

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023
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
Darrell Derksen	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor (virtual – joined at 11:34 a.m. and left the meeting at 12:52 p.m.)
Garrell Smith	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS: David Driedger Councillor

ADMINISTRATION:

Byron Peters	Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Projects and Infrastructure
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Caitlin Smith	Director of Planning and Agriculture
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager
Louise Flooren	Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Mackenzie County held on June 6, 2023 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 23-06-487 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 7. a) Abe Driedger
- 12.a) Sight Lines
- 13.a) 2016 140M AWD Motor Grader

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) **Minutes of the May 31, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 23-06-488 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the May 31, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

CLOSED MEETING: 4. **Closed Meeting**

MOTION 23-06-489 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:03 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Out of Scope Contracts (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 and 27*)
- 4.b) Town of High Level Annexation Agreement (*FOIP Sections 21 and 23*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present excluding Councillor Driedger and Councillor Peters
- Byron Peters, Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Projects and Infrastructure
- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Agriculture
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

MOTION 23-06-490 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 10:40 a.m.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **4. a) Out of Scope Contracts**

MOTION 23-06-491 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Out of Scope Contracts be TABLED to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: **4. b) Town of High Level Annexation Agreement**

MOTION 23-06-492 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council motion 23-04-394 be repealed.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-493 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council supports continuing to work collaboratively with the Town of High Level to address the remaining issues with the proposed Annexation Application and to move forward with the proposed annexation once Council is comfortable that the issues have been fully considered or addressed.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

OPERATIONS: **13. a) 2016 140M AWD Motor Grader (ADDITION)**

MOTION 23-06-494 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith
Requires Unanimous

That the 2016 140M AWD Motor Grader asset disposal be reevaluated and options brought back to Council in the fall of 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TENDERS: 5. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None

DELEGATIONS: 7. a) Abe Driedger (ADDITION)

Councillor Peters joined the meeting virtually at 11:34 a.m.

MOTION 23-06-495
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the delegation of Abe Driedger be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 23-06-496
Requires Unanimous

MOVED By Councillor Wardley

That administration bring back security options for all Mackenzie County gravel pits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 23-06-497
Requires Unanimous

MOVED By Councillor Cardinal

That a letter be sent to Abe Driedger in regards to his delegation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GENERAL
REPORTS:**

8. a) Director Reports for May 2023

MOTION 23-06-498

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration look into utilizing Municipal Reserve funds for the fish pond development.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:20 p.m., Councillor Peters left the meeting at 12:52 p.m. and Reeve Knelsen reconvened the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES:**

9. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. a) None

FINANCE:

11. a) **Borrowing Bylaw 1299-23 – PLS 140031 – South of High Level Lands**

MOTION 23-06-499

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1299-23 being the borrowing bylaw for PLS 140031 – South of High Level Lands.

CARRIED

PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE:

12. a) **Sight Lines (ADDITION)**

MOTION 23-06-500

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Sight Lines discussion be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UTILITIES:

14. a) None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

15. a) **Bylaw 1297-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of Plan 032 5939, Block 1, Lot 4 from Hamlet Country Residential “H-CR” to Recreation 1 “REC 1”**

MOTION 23-06-501

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1297-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of Plan 032 5939, Block 1, Lot 4 from Hamlet Country Residential “H-CR” to Recreation 1 “REC 1” to accommodate a campground – minor use with a maximum of 10 sites, subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

15. b) **Bylaw 1298-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 922 0928, Block 6, Lot 39 from Fort Vermilion Commercial Centre “FV-CC” to Hamlet Residential 1 “H-R1”**

MOTION 23-06-502 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1298-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 922 0928, Block 6, Lot 39 from Fort Vermilion Commercial Centre "FV-CC" to Hamlet Residential 1 "H-R1", subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **16. a) Rescind Motion 21-05-442**

MOTION 23-06-503 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Council motion 21-05-442 be rescinded.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **16. b) Policy HR006 – Hiring**

MOTION 23-06-504 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That Policy ADM046 Hiring Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-505 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That Policy HR006 Hiring be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: **16. c) Mackenzie Report – Newspaper Advertising and Readership Agreement**

MOTION 23-06-506 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun
Requires 2/3

That administration sign a contract/agreement with Mackenzie Report in the amount of \$58,000/year, beginning July of 2023 for a 24 month term.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-507 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith
Requires 2/3

That the 2023 Operating Budget be amended by \$4,000 for the increase in advertising costs with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION: 16. d) Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Presence During Emergencies

MOTION 23-06-508 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That Reeve Knelsen write a letter of the appreciation for the increased RCMP presence during emergencies.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 17. a) None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 18. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)

MOTION 23-06-509 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Council Committee Reports (verbal) be received for information.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE: 19. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 23-06-510 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a letter of congratulations be sent to The Honourable Danielle Smith on her reelection as Premier.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. Closed Meeting

MOTION 23-06-511 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Council move into a closed meeting at 1:54 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Out of Scope Contracts (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 and 27*)

CARRIED

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

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Administration left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

MOTION 23-06-512 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 2:44 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: **20. a) None**

NEXT MEETING DATES: **21. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Special Council Meeting
June 16, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 27, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: **22. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 23-06-513 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the June 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Josh Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Byron Peters
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

