

**MACKENZIE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 12, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

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

PRESENT: Bill Neufeld Reeve
Jacquie Bateman Councillor
Peter F. Braun Councillor
Elmer Derksen Councillor
John W. Driedger Councillor
Eric Jorgensen Councillor
Josh Knelsen Councillor
Ray Toews Councillor
Lisa Wardley Councillor

REGRETS: Walter Sarapuk Deputy Reeve

ADMINISTRATION: Ron Pelensky Acting CAO/Director of Community Services
& Operations
Len Racher Director of Facilities & Operations (South)
Byron Peters Director of Planning and Development
Fred Wiebe Director of Utilities
Carol Gabriel Director of Legislative & Support
Services/Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Media
Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on July 12, 2016 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 16-07-521 MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

4. a) Brenda Friesen, Ivy Lane Registry

- 4. b) Ryan Konowalyk, Regional Director – Peace Region, Alberta Transportation
- 9. e) Machesis Lake Horse Campground Grand Opening

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3. a) Minutes of the June 30, 2016, Regular Council Meeting**

MOTION 16-07-522

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the minutes of the June 30, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

- 5. a) Council Committee Reports**

MOTION 16-07-523

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Council Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

- 5. b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

MOTION 16-07-524

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the approved minutes of the June 23, 2016 Municipal Planning Commission meeting and the unapproved minutes of the July 7, 2016 Municipal Planning Commission be received for information.

CARRIED

- 5. c) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION 16-07-525

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the unapproved minutes of the June 24, 2016 Agricultural Service Board be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL REPORTS:

- 6. a) CAO Report**

MOTION 16-07-526 **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the County pursue purchasing the leased lands at the Wadlin Lake and Hutch Lake campgrounds.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-527 **MOVED** by Councillor Bateman

That the completion of the CAO report be TABLED until following the delegations.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: **4. a) Brenda Friesen, Ivy Lane Registry (ADDITION)**

MOTION 16-07-528 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter be sent to Service Alberta and Alberta Justice identifying concerns regarding the exclusion for the Alberta Association of Registry Agents from the online portal and requesting that a fee model be put in place for an annual review of fees and the notification of renewal registration notices.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

4. b) Ryan Konowalyk, Regional Director - Peace Region, Alberta Transportation (ADDITION)

9. d) Fox Lake Access Road

MOTION 16-07-529 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the County agree to the request from Alberta Transportation to create a municipal road allowance on the 14 km access from the Wentzel River to the Peace River crossing accessing Fox Lake and that the County not be responsible for capital, operational and maintenance costs; or liability for the public road way and the ferry/ice-bridge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m. and

reconvened the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

GENERAL REPORTS: 6. a) CAO Report

MOTION 16-07-530

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That Mackenzie County implement a wolf bounty (\$200 per wolf) effective immediately, in response to conserving the caribou in our region as a result of the issues identified at the caribou protection area stakeholder information session held July 11, 2016, up to a maximum of \$100,000 with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-531

Requires 2/3

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That administration be authorized to engage a consultant(s) to prepare a caribou/industry protection strategy and that the budget be amended to include \$300,000 with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-532

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the County requests that Alberta Forestry begin combating forest fires within the proposed caribou protection area within a 48 hour period of spotting the fire in order to maintain the current caribou habitat.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-533

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That a letter be sent to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development notifying them of the caribou situation in the Mackenzie Region as a result of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and the proposed caribou protection area.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-534

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to MP Arnold Viersen, MP Chris Warkentin, and MP Bob Zimmer notifying them of the caribou situation in the Mackenzie Region as a result of Species at Risk Act (SARA) and

the proposed caribou protection area.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-535

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the Acting CAO and Directors reports for June, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

MOTION 16-07-536

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That a caribou protection area information session be held with elected officials from Mackenzie County, Town of High Level, Town of Rainbow Lake, and the local First Nations and the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement on August 2, 2016 in High Level.

CARRIED

TENDERS:

7. a) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. a) None

ADMINISTRATION:

9. a) 2016 Ratepayers Meeting Minutes

MOTION 16-07-537

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the draft 2016 ratepayers meeting minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

9. b) AAMDC MGA Survey

MOTION 16-07-538

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration submit the AAMDC MGA Survey as completed by Council.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

9. c) Notice of Motion – MOTION 15-05-373

Councillor Knelsen declared himself in conflict of interest at 3:33 p.m. and abstained from the discussion and the vote.

MOTION 16-07-539

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the Notice of Motion – MOTION 15-05-373 be received for information.

CARRIED

9. e) Machesis Lake Horse Campground Grand Opening (ADDITION)

MOTION 16-07-540

Requires Unanimous

MOVED by Councillor Bateman

That the Community Services Committee members be authorized to attend the Machesis Lake Horse Campground Grand Opening on July 13, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:

10. a) None

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

11. a) Fort Vermilion Court House Building

MOTION 16-07-541

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That the use of the old Fort Vermilion court house building be received for information.

DEFEATED

MOTION 16-07-542

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration works with local community groups to come forward with proposals of use for the old Provincial Court House building in Fort Vermilion.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

12. a) Financial Reports – January 1 to May 31, 2016

MOTION 16-07-543

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That the financial reports for the period of January 1 – May 31, 2016 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

13. a) None

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

14. a) Community Advisory Committee –Streetscape Project

MOTION 16-07-544

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the terms of reference for the Community Advisory Committee be revised as presented in order to transition into a Community Streetscape Implementation Committee.

CARRIED

UTILITIES:

15. a) None

INFORMATION:

16. a) Information/Correspondence

MOTION 16-07-545

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

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

CARRIED

Councillor Derksen stepped out of the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

MOTION 16-07-546

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That a letter be sent to Alberta Environment and Parks requesting information regarding their efforts in the past year on the development of the Lower Peace Regional Plan.

CARRIED

Reeve Neufeld recessed the meeting at 4:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:14 p.m. with all members present.

**IN-CAMERA
SESSION:**

17. In-Camera Session

MOTION 16-07-547

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That Council move in-camera to discuss issues under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations 18 (1) at 4:14 p.m.

17. a) Legal

17. b) Labour

- CAO Recruitment
- Project Coordinator
- AUPE Negotiations Update

17. c) Land

- Gravel Land Purchase
- Option to purchase Mackenzie County Lands (near High Level)

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-548

MOVED by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of camera at 5:51 p.m.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour – CAO Recruitment

MOTION 16-07-549

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That the CAO interviews be set up as discussed.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour – Project Coordinator

MOTION 16-07-550

MOVED by Councillor Driedger

That the Reeve and Deputy Reeve be authorized to negotiate a projects coordinator position.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-551

MOVED by Councillor Braun

That Carol Gabriel be appointed as the Interim CAO until the CAO recruitment has been completed.

CARRIED

17. b) Labour – AUPE Negotiations Update

MOTION 16-07-552

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the AUPE negotiations proceed as discussed.

CARRIED

17. c) Land – Gravel Land (Pit) Purchase

MOTION 16-07-553

MOVED by Councillor Toews

That the gravel land (pit) purchase be TABLED for more information.

CARRIED

**17. c) Land – Option to purchase Mackenzie County Land
(near High Level)**

MOTION 16-07-554

MOVED by Councillor Wardley

That administration be authorized to enter into negotiations for the sale of lands located at NW ¼, Section 6-109-19-W5M and that administration proceed with the rezoning of the said lands.

CARRIED

MOTION 16-07-555

MOVED by Councillor Knelsen

That a letter of support be provided to Ripple Rock Resources for grant application purposes.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION:

18. a) None

**NEXT MEETING
DATES:**

- 19.**
- a) Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers
 - b) Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

- b) Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: **20. a) Adjournment**

MOTION 16-07-556 **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were approved by Council on August 9, 2016.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Carol Gabriel
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

