

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 22, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

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

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Josh Knelsen	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
	Jacque Bateman	Councillor
	Peter F. Braun	Councillor
	Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
	Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
	Anthony Peters	Councillor
	Ernest Peters	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor
<b>REGRETS:</b>	David Driedger	Councillor
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
	Carol Gabriel	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Recording Secretary
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
	Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
	Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on May 22, 2020 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 20-05-276 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM 3. a) None**

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**PREVIOUS  
MEETING:**

**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) None

**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

**CLOSED MEETING:** 17. **Closed Meeting**

**MOTION 20-05-277** **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:01 a.m. to discuss the following:

17. a) Fort Vermilion Future Development (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 23, 24*)

**CARRIED**

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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/  
Recording Secretary
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
- Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

**MOTION 20-05-278**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 3:02 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-05-279**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That charges be laid by Mackenzie County to the non-eligible individuals that fraudulently registered as an evacuee during the Fort Vermilion flood, and to evacuees that have incurred significant costs related to hotel room damages.

Councillor Jorgensen requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Wardley  
Councillor Bateman  
Councillor Braun  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Reeve Knelsen  
Councillor A. Peters  
Councillor Cardinal  
Councillor E. Peters

Opposed

Councillor Jorgensen

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-05-280**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

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That administration compile a tentative plan on short and long-term recovery strategy.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 20-05-281**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the County host a telephone Town Hall in the near future.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**    **18. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING**      **19. a) Next Meeting Dates**  
**DATE:**

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
May 26, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting  
May 27, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**      **20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 20-05-282**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on May 27, 2020.

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Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

(original signed)

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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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