

CARRIED

13. e) Bill 6 Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation Changes (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-11-894 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That Councillor Jorgensen be authorized to attend the Bill 6 Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation Changes information session in Grande Prairie on November 26, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. f) Hosting Water North Coalition Meeting (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-11-895 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires Unanimous

That Mackenzie County offers to host a Water North Coalition

Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. g) La Crete Library Request for Letter of Support
(ADDITION)**

MOTION 15-11-896
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Community Library for facility improvements under the Community Facility Enhancement Program with Mackenzie County's contribution of \$100,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

14. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 15-11-897

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

16. a) Notice of Motion

MOTION 15-11-898

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the creation of a Land Stewardship Committee be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 2:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

15. In-Camera Session

MOTION 15-11-899

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 3:10 p.m.

15. a) Legal – Waste Transfer Station Contract Awarding

(Legal Opinion Letter)

15. a) Legal – Conflict of Interests (Legal Opinion Letter)

CARRIED

Councillor Bateman declared herself in conflict and stepped out of the meeting at 3:09 p.m. for the discussion of the waste transfer station contract.

Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 3:59 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Councillor Bateman rejoined the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

MOTION 15-11-900

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 4:27 p.m.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) Knelsen Gravel Haul Route – Concerned Ratepayer

Ruth Janzen was present to discuss her concerns regarding Knelsen Sand & Gravel's gravel haul route adjacent to her property.

Councillor Knelsen stepped out of the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

MOTION 15-11-901

MOVED by Reeve Neufeld

That the Knelsen gravel haul route concerns be received for information and that administration work with the contractor to address the concerns.

CARRIED

Councillor Knelsen rejoined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 4:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

15. b) Labour – Conflict of Interest – Legal Opinion Letter

MOTION 15-11-902

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the County requests a legal opinion on the conflict of interest letter that was hand delivered by Isaac Hiebert and written by

Parlee McLaws regarding Councillor Bateman's disqualification from Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Bateman declared herself in conflict and left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

15. a) Legal – Waste Transfer Station Contract Awarding – Legal Opinion Letter

13. d) Waste Transfer Station Hauling Proposal Awarding

MOTION 15-11-903

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Motion 15-11-872 be rescinded due to Council not having the sufficient information on November 10, 2015 regarding the proponent's compliance with the mandatory requirement for submissions as per the Request for Proposal for Waste Transfer Station Hauling.

Councillor Wardley requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Paul
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Jorgensen
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Reeve Neufeld

Opposed

Councillor Derksen
Councillor Driedger
Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Braun

CARRIED

MOTION 15-11-904

MOVED by Reeve Neufeld

That the awarding of the Waste Transfer Station Hauling Contract be TABLED to the next meeting.

CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

- 17. a) Special Council (Budget) Meeting
Monday, November 30, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- b) Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

- c) Special Council (Budget) Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: **18. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 15-11-905 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

CARRIED

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

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

