

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (left at 6:25 p.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 (left at 6:34 p.m.)

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
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:** Media

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on February 11, 2014 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 14-02-053 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

13. e) MGA Review Workshops

13. f) CN Rail

13. g) Caribou

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**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Special Council  
(Budget) Meeting**

**MOTION 14-02-054**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Special Council (Budget) meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**3. b) Minutes of the January 14, 2014 Regular Council  
Meeting**

**MOTION 14-02-055**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the minutes of the January 14, 2014 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**5. a) CAO Report**

**MOTION 14-02-056**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the CAO report for January 2014 be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**5. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes –  
December 19, 2013**

**MOTION 14-02-057**

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 19, 2013 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**7. a) None**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

**8. a) None**

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES:**

**9. a) Backup Power Generators**

**MOTION 14-02-058**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County reintroduces backup power generators for the water plants into the 2014 capital budget.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Leanne Chartrand, Alberta Energy Regulator**

Presentation by Leanne Chartrand regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Alberta Energy Regulator.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

**MOTION 14-02-059**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the presentation by Leanne Chartrand regarding Alberta's Energy Regulator be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. b) S/Sgt. Peter Pilgrim, High Level RCMP**

S/Sgt. Peter Pilgrim from the High Level RCMP detachment was present to discuss Council's priorities.

**MOTION 14-02-060**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the RCMP report and priorities discussion by S/Sgt. Peter Pilgrim be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**11. a) Bylaw 931-14 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 102 6365, Block 38, Lot 1 inclusive to Lot 6 (10910, 10906, 10902, & 10806-97<sup>th</sup> Ave, 10802 & 9704-108<sup>th</sup> Street) from Hamlet Residential District 1B "HR1B" to Hamlet Residential District 2 "HR2"**

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**MOTION 14-02-061**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 931-14 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 102 6365, Block 38, Lots 1 inclusive to lot 6 (10910, 10906, 10902, & 10806-97<sup>th</sup> Ave, 10802 & 9704-108<sup>th</sup> Street) from Hamlet Residential District 1B "HR1B" to Hamlet Residential District 2 "HR2" to accommodate Condominium Development, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**11. b) Bylaw 932-14 Land Use Bylaw Technical Change to add "Building Demolition or Removal"**

**MOTION 14-02-062**

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That first reading be given to Bylaw 932-14, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to add "Building Demolition or Removal" to Section 3.3, Section 5.2; All Hamlet Districts Permitted Uses; Sections 8.5 A., 8.6 A., 8.7 A. 1 & 2, 8.8 A., 8.9 A., 8.10 A., 8.11 A., 8.12 A., 8.13 A., 8.14 A., 8.15 A., 8.16 A., 8.17 A., 8.18 A., 8.19 A., 8.20 A., 8.21 A., 8.22 A., 8.23 A., 8.24 A., 8.25 A., 8.26 A., 8.32 A., 8.33 A., 8.34 A., 8.35 A., 8.36 A., and to Section 7 General Regulation of the Land Use Bylaw, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**6. a) 2014 Motor Grader Purchase Tender (1:15 p.m.)**

**MOTION 14-02-063**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the 2014 Motor Grader Purchase Tenders be opened.

**CARRIED**

Tenders Received:

Finning	\$1,226,388.00 (4 year warranty)
Brandt	\$1,125,000.00 (4 year warranty)
Strongco	\$1,145,400.00 (4 year warranty)

**MOTION 14-02-064**

**MOVED** by Councillor Paul

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That the 2014 Motor Grader Purchase Tenders be referred to the Public Works Committee for review and that a recommendation be brought back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**6. b) 2014 Local Gravel Crushing and Stockpiling Tender**

**MOTION 14-02-065**

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the 2014 Local Gravel Crushing and Stockpiling tenders be opened.

**CARRIED**

Tenders Received:

	5 Pits	3 Pits
Sage Management	\$2,216,180.00	\$1,691,610.00
Knelsen Sand & Gravel	\$2,249,000.00	\$1,756,000.00
RB Crushing	\$2,323,350.00	\$1,799,750.00

**MOTION 14-02-066**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the 2014 Local Gravel Crushing and Stockpiling tender be awarded to the lowest qualified tender, subject to budget and review by the Public Works Committee and that a recommendation be brought back to Council.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. c) Lee Wozencroft, Northern Lakes College**

Presentation by Lee Wozencroft, Director of Community Learning Centres for Northern Lakes College, on the programs offered in the Mackenzie region.

**MOTION 14-02-067**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the report by Northern Lakes College be received for information.

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**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. d) Friends of the High Level Seniors**

Presentation by Shirley Rechlo (Vice-President) and Sheila Morgan from the Friends of High Level Seniors regarding their questions and concerns for seniors housing in the High Level area.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

**MOTION 14-02-068**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the presentation by the Friends of High Level Seniors be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**10. a) None**

**11. c) Bylaw 933-14 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NE 31-109-18-W5M from Agriculture "A" to Rural General Industrial 2 "RI2" (High Level Rural East)**

**MOTION 14-02-069**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 933-14 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NE 31-109-18-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural General Industrial 2 "RC2" for the purpose of subdividing an existing Commercial/Industrial yardsite, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**11. d) Bylaw 935-14 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Add 80 Acre Splits**

**MOTION 14-02-070**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 935-14 being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to amend Mackenzie County Land Use Bylaw (927-13), Section 8.1 C (a). Parcel Density in AGRICULTURAL "A" district.

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**CARRIED**

**11. e) Bylaw 936-14 Municipal Development Plan  
Amendment**

**MOTION 14-02-071**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 936-14 being a Municipal Development Plan amendment to amend the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw (735-09) sections 3.25 and 4.22 to allow for 80 acre subdivisions as AMENDED, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**11. f) Policy DEV001 Urban Development Standards**

**MOTION 14-02-072**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Policy DEV001 Urban Development Standards be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

**12. a) 2014 Budget**

**MOTION 14-02-073**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the transportation capital projects (as identified at the January 13, 2014 budget meeting) to be funded through MSI funding be tabled until final budget review in April and that administration rework the 2014 Budget to include the water plant generators and the unfunded deficit of \$562,656 without taking funds out of reserves and that it be brought back to the next meeting.

**DEFEATED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

**MOTION 14-02-074**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the \$562,656 unfunded deficit be funded from reserves and that the water plant generators be a top priority at the final

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budget review in April.

**MOTION 14-02-075**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Motion 14-02-074 be TABLED to after a review of the reserves.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 14-02-074**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the \$562,656 unfunded deficit be funded from reserves and that the water plant generators be a top priority at the final budget review in April.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 14-02-076**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the County write a letter to the water treatment plant operators that the County will cover their legal costs for any liabilities as a result of not having generators.

**DEFEATED**

**12. b) Alberta Capital Finance Authority – Master Loan Agreement**

**MOTION 14-02-077**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Mackenzie County enters into a Master Loan Agreement with the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

**CARRIED**

**12. c) Mackenzie Applied Research Association – Application for Insurance Coverage**

**MOTION 14-02-078**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Mackenzie Applied Research Association application for insurance coverage as an Additional Named Insured through Mackenzie County be approved.

**CARRIED**

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## 12. d) Minimum Farmland Tax

### **MOTION 14-02-079**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That Motion 13-12-928 setting the minimum farmland taxes at \$75.00 be rescinded and that the minimum farmland taxes be set at \$35.00 and that the deficit be funded through the farmland millrate increase.

Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

#### In Favor

Councillor Derksen  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Paul  
Councillor Driedger  
Reeve Neufeld

#### Opposed

Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Jorgensen  
Councillor Knelsen  
Councillor Bateman

### **DEFEATED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

## **ADMINISTRATION:**

### **MOTION 14-02-080**

Requires 2/3

## **13. a) Bylaw 937-14 Fee Schedule Bylaw**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 937-14 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

### **CARRIED**

### **MOTION 14-02-081**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That second reading be given to Bylaw 937-14 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

### **CARRIED**

### **MOTION 14-02-082**

Requires unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That consideration be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 937-14 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County at this meeting.

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 14-02-083**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Paul

That third reading be given to Bylaw 937-14 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

**CARRIED**

**13. b) Indian Residential School Survivors – Truth and Reconciliation Alberta Event – Funding Request**

**MOTION 14-02-084**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Indian Residential School Survivors – Truth and Reconciliation Alberta event funding request be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**13. c) Council Meeting Dates**

**MOTION 14-02-085**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the regular council meeting dates be changed as follows:

- April 23, 2014 – change to April 28, 2014
- May 6, 2014 – change to May 13, 2014
- May 21, 2014 – cancel
- June 10, 2014 – change to June 11, 2014
- June 25, 2014 – change to June 23, 2014
- July 16, 2014 – change to July 17, 2014
- August 12, 2014 – change to August 5, 2014

**CARRIED**

**13. d) Mackenzie Regional Golf Tournament**

**MOTION 14-02-086**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County participate in the Mackenzie Regional Golf Tournament in September 2014 subject to participation by the Town of High Level and the Town of Rainbow Lake.

**CARRIED**

**13. e) MGA Review Workshops (ADDITION)**

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**MOTION 14-02-087**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Councillors be authorized to attend the MGA Review workshop in Peace River on April 25, 2014.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13. f) CN Rail (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 14-02-088**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a letter be sent to CN inviting them to a meeting with County representatives.

**CARRIED**

**13. g) Caribou (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 14-02-089**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That a resolution be brought forward to the AAMDC Zone Meeting in regards to the Species at Risk Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**14. a) Information/Correspondence**

Councillor Braun and Councillor Derksen left the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**MOTION 14-02-090**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

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

**CARRIED**

**IN-CAMERA SESSION:**

**MOTION 14-02-091**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 6:11 p.m.

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

**CARRIED**

Councillor Braun rejoined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Councillor Derksen rejoined the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Councillor Wardley left the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

**MOTION 14-02-092**

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That Council move out of camera at 6:54 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**15. a) Legal – MARA – Research Station Draft Lease**

**MOTION 14-02-093**

**MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the Reeve and Councillor Paul be authorized to negotiate the lease with Mackenzie Applied Research Association for the Fort Vermilion Agricultural Research Station.

**CARRIED**

**15. a) Legal – Clean-up Enforcement**

**MOTION 14-02-094**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the clean-up enforcement be TABLED to the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

**15. a) Legal – Municipal Government Board – Requisition  
Dispute between Town of High Level and Mackenzie  
Housing Management Board**

**MOTION 14-02-095**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Municipal Government Board requisition dispute

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update between the Town of High Level and Mackenzie Housing Management Board be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**15. b) Labour – Personnel Update**

**MOTION 14-02-096**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the personnel update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**15. b) Labour – Government of Alberta Proposed Changes to the Local Authorities Pension Plan**

**MOTION 14-02-097**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Government of Alberta proposed changes to the Local Authorities Pension Plan be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICES OF MOTION:**

**16. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING**

**DATES:**

**17. a)** Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26, 2014  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**18. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 14-02-098**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on February 26, 2014.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

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Joulia Whittleton  
Chief Administrative Officer

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