

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT: Josh Knelsen Reeve
Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve
Peter F. Braun Councillor
Cameron Cardinal Councillor
David Driedger Councillor (left the meeting at 12:41 p.m.)
Ernest Peters Councillor
Garrell Smith Councillor
Lisa Wardley Councillor (virtual)
Dale Wiebe Councillor

REGRETS: Eileen Morris Councillor

ADMINISTRATION: Darrell Derksen Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters Deputy Chief Administrative Officer /
Director of Projects & Infrastructure
Don Roberts Director of Community Services
Jennifer Batt Director of Finance
Andy Banman Director of Operations
Caitlin Smith Director of Planning & Agriculture
Byron Peters Director of Projects & Infrastructure
John Zacharias Director of Utilities
Willie Schmidt Fleet Maintenance Manager
Louise Flooren Manager of Legislative & Support Services/
Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Corporal Neil Mackay

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Mackenzie County held on March 26, 2024 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 COW 24-03-033 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 5. h) Christmas Decorations
- 5. i) Buttertown Airstrip
- 5. j) Council Self Evaluation
- 5 k) Intergovernmental Relations

CARRIED

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**3. a) Minutes of the January 30, 2024 Committee of the
Whole Meeting**

MOTION COW 24-03-034 **MOVED** by Councillor Wiebe

That the minutes of the January 30, 2024 Committee of the
Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS:

5. a) Solid Waste Management Review

MOTION COW 24-03-035 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That a recommendation be made to Council that
administration continue to research different options for solid
waste management.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and
reconvened the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

BUSINESS:

5. b) Spring Clean-up Campaign

MOTION COW 24-03-036 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That a recommendation be made to Council that
Administration reach out to Non Profit Organizations
requesting proposals for a Spring Hamlet Cleanup Campaign
and offer a "One Day" Free disposal at all transfer stations
including the Mackenzie Regional Landfill.

CARRIED

BUSINESS: 5. c) **Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Program**

MOTION COW 24-03-037 **MOVED** by Councillor Wiebe

That a recommendation be made to council that administration requests an extension on the provincial census deadline to facilitate a Municipal Census in 2024.

CARRIED

DELEGATION: 4. a) **Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) – Crime Statistics**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

MOTION COW 24-03-038 **MOVED** by Councillor Smith

That the RCMP crime statistics reports be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Driedger left the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

BUSINESS: 5. d) **March 2024 - FIN028 Credit Card Use Policy - MasterCard Loyalty Reward Points**

MOTION COW 24-03-039 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the March 2024 FIN028 Credit Card Use Policy - MasterCard Loyalty Reward Points report be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS: 5. e) **MasterCard Statements – December 2023 & January 2024 (HANDOUT)**

MOTION COW 24-03-040 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the MasterCard statements for December 2023 & January 2024 be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS: 5. f) Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Debrief

MOTION COW 24-03-041 **MOVED** by Councillor Wiebe

That a recommendation be made to Council that Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Minister Meeting follow up letters be sent.

CARRIED

Reeve Knelsen reconvened the meeting at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

BUSINESS: 5. g) 2024 Mill Rates (HANDOUT)

MOTION COW 24-03-042 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the 2024 Mill Rate discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS: 5. h) Christmas Decorations (ADDITION)

MOTION COW 24-03-043 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun
Requires Unanimous

That a recommendation be made to Council that administration purchase Option 2 Nativity Scene in the amount of \$11,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS: 5. i) Buttertown Airstrip (ADDITION)

MOTION COW 24-03-044 **MOVED** by Councillor Peters

That the Buttertown Airstrip discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS: 5. j) Council Self Evaluation (ADDITION)

MOTION COW 24-03-045
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Wiebe

That a recommendation be made to council that the Council Self Evaluation be TABLED to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS:

5. k) Intergovernmental Relations (ADDITION)

MOTION COW 24-03-046

MOVED by Councillor Smith

That the Intergovernmental Relations be received for information.

CARRIED

POLICY REVIEW:

6. a) Policy ADM021 Purchase Wearing Apparel for Full Time Staff & Council

MOTION COW 24-03-047

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That a recommendation be made to Council that Policy ADM021 Purchase Wearing Apparel for Full Time Staff & Council be amended as discussed.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING:

7. Closed Meeting

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

8. a) Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

9. a) Adjournment

MOTION COW 24-03-048

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the March 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved at the April 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

(original signed)

Joshua Knelsen
Reeve

(original signed)

Darrell Derksen
Chief Administrative Officer

