

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

Bill Neufeld	Reeve (left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.)
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve
Jacque Bateman	Councillor
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
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
Mark Schonken	Interim Director of Finance
Fred Wiebe	Manager of Utilities
Carol Gabriel	Manager of Legislative and Support Services/Recording Secretary

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

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on December 8, 2015 in the Fort Vermilion Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Neufeld called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

**MOTION 15-12-912 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

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That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 4. b) S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson, RCMP
- 4. c) Delegation – John Zacharias, JL Waste Management
- 13. f) Carbon Tax
- 15. c) Request to Purchase Land – NW 1-4, Section 6-109-19-W5M

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

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

**MOTION 15-12-913**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the minutes of the November 25, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as distributed.

**CARRIED**

- 3. b) Minutes of the November 30, 2015 Special Council (Budget) Meeting**

**MOTION 15-12-914**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the minutes of the November 30, 2015 Special Council (Budget) Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

- 5. a) CAO Report**

**MOTION 15-12-915**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the CAO and Directors report for November 2015 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

- 5. b) Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 15-12-916**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the February 11, 2015, May 6, 2015, July 31, 2015, and October 7, 2015 Finance Committee meetings be received for information.

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**CARRIED**

**5. c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 15-12-917**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 12, 2015 and November 24, 2015 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**7. a) None**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**8. a) None**

**UTILITIES:**

**9. a) None**

**MOTION 15-12-918**

**MOVED** by Councillor Paul

That Council move in-camera at 10:38 a.m. to discuss the Waste Transfer Station hauling proposal awarding.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Bateman declared herself in conflict and left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

**MOTION 15-12-919**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 11:32 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

**15. a) Legal – Waste Transfer Station Hauling Contract**

**OPERATIONS:**

**10. a) Waste Transfer Station Hauling Proposal Awarding**

**MOTION 15-12-920**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That administration negotiates and enters into a contract for the Waste Transfer Station Hauling with the best qualified proponent, L&P Disposals, as per the issued Request for Proposal and the

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submitted proposal.

Councillor Driedger requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

Councillor Paul  
Councillor Wardley  
Reeve Neufeld  
Deputy Reeve Sarapuk  
Councillor Jorgensen

Opposed

Councillor Derksen  
Councillor J. Driedger  
Councillor Braun  
Councillor Knelsen

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. c) John Zacharias, JL Waste Management (ADDITION)**

The delegation was declined as a result of the legal letter received by Dentons Canada LLP on behalf of John Zacharias from JL Waste Management.

Councillor Bateman rejoined the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

**4. c) S/Sgt. Brad Giles , RCMP (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 15-12-921**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the RCMP update by S/Sgt. Brad Giles be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**4. b) S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson, RCMP (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 15-12-922**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the School Resource Officer Program continue as initially rolled out and not be modified to include additional schools for the 2015-16 school year.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-12-923**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the RCMP update by S/Sgt. Jeff Simpson and Cst. Dean Hull regarding the School Resource Officer Program be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. with all members present except Councillor Jorgensen.

**TENDERS:**

**6. a) Sale by Tender – Salt & Sand Structure**

**MOTION 15-12-924**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the tenders for the Salt & Sand Structure be opened.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Jorgensen rejoined the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Tenders Received:

Bid A	\$19,400.00
Bid B	\$ 5,500.00

**MOTION 15-12-925**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Salt & Sand Structure be sold to the highest qualified bidder.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**4. a) Benny & Jeannie Gerbrandt – Road Construction NE 34-105-15-W5M**

**MOTION 15-12-926**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the request to waive the road construction invoice for NE 34-105-15-W5M be denied due to the Off Site Levy Bylaw in place.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. c) Penalties on Tax Roll 084062**

**MOTION 15-12-927**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the request to waive penalties on Tax Roll 084062 in the amount of \$1,313.76 be approved.

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**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-12-928**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 1:36 p.m.

- 15. a) Legal – Semi Annual Summary Report
- 15. a) Legal – Mackenzie Housing Management Board – Appointment of Members
- 15. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations
- 15. b) Land – Request to Purchase Lands (NW 1-4, Section 6-109-19-W5M)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-12-929**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council move out of camera at 2:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Neufeld left the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and turned over the chair to Deputy Reeve Sarapuk.

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

**15. a) Legal – Semi Annual Summary Report**

**MOTION 15-12-930**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the semi-annual legal summary report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**15. a) Legal – Mackenzie Housing Management Board – Appointment of Members**

**MOTION 15-12-931**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to the Mackenzie Housing Management Board as discussed regarding the appointment of members.

**CARRIED**

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**15. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations**

**MOTION 15-12-932**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the AUPE negotiations be tabled to the December 14, 2015 Special Council (Budget) Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**15. b) Land – Request to Purchase Land (NW 1-4, Section 6-109-19-W5M)**

**MOTION 15-12-933**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the request to purchase land (NW 1-4, Section 6-109-19-W5M) be TABLED to the December 14, 2015 Special council (Budget) meeting.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**11. a) Land Stewardship Committee**

**MOTION 15-12-934**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That administration draft a Terms of Reference for the Land Stewardship Committee and bring it back to the next regular council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**12. a) Bylaw 1011-15 – Short Term Borrowing of Funds**

**MOTION 15-12-935**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1011-15, being a bylaw authorizing the short-term borrowing of funds.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-12-936**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1011-15, being a bylaw authorizing the short-term borrowing of funds.

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION 15-12-937**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That consideration be given to go to third reading of Bylaw 1011-15, being a bylaw authorizing the short-term borrowing of funds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 15-12-938**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1011-15, being a bylaw authorizing the short-term borrowing of funds.

**CARRIED**

**12. b) Request to Waive Minimum Tax Rolls**

**MOTION 15-12-939**  
Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the remaining balances payable in Grants in Lieu of Property Taxes in the amount of \$100.00 on roll 208329, \$267.31 on roll 197559, and \$19.96 on roll 077126 be written off.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**13. a) Appointment of Members-at-Large to County Boards and Committees**

**MOTION 15-12-940**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the following Members at Large be appointed to the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board and the Inter-Municipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board for a one year term ending October 2016.

- Wally Schroeder
- Joe Froese

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-12-941**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That the following Members at Large be appointed to the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board for a one year term ending October 2016.

- Jerry Chomiak

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION 15-12-942**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Member-at-Large positions be re-advertised for the following Boards/Committees:

- Assessment Review Board

**CARRIED**

**13. b) Regional Sustainability Study Phase II –Request for Proposals**

**MOTION 15-12-943**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley  
Requires 2/3

That Mackenzie County supports awarding the second phase of the Regional Sustainability Study to Western Management Consulting at a cost of \$64,210 and contributing up to \$1,733 from the General Operating Reserve to cover its share of the shortfall if not covered by the Province.

**CARRIED**

**13. c) Brazeau County – Statement on Bill 6**

**MOTION 15-12-944**      **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That an official statement be sent to the Premier expressing Mackenzie County's opposition to Bill 6 Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act.

**CARRIED**

**13. d) Fort Vermilion Area Board of Trade – Request to Change Fort Vermilion Airport Designator**

**MOTION 15-12-945**      **MOVED** by Councillor Paul

That administration investigate the possibility of renaming the Fort Vermilion Airport designator from CEZ4 to CWOP as requested by the Fort Vermilion Board of Trade.

**CARRIED**

**13. e) Letter of Support – Jubilee Park Committee (La Crete & Area Chamber of Commerce)**

**MOTION 15-12-946**      **MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

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That a letter of support be provided to the La Crete Chamber of Commerce to be used to apply for grant monies from the Community Facility Enhancement Program.

**CARRIED**

**13. f) Carbon Tax (ADDITION)**

**MOTION 15-12-947**

Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That a letter be sent to the Premier in opposition to the implementation of carbon tax and its effects on rural northern Alberta and copy to Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**14. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 15-12-948**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That a response be sent to the November 24, 2015 letter from the Minister of Environment and Parks regarding managing disease risk bison.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-12-949**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the information/correspondence items be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Reeve Sarapuk recessed the meeting at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

**MOTION 15-12-950**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That Council move in-camera at 3:45 p.m. to discuss council/administration protocol.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 15-12-951**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

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That Council move out of camera at 4:06 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS:**

**6. a) Sale by Tender – Salt & Sand Structure**

**MOTION 15-12-952**

Requires 2/3

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Salt & Sand Structure be awarded to Mackenzie Custom Builders with funding coming from the General Operating Budget.

**CARRIED**

**15. b) Labour – Council/Administration Protocol**

**MOTION 15-12-953**

**MOVED** by Councillor Knelsen

That a two hour Council/Administration Protocol session be included on the December 21, 2015 Special Council (Budget) meeting agenda at 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**16. a) None**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATES:**

17. a) Special Council (Budget) Meeting  
Monday, December 14, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- b) Special Council (Budget) Meeting  
Monday, December 21, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- c) Special Council (Budget) Meeting  
Monday, January 11, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
- d) Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

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**ADJOURNMENT: 18. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 15-12-954 MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved by Council on January 12, 2016.

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Bill Neufeld  
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Joulia Whittleton  
Chief Administrative Officer

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