

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020
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 (virtual)
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
Fred Wiebe	Director of Utilities
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services (virtual)
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Byron Peters	Director of Planning and Development
Caitlin Smith	Manager of Planning and Development
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager (virtual)

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public
Dave Conway, BC Hydro, Site C – Community Relations
Micheal McArthur, BC Hydro, Site C – Sr. Environmental Coordinator
Kelvin Ketchum, BC Hydro, Site C – Operations Planning

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 8, 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 20-12-749 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 14. d) Legal
- 14. e) Insurance

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **3. a) Minutes of the November 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 20-12-750 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the November 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **3. b) Minutes of the December 2, 2020 Budget Council Meeting**

MOTION 20-12-751 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Budget Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: **3. c) Business Arising out of the Minutes**

None

DELEGATIONS: **4. a) Long Service Award Presentations**

Presentation of 2020 employee long service awards.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: **6. a) None**

GENERAL REPORTS: **7. a) CAO & Director Reports for November 2020**

MOTION 20-12-752 **MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That the CAO & Director reports for November 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. a) Waste Transfer Station Caretaker Insurance

MOTION 20-12-753

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the waste transfer station caretaker insurance be TABLED for more information.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

4. b) BC Hydro – Site C Clean Energy Project

Presentation by BC Hydro on the Site C Clean Energy Project.

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:31 p.m. with all members present with the exception of Councillor Driedger.

MOTION 20-12-754

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration gather information regarding the river flows and water temperature on the Peace River within the Mackenzie County boundary.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

**5. a) Agricultural Land Development & Lease Proposal for
NW 6 & SW 7-109-19-W5**

MOTION 20-12-755

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Agricultural Land Development & Lease Proposals for NW 6 & SW 7-109-19-W5M be opened.

CARRIED

Proposals Received:

Dave Fehr	\$0.00
Willie Dyck	\$0.00
Frank Penner & David Fehr	\$0.00

Councillor Driedger rejoined the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

MOTION 20-12-756

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Agricultural Land Development & Lease be re-advertised with additional requirements.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. b) River Search & Rescue Access Plan – Atlas & Tompkins Landing Boat Launch– Request for Additional Funds

MOTION 20-12-757
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the River Search & Rescue Access Plan - Atlas & Tompkins Landing Boat Launch be TABLED.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. c) Zama Recreation Society – Funding Transfer Request

MOTION 20-12-758

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That funds in the amount of \$4,203 from the Re-shingle Hall Project Grants to Other Organization funding be re-allocated to a new project, Zama Ice Machine, as requested by the Zama Recreation Society.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

9. d) Appointment of Fort Vermilion Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief

MOTION 20-12-759

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Neil Simpson be appointed as the Fort Vermilion Fire Chief for a two-year term effective December 11, 2020.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-12-760

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Frank Fehr be appointed as Fort Vermilion Deputy Fire Chief for a two-year term effective December 11, 2020.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. a) Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) Grant Approval

MOTION 20-12-761

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$1,487,290 for the 2020 Flood Mitigation – Phase 1 & 2 with funding coming from the Municipal Stimulus Program Grant.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-12-762

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the 2020 Flood Mitigation – Phase 1 & 2 project be reduced by \$900,000 with funding being returned to the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. b) Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) Grant Approval – La Crete Well No 4

MOTION 20-12-763

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the budget be amended to include an additional \$276,466 for the La Crete Well No. 4 project, for a total cost of \$1,175,000 with funding coming from the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Grant program in the amount of \$689,137 and the General Capital Reserve in the amount of \$485,863.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

10. c) Cheque Registers – November 20 – December 4, 2020

MOTION 20-12-764

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the cheque registers from November 20 – December 4, 2020

be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

OPERATIONS: 11. a) None

UTILITIES: 12. a) None

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: 13. a) Universal Broadband Fund

MOTION 20-12-765 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Mackenzie County provides letters of support for local telecommunication providers to apply for funding through the Universal Broadband Fund.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 14. a) Bylaw 1206-20 Election Bylaw

MOTION 20-12-766 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1206-20 being the Election Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-12-767 MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1206-20 being the Election Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-12-768 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Requires Unanimous

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1206-20 being the Election Bylaw for Mackenzie County at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 20-12-769 MOVED by Councillor Braun

That third and final reading be given to Bylaw 1206-20 being the Election Bylaw for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 20-12-770 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Caitlin Smith be appointed as the Substitute Returning Officer for the 2021 general election.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **14. b) La Crete Agricultural Society – Request for Letter of Support**

MOTION 20-12-771 **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Agricultural Society for their Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application to assist with La Crete Heritage Centre upgrades.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **14. c) Caribou Update**

MOTION 20-12-772 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the caribou update be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **14. d) Legal (ADDITION)**

MOTION 20-12-773 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That administration request a legal summary and bring it back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION: **14. e) Insurance (ADDITION)**

MOTION 20-12-774 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley
Requires Unanimous

That administration request an insurance summary and bring it

back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 20-12-775

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Council committee reports be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

15. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 20-12-776

MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the approved Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 12, 2020 and the unapproved meeting minutes of November 26, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION /
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 20-12-777

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING:

17. Closed Meeting

MOTION 20-12-778

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move into a closed meeting at 2:47 p.m. to discuss the following:

17. a) Best Buy Homes Proposal (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 24*)
- b) Fort Vermilion Community Library Society (*FOIP, Div. 2, Part 1, s. 17, 21*)
- c) Town of High Level Regional Service Sharing Agreement (*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
- Fred Wiebe, Director of Utilities
- Don Roberts, Director of Community Services
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Byron Peters, Director of Planning & Development
- Caitlin Smith, Manager of Planning & Development
- Willie Schmidt, Fleet Maintenance Manager

MOTION 20-12-779 **MOVED** by Councillor A. Peters

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 3:56 p.m.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **17. a) Best Buy Homes Proposal**

MOTION 20-12-780 **MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the Best Buy Homes proposal be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **17. b) Fort Vermilion Community Library Society**

MOTION 20-12-781 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Fort Vermilion Community Library Society discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **17. c) Town of High Level Regional Service Sharing**

Agreement

MOTION 20-12-782 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

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

CARRIED

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

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

Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: **20. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 20-12-783 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on January 12, 2021.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

