

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MCARTHUR PLACE, LAC LA BICHE**

**June 4, 2024-10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held June 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Melanie McConnell	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation & Community Services
	Ali Memon	Acting Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
	Hafsah Moghrabi	Acting Associate CAO, Finance ( <i>in part and participated electronically</i> )
	Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

24.248

**MOVED**

To adopt the June 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended:  
Addition of item:

- 8.9-Council Addition Form-Ag Smart Expo - Olds College and U of A Crop Science Day- ASB Board

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## CONSENT AGENDA

24.249

MOVED

That the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

- Item 4.1-Regular Council Meeting Minutes-May 28, 2024
- Item 4.2- Strategic Committee of Council-May 28, 2024
- Item 8.8- Councillor Expense Claims-April 2024

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item 4.1-Regular Council Meeting Minutes-May 28, 2024

Item 4.2- Strategic Committee of Council-May 28, 2024

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

24.249

To adopt the May 28, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Strategic Committee of Council Minutes as presented.

## NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Councillor Reports

Members of Council in attendance presented their Council Reports update as information.

## DELEGATIONS

7.1 10:15 a.m. Delegation-Ms. Nancy Broadbent, President, Portage College-Spring 2024 Update and Ms. Donna Feledichuk, Vice President-Academic & Research

Ms. Nancy Broadbent, President, Portage College and Ms. Donna Feledichuk, Vice President, Academic & Research co-presented to Council a Spring 2024 Update and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 10:19 a.m. Deputy Mayor Mondal assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 10:21 a.m. and returned to the position of Chair.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8.2 First Reading-Bylaw 24-022

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning and Development Officer presented the First Reading-Bylaw 24-022 to Council and responded to questions.

24.250 MOVED  
That Bylaw 24-022 be given first reading this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:46 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 10:54 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8.3 Capital Budget Reallocation Request

Mr. Ali Memon Acting Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services presented the Capital Budget Reallocation Request item and responded to questions.

24.251 MOVED  
That Council approve reallocating \$260,000 from the Bold Centre Road Network and \$150,000 from 101A Street and 104 Avenue Water and Sewer projects to the Campsite Road Base Repair project.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.252

MOVED

That Council reallocate \$165,967 from the Highway 36 from 91 Avenue to 99 Avenue Water and Sewer and \$200,000 from Claude Lake Water and Sewer Capital budgets for a total of \$365,967 to the Churchill Drive Water and Sewer Replacement project.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

11:00 a.m. Public Hearing-Road Closure (McArthur Park) Bylaw 24-001

Mayor Reutov declared the Public Hearing open at 11:05 a.m.

Administration read into record the hearing procedures and confirmed the Public Hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation. There were no registered speakers or written submissions received.

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning and Development Officer summarized the purpose for the hearing.

In accordance with the Public Hearing Procedures, Mayor Reutov went through the order of presentations. There was no one present to speak on the proposed bylaw and no written submissions were received.

Mayor Reutov declared closed the Public Hearing at 11:09 a.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8.4 Capital Projects Report as of April 30, 2024

Ms. Hafsa Moghrabi, Acting Associate CAO, Finance Division electronically presented the Capital Projects Report as of April 30, 2024 and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 11:10 a.m. and returned at 11:13 a.m.

The report was provided as information for Council's review.

8.5 Plamondon District Community Development Society  
Memorandum of Understanding Renewal

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants and Community Funding Coordinator presented the Plamondon District Community Development Society Memorandum of Understanding Renewal item and responded to questions.

*\*Council made motions relating to this item later in the meeting*

8.6 Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society Operational Funding

Mr. Kurppa presented the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society Operational Funding item and responded to questions.

Mr. Leonard Lemay, Lac La Biche Mission Board Member also spoke to Council regarding the Mission's Funding request.

8.7 Multi-Year Funding Agreements for Cultural and Recreational Organizations

Mr. Kurppa presented the Multi-Year Funding Agreements for Cultural and Recreational Organizations item and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 11:52 a.m. Deputy Mayor Mondal assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 11:54 a.m. and returned to the position of Chair.

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 12:06 p.m. and returned at 12:07 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 12:07 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 12:08 p.m. and returned at 12:09 p.m.

*\*Council made motions relating to this item later in the meeting*

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

Administration confirmed that there was no one registered or present for the Public Input Session.

**RECESS**

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:15 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Deputy Mayor Mondal.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 8.7 Multi-Year Funding Agreements for Cultural and Recreational Organizations

Deputy Mayor Mondal returned to Council Chambers at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Kurppa presented the Multi-Year Funding Agreements for Cultural and Recreational Organizations item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 1:16 p.m. and returned at 1:19 p.m.

Councillor Borgun exited Council Chambers at 1:18 p.m. and returned at 1:19 p.m.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 1:20 p.m. and returned at the same time.

#### 24.253 MOVED

To approve the funding request for Russian Kalolicheskaya Cultural Preservation Society in the amount of \$51,000 starting in 2025.

In Favour (3): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (6): Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

**DEFEATED**

*\*Council made motions relating to this item later in the meeting*

### 8.5 Plamondon District Community Development Society Memorandum of Understanding Renewal

#### 24.254 MOVED

That Council directs Administration to enter into a 3-year agreement with the Plamondon District Community Development Society (PDCDS) as described in this report.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.255            MOVED  
That Lac La Biche County approve \$382,528 in operational funding for PDCDS for 2024.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.6      Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society Operational Funding

24.256            MOVED  
To provide the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society for a total of \$136,000 for 2024 with \$45,147 to come from Resident Response Fund.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (2): Councillor Moore, and Councillor Tkachuk

**CARRIED**

24.257            MOVED  
To schedule a workshop with the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society and Council to assess current needs and ongoing proposed plans to establish a path forward.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.7 Multi-Year Funding Agreements for Cultural and Recreational Organizations

24.258 MOVED

That Council authorize Administration to enter into 3-year operating grant funding agreements with the 10 organizations listed in attachment 1 for the amounts specified.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.259 MOVED

That Council direct Administration to bring a report on funding considerations for the five organizations not being recommended for long-term funding agreements at this time.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.8 Councillor Expense Claims-April 2024

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

24.249 That Council approves the Council expense claims for the period ended April 2024.



8.9 Council Addition Form-Ag Smart Expo - Olds College and University of Alberta Crop Science Day- Agricultural Services Board- *Addition to Agenda*

24.260 MOVED

To approve the attendance of interested Agricultural Services Board (ASB) Members to attend the Ag Smart Expo hosted by Olds College on July 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> and the University of Alberta Field Day (July 18, 2024).

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CLOSED SESSION**

24.261 MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 1:56 p.m. pursuant the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.1 Healthcare Initiative Update (s.16-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party-FOIP, s.21-Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, s.24-Advice from officials, FOIP, s.25-Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body-FOIP)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski (electronically), Heather Stromquist, Hafsa Moghrabi (electronically), Heather Reid and Danielle Patenaude.

Councillor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 2:24 p.m. prior to the discussion of Item 9.3.

- 9.3 Water Tower Discussion (s.25-Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body-FOIP, s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski (electronically), Hafsa Moghrabi (electronically), Travis Simmons, Heather Stromquist, Heather Reid and Danielle Patenaude.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 2:47 p.m. following the concluded discussion of Item 9.3.

- 9.2 Interim Appointment of Integrity Commissioner (s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP, s.16- Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party-FOIP)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Mackenzie Zilinski (electronically), Heather Reid and Danielle Patenaude.

## **RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

- 24.262 MOVED  
To return to Open Session at 2:55 p.m.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

- 9.1 Healthcare Initiative Update (s.16, s..21, s.24 and s.25-FOIP)

- 24.263 MOVED  
To direct Administration to schedule a presentation as discussed in Closed Session for a future Strategic Committee of Council.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.2 Interim Appointment of Integrity Commissioner (s.24, s.16-FOIP)

24.264 MOVED

That Council appoint Veritas Solutions as Interim Integrity Commissioner to fulfill the duties of Investigator under Council's Code of Conduct Bylaw 22-026 until such time as Council appoints the Integrity Commissioner or provides alternate direction.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 2:58 p.m. prior to Motion 24.265 and did not return.

9.3 Water Tower Discussion (s.24 and s.25-FOIP)

24.265 MOVED

To direct Administration to present a Communications Plan & Strategy regarding public consultation/survey regarding the Lac La Biche Water Tower for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reutov adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

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Acting Chief Administrative Officer