

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

June 10, 2025-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held June 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor (<i>departed at 4:39 p.m.</i>)
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor/Deputy Mayor (<i>joined at 10:05 a.m.</i>)
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor (<i>participated electronically</i>)
	Colette Borgun	Councillor

REGRETS	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Kashif Ijaz	GM, Strategy & Community Growth
	Ali Memon	GM, Infrastructure
	Gary Harman	GM, Recreation & Social Services
	John Kokotilo	GM, Protective Services
	Hafsah Moghrabi	GM, Corporate Services
	Heather Reid	Lead Legislative Officer
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Officer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Stedman joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

25.252 **MOVED**
To adopt the June 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda
as amended:

Addition of item:

- 9.7 -Enforcement Services and Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) Program Update (Closed Session – s.24 FOIP, s.27 FOIP)

Deletion of items:

- 8.7 -Deadfall on County Roads and Ditches
- 8.8- Request for Purchase of Additional Agricultural Rental Equipment

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25.253

MOVED

That Council adopts the June 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.254

MOVED

That Council adopts the June 3, 2025 Strategic Committee of Council Meeting minutes as presented.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Councillor Reports

Each Council Member in attendance presented their Councillor Reports for information.

DELEGATIONS

7.1 10:15 a.m. Delegation - Portage College

Mrs. Nancy Broadbent, President and CEO of Portage College presented the Portage College Delegation – Information Update and responded to questions.

This item was received as information.

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Update on Childcare Spaces

Ms. Anita Polturak, Manager of FCSS presented the Update on Childcare Spaces item and responded to questions.

25.255

MOVED

That Council directs Administration to draft and post a Request for Proposal for the delivery of childcare services within Lac La Biche County, and further that Administration continue lobbying efforts with all external agencies with respect to daycare opportunities to assist gaps identified within the County and Region.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.256

MOVED

To direct Administration to explore and bring back partnership options for the design and build portion for the new Vera Welsh School and Light of Christ School Out of School Care.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Sport Tourism Review

Ms. Staci Lattimer, Manager of Recreation & Culture, and Mr. Gary Harman, General Manager of Recreation & Social Services presented the Sport Tourism Review item and responded to questions.

This item was received as information.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:19 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance except for Deputy Mayor Stedman and Councillor Mondal.

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Follow Up Action List Reporting

Mr. Chris Manuel, Senior Advisor Strategic Initiatives Strategy & Community Growth presented the Follow Up Action List Reporting item and responded to questions.

Councillor Mondal returned at 11:34 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Stedman returned to Council Chambers at 11:38 a.m.

25.257

MOVED

To direct Administration to remove the recommended items from the Follow Up Action List, with the exception of the Golf Course History item (Motion #19.557), as listed within the attachments of the report.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Government of Alberta Correspondence & Infrastructure Update (Lac La Biche Airport)

Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure presented the Government of Alberta Correspondence & Infrastructure Update (Lac La Biche Airport) and responded to questions.

25.258

MOVED

That Council approves the Airport Pavement Rehabilitation Project for a total of 3,307,850 to be funded from STIP grant of \$2,480,887.00 and the remaining \$826,963.00 from the Stabilization Fund.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Update on Claude Lake Water & Sewer Project

Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure presented the Update on Claude Lake Water & Sewer Project and responded to questions.

25.259

MOVED

To direct Administration to present a complete plan for the Claude Lake Water and Sewer Project and to bring this forward to the 2026 Budget Deliberations.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

7.2 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

Administration confirmed that there were no individuals present to speak or pre-registered for the Public Input Session.

RECESS

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

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance except for Councillor Tkachuk.

CLOSED SESSION

25.260

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 1:01 p.m. pursuant to the following *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* sections:

- s.16- Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party
- s.17- Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- s.21- Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations
- s.24- Advice from officials
- s.25- Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body
- s.27- Privileged information

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 1:03 p.m.

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 1:04 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Stedman assumed the role of the Chair.

9.1 Legal Costs Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

The following Members of Administration were present in part for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Hafsah Moghrabi and John Kokotilo.

All members of Administration left Chambers at 1:10 p.m. and returned at 1:32 p.m. at the conclusion of the item.

Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 1:32 p.m. and resumed the role of the Chair.

9.7 Enforcement Services and LETC Program

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski and John Kokotilo.

- 9.2 Delegation - Canecotred s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP, Advice from officials, s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body).

The following Members of Administration were present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Mackenzie Zilinski, Hafsa Moghrabi and John Kokotilo.

The following members of the public were present for the purposes of presenting: Jeffrey Hansen-Carlson, Tony Bagga, Dan Archibald, Scott Davidson, Martin Popiel.

Councillor Paré exited Chambers at 2:57 p.m. and returned at 3:03 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Stedman exited Chambers at 2:59 p.m. and returned at 3:01 p.m.

- 9.3 Development Proposal Follow Up (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP, Advice from officials, s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body).

The following Members of Administration were present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Mackenzie Zilinski, Clinton Benson, Hafsa Moghrabi and John Kokotilo.

- 9.4 Road Construction Requests (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Hafsa Moghrabi and John Kokotilo.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 3:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Stedman exited Chambers at 3:34 p.m. and returned at 3:40 p.m.

- 9.6 Transitional Housing (s.27 FOIP – Privileged Information)

The following Members of Administration were present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude,

Mackenzie Zilinski, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Hafsa Moghrabi and John Kokotilo.

- 9.5 Downtown Business District Parking Lot Proposal (Councillor Addition) (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP, Advice from officials)

Councillor Mondal returned to Chambers at 4:05 p.m.

The following Members of Administration were present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Mackenzie Zilinski, Hafsa Moghrabi and John Kokotilo.

- 9.1 Legal Costs Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information) continued.

The following Members of Administration were present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Mackenzie Zilinski, Danielle Patenaude, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Hafsa Moghrabi and John Kokotilo.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

- 25.261 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 4:16 p.m..

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

- 8.9 2025 Organizational Meeting & October Meeting Cancellations

Ms. Heather Reid, Lead Legislative Officer presented the 2025 Organizational Meeting & October Meeting Cancellations item and responded to questions.

- 25.262 MOVED
To schedule the 2025 Organizational Meeting on October 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, Second Floor, 10307-100 Street, Lac La Biche.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.263

MOVED

To cancel the October 14, 2025 and October 28, 2025 Regular Council Meetings and Strategic Committee of Council Meetings.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10 Bylaw 25-013 - Election Bylaw Procedures

Ms. Heather Reid, Lead Legislative Officer presented the Bylaw 25-013 - Election Bylaw Procedures item and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov left Chambers at 4:25 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Stedman assumed the role of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 4:28 p.m. and re-assumed the role of Chair.

25.264

MOVED

That Bylaw 25-013 be given first reading this 10th day of June, 2025.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.265

MOVED

That Bylaw 25-013 be given second reading this 10th day of June, 2025.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.266

MOVED

That Bylaw 25-013 be submitted for third and final reading this 10th day of June, 2025.

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

Opposed (1): Councillor Tkachuk

DEFEATED

**unanimous consent was required to proceed with third reading*

8.11 Committee Appointments

Ms. Heather Reid, Lead Legislative Officer presented the Committee Appointments item and responded to questions.

25.267

MOVED

To making the following appointments:

- To appoint Councillor Pare to the Agricultural Service Board and Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) / Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee.
- To appoint Councillor Mondal to the Municipal Planning Commission.
- To appoint Councillor Moore to the Lakeland Interpretive Society (Lac La Biche Museum & Discovery Centre).

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Legal Costs Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

25.268 **MOVED**

To recognize that the Court found Mayor Reutov to be disqualified but exercised its discretion to allow him to retain his seat on Council and ordered the parties to agree on legal costs, and to direct legal counsel for the County to proceed with Option 2 in relation to costs to Mayor Reutov's legal counsel.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Mayor Reutov

CARRIED

25.269 **MOVED**

To direct Administration to publish the original Council Motion and the Court of Kings Bench decision along with what legal counsel has provided.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Delegation - Canecotred s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP, Advice from officials, s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body).

This item was received as information.

9.3 Development Proposal Follow Up (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP, Advice from officials,

s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body).

Councillor Tkachuk departed the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

25.270 MOVED

That Council direct Administration to proceed with the Memorandum of Understanding with Canecotred Inc.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Road Construction Requests (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

25.271 MOVED

To approve \$40,000.00 (\$10,000 per project), with funding to come from accumulated surplus, to complete construction assessments and cost estimates (including project management) for the following road construction requests: NW-32-67-15-W4, NE-2-64-12-W4, NW-15-63-11-W4, and SW-31-66-13-W4

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 Downtown Business District Parking Lot Proposal (Councillor Addition) (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP, Advice from officials)

25.272 MOVED

To direct Administration to prepare a parking needs assessment for the Hamlet of Lac La Biche and to present the results at future Council Meeting, and further to respond to the initial request from the landowner.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 Transitional Housing (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

This item was received as information.

9.7 Enforcement Services and LETC Program (s.24 FOIP, s.27 FOIP)

This item was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the June 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol,
Chief Administrative Officer