

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Lisa Wardley	Deputy Reeve
	Jacque Bateman	Councillor
	Peter F. Braun	Councillor
	Elmer Derksen	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:22 a.m. via teleconference)
	Josh Knelsen	Councillor
	Walter Sarapuk	Councillor (arrived at 12:57 p.m.)
REGRETS:	Ray Toews	Councillor
ADMINISTRATION:	Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
	Peng Tian	Director of Finance
	Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services
	David Fehr	Director of Operations
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
	Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
	Grant Smith	Agriculture Fieldman
	Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
	Louise Flooren	Acting Finance Controller/HR Coordinator
	Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on January 11, 2017 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 10:06 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 17-01-028 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

4. a) Debbie Jabbour, MLA – Peace River

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:** 3. a) None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REPORTS:** 5. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS: 6. a) None

TENDERS: 7. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 8. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 9. a) None

AGRICULTURE: 10. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:** 11. a) None

FINANCE: 12. a) **2017 Operating & Capital Budget**

Council reviewed the changes to the operating and capital budget following the December 12, 2016 Budget Council Meeting.

Council reviewed the changes to the Non-TCA Projects as identified on Page 17 of the agenda package.

- Addition of the Rocky Lane Oil Dust Control – \$125,000
- Information Technology budget was increased by \$11,300 due to an administrative error.

Administration provided an overview of the current revenue and expenses and the reserves required to complete the TCA projects. The budget proposes no contributions to reserves for 2017.

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:22 a.m.

Council reviewed the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

MOTION 17-01-029

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That a borrowing bylaw be brought back for the County portion for the two Bridge to New Lands capital projects.

CARRIED

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

The following projects were identified to be removed and deferred until final budget review in April 2017:

- LC – New Tanker/Pumper
- FV – 45 Ave Road Pave
- FV – Asphalt Paving DA Thomas Park
- FV – Replacement of Wheel Loader
- LC – Overhead Crane
- Rebuild Wolf Lake road East

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

FINANCE:

12. b) Purchase Rubber Track Mini Excavator

MOTION 17-01-030

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration be authorized to purchase the Rubber Track Mini Excavator from Kubota Farm & Ranch for \$106,019.65 with \$75,000 coming from the insurance proceeds and the additional \$31,019.65 coming from the Vehicle & Equipment Reserve.

CARRIED

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

MOTION 17-01-031

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Fort Vermilion Ice Plant Repair be funded from the designated reserve and the remaining \$310,000 by debenture and that a borrowing bylaw be brought back to Council.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-032

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the recreation boards be notified to hold off on completing lighting projects subject to available grant funding.

CARRIED

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Councillor Sarapuk joined the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Council continued to review the TCA Projects as identified on Page 37–39 of the agenda package.

MOTION 17-01-033

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That \$355,000 be used from the Roads Reserve to complete the Road Rebuild - Prairie Packers to West La Crete Road project.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-034

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the entire TCA Project list be revisited at the final budget meeting in April 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 17-01-035

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the 2017 Operating and Capital budget be approved as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-036

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That fifty percent (50%) of the operating funding be released for the non-profit organizations and that administration notify them of their approved 2017 operating and capital grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS:

13. a) Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing

Indicator Policy

MOTION 17-01-037

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That Policy PW004 Winter Road Maintenance/Snowplowing Indicator Policy be APPROVED as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Debbie Jabbour, MLA – Peace River

MOTION 17-01-038

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the report by Debbie Jabbour, MLA for Peace River be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) None

UTILITIES:

15. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) None

IN CAMERA SESSION:

17. a) In-Camera Session

MOTION 17-01-039

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Council move in-camera at 2:15 p.m. to negotiate a project proposal.

CARRIED

MOTION 17-01-040

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE: 19. a) None

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 17-01-041 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 23, 2017.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Len Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

