

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 6, 2013  
10:00 a.m.**

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

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Bill Neufeld	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Jacque Bateman	Councillor
	Peter F. Braun	Councillor
	Elmer Derksen	Councillor
	John W. Driedger	Councillor
	Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
	Josh Knelsen	Councillor (arrived at 11:12 a.m. and left at 2:17 p.m.)
	Ricky Paul	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
	Alison Kilpatrick	Director of Corporate Services
	John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services
	Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
	Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services

**ALSO PRESENT:** Member of the public.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 6, 2013 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 10:12 a.m.

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

**MOTION 13-12-888**           **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

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**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**3. a) None**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) None**

**BUSINESS:**

**5. a) Multi-Year Capital Plan**

Alison Kilpatrick presented the draft multi-year capital plan as reviewed and updated at the May 8, 2013 workshop.

Councillor Knelsen joined the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Further review of the draft multi-year capital plan. CAO Joulia Whittleton suggested that the Councillors each identify their capital requests for the next four years.

Reeve Neufeld presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	Paved Road to Heritage Centre (La Crete South Access West)
2	Buffalo Head Prairie Drainage

Councillor Driedger presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	Paved Road to Heritage Centre (La Crete South Access West)
2	99 <sup>th</sup> Street Lights (entire street – wood or steel poles) (LC)
	Widen 7-mile Stretch (provincial road)
	Drainage – Wilson Prairie SE (creek flooding)
	Rural Road Building (short sections here and there)
	94 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West Paving (100 <sup>th</sup> street west to 1.5 mile past graveyard) (LC)
	Pave the road around La Crete (109 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 113 <sup>th</sup> Street)

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk presented the following requests:

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Priority	Project Description
	Pavement from the Rocky Lane School to Highway 58
	Consistent Road Upgrades and Reconstruction Over Long Term
	Road Widening by ABCO Industry - Intersection Upgrade - Turning Lane on Highway 88 (Provincial Highway)

Councillor Bateman presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	Allow Hookups to the South Waterline
2	Purchase Waterline North of High Level
3	Regional Water
4	Move Zama Helipad to 2014 or 2015
5	Proper Road Maintenance on the Assumption Road
6	Establish a Fire Department in Rural High Level
7	Pavement on the High Level Golf Course Road and Heliport Road
8	Extension of Highway 58 (Ice or Gravel) Actual Work vs. Lobbying

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Councillor Jorgensen presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	Fort Vermilion Arena – Ice Plant Replacement
2	Foster Road Paving
3	Buffalo Head Prairie Ski Hill
4	Water Line – Pumping Station/Reservoir (as recommended by Engineer)
	Bridge Campsite Amalgamation (FV)
	Assisted Living (FV)
	PAPI Lights – La Crete and Fort Vermilion Airports
	Roads to Newly Sold Lands
	Access to Oil Patch SE of Fort Vermilion
	Lobby AHS to Invest Capital into St. Theresa General Hospital
	Intersection Lighting and Pull-Out (Highway 58 & 88 Junction)
	Rural Water (Fort Vermilion to High Level area)

	Highway 58 to Fort Nelson, BC
	Highway 58 to Fort Smith
	East Peace Resource/DMI Road and Bridge
	Road Reconstruction – North of Bridge Campsite West to Highway

Councillor Knelsen presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	Pavement to Blue Hills School from Highway 697
2	Drainage – Buffalo Head and Blue Hills
3	East Peace Resource/DMI Road and Bridge
4	Lobby Canada Post for Postal Service in Blue Hills

Councillor Braun presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	100 <sup>th</sup> Street & 100 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Traffic Lights (LC)
1	La Crete Arena – Ice Plant Upgrade
2	94 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Pave Recap to Hamlet Boundary West (LC)
3	113 <sup>th</sup> Street Base Pave – move from 2024 to 2015 (LC)
4	109 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Base Pave – move from 2025 to 2016 (LC)
5	Paved Road to Heritage Centre (La Crete South Access West)
6	La Crete Library
	La Crete Fire Hall Paving
	Buffalo Head Skate Shack Replacement
	La Crete Swimming Pool
	99 <sup>th</sup> Avenue – Pave Urban Standard (LC)
	Move Remainder of La Crete Road Projects back by two years (as listed in the Draft Multi-Year Capital Plan)
	La Crete Arena Upgrade – \$130,000 for Lobby (move to 2015)

Councillor Derksen presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	Spruce Road Rebuild

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2	2 Mile North Intersection – Rebuild West 2 Miles
3	Rebuild Mile 3 and 4 North of La Crete
4	Half Mile Pave from Friesen’s Store to Old Colony Cemetery (Blumenort Road)

Councillor Paul presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1	Seniors Home in Fort Vermilion
2	New Plant and Air Flow System – Fort Vermilion Arena
3	Paving 44 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 45 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Recap and 47 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban (FV)
4	Water Line (Commercial Area to Hilltop Church – Highway 88)
5	New Water Plant (FV)
6	Fire Hall (FV)
6	Bridge Campsite (FV)
7	RV Hookups at the Fort Vermilion Arena
8	Street Lights – 45 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (FV)
9	Outdoor Rink – Fort Vermilion Complex
10	Walking Trails – Outskirts of Fort Vermilion
11	Peace River Retaining Wall (FV)
12	Refurbish Fort Vermilion Dugout by Entrance – West End of River Road
13	Rebuild 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street (FV)

Councillor Wardley presented the following requests:

Priority	Project Description
1-5	Full Paving of Zama Access Road
6	Water Treatment Plant, Truck Fill Distribution System, etc. (Zama)
7	Zama Helipad
8	Rural/Regional Water Fund - \$1,000,000/year for 4 years
9	Recreation Board – Commitment of Year-Over-Year Funding (FV \$30,000, LC \$40,000, Zama \$10,000)
10	Recreation Board – General Replacement Reserve (\$250,000 per year)
	Parks and Recreation Funding - \$250,000 per year for capital improvement replacement
	Bridge Campsite - \$50,000 per year for next 4 years

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	Zama Hamlet Streets as Listed on the Draft Multi-Year Capital Plan
	Policy for Hamlet Paving for Rural Standard with Stand-Alone Sidewalk
	Zama Vehicles (Good State of Repair – Safe to Drive)
	Library Funding (Regional) as Approved with Cost of Living Increase beginning in 2015
	Assumption Road – Additional Maintenance and Gravelling
	Concentrate on Capital Projects that Grow Assessment
	Continue to Fund Current Non-Profit Organization Grants with Cost of Living Increase
	Capital Non-Profit Organization Build Fund
	Industrial Area Structure Plans – Highway 88 and South of High Level (Lobbying, Service, Road)
	Provincial – Lobby for Replacement of Blue Bridges on Highway 88
	Provincial – Lobby for Larger Truck Pull-out on Highway 35 North of High Level

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Councillor Knelsen left the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding revenue sources (ie. water rates, taxes, etc.)

**IN CAMERA SESSION: 6. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 7. a) Next Meeting Date**

Special Council (Budget) Meeting  
 Wednesday, December 18, 2013  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT: 8. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 13-12-889 MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on December 10, 2013.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

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Joulia Whittleton  
Chief Administrative Officer

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