

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 11, 2019  
10:00 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 (left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.)
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Carol Gabriel	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Recording Secretary
Jennifer Batt	Interim Director of Finance
Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Doug Munn	Director of Community Services
Dave Fehr	Director of Operations
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Don Roberts	Zama Site Manager
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager

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

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 11, 2019 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 10:00 a.m.

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

**MOTION 19-12-783 MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 9. a) Fort Vermilion Recreation Board
- 9. b) Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance (MPWA)

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS  
MEETING:**

3. a) None

**DELEGATIONS:**

4. a) None

**TENDERS:**

5. a) None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

6. a) None

**GENERAL  
REPORTS:**

7. a) None

**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

9. a) Fort Vermilion Recreation Board (ADDITION)

**MOTION 19-12-784**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2019 budget be amended to include \$1,400.00 for the emergent replacement of the deep fryer for the Fort Vermilion Recreation Board with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

9. b) Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance (ADDITION)

**MOTION 19-12-785**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

10. a) 2020 Operating Budget – Draft

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Review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Continuation of the review of the draft 2020 operating budget.

**CLOSED MEETING: 17. Closed Meeting**

**MOTION 19-12-786 MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council move into a closed meeting at 11:18 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 17. a) Contracted Services (s. 24)
- 17. b) 2020 Regraveling Program (s. 16)
- 17. c) Organizational Chart (s. 17, 24)

**CARRIED**

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. (MGA Section 602.08(1)(6))

- All Councillors
- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
- Carol Gabriel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer Batt, Interim Director of Finance
- Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
- Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities
- Doug Munn, Director of Community Services
- Dave Fehr, Director of Operations
- Grant Smith, Agricultural Fieldman
- Don Roberts, Zama Site Manager
- Willie Schmidt, Fleet Maintenance Manager

**MOTION 19-12-787 MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That council move out of a closed meeting at 12:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

**MOTION 19-12-788 MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

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That council move into a closed meeting at 12:56 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-12-789**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That council move out of a closed meeting at 2:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Councillor Cardinal left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

**CLOSED MEETING:**      **17. a) Contracted Services**

**MOTION 19-12-790**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration issue an Expression of Interest for contract grader services.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED MEETING:**      **17. b) 2020 Regraveling Program**

**MOTION 19-12-791**      **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger  
Requires 2/3

That the 2019 operating budget be amended by \$925,000 and allocated to the Gravel Crushing Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-12-792**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley  
Requires 2/3

That administration incorporate the spot graveling into the 2020 Operating budget with funding coming from the Gravel Crushing Reserve, as per Tracking Change #19.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-12-793**      **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the Super B truck and trailers be disposed of in 2020.

**CARRIED**

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**CLOSED MEETING: 17. c) Organizational Chart**

**MOTION 19-12-794** **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the organizational chart be amended and approved as discussed effective January 1, 2020, as per Tracking Change #20.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 19-12-795** **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That administration prepare a bid package for the maintenance of the La Crete hamlet parks.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE: 10. a) 2020 Operating Budget – Draft**

Continuation of the review of the operating budget.

**MOTION 19-12-796** **MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters  
Requires 2/3

That the dust control program be suspended and that administration develop a plan for the resale of the calcium chloride dust control product for consumer purchase at cost, and that the \$472,000 budget be reduced to \$100,000, as per Tracking Change #21.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Driedger  
Councillor A. Peters  
Reeve Knelsen  
Councillor Jorgensen  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Bateman  
Councillor Wardley

Opposed

Councillor E. Peters  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

**MOTION 19-12-797**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration bring back Policy PW009 Dust Control to include private application of calcium.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **10. b) 2020 Grants to Non Profit Organizations**

**MOTION 19-12-798**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun  
Requires 2/3

That the 2020 Grants to Non Profit Organizations be incorporated into the 2020 operating budget as presented on Page 59-62.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **10. c) Veterinary Service Incorporated (VSI) Contract Extension**

**MOTION 19-12-799**      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Requires 2/3

That the additional funding request from the Veterinary Service Incorporated (VSI) in the amount of \$13,000, based on estimated services in 2020, be added to the 2020 budget, as per Tracking Change #22.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **10. d) 2019 Capital Projects – Carry Forwards**

**MOTION 19-12-800**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley  
Requires 2/3

That the 2019 Capital Projects – Carry Forwards be recommended as presented with the following amendments:

- Removal of additional funds requested for the Rebuild Blumenort Road East
- Removal of additional funds requested for the Rebuild Machesis Lake Road
- Addition of additional funds in the amount of \$102,500 for the La Crete Well #4 Project.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **10. e) 2020 Capital Project Requests**

**MOTION 19-12-801**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

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Requires 2/3

That the 2020 Capital Project requests be recommended as presented with the removal of the following:

- 45 Ave Hospital Emergency Entrance
- Rebuild Airport Road 14-4 to 14-5
- Oil Blumenort Road East
- Motor Starters

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

**FINANCE:**

**10. f) Mackenzie Wellness Centre Project**

**MOTION 19-12-802**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

Requires 2/3

That the Mackenzie Wellness Centre Project be TABLED to the next budget meeting for more information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS:**

**11. a) None**

**UTILITIES:**

**12. a) None**

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**13. a) None**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**14. a) None**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**15. a) None**

**INFORMATION /  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**16. a) None**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATE:**

**19. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Budget Council Meeting  
December 18, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

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Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting  
January 14, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 19-12-803 MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the budget Council meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on December 18, 2019.

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Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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