

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 4, 2014  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor (via teleconference)
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ricky Paul	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Schonken	Interim Director of Finance
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
John Klassen	Director of Environmental Services & Operations
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services (left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public and the media.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 4, 2014 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

**CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order**

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 14-12-838 MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the agenda be approved as amended:

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- 5. b) RCMP – Enhanced Policing
- 6. b) Legal - Third Party Work Requests – 2014 Search and Rescue Incidents

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- 3. a) None

**DELEGATIONS:**

- 4. a) None

**BUSINESS:**

- 5. a) **2015 Budget Draft**

Council and administration reviewed the 2015 Non-TCA Projects and Cash Flow Requirements.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

An update was provided by administration to a delegation present at the meeting regarding the East Peace Resource Road (P5 Road). Council and administration are working on the possibility of opening up the road for public access. The road is under DMI's LOC. The Provincial government is currently not interested in taking over this road. A portion of the road (approx. 100 km) lies within Mackenzie County and the rest is in other municipalities.

A question was asked regarding the pavement on the Blue Hills Road. It is a priority identified for that area and will be discussed during the 2015 budget deliberations.

Council and administration reviewed the 2014 Carry Forward Projects, including those requiring additional funding and the Hamlet Road Maps - Long Range Plan.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Councillor Braun requested that the utilities rates be discussed.

Councillor Derksen requested adding the following projects to the 2015 capital budget:

- Blumenort Road upgrade (200 – 300 m past the cemetery)
- Rebuild Mile #3 on the La Crete North road.

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Administration and Council reviewed the oil and calcium chloride dust control map. Council verified the proposed oil dust control areas with the following changes or additions:

- Hill Crest School Road – no oil, dust control with calcium
- Blumenort Road West – if rebuild, no oil application is required in 2015
- Rocky Lane Road – reduce to 5,600 m
- Heliport Road – if oil is applied, the road should be banned (ie. spring)
- Fort Vermilion Hamlet – change the proposed oil application to 1,000 m on service road along Highway 88, 600m airport road
- Zama Hamlet – change oil application to Tower Road west on Beach Road 1,200 m
- Add La Crete Airport Road – 1 mile / 1,600 m
- Add “Anhydrous Tanksite Road” (south of 7 mile road) 1,600 m

2015 TCA project list was reviewed. Council was presented with County gravel cost calculations (discussion regarding regravelling in-house)

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

**MOTION 14-12-839**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera at 3:01 p.m. to discuss the following:

5. b) RCMP – Enhanced Policing
6. a) Fox Lake Road

**CARRIED**

S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson, Fort Vermilion RCMP was present during the in-camera discussion.

**MOTION 14-12-840**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of camera at 3:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Council and Administration continued to review the 2015 capital projects.

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**MOTION 14-12-841**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration be authorized to clear trees off the road right of way on the north and east side of Section 7-108-9-W5M.

**MOTION 14-12-842**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Motion 14-12-841 be amended to include "in lieu of gravel and culverts".

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 14-12-841**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration be authorized to clear trees off the road right of way on the north and east side of Section 7-108-9-W5M in lieu of gravel and culverts.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 14-12-843**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the 2015 minimum tax rates be set as follows (to be ratified in the 2015 Tax Bylaw):

Residential	\$200.00
Non-Residential	\$400.00

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 14-12-844**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the farmland tax be TABLED to the next budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 14-12-845**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the water rate discussion be TABLED to the next budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

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**MOTION 14-12-846**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move in-camera at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

6. b) Third Party Work Requests from the 2014 Search and Rescue Incidents

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 14-12-847**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move out of camera at 5:25 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**7. a) Next Meeting Date**

Special Council (Budget) Meeting  
Thursday, December 18, 2014  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**8. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 14-12-848**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the Special Council Budget meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on December 8, 2014.

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Bill Neufeld  
Reeve

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Joulia Whittleton  
Chief Administrative Officer

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