

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
Dicky Driedger	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Odell Flett	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:09 a.m.)
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services & Operations
William (Bill) Kostiw	Director of Infrastructure Development & Government Relations
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative and Support Services

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the media and the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on February 27, 2013 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 13-02-117 MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 13. f) Air Ambulance in the Northwest Area of Alberta – Letter of Support
- 13. g) Ratepayer Meetings
- 13. h) Tri-Council Strategy Meeting

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the February 12, 2013 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 13-02-118

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the February 12, 2013 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

- 5. a) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2013**

MOTION 13-02-119

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 24, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

- 6. a) None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 7. a) None**

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

- 8. a) Fort Vermilion Bridge Campground Recreation Area**

MOTION 13-02-120

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to enter into a three (3) year lease with Alberta Parks and Recreation for operation and maintaining of the Fort Vermilion Bridge Campground recreational area.

CARRIED

MOTION 13-02-121

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration continue to work towards expanding the

Fort Vermilion Bridge Campground recreational area by applying for a lease with Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development that encompasses both existing and future area.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

MOTION 13-02-122

MOVED by Councillor Flett

That an open house be held for the public to provide input on the future expansion of the Fort Vermilion Bridge Campground recreational area.

CARRIED

8. b) Fire Accreditation

MOTION 13-02-123

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That administration be authorized to negotiate with neighbouring municipalities to complete the duties of a Fire Safety Codes Officer on an interim basis until our fire department staff are trained.

CARRIED

**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES:**

9. a) None

OPERATIONS:

10. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

11. a) None

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

12. a) Policy RESV018 Water Reserve Fund

MOTION 13-02-124

(Requires 2/3)

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration be authorized to transfer the surplus funds from the 2012 rural water line connections to the General Capital Reserve as of December 31, 2012, with a subsequent inter-fund transfer to the Water Reserve Fund established by Policy RESV018 as of February 12, 2013.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

13. a) Election Bylaw

MOTION 13-02-125

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Election Bylaw be brought back with amendments as discussed.

CARRIED

MOTION 13-02-126

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That an advance vote for the La Crete Municipal Swimming Pool Vote on a Question be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the La Crete and Fort Vermilion County Offices.

CARRIED

13. b) Northwest Fire Conference

MOTION 13-02-127

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County sponsor the 2013 Northwest Fire Conference in the amount of \$500.00 with funding coming from 2013 operating budget.

CARRIED

13. c) Brownlee LLP Ladies Golf Tournament

MOTION 13-02-128

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Councillor Bateman, Councillor Wardley, and Councillor Flett be authorized to attend the Brownlee LLP Ladies Golf Tournament on June 17, 2013 in Innisfail, AB and be authorized collect travel and subsistence and no per diems.

DEFEATED

MOTION 13-02-129

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Chief Administrative Officer and a designated Councillor be authorized to attend the Brownlee LLP Ladies

Golf Tournament on June 17, 2013 in Innisfail, AB.

DEFEATED

MOTION 13-02-130

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Councillor Bateman, Councillor Wardley, and Councillor Flett be authorized to attend the Brownlee LLP Ladies Golf Tournament on June 17, 2013 in Innisfail, AB.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

13. d) Amalgamation of Housing Boards

MOTION 13-02-131

MOVED by Councillor Flett

That the amalgamation of housing boards update be received for information.

CARRIED

13. e) Multi-Year Capital Infrastructure Plan - DRAFT

MOTION 13-02-132

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Councillors review the draft Multi-year Capital Infrastructure Plan schedules and provide feedback to administration prior to the workshop scheduled for May 8, 2013.

CARRIED

13. f) Air Ambulance in the Northwest Area of Alberta – Letter of Support (ADDITION)

MOTION 13-02-133

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That a letter be sent to Alberta Health Services in regards to the air ambulance services in northwest Alberta as discussed.

CARRIED

13. g) Ratepayer Meetings (ADDITION)

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

MOTION 13-02-134

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the 2013 Ratepayer Meetings be held as follows:

- May 27, 2013 – La Crete
- May 28, 2013 – Fort Vermilion
- June 6, 2013 - Zama
- June 10, 2013 – Blue Hills
- June 11, 2013 – High Level Rural

CARRIED

MOTION 13-02-135

MOVED by Councillor Flett

That the May 29, 2013 regular council meeting be changed to May 28, 2013.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) Paul Noble

Paul Noble made a presentation regarding dog control issues in the Hamlet of Fort Vermilion.

MOTION 13-02-136

MOVED by Councillor Flett

That the dog control issue be deferred to the in-camera session under item 15. a).

CARRIED

13. h) Tri-Council Strategy Meeting (ADDITION)

MOTION 13-02-137

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to set up and host a tri-county meeting as soon as possible to discuss northern Alberta strategic infrastructure needs.

CARRIED

MOTION 13-02-138

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the tri-county meeting date options to discuss a northern Alberta strategic infrastructure needs be:

- March 13, 2013;
- April 4, 2013; or
- May 13, 2013

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

14. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 13-02-139

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION 13-02-140

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 1:31 p.m.

- 14. a) Legal
- 14. b) Labour
- 14. c) Land

CARRIED

MOTION 13-02-141

MOVED by Councillor J. Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 3:01 p.m.

CARRIED

15. a) Legal

MOTION 13-02-142

MOVED by Councillor Flett

That a letter be sent to Paul Noble in response to his dog control concerns as discussed.

CARRIED

15. a) Legal – Legal Files Update

MOTION 13-02-143

MOVED by Councillor D. Driedger

That the legal files update be received for information.

CARRIED

15. b) Labour

MOTION 13-02-144

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Chief Administrative Officer's 2013 summer holidays be approved as presented.

CARRIED

15. c) Land – Mustus Energy

MOTION 13-02-145

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to draft an agreement for the potential sale of NW ¼ Sec 6-109-19-W5 to Mustus Energy as discussed.

CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING
DATE:**

16. a) Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

17. a) Adjournment

MOTION 13-02-146

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on March 12, 2013.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Julia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer
