

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (left the meeting at 5:33 p.m.)
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:02 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Len Racher	Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Peng Tian	Director of Finance
Fred Wiebe	Manager of Utilities
Mark Schonken	Aggregate & Special Projects Coordinator
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services
Carrie Simpson	Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public and media.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on April 12, 2016 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 16-04-248 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

4. a) Dr. Gordon McIntosh, Facilitator, Local Government Leadership Institute – 4:00 p.m. (CAO Evaluation – In Camera)

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **3. a) Minutes of the March 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 16-04-249 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: **13. d) Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Commission – Hours of Operation**

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

MOTION 16-04-250 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That a letter of support be sent for the concerns brought forward by Jake's Disposal regarding the changes to the hours of operation at the Mackenzie Regional Waste Commission Management.

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: **5. a) Council Committee Reports (Verbal)**

MOTION 16-04-251 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Council Committee verbal reports be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 16-04-252 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Public Works Committee unapproved meeting minutes of March 22, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION 16-04-253 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Agricultural Service Board unapproved meeting minutes of April 5, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS: 6. a) CAO Report

MOTION 16-04-254 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council acknowledges and appreciates all of the hard work that staff put into achieving the Certificate of Recognition (COR)

CARRIED

MOTION 16-04-255 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the CAO Report for March 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

TENDERS: 7. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 8. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 9. a) Assessment Services

MOTION 16-04-256 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

Requires 2/3

That administration be authorized to extend the contract with Alliance Assessment Consultants Ltd. for the provision of assessment services (2018-2022 taxation years), subject to a review of the out clause in the existing agreement.

CARRIED

9. b) 2016 Ratepayer Meetings

MOTION 16-04-257 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the 2016 annual ratepayer meetings be held as follows:

- Rocky Lane/High Level Rural – Monday, June 13, 2016
- Fort Vermilion – Tuesday, June 14, 2016
- La Crete – Wednesday, June 15, 2016
- Zama – Thursday, June 16, 2016
- Tompkins Landing – Monday, June 20, 2016

CARRIED

MOTION 16-04-258 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the 2016 ratepayer meeting agenda be amended as discussed.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

9. c) Conference Call – Rick Pollard, Stakeholder Relations Manager (Office of the Premier)

MOTION 16-04-259 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the following topics be addressed during the conference call scheduled with Rick Pollard, Stakeholder Relations Manager (Office of the Premier), on April 13, 2016:

- Carbon Tax
- Unemployment rates/destruction of our oil and gas industry
- Well Abandonment Program
- Capital Investment in Infrastructure
- Farm & Ranch Workplace Regulation Consultations
- Non-collectible tax from oil and gas industry
- Agricultural Land Expansion
- Diversification in Agriculture Research
- Bill C-246 Modernizing Animal Protections Act
- Federal and Provincial regulation relationship

CARRIED

9. d) National Public Works Week Proclamation (May 15-21,

2016)

MOTION 16-04-260 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County Council supports and recognizes the National Public Works Week by acknowledging and proclaiming the week of May 15-21, 2016, as Public Works Week in Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

10. a) Genetically Engineered/Roundup Ready Alfalfa

MOTION 16-04-261 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County encourages the County to be a Roundup Ready Alfalfa free zone and that the Agricultural Service Board and Mackenzie Applied Research Association be encouraged to educate the local farming community regarding the associated risks and benefits.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Northwest Alberta Regional Resource Sharing
Agreement**

MOTION 16-04-262 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Mackenzie County participates in the Northwest Alberta Regional Resource Initiative and that administration be authorized to sign the Northwest Alberta Regional Resource Sharing Agreement.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

FINANCE:

12. a) Bylaw 1025-16 Fee Schedule Bylaw

MOTION 16-04-263 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen
Requires 2/3

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1025-16 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-04-264

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1025-16 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-04-265

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1025-16 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 16-04-266

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1025-16 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

12. b) 2016 Budget & 2016 Municipal Tax Rates

MOTION 16-04-267

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Old Bay House not be funded in the 2016 Budget.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-04-268

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration be authorized to incorporate the new budget requests in the final 2016 budget with the following amendments:

- Reduce Peace Officer budgeted wages by 50 %
- Remove the Old Bay House funding

CARRIED

MOTION 16-04-269

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration drafts the 2016 tax rate bylaw for the April 27, 2016 Council meeting with the following municipal mill rates:

Assessment class	Mill rate	Minimum tax
Residential	7.508	\$200.00
Farmland	8.508	\$35.00
Non-Residential	11.903	\$400.00

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

DEFEATED

MOTION 16-04-270
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration drafts the 2016 tax rate bylaw for the April 27, 2016 Council meeting with a reduction of 3 % for residential municipal rates with the additional \$166,253 in funding coming from the General Operating Reserve:

Assessment class	Mill rate	Minimum tax
Residential	7.283	\$200.00
Farmland	8.508	\$35.00
Non-Residential	11.903	\$400.00

MOTION 16-04-271
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Motion 16-04-270 be AMENDED to remove the minimum tax on farmland with \$35,922 funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Derksen
 Councillor Jorgensen
 Reeve Neufeld
 Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
 Councillor Bateman

Opposed

Councillor Braun
 Councillor Wardley
 Councillor Driedger
 Councillor Knelsen

DEFEATED

MOTION 16-04-270
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration drafts the 2016 tax rate bylaw for the April 27, 2016 Council meeting with a reduction of 3 % for residential municipal rates and with the additional \$166,253 in funding

coming from the General Operating Reserve:

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Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Derksen
 Councillor Driedger
 Reeve Neufeld
 Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
 Councillor Knelsen
 Councillor Braun

Opposed

Councillor Bateman
 Councillor Wardley
 Councillor Jorgensen

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Bylaw 1024-16 Road Closure West Side of NW 11-106-12-W5M for Access Request

MOTION 16-04-272

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1024-16 being a Road Closure Bylaw to Close a Portion of Government Road Allowance adjoining the west boundary of NW 11-106-12-W5M for the purpose of consolidation, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

13. b) Policy PW039 – Rural Road, Access Construction and Surface Water Management

MOTION 16-04-273

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

DEFEATED

Councillor Driedger and Councillor Jorgensen stepped out of the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

13. c) Oil Recycling Buildings

MOTION 16-04-274 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration be authorized to proceed with the oil recycling facility projects for La Crete and Fort Vermilion as per the revised and approved 2016 Budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Driedger and Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) Bylaw 1021-16 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 142 5001, Block 3, Lot 5 & 6 from Hamlet Country Residential District 1 "HRC1" to Public/Institutional "P" (La Crete)

MOTION 16-04-275 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1021-16 being the rezoning of Plan 142 5001, Block 3, Lot 5 & 6 from Hamlet Country Residential District 1 "HRC1" to Public/Institutional "P" to allow for a church.

CARRIED

14. b) North Point Oversizing Payment

MOTION 16-04-276 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun
Requires 2/3

That administration negotiate the cost difference with the developers for the oversizing of the North Point watermain.

CARRIED

14. c) Zama Crown Land Procurement

MOTION 16-04-277 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Zama Crown Land Procurement be TABLED until the April 27, 2016 Council Meeting

CARRIED

UTILITIES: **15. a) Boyer River Truckfill**

MOTION 16-04-278 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration provide operational aid to the Beaver First Nations, upon their agreement, in assessing the issue of the Boyer River Truckfill and providing operational assistance in getting their water plant fully functional.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:19 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Dr. Gordon McIntosh, Facilitator, Local Government Leadership Institute – 4:00 p.m. (CAO Evaluation – In Camera)

IN-CAMERA SESSION:

17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 16-04-279

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 4:26 p.m.

17. a) Legal

17. b) Labour

- AUPE Negotiations
- Organizational Chart
- CAO Evaluation

17. c) Land

- Land Negotiation

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk left the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

MOTION 16-04-280

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 5:43 p.m.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour – CAO Evaluation

MOTION 16-04-281

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the presentation provided by Dr. Gordon McIntosh, Facilitator, Local Government Leadership Institute regarding the

CAO evaluation be received for information.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations

MOTION 16-04-282 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the AUPE negotiations update be received for information.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour – Organizational Chart

MOTION 16-04-283 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Organizational Chart be amended by reclassifying the Manager of Utilities to the Director of Utilities and that the Directors' pay grid be amended as discussed.

CARRIED

17. c) Land – Land Negotitation

MOTION 16-04-284 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration be authorized to move forward with the recommended road alternative to bridge BF78103 as depicted on the sketch, to negotiate the land purchase from NE36-104-14W5M up to a value of \$15,000, and be authorized to enter into the funding agreement with Alberta Transportation for \$50,000 towards the forced road construction.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: **18. a) None**

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:** **16. a) Information/Correspondence**

MOTION 16-04-285 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the information/Correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

19. a) Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- c) Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 16-04-286

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on April 27, 2016.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

