

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
Fort Vermilion, Alberta**

PRESENT:

Bill Neufeld	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor (left at 4:32 p.m.)
Elmer Derksen	Councillor
John W. Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor
Josh Knelsen	Councillor
Ricky Paul	Councillor
Lisa Wardley	Councillor

REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Joulia Whittleton	Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Pelensky	Director of Community Services & Operations
Len Racher	Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Byron Peters	Director of Planning & Development
Fred Wiebe	Manager of Utilities
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative & Support Services

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on April 14, 2015 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 15-04-237 MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

10. g) Private Sector

11. a) Land Clearing

- 12. e) Tax Collections
- 13. e) Fire Department Training Facility Grand Opening -
May 6, 2015
- 13. f) Book - Regulation of the Peace River, A Case Study
for River Management
- 15. a) Highway 88 Connector Road Damage

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the March 25, 2015 Regular Council
Meeting**

MOTION 15-04-238

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the March 25, 2015 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

- 10. d) Access – NW 11 106 12 W5M**

Philip Friesen, landowner, was present to discuss his access request on NW 11-106-12-W5M.

MOTION 15-04-239

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the access request to NW 11-106-12-W5M be approved and that the access paving be completed during the second lift of asphalt on the Highway 88 Connector at the cost of the applicant and that an agreement be entered into with the applicant for a forced road allowance.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

- 5. a) CAO Report**

MOTION 15-04-240

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration provide an update on the PAPI light installation.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-241

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the CAO Report for March 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 15-04-242

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 12, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. c) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 15-04-243

MOVED by Councillor Paul

That the Community Services Committee meeting minutes of February 5, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. d) Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION 15-04-244

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of March 3, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. e) Inter-Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION 15-04-245

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Inter-Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 26, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

8. a) None

**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES:**

9. a) None

OPERATIONS:

10. a) Policy PW039 Rural Road, Access Construction and

Surface Water Management Policy

MOTION 15-04-246 **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Policy PW039 Rural Road, Access Construction and Surface Water Management Policy be amended as presented.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

DELEGATIONS: **4. a) S/Sgt. Peter Pilgrim, High Level RCMP Detachment**

Presentation by S/Sgt. Peter Pilgrim on the crime statistics from the High Level RCMP Detachment.

DELEGATIONS: **4. b) S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson, Fort Vermilion RCMP Detachment**

Presentation by S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson on the 2014-15 priority results from the Fort Vermilion RCMP Detachment.

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

OPERATIONS: **10. b) Local Road Bridges**

MOTION 15-04-247 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That administration budget in 2016, to hire a bridge consultant engineering firm to draft new road standards for the County, which allows for lower design criteria bridges and lower road classifications. This would allow the County to consider lower standard bridges and would reduce initial construction costs. This would include classifying all the roads in the County and restricting development or requiring the developer to upgrade roads where required.

CARRIED

10. c) Second Access Request – Plan 982 5932, Block 01, Plan 01

MOTION 15-04-248 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the second access request for Plan 982 5932, Block 01,

Plan 01 be TABLED to the next meeting for further information.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

6. b) Hamlet of La Crete & Fort Vermilion Road Improvements – 2015, La Crete Airport Apron Extension including pavement of 2 driveway accesses & Rocky Lane Road Rehabilitation Tenders

MOTION 15-04-249

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Hamlet of La Crete & Fort Vermilion Road Improvements – 2015, La Crete Airport Apron Extension, including pavement of 2 driveways accesses & Rocky Lane Road Rehabilitation tenders be opened.

CARRIED

Tenders Received:

Knelsen Sand & Gravel

Unit Price Schedule 'A' – La Crete	1,464,581.25
Unit Price Schedule 'B' – Fort Vermilion	535,540.00
Unit Price Schedule 'C' – La Crete Airport & Intersection	96,720.00
Unit Price Schedule 'D' – Rocky Lane School Road	294,445.00
Total of Tender	2,391,286.25

Ruel Bros. Contracting

Unit Price Schedule 'A' – La Crete	1,715,358.00
Unit Price Schedule 'B' – Fort Vermilion	604,539.00
Unit Price Schedule 'C' – La Crete Airport & Intersection	63,965.00
Unit Price Schedule 'D' – Rocky Lane School Road	697,704.00
Total of Tender	3,092,546.00

MOTION 15-04-250

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Hamlet of La Crete & Fort Vermilion Road Improvements – 2015, La Crete Airport Apron Extension, including pavement of 2 driveways accesses & Rocky Lane Road Rehabilitation tenders be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, subject to budget amendment.

CARRIED

6. a) S750 Bobcat Skidsteer Tender

to speak in regards to the proposed Bylaw 987-15. There was no one present to speak to the proposed Bylaw.

Reeve Neufeld closed the public hearing for Bylaw 987-15 at 1:18 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-253 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 987-15 being the Rural Addressing bylaw as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-254 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That third reading be given to Bylaw 987-15 being the Rural Addressing bylaw.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS: **10. e) Roadside Mowing Contract**

MOTION 15-04-255 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the mowing contract for Rocky Lane/Fort Vermilion and La Crete/Hwy 88 Connector areas be awarded to Willie Wolfe, and that the High Level/Zama area mowing contract be awarded to North West Mowing, and that the Buffalo Head/Blue Hills/Tompkins mowing contract be awarded to Basic Investment Corp.

CARRIED

10. f) Roadside Spraying Contract

MOTION 15-04-256 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen

That the 2015-2016 spraying contract be awarded to Green Zone Herbicide at the submitted bid of \$39.50/liner KM.

CARRIED

10. g) Private Sector (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-04-257 **MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen
Requires Unanimous

That the private sector discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

11. a) Land Clearing (ADDITION)

Inquiry regarding tree clearing on private land along water bodies.

FINANCE:

12. a) Bylaw 989-15 – Local Improvement Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 99th Avenue and 102nd Street

MOTION 15-04-258

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 989-15, being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax to the benefiting properties for construction of Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk on 99th Avenue and 102nd Street in the Hamlet of La Crete.

CARRIED

12. b) Bylaw 990-15 Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw

Councillor Bateman declared herself in conflict and abstained from the discussion and the vote.

MOTION 15-04-259

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That first reading be given to Bylaw 990-15, being the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw that authorizes the imposition of a levy in respect of all sand and gravel businesses operating in the Mackenzie County as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-260

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That second reading be given to Bylaw 990-15, being the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw that authorizes the imposition of a levy in respect of all sand and gravel businesses operating in the Mackenzie County.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-261

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

Requires Unanimous

That consideration be given to proceed to the third reading of Bylaw 990-15, being the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw that authorizes the imposition of a levy in respect of all sand and gravel businesses operating in the Mackenzie County.

DEFEATED

MOTION 15-04-262 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That all fines be waived for the March 31st reporting under the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw.

CARRIED

Councillor Bateman rejoined the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: **4. c) Greg Newman (Restrictions at Fort Vermilion Water Treatment Plant)**

MOTION 15-04-263 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 991-15 being the Fee Schedule Bylaw with the removal of bringing pesticides to the Fort Vermilion truck fill station.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 15-04-264 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the County endeavor to have an agricultural water fill station on the east side of the Fort Vermilion truck fill station.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: **4. b) Greg Newman, Mackenzie Applied Research Association**

MOTION 15-04-265 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Agriculture requesting reinstatement of the Agricultural Opportunity Fund to the 2014 levels.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-266
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Paul

That a letter be sent to the Alberta Financial Service Corporation (AFSC) urging them to maintain two offices in the Mackenzie region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 15-04-267

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Mackenzie County absorb the water and sewer costs for the Mackenzie Applied Research Association.

MOTION 15-04-268

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the vote on motion 15-04-267 be TABLED for further information.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk stepped out of the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-269

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration look into the status of non-profit organizations participating in the County's utility program.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. c) Policy RESV018 Water Reserve Policy

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk rejoined the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-270

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Policy RESV018 Water Reserve Policy be amended as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. d) 2015 Budget

MOTION 15-04-271

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera at 3:00 p.m. to discuss an item under negotiation.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-272 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Council move out of camera at 3:08 p.m.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-273 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That \$100,000 be added to the 2015 budget for the La Crete Library building renovations with funding coming from the Grants to Other Organizations.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

MOTION 15-04-274 **MOVED** by Councillor Braun
Requires 2/3

That the 2015 operating and capital budget be approved as presented.

MOTION 15-04-275 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Motion 15-04 274 be TABLED to following the discussion on minimum farmland tax and gravel haul road negotiations.

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-276 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen
Requires 2/3

That the minimum farmland tax be removed.

DEFEATED

MOTION 15-04-277 **MOVED** by Councillor Derksen
Requires 2/3

That the road reserve be used for the negotiations regarding the proposed gravel haul road.

DEFEATED

MOTION 15-04-278

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the minimum farmland tax be reduced to \$10.

Councillor Jorgensen requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Jorgensen
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Paul

Opposed

Councillor Derksen
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Driedger
Reeve Neufeld
Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Braun

DEFEATED

MOTION 15-04-274

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the 2015 operating and capital budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Braun left the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

FINANCE:

12. e) Tax Collections (ADDITION)

Discussion regarding potential bankruptcies of oil and gas companies and collection of taxes.

Councillor Knelsen, Councillor Jorgensen, and Councillor Driedger stepped out of the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

13. a) La Crete Long Term Care – Operation Mini-Horse Proposal

MOTION 15-04-279

MOVED by Councillor Derksen

That a letter be sent to the La Crete Long Term Care regarding their Operation Mini-Horse Proposal supporting their initiative subject to all applicable health and land use regulations being followed.

CARRIED

Councillor Knelsen, Councillor Jorgensen, and Councillor Driedger rejoined the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

13. c) Flood Resiliency Mitigation

MOTION 15-04-280 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration research options for flood resiliency mitigation in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

13. b) Alberta Rural Development Network

MOTION 15-04-281 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Alberta Rural Development Network update be received for information.

CARRIED

13. d) Senior's Lodge

MOTION 15-04-282 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the seniors lodge update be received for information.

CARRIED

13. e) Fire Department Training Facility Grand Opening - May 6, 2015 (ADDITION)

The grand opening of the fire department regional training facility is being held on May 6, 2015 in High Level.

13. f) Book - Regulation of the Peace River, A Case Study for River Management (ADDITION)

MOTION 15-04-283 **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the request to purchase the Regulation of the Peace River, A Case Study for River Management book be received for information.

Councillor Jorgensen requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Paul
Councillor Wardley
Councillor Driedger
Reeve Neufeld
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk
Councillor Knelsen
Councillor Bateman

Opposed

Councillor Jorgensen
Councillor Derksen

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

14. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 15-04-284

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

15. In-Camera Session

MOTION 15-04-285

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 5:13 p.m.

- 15. a) Legal
- 15. b) Labour
- 15. c) Land

CARRIED

MOTION 15-04-286

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That Council move out of camera at 5:18 p.m.

CARRIED

15. a) Legal – Inter-Municipal Relations

MOTION 15-04-287

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That the inter-municipal relations update be received for information.

CARRIED

**15. a) Legal – Highway 88 Connector Road Damage
(ADDITION)**

MOTION 15-04-288
Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Paul

That administration proceed with the Highway 88 Connector road damage repair as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

17. a) Committee of the Whole Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

18. a) Adjournment

MOTION 15-04-289

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the council meeting be adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on April 29, 2015.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

