

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**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 10:28 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor (arrived at 10:14 a.m.)
Ray Toews	Councillor (joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:03 a.m. and left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.)

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Louise Flooren	Acting Director of Finance
Reuben Friesen	Finance Controller
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Jessica Ruskowsky	Executive Assistant to the CAO

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the Public and the Media  
Grade 6 Students – Buffalo Head Prairie School

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 29, 2017 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.

Mrs. Daphne Peters' grade six class from Buffalo Head Prairie

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School was present to observe the Council meeting.

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

**AGENDA:**

**2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 17-03-202**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions or changes:

- 3. a) Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting – tabled to later in the meeting
- 5. d) Northwest Species at Risk Committee Meeting Minutes
- 9. e) Fort Vermilion Land Exchange

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. a) Council Committee Reports**

**MOTION 17-03-203**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 17-03-204**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 16, 2017 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. c) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 17-03-205**

**MOVED** by Reeve Neufeld

That the Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of March 16, 2017 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Sarapuk joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

**5. d) Northwest Species at Risk Committee Meeting Minutes (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 17-03-206**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting minutes of March 7, 2016 and stakeholder invitations be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL REPORTS:** 6. a) None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** 8. a) None

**ADMINISTRATION:** 9. b) **Natural Gas Supply Issues – Letter Sending Status**

**MOTION 17-03-207** **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That administration proceeds with sending the letters to Gas Alberta and the Minister of Energy, as discussed, requesting assistance in locating the issues with our natural gas shortage and work with suppliers and distributors to resolve the problems.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:** 9. a) **RCMP Trailer Purchase**

**MOTION 17-03-208** **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman  
Requires 2/3

That the budget for the purchase of the Fort Vermilion RCMP cargo trailer remain at the current budget amount of \$5,000.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 17-03-209** **MOVED** by Councillor Toews  
Requires 2/3

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$1,650.00 towards the purchase of the Fort Vermilion RCMP cargo trailer, as presented, for their safety trailer program with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Grade 6 Class – Buffalo Head Prairie School**

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

1. What made you want to be a Councillor?  
*To help make decisions, provide input and shape the community for our families and other residents. To have an impact on what happens in our area.*
2. Have you ever decided to build a bridge?  
*The County is advocating for a bridge. We meet with Ministers in Edmonton and have discussions with various levels of government to build a bridge. We have not been successful; however the provincial government is working on a replacement or new ferry. The cost to build a bridge is approximately \$130 million dollars. Highway 697 is a provincial road, not a municipal road, so it would have to be funded by the provincial government. Council encouraged the students to send letters to their MLA requesting a bridge.*
3. Why doesn't La Crete have a police station?  
*The RCMP does not have offices everywhere. They have three detachments in our area, Fort Vermilion, High Level, and Chateh. They do however have a sub-office located in our La Crete County office and provide services for claims reporting, etc.*
4. Do you have a debate when you're running for Council?  
*Yes there are candidate public forums held prior to elections. October 2017 is the next municipal election.*
5. Are they building a ski hill at the Buffalo Head hills?  
*A Committee is working on it. Bryon Peters indicated that he is a volunteer on the Committee and provided an update. The Committee is working on obtaining leases from the government and now have official committee status. They are hoping that the hill will be ready to use by next winter. However there will be no lift or lodge yet.*

*The Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) completed the Buffalo Head Ski Hill Business Plan and*

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*this report is the basis for the Committee to help get grant funding. The hill will be close to the Buffalo Head Prairie School.*

*Councillor Jorgensen pointed out to the students that most of the topics they identified have costs associated to it (for example: bridge, RCMP, ski hill) and that Council has to debate all these issues.*

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the March 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 17-03-210**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the minutes of the March 14, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-211**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That Motion 17-03-195 be rescinded.

**MOTION 17-03-195**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That Mackenzie County accepts the existing infrastructure currently servicing Lot 2, Block 5, Plan 142 5000 in its current condition, subject to applicable easements being obtained.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Toews lost connection to the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-212**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That administration bring back additional information, to the next meeting, on the sewer easement request on Plan 142 5000, Block 5, Lot 2 regarding the condition of the current lines in order for the County to assume responsibility and that all associated costs be borne by the developer.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. c) Caribou Update**

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**MOTION 17-03-213**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the caribou update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. d) Council Meeting Dates – October 2017**

**MOTION 17-03-214**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Council Organizational Meeting scheduled for October 24, 2017 be changed to October 23, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-215**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for October 25, 2017 be changed to October 24, 2017.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**9. e) Fort Vermilion Land Exchange (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 17-03-216**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council move in-camera at 11:38 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-217**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move out of camera at 11:49 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-218**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Fort Vermilion land exchange be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**

**10. a) None**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade –  
Awarding of Tender**

**MOTION 17-03-219**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the vote on the awarding of the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade project be TABLED to later in the meeting for more information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

**MOTION 17-03-220**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the vote on the awarding of the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade project be brought back onto the table.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-221**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade Project be awarded to Code Red Refrigeration & HVAC Services Ltd. for a sum of \$876,265.00 (excluding GST) with \$510,000 to come from Mackenzie County 2017 approved budget, \$480,000 from Canada 150 Grant (WEDC) and \$10,000 from the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. b) Wadlin Lake Purchase – PLS 160031**

**MOTION 17-03-222**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the budget be amended to include \$15,000 for the Wadlin Lake Land Purchase project, for the purpose of completing the land survey, with funding coming from the Parks & Recreation Reserve and that administration move forward with completing the survey and that administration bring back costs relating to First Nations Consultation prior to initiating the consultation process.

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**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. a) Short Term Borrowing Bylaws**

**MOTION 17-03-223**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1060-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-224**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1060-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board Ice Plant Upgrade.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-225**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1061-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-226**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1061-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Range Road 180 project.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-227**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1062-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-228**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

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That third reading be given to Bylaw 1062-17 being the Short Term Borrowing bylaw for the Bridges to New Lands – Township Road 1020 project.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:** 13. a) **Repairing Light Poles – Hamlet of La Crete**

**MOTION 17-03-229** **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the repair of light poles in the Hamlet of La Crete be brought to the April 2017 budget discussions in the amount of \$50,000.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:** 14. a) **La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee – Member at Large Appointment**

**MOTION 17-03-230** **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Rob Dyck be appointed to the La Crete Community Streetscape Implementation Committee.

**CARRIED**

**UTILITIES:** 15. a) **None**

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

**MOTION 17-03-231** **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**IN-CAMERA SESSION:** 17. **In-Camera Session**

**MOTION 17-03-232** **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 1:33 p.m.

17. a) Legal

17. a) Labour

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17. a) Land
- Sale of County Property

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-233**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council move out of camera at 1:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

**TENDERS:**

**7. a) Request for Proposal – Fire Truck Tanker**

**MOTION 17-03-234**      **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the proposals for the Fire Truck Tanker be opened.

**CARRIED**

Proposals Received

Fort Garry Fire Trucks	\$399,999.00
Rocky Mountain Phoenix	\$376,585.00

**MOTION 17-03-235**      **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Fire Truck Tanker proposals be reviewed by administration with a recommendation to be brought back to Council for awarding.

**CARRIED**

**IN-CAMERA:**      **17. c) Land – Sale of County Property**

**MOTION 17-03-236**      **MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the sale of County property update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-03-237**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

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That the CAO be authorized to review and pay incumbency pay for individuals in the Acting CAO and Acting Directors roles.

**CARRIED**

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

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

19. a) **Regular Council Meeting**  
April 11, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- b) **Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
April 25, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- c) **Regular Council Meeting**  
April 26, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:** 20. a) **Adjournment**

**MOTION 17-03-238** **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on April 11, 2017.

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Bill Neufeld  
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(original signed)

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Len Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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