

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL (BUDGET) MEETING**

**December 18, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (arrived at 10:09 a.m.)
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ricky Paul	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

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 18, 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 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 13-12-927 MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:
5. b) North West La Crete (Vanguard) Storm Sewer
6. a) Regional Service Sharing Agreement

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

3. a) None

DELEGATIONS:

4. a) None

BUSINESS:

5. a) 2014 Operating Budget & Five Year Capital Plan

Introductory comments and review of Budget Meeting process by Joulia Whittleton, Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Wardley joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Review of 2014 Operating Budget (Page 17).

Review of Mill Rate history (Page 47).

Councillor Jorgensen left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

MOTION 13-12-928

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the minimum farmland taxes be set at \$75.00.

CARRIED

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

MOTION 13-12-929

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the minimum farmland taxes remain at \$75.00 until 2017.

DEFEATED

MOTION 13-12-930

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the farmland tax mill rate be increased by 2 mil.

Councillor Jorgensen requested a recorded vote.

MOTION 13-12-931

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the vote on Motion 13-12-930 be TABLED until after the water rate discussion.

DEFEATED

MOTION 13-12-930

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the farmland tax mill rate be increased by 2 mil.

Councillor Jorgensen requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Derksen
Councillor Paul
Councillor Wardley
Reeve Neufeld
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Braun

Opposed

Councillor Driedger
Councillor Jorgensen
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Knelsen

DEFEATED

Review of the Information Technology Capital Budget.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Review of 2014 Budget Cash Requirements (Page 7).

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk rejoined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Review of 2014 Non-TCA Projects list (Page 22).

Review of 2014 TCA Projects list.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Continuation of the review of the 2014 TCA Projects list.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Continuation of the review of the 2014 TCA Projects list.

5. b) North West La Crete (Vanguard) Storm Sewer

Item postponed to January 14, 2014 regular council meeting.

IN CAMERA SESSION: 6. a) Regional Service Sharing Agreement

Item postponed to January 14, 2014 regular council meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 7. a) Next Meeting Date

Special Council (Budget) Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 8. a) Adjournment

MOTION 13-12-932 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Special Council meeting be adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 13, 2014.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

