

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, September 25, 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 (arrived at 10:09 a.m.)
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:09 a.m.)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Walter Sarapuk	Councillor
Ray Toews	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
Dave Fehr	Director of Operations
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Don Roberts	Zama Site Manager
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Jessica A. Simpson	Executive Assistant to the CAO

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public and the media

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on September 25, 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.

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

**MOTION 17-09-635 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

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That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 9. f) Agricultural Societies Funding
- 9. g) Letter to Alberta Health Services – Medevac Services in Fort Vermilion

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 17-09-636**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**5. a) Council Committee Reports**

**MOTION 17-09-637**

**MOVED** by Councillor Sarapuk

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION 17-09-638**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 6, 2017 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. c) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 17-09-639**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the unapproved Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2017 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

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Councillor Jorgensen and Councillor Driedger arrived at 10:09 a.m.

**MOTION 17-09-640**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the minutes of the July 31, 2017 & September 05, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Meetings be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. e) Ag Fair Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 17-09-641**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the minutes of the July 20, 2017 Ag Fair Committee Meeting be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**5. f) Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 17-09-642**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Public Works Committee unapproved minutes of September 20, 2017 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

**TENDERS:** 7. a) None

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

**ADMINISTRATION:** 9. a) **Fox Lake Access Road – Release of Grant Funding**

**MOTION 17-09-643**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the \$2,000,000.00 Mackenzie County receives from the Province for the Fox Lake Access Road Project be released to Little Red River.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:** 9. b) **Fox Lake Access Road Grand Opening**

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**MOTION 17-09-644**                      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That eligible Councillors and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to attend the Grand Opening of the Fox Lake Access Road on October 11, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**                      **9. c) Northwest Health Foundation – Annual Festival of Trees**

**MOTION 17-09-645**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman  
REQUIRES 2/3

That the 2017 Northwest Health Foundation Festival of Trees sponsorship be received for information as the annual Mackenzie Regional Charity Golf tournament provides a donation to the Foundation.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**                      **9. d) Airport Privatization**

**MOTION 17-09-646**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to our Members of Parliament expressing our objection to the privatization of national airports.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**                      **9. e) Caribou Update**

**MOTION 17-09-647**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the caribou update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**                      **9. f) Agricultural Societies Funding (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 17-09-648**                      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Agriculture regarding the decrease in funding to agricultural societies.

**CARRIED**

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**ADMINISTRATION: 9. g) Letter to Alberta Health Services – Medevac Services in Fort Vermilion (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 17-09-649**  
REQUIRES UNANIMOUS

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That a letter be sent to Alberta Health Services regarding medevac services in Fort Vermilion.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS: 4. a) Mackenzie Ski Hill Society**

Presentation by Byron Peters, Secretary/Treasurer and Abe Martens, Vice-Chair, Mackenzie Ski Hill Society.

**MOTION 17-09-650**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration work with the Mackenzie Ski Hill Society to obtain a Registered Road Disposition (RRD) disposition for the road, and that the County commits to an endeavor to assist, as per current policy, to cover a portion of road construction costs to the proposed ski hill in the Buffalo Head Hills.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGRICULTURE SERVICES:**

**10. a) Wolf Depredation Management Program (Wolf Bounty)**

**MOTION 17-09-651**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Wolf Depredation Management Program be received for information and that the Agricultural Service Board begin tracking locations of wolf kills as per Policy.

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURE SERVICES:**

**10. b) 2018 Agricultural Fair & Tradeshow Dates**

**MOTION 17-09-652**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That the selected dates of August 10 & 11, 2018 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Fair & Tradeshow be approved.

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**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. a) Fort Vermilion Airport Terminal Building –  
Expressions of Interest**

**MOTION 17-09-653**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration negotiate an agreement with the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade for the transfer of the Fort Vermilion Airport Terminal Building.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. b) Fort Vermilion Community Complex Boiler Repair**

**MOTION 17-09-654**  
REQUIRES 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the budget be amended to include the cost of repairs of the Fort Vermilion Community Complex Heating System in the amount of \$3,250 with funding coming from the Fort Vermilion Ball Diamond Capital Project Fund.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. c) La Crete Recreation Board – Hot Water Heater  
Replacement**

**MOTION 17-09-655**  
REQUIRES 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the budget be amended to include the cost of repairs of the hot water heater at the La Crete Recreation Complex in the amount of \$5,560 with funding coming from the Recreation Emergent Funding Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. d) Tri-Council Joint Waste Proposal**

**MOTION 17-09-656**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That Mackenzie County not participate in a Tri-Council waste hauling initiative.

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**CARRIED**

Councillor Bateman resumed her seat at the Council table.

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. e) Request to Waive Vehicle Fire Invoice # 21868**

**MOTION 17-09-657**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the request to waive charges on Fire Invoice # 21868 be denied.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**11. f) D.A. Thomas Park Retaining Wall Project**

**MOTION 17-09-658**

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the D.A. Thomas Park Retaining Wall Project update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. a) Policy FIN010 – Financial Reports**

**MOTION 17-09-659**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Policy FIN010 Financial Reports be amended as presented.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. b) Policy FIN013 – Community Organization Funding**

**MOTION 17-09-660**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wardley

That administration bring back Policy FIN013 - Community Organization funding with amendments to include the process for flow through grant funding and issuing of charitable receipts.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-09-661**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Community

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Equine Centre identifying Mackenzie County as the partnering body to receive grant funding from the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund on their behalf.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. c) Policy FIN027 – Investment Policy**

**MOTION 17-09-662**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Policy FIN027 Investment Policy be amended as presented.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. d) Financial Reports – January 1 – September 20, 2017**

**MOTION 17-09-663**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the financial reports include a report that differentiates the restricted and unrestricted funds.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-09-664**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the financial reports for the period of January 1 – September 20, 2017 be TABLED to the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**13. a) None**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Bylaw 1073-17 Partial Road Closure Adjacent to NW  
11-104-17-W5M and Purchase of County Owned Land  
(Bluehills Rural)**

**MOTION 17-09-665**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1073-17 being a partial road closure bylaw to close, sell and consolidate a portion of Government Road Allowance adjacent to SW 14-104-17-W5M.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-09-666**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

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That third reading be given to Bylaw 1073-17 being a partial road closure bylaw to close, sell and consolidate a portion of Government Road Allowance adjacent to SW 14-104-17-W5M.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. b) Bylaw 1080-17 Road Closure to Close a Portion of Lane Between Lots 1 & 2 , Block 33, Plan 052 2329 (La Crete)**

**MOTION 17-09-667**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1080-17 being a Road Closure Bylaw to close a portion of lane between Lots 1 & 2 , Block 33, Plan 052 2329 for the purpose of consolidation, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 17-09-668**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration look into Alberta Transportation's inquiry regarding the intersection on Range Road 172.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. b) Request for Funding – Carson Flett**

**MOTION 17-09-669**  
REQUIRES 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Toews

That the request for funding for Carson Flett in the amount of \$895 for the Forum for Young Canadians be approved with funding coming from the Grants to Other Organizations.

**DEFEATED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. c) Alberta Community Partnership Grant Approval for the Cumulative Effects Assessment for Northwest Alberta**

**MOTION 17-09-670**  
REQUIRES 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That \$70,000 of previously allocated funds from the caribou project and the \$200,000 of grant funding be transferred to the

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Cumulative Effects Assessment study project.

**CARRIED**

**UTILITIES:**

**15. a) None**

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**16. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 17-09-671**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

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

**CARRIED**

**IN-CAMERA  
SESSION:**

**17. None**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

**19. a) Regular Council Meeting**

October 10, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**Organizational Council Meeting**

October 23, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**Regular Council Meeting**

October 24, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 17-09-672**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on October 10, 2017.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

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Len Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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