

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 18, 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
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:06 a.m.)
Anthony Peters	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

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:

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 18, 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 19-12-804 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 10. e) La Crete Crosswalk
- 10. f) Ladder Truck
- 14. b) Move Up Magazine
- 17. a) Zama Town Hall Meeting
- 17. b) Labour

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

- 3. a) **Minutes of the December 11, 2019 Budget Council Meeting**

MOTION 19-12-805

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the minutes of the December 11, 2019 Budget Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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) **None**

FINANCE:

- 10. a) **2020 Operating Budget – Draft**

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:06 a.m.

MOTION 19-12-806
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Enhanced Policing Agreement with Alberta Justice and Solicitor General be extended for a three-year term ending June 30, 2022.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-12-807
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:14 a.m. to discuss grader costs (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 24*).

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors
- 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

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

MOTION 19-12-808
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 11:28 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 19-12-809

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That Motion 19-12-790 be rescinded due to the detailed review of grader costs and service level evaluation.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

MOTION 19-12-810
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Motion 19-12-796 be rescinded and that the dust control program/fees be changed/increased as follows, as per Tracking Change #23:

- Seniors \$200.00 per application
- Regular \$935.00 per application (includes Residential, In-Hamlet Residential, Rural & Hamlet Commercial/Industrial and Schools)
- County Applied (Rural Intersections) – reduce by fifty percent (50%)
- Deadline for applications – April 1st

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. d) 2020 Interim Operating Budget

MOTION 19-12-811
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2020 Operating Budget be approved and that the deficit, in the amount of \$93,584, be funded from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

FINANCE:

10. b) Mackenzie Wellness Centre Project

MOTION 19-12-812
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That administration submit an Expression of Interest for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Mackenzie Wellness Centre Project, and research funding commitments by all parties.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

FINANCE:

10. c) 2020 Capital Project Requests

FINANCE:

10. e) La Crete Crosswalk (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-12-813
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Recreation Board capital projects be approved as follows:

County Funded Projects

Project	Budget	Funding Source
FV Overhead Door Replacement	\$16,000	FV Recreation Board Reserve
FV Paint Exterior Complex	\$16,000	FV Recreation Board Reserve
FV Outdoor Rink Repairs	\$14,000	FV Recreation Board Reserve
FV Outhouses Rodeo Grounds	\$10,000	\$1,933 – FV Recreation Board Reserve \$8,067 – General Operating Reserve
LC Synthetic Bowling Lanes	\$40,000	General Capital Reserve

Contingent on Grant Funding

Project	Budget	County Portion	Funding Source
FV New Hockey Boards & Glass/Netting	\$199,500	\$99,750	General Capital Reserve
FV Fitness Centre Expansion	\$99,000	\$49,500	General Capital Reserve
FV Baseball Netting	\$75,000	\$37,500	General Capital Reserve
LC Wheel Chair Lift	\$50,000	\$25,000	General Capital Reserve
LC Tennis Court, Basketball, Pickleball Court	\$299,106	\$149,553	General Capital Reserve

CARRIED

MOTION 19-12-814
 Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the 2020 capital budget be approved as amended with funding coming from:

Reserve	Amount
Vehicle & Equipment Reserve	\$905,000
General Capital Reserve	\$797,000
General Operating Reserve	\$67,000
Federal Gas Tax Fund	\$1,225,000

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. f) Ladder Truck (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-12-815
 Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor A. Peters

That the 2019 budget be amended by \$60,000 to include the

purchase of a ladder truck with a maximum bid of \$25,000 USD with funding coming from the Vehicle & Equipment Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS: 11. a) None

UTILITIES: 12. a) None

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: 13. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 14. a) **Agricultural Land Expansion (County Land Use Proposal)**

MOTION 19-12-816 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the letter to neighboring municipalities and First Nations communities and Metis Settlements, regarding the County land use proposal, be sent as amended.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 4:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION: 14. b) **Move Up Magazine (ADDITION)**

MOTION 19-12-817 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen
Requires Unanimous

That the Move Up Magazine be received for information.

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 15. a) None

INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE: 16. a) None

CLOSED MEETING: 17. **Closed Meeting**

MOTION 19-12-818 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move into a closed meeting at 5:24 p.m. to discuss

the following:

- 17. a) Zama Town Hall Meeting (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 24*)
- 17. b) Labour (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors

MOTION 19-12-819

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That council move out of a closed meeting at 6:36 p.m.

CARRIED

No administration was present following the Closed Meeting.

CLOSED MEETING:

17. a) Zama Town Hall Meeting (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-12-820

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County lobby the government for incentives to complete the Paramount abandonments within the next five years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED MEETING:

17. b) Labour (ADDITION)

MOTION 19-12-821

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the labour discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

18. a) None

NEXT MEETING

DATE:

19. a) Next Meeting Dates

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 28, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
January 29, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 19-12-822 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the budget Council meeting be adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 14, 2020.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

