

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 28, 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
David Driedger	Councillor
Garrell Smith	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Ernest Peters	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Byron Peters	Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Projects and Infrastructure
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Caitlin Smith	Director of Planning and Agriculture
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 28, 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 23-06-514 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 4.b) Northwest Species at Risk (*FOIP Sections 21 and 23*)
- 4.c) Policy Matter (*FOIP Sections 23 and 24*)
- 4.d) Personnel (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 and 27*)

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 3. a) **Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 23-06-515 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the June 6, 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 23-06-516 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

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

- 4.a) Organizational Chart (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 and 27*)
- 4.b) Northwest Species at Risk (*FOIP Sections 21 and 23*) (*ADDITION*)
- 4. c) Procurement Policy (*FOIP Sections 23 and 24*) (*ADDITION*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present
- Byron Peters, Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Projects and Infrastructure
- Don Roberts, Director of Community Services
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance

- Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning and Agriculture
- Louise Flooren, Manager of Legislative & Support Services/ Recording Secretary

Administration excluding Byron Peters, Interim Chief Administrative Officer left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

MOTION 23-06-517

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. a) La Crete Recreation Society – Emergent Funds Request

MOTION 23-06-518
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the 2023 Budget be amended to include \$10,300 for the Hot Water Tank replacement at the Northern Lights Recreation Center with funding coming from the La Crete Recreation Reserve.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. b) Zama Recreation Society – Emergent Funds Request

MOTION 23-06-519
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the 2023 Budget be amended to include \$10,350 for the Zama Community Hall Kitchen connection to the Emergency Generator with funding coming from the Grants to Other Organizations Reserve.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

10. c) Fort Vermilion Waste Transfer Station Caretaker – Request for Proposal

MOTION 23-06-520

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Administration work with current Waste Transfer Station Caretakers and/or advertise a Request for Proposal for the Fort Vermilion Waste Transfer Station.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

11. a) Bylaw 1300-23 Fee Schedule Bylaw Amendment

MOTION 23-06-521
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1300-23 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw as amended for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-522
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1300-23 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw as amended for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-523
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That consideration be given to go to third and final reading of Bylaw 1300-23 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw as amended for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-524
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That third and final reading be given to Bylaw 1300-23 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw as amended for Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. a) Bylaw 1296-23 to Repeal Bylaw 1280-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 24-107-14-W5M (Blumenort)

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for 1296-23 to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1296-23 was properly advertised. Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture answered that the Bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Knelsen asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed Bylaw 1296-23 to Repeal Bylaw 1280-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 24-107-14-W5M (Blumenort).

Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture presented the following:

Administration has been requested to repeal the previously approved Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Part of NW 24-107-14-W5M from Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial General "RIG" for the purpose of a Salvage Yard in Blumenort, back to Agricultural "A".

Adjacent landowners have been quite upset about the potential negative effects on their property which is located south of the proposed development. Since the property has been rezoned, the landowner has submitted a subdivision application for the purpose of sale. The Municipal Planning Commission has tabled their decision due to Council reconsidering the Bylaw.

On May 31, 2023 Bylaw 1296-23 was presented to Council for first reading where the following motion was made:

MOTION 23-05-471 MOVED By Councillor Peters

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1296-23 to repeal Bylaw 1280-23 LUB Amendment to Rezone Agricultural "A" to Rural Industrial General "RIG".

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen asked if Council has any questions of the proposed Bylaw 1296-23 to Repeal Bylaw 1280-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 24-107-14-W5M (Blumenort). There were no questions.

Reeve Knelsen asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1296-23. There were two submissions received, one from Edward and Helena Froese and one from the Fort Vermilion School Division #52.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1296-23. Yes, members of public were present to speak to the proposed bylaw:

Member of Public – presented attached letter.

Member of Public – I have a neutral position on this item but I never thought of the noise level as I already live off of the highway. I have no concerns either way.

Member of Public – I have an objection on the table, I do not agree to living near industrial areas. I have previously submitted letters. The auction mart is 150 meters from my house and this proposed development will be within 100 meters. I object to having the noise in my backyard. The road for the auction mart does divide the existing property. The landowner should be able to sell that as farm land. Abe Wiens does not want this existing business on his yard.

Member of Public– No concerns, I would promote more industrial/commercial opportunities to be in the central county. The Auction Yard is a central site, I purchased the property with that in mind. More business in central county.

Member of Public – Abe Wiens was mentioned that he didn't want this development on his place, to clarify he wants to retire on his yard site and is not part of the business anymore. If the business remains on his yard he feels obligated to work.

Councillor Wardley – Clarification is needed, the current parcel can't be sold as farmland?

Director of Planning and Agriculture - It was an 80 acre split; a portion was rezoned to rural industrial general in order to further subdivide.

Councillor Wardley – When the Auction site was split off was it non-conforming then?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – It was conforming.

Councillor Wardley – So, it negated future farming on that land and you can't sell it?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – You can still farm the portion not used.

Councillor Wardley – What document identified growth nodes for future industrial development, was Blumenort in there?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – It is not in any of the current documents, it's in the proposed Municipal Development Plan.

Councillor Wardley – What is the future plan for Blumenort, does this development fit in?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – Yes, in the unapproved document.

Councillor Driedger – So you can't use it for industrial or farm? Mr. Schmidt (landowner) called me and he feels like it can't be sold one way or another.

Director of Planning and Agriculture – Showed the property map and explained why it is unable to be sold as a separate parcel zoned as agricultural land; according to the Land Use Bylaw.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1296-23 at 1:16 p.m.

MOTION 23-06-525

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1296-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Repeal Bylaw 1280-23 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 24-107-14-W5M due to the negative infringement of neighbouring properties.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-526

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1296-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Repeal Bylaw 1280-23 Land Use Bylaw

Amendment to Rezone Part of NW 24-107-14-W5M due to the negative infringement of neighbouring properties.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-527
Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the developers be reimbursed for all associated municipal fees and the surveyor costs incurred to date for Bylaw 1280-23 during this process.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. b) 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”

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for 1297-23 to order at 1:20 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1297-23 was properly advertised. Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture answered that the Bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Knelsen asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed 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”.

Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture presented the following:

Administration has received a request to rezone Part of Plan 032 5939, Block 1, Lot 4 from Hamlet Country Residential “H-CR” to Recreation 1 “REC 1.”

Mackenzie County notified the developer that his unauthorized cabins on his property needed to either be moved off or be brought into compliance. In order to bring the development into compliance, he was required to submit a rezoning application.

The landowner has brought forth a plan to rezone approximately 1.2 acres of his 2.13 acre lot from “H-CR” to “REC 1”. The other portion of the lot will remain Hamlet Country Residential “HCR.”

If the rezoning is passed, the applicant will then be required to submit a development permit for a Campground –Minor which is a discretionary use in the Recreation 1 “REC 1” land district.

This item was taken to the Municipal Planning Commission on May 25, 2023 where the following motion was made:

MPC 23-05-085 MOVED by Andrew O’Rourke

That the Municipal Planning Commission recommend to Council to approve Bylaw 12xx-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Part of Plan 032 5939, Block 1, Lot 4 from Hamlet Country Residential “H-CR” to Recreation 1 “REC 1” subject to public hearing input.

CARRIED

This item was taken to Council on June 6, 2023 for first reading where it was passed with the following motion:

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

Reeve Knelsen asked if Council has any questions of the proposed 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”.

Councillor Wardley – What’s the minimum lot size of H-CR?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – Minimum 1 acre, .93 remaining on the HCR portion.

Councillor Wardley – The lot would be in compliance?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – No, it would be under the minimum lot size.

Councillor Cardinal – What is this being used for?

Councillor Driedger – Tourism and recreation.

Councillor Bateman – All landowners received a letter?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – Yes, administration went door to door and had them sign that they received a letter.

Reeve Knelsen asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1297-23. There were no submissions.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1297-23. There was no one present to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1297-23 at 1:25 p.m.

MOTION 23-06-528

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That second 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 with a maximum of ten (10) sites.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-529

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That third 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 with a maximum of ten (10) sites.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. c) 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”

Reeve Knelsen called the public hearing for Bylaw 1298-23 to order at 1:26 p.m.

Reeve Knelsen asked if the public hearing for proposed Bylaw 1298-23 was properly advertised. Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture answered that the Bylaw was advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Reeve Knelsen asked the Development Authority to outline the proposed 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”.

Caitlin Smith, Director of Planning & Agriculture presented the following:

Administration has received a request to rezone Plan 922 0928, Block 6, Lot 39 from Fort Vermilion Commercial Centre “FV-CC” to Hamlet Residential 1 “H-R1”.

The reason for the rezoning is the developer feels that the lot is too small for a commercial use and therefore would like to designate the lot to a residential use as the building is being used as a residence.

Currently, the “Trappers Shack” is on the property. This lot was designated as a provincial historic resource. However in 2022, the order under the Historic Resources Act was lifted.

This item was taken to the Municipal Planning Commission on May 25, 2023 where the following motion was made:

MPC 23-05-084 MOVED by Jacquie Bateman

That the Municipal Planning Commission recommend to Council to refuse Bylaw 12xx-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to 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

The Municipal Planning Committee recommended refusal because they felt that this lot should remain commercial, since that is the intention of the downtown area of Fort Vermilion.

According to the Land Use Bylaw 1066-17:

The purpose of the Fort Vermilion Commercial Centre “FV-CC” district is to cluster complementary community commercial developments along the HAMLET of Fort Vermilion’s Main Street (50th Street) in order to create an engaging pedestrian friendly public realm.

According to the Area Structure Plan for Fort Vermilion:

3.4.1 Hamlet Commercial Area.

The commercial core area is at the intersection of 50 Street and River Road. Commercial uses extend south along 50 Street and both east and west along River Road. The Hamlet Commercial Area reflects the existing disposition of commercial uses and encourages infill development that reflects the community’s history and opportunities to further develop a tourism industry. Concentrating new commercial uses in this area can support the further strengthening of this area as Fort Vermilion’s commercial and cultural centre.

The map of the Fort Vermilion Area Structure plan is included.

This item was taken to Council on June 6, 2023 for first reading where it was passed with the following motion:

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

Reeve Knelsen asked if Council has any questions of the proposed 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”..

Councillor Wardley – How was the historical site removed without County’s approval?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – Unknown.

Councillor Wardley – Can we look into that? How did they get approval to turn that into a residence?

Director of Planning and Agriculture – There was no approval.

Reeve Knelsen asked if any submissions were received in regards to proposed Bylaw 1298-23. There was a submission received from Gilbert Lambert.

Reeve Knelsen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 1298-23.

Member of Public – What does he want to change it for?

Reeve Knelsen – We get requests for change to zoning all the time. According to the lot owner, it is too small for a commercial use.

Director of Planning and Agriculture – In order to remove any kind of caveat, all parties need to sign off to remove from title.

Councillor Bateman – It is still registered online as a historical site.

Reeve Knelsen closed the public hearing for Bylaw 1298-23 at 1:35 p.m.

MOTION 23-06-530

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That second 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.

DEFEATED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 1:37 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: 7. a) None

GENERAL REPORTS: 8. a) None

AGRICULTURE SERVICES: 9. a) None

FINANCE: 11. b) Financial Reports – January 1 – May 31, 2023

MOTION 23-06-531 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the financial reports for January to May 31, 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING: 4. Closed Meeting

MOTION 23-06-532 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move into a closed meeting at 2:12 p.m. to discuss the following:

4.d) Personnel (*FOIP Sections 23, 24 and 27*)

CARRIED

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

- All Councillors Present

MOTION 23-06-533 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 3:27 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

FINANCE: 11. c) 2023 Operating Budget Amendment – FCSS

MOTION 23-06-534 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

Requires 2/3

That the 2023 Operating Budget be amended by \$12,601 to include the additional grant funding from Family and Community Support Services in the amount of \$10,081, and funding of \$2,520 from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. d) Councillor Expense Claims

MOTION 23-06-535 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Councillor Expense Claims excluding Councillor Driedger for May 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCE: 11. e) Members at Large Expense Claims

MOTION 23-06-536 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the Member at Large Expense Claims for April 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE: 12. a) Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Funding Applications

MOTION 23-06-537 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That a meeting be requested with the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors to discuss the denial of Mackenzie County's Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Funding Application and other County interests.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: 13. a) None

UTILITIES: 14. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

15. a) Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Plan 212 0513, Block 4, Lots 3-5 and Plan 212 0513, Block 3, Lots 1-5 from Hamlet Residential 1 “H-R1” to Hamlet Residential 2A “H-R2A”

MOTION 23-06-538

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1301-23 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to rezone Plan 212 0513, Block 4, Lots 3-5 and Plan 212 0513, Block 3, Lots 1-5 from Hamlet Residential 1 “H-R1” to Hamlet Residential 2A “H-R2A” subject to public hearing.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

16. a) None

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE ITEMS:**

17. a) Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) Convention

MOTION 23-06-539

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Council operating funds from the ABmunis Conference be reallocated to the Alberta Forest Products Association AGM Conference on September 27 – 29, 2023 in Jasper, Alberta and the following Councillors be authorized to attend:

- Reeve Knelsen
- Councillor Braun
- Councillor Cardinal
- Councillor Derksen
- Councillor Smith
- Councillor Wardley

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE ITEMS:**

17. b) Radar Speed Sign

MOTION 23-06-540

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That administration be authorized to purchase a Radar Speed Sign not to exceed \$6,500.00 with funding coming from the 2023

Operating Budget and to bring radar reports back to Council for review.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS: 17. c) La Crete West Irrigation

MOTION 23-06-541 MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration research the La Crete West Irrigation request.

CARRIED

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

MOTION 23-06-542 MOVED by Councillor Derksen

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

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 18. b) Inter-municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 23-06-543 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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

CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 18. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 23-06-544 MOVED by Councillor Peters

That the unapproved Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 8, 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

18. d) Flood Recovery Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 23-06-545

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the minutes of April 6, May 12, May 18, and June 16, 2023 Flood Recovery Steering Committee meetings be received for information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

19. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 23-06-546

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

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

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING:

4. a) Organizational Chart

MOTION 23-06-547

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Organizational Chart be approved as amended.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING:

4. b) Northwest Species at Risk (ADDITION)

MOTION 23-06-548
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Northwest Species at Risk discussion be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED MEETING:

4. c) Procurement Policy (ADDITION)

MOTION 23-06-549

MOVED by Councillor Peters

Requires Unanimous

That the Procurement Policy discussion be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TENDERS:

5. a) River Road Subdivision Phase 4 – Tender Opening

MOTION 23-06-550

MOVED by Councillor Peters

That the River Road Subdivision Phase 4 be re-advertised and retendered with new completion dates and other amendments.

CARRIED

MOTION 23-06-551

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Flood Recovery Steering Committee be authorized to open and review the Flood Mitigation MIT-23-004 And MIT-23-005 Request for Proposals and make recommendations to Council at Regular Council Meeting on July 12, 2023.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION: 20. a) None

NEXT MEETING DATES:

21. a) Next Meeting Dates

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

Regular Council Meeting
June 28, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 22. a) Adjournment

MOTION 23-06-552

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the July 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

(original signed)

Josh Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Byron Peters
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

June 23/23

To Mackenzie County
Members and Councilors.

This letter is written in response to the letter written June 05/23 re public hearing on the repealing of Bylaw 1280-23

We as adjacent land owners to NW-107-14-W5P want to state that we firmly stand by our concerns/views as brought forward in our previous letter to the Council.

We would also like to point out that as well as agricultural this is a rural residential area with approximately twenty residents as well as a church and school within a one mile radius of this land/site.

Also consider if this land remains 'R16' to accommodate a metal salvage operation having been rezoned from 'Ag' it sets a precedence within our county and encourages the use of agricultural land for other purposes not compatible with adjacent land owners or other nearby residences.

Therefore we approve of having this land rezoned back to 'A' from 'R16'.

Sincerely
Edward & Helena Froese

Louise Flooren

Subject: FW: Wiens Metal Development Hill Crest

From: Mike McMann <MikeM@fvsd.ab.ca>

Sent: June 26, 2023 2:07 PM

To: Byron Peters <bpeters@mackenziecounty.com>; Caitlin Smith <csmith@mackenziecounty.com>;
dfroese@fullyprompted.com

Subject: Wiens Metal Development Hill Crest

The Fort Vermilion has talked with Gary Smith and Peter Wiens and currently the division has no concerns with the development. We believe it will have minimal impact on Hill Crest School.

Mike McMann
Superintendent
Fort Vermilion School Division

The to Mackenzie County Development Department

This is a response to the letters written in opposition to our subdivision application for the east ½ of the quarter section.

In reading the letters from Dave and Diane Froese, it states the community members were not informed of this. We have spoken to adjacent landowners as well who received notification and they were ok with the development of the business.

The concern was raised that there is a lot of noise and traffic. We have about 5 customers a day as for traffic and as for noise there may be a backup alarm some times or some machine engine noise. No louder than a piece of farm machinery. Traffic would also enter from the North and so there is no traffic concern at all.

As for the school and learning impact we spoke to Mr McMann and he wrote us a memo stating he had no concerns for the industry proposed. As a matter of fact it could generate some learning possibilities in regards to recycling.

There is more noise from traffic on the pavement that there will ever be from this facility.

The crushing process used in today's method is a lot quieter than in years past. As for environmental impact there are industry regulations in which we have to abide by and this addresses all concerns of oils and chemicals. We operate in total containment as per ALberta Environment regulations.

We spoke to Church leaders for the Sommerfeld church.

They had no concerns when we spoke to them. We are members of that church and we feel they would tell us the truth.

This business is operating 5 days a week. Possibly some Saturdays as well.

Normally from 8am to 5PM

Concern was raised over resale Value. I do not feel this is at all an issue due to the farm land that is being sold around commercial properties has a very good resale value.

In summary, I would like to conclude by saying that we feel businesses like this one need to be out of town. This location is very well suited as it is hidden behind trees with the exception of a very small portion of the border. Trees could be planted if the request is there.

We have seen the concerns and really feel we have addressed all of them. We are community members and want to continue this as a part of the community. This business is in its third generation, Safety, Environmental concerns are always in our forefront and continue to change as we go forward.

We have saved the County so many hundreds of thousands in recycling fees and ask them to help us in continuing this business.

This location will greatly benefit the County as ratepayers can drop off recycling materials at this central location instead of filling up the transfer stations.

We ask your support in approving this application.