

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 10, 2018  
11:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Josh Knelsen	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 3:33 p.m.)
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Lenard Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters	Deputy CAO
David Fehr	Director of Operations
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Carol Gabriel	Director of Legislative & Support Services/Recording Secretary
Bill McKennan	Director of Finance
Jennifer Batt	Finance Controller
Don Roberts	Zama Site Manager
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 10, 2018 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

**CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order**

Reeve Knelsen called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

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

**MOTION 18-12-994 MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

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That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**3. a) Minutes of the December 3, 2018 Budget Council Meeting**

**MOTION 18-12-995**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the minutes of the December 3, 2018 Budget Council Meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**5. a) None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**6. a) None**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**7. a) None**

**AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES:**

**8. a) None**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**9. a) None**

**FINANCE:**

**10. a) Update on 2019 Operating Budget**

**MOTION 18-12-996**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the update on the 2019 operating budget be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**10. b) TCA Projects 2019 Pending**

**MOTION 18-12-997**

**MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That administration inform the RCMP of Mackenzie County's intent to phase out the two Enhanced Policing positions prior to budget 2020 and recommend that the current vacant position not be filled and that the Fort Vermilion School Division be notified in regards to the School Resource Officer position.

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**CARRIED**

Review of options to narrow the financial gap in the 2019 operating budget.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Continuation of the review of options to narrow the financial gap in the 2019 operating budget.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Peter Wiebe, La Crete Fire Chief – Fire Truck Replacement 2019**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**MOTION 18-12-998**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the fire truck replacement be deferred to the final budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

Continuation of the review of options to narrow the financial gap in the 2019 operating budget.

**MOTION 18-12-999**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the farmland minimum tax rate be TABLED to the next Budget Council Meeting until the mill rate discussion.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Continuation of the review of options to narrow the financial gap in the 2019 operating budget.

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 3:33 p.m.

**FINANCE:**

**10. c) Zama Road LOC**

Item was not discussed.

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**OPERATIONS:** 11. a) None

**UTILITIES:** 12. a) None

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:** 13. a) None

**ADMINISTRATION:** 14. a) None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:** 15. a) None

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:** 16. a) None

**CLOSED MEETING:** 17. a) None

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

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** 19. a) Next Meeting Date

Regular Council Meeting  
December 11, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Budget Council Meeting  
December 12, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:** 20. a) Adjournment

**MOTION 18-12-1000** **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on December 11, 2018.

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Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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