

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021
12:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Josh Knelsen Reeve
Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve
Jacquie Bateman Councillor
Peter F. Braun Councillor
Cameron Cardinal Councillor
Eric Jorgensen Councillor – virtual, arrived at 12:27 p.m.
Anthony Peters Councillor
Lisa Wardley Councillor
David Driedger Councillor

REGRETS: Ernest Peters Councillor

ADMINISTRATION: Byron Peters Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Batt Director of Finance
Colleen Sarapuk Administrative Officer/Recording Secretary
Chad Roberts Communication Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on May 12, 2021 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 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 21-05-431 MOVED by Councillor Cardinal

That the agenda be approved as presented.

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) None

FINANCE: 10. a) None

OPERATIONS: 11. a) None

UTILITIES: 12. a) None

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

ADMINISTRATION: 14. a) **Petition to Form a New Municipality (Mackenzie
Regional Restructuring)**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

MOTION 21-05-432 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting they look at a larger area to create a new municipality with or without the Town of Rainbow Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

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

**INFORMATION /
CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. a) None

CLOSED MEETING:

17. Closed Meeting

MOTION 21-05-433

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move into a closed meeting at 1:48 p.m. to discuss the following:

17. a) Regional Service Sharing Agreement – Town of High Level (*FOIP, Div 2, Part 1s. 21, 24, 25*)

17.b) Personnel (*FOIP, Div 2, Part 1s. 23, 24, 27*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors, other than Councillor E. Peters
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Byron Peters, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Colleen Sarapuk, Administrative Officer/Recording Secretary
- Michael Solowan -Brownlee

Administration left the closed meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Councillor Driedger and Councillor Braun left meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Councillor A. Peters left at 5:20 p.m.

MOTION 21-05-434

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 5:20 p.m.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING:

17.a) Regional Service Sharing Agreement – Town of High Level

MOTION 21-05-435

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That council proceed with RSSA negotiations as discussed.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 17.b) Personnel

MOTION 21-05-436 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Personnel discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 18. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATE: 19. a) Next Meeting Dates

Regular Council Meeting
May 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
June 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment

MOTION 20-05-437 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

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

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the May 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Lenard Racher
Chief Administrative Officer

