

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 18, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT:	Josh Knelsen	Reeve
	Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)
	Jacque Bateman	Councillor
	Peter F. Braun	Councillor
	Cameron Cardinal	Councillor (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)
	David Driedger	Councillor
	Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (arrived at 10:06 a.m.)
	Ernest Peters	Councillor
	Lisa Wardley	Councillor (left at 4:52 p.m.)
REGRETS:	Anthony Peters	Councillor
ADMINISTRATION:	Lenard Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
	Carol Gabriel	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Recording Secretary
	Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
	Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
	Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
	Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
	Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
	Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager
	Caitlin Smith	Manager of Planning & Development

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Budget Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on November 18, 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 20-11-722 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:
11. a) Water Pumps

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk arrived at 10:03 a.m.

**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

**AGRICULTURAL
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. a) None

FINANCE:

10. a) **Bylaw 1194-20 Fee Schedule**

Councillor Cardinal arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Councillor Jorgensen arrived at 10:06 a.m.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

MOTION 20-11-723
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1194-20 being the Fee Schedule for Mackenzie County as AMENDED.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. b) **Organizational Chart**

MOTION 20-11-724

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Organizational Chart be TABLED to following the budget discussion.

DEFEATED

MOTION 20-11-725

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

The Council move into a closed meeting at 11:32 a.m. to discuss the organizational chart (*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 Present
- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
- Carol Gabriel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (1:51 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

MOTION 20-11-726

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

The Council move out of a closed meeting at 2:15 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-11-727

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the Organizational Chart be approved as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. c) Non Profit Organization Funding Request

MOTION 20-11-728

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 2021 Grants to Non-Profit Organizations be recommended as discussed as per Tracking Change #1.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

FINANCE:

10. d) Town of High Level 2021 Capital Funding Request

MOTION 20-11-729

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That a letter be sent to the Town of High Level requesting an extension on the decision on the 2021 capital projects requests due to the current ongoing negotiations of a revised Regional Service Sharing Agreement.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. e) Review 2020 One-Time Projects – Carry Forwards

MOTION 20-11-730

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2020 One-Time Projects recommended to be Carried Forward be approved and incorporated into the 2021 Budget as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. f) Review 2021 One Time Projects

MOTION 20-11-731

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor E. Peters

That the 2021 One Time Projects be TABLED to the next meeting.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. g) Draft 2021 Operating Budget

MOTION 20-11-732

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the Draft 2021 Operating Budget be TABLED to the December 2, 2020 Budget Council Meeting.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

11. a) Water Pumps (ADDITION)

Councillor Wardley left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

MOTION 20-11-733

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the 2020 budget be amended to include \$50,000 for the purchase of a water pump assembly at the auction, with funding coming from the Surface Water Management Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UTILITIES: 12. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:** 13. a) None

ADMINISTRATION: 14. a) None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REPORTS:** 15. a) None

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:** 16. a) None

CLOSED MEETING: 17. a) Closed Meeting

MOTION 20-11-734 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move into a closed meeting to discuss the Town of High Level Regional Service Sharing Agreement at 4:57 p.m. (FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 21, 24, 25)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present
- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
- Carol Gabriel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance

MOTION 20-11-735 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 5:18 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-11-736 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman
Requires Unanimous

That the negotiating committee proceed with the Town of High Level Regional Service Sharing Agreement negotiations as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE: 19. a) Next Meeting Date

Budget Council Meeting
December 2, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 20-11-737 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Budget Council meeting be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on November 25, 2020.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

