

LAC LA BICHE COUNTY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held March 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County Council held this meeting electronically.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PRESENT

Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
Colin Cote	Councillor
Colette Borgun	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Jason Stedman	Councillor (<i>arrived at 10:35 a.m.</i>)
Charlyn Moore	Councillor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor (<i>Participated remotely</i>)
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor (<i>Participated remotely</i>)
George L'Heureux	Councillor

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Ken Van Buul	Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small	Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Finance & Planning (<i>In part-Participated remotely</i>)
Melanie McConnell	Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (<i>participated remotely</i>)
Darrell Lessmeister	Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Recreation & Community Services (<i>In part – participated remotely</i>)
Brian Shapka	Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure Services Division (<i>In part- participated remotely</i>)
Mackenzie Girard	CAO Executive Assistant (<i>participated remotely</i>)
Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

21.145 MOVED
To adopt the March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
Agenda as amended:

Additions:

- 8.2 Closed Session Landfill Buffer Zone
Discussion (s.27 FOIP)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 February 23, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting

21.146 MOVED
To adopt the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

Councillor Johnson:

- Trails meeting with Athabasca County

Councillor Tkachuk:

- Rural Business Support Virtual Breakfast meeting
- Municipal Planning Commission meeting
- Alberta HUB meeting
- Elected Officials Education Program - Regional Partnerships Course
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Counsel Provincial Budget Analysis
- Lac La Biche Golf Club Society meeting

Councillor Cote:

- Rural Business Support Virtual Breakfast meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Counsel Provincial Budget Analysis
- Elected Officials Education Program - Regional Partnerships Course

Deputy Mayor Beniuk:

- Lac La Biche County - Tourism Operators Meeting
- Northern Lights Library System Board meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Counsel Provincial Budget Analysis

Councillor L'Heureux:

- Provided a written report distributed with the agenda package
- Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation meeting

Councillor Moore:

- Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Counsel Provincial Budget Analysis
- Resident meetings

Councillor Borgun:

- Rural Business Support Virtual Breakfast meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Counsel Provincial Budget Analysis
- Budget Town Hall with Premier Kenney
- Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association meeting

Mayor

- Rural Business Support Virtual Breakfast meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2021 Budget Virtual meeting
- Alberta Counsel Provincial Budget Analysis

21.147

MOVED

To accept the Councillor Reports item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Canadian Municipal Network Crime Prevention Membership

Ms. Mackenzie Girard, CAO Executive Assistant, presented the Canadian Municipal Network Crime Prevention Membership and responded to questions.

21.148

MOVED

That Council direct Administration to apply for a renewed membership for the Canadian Municipal Network Crime Prevention in 2021 and that the budget be allocated out of accumulated surplus and further to direct Administration to include the membership in future proposed budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Lieutenant Governor Award of Alberta Distinguished Art Awards - COVID Response

Ms. Jana Rowe, Economic Development Officer, presented the Lieutenant Governor Award of Alberta Distinguished Art Awards - COVID Response and responded to questions. Ms. Carrie Froehler with Portage College was also present for questions.

Councillor Stedman entered Chambers at 10:35 am.

21.149

MOVED

That the 2021 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Distinguished Art Awards gala be postponed until 2022 and be done in conjunction with the Emerging Artist celebration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Recreation & Community Services Report February Update

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Recreation and Community Services Division, presented the Recreation & Community Services Report February Update and responded to questions.

Councillor L'Heureux exited and returned to Chambers at 10:40 a.m.

21.150

MOVED

To direct Administration to present the Golf Course Master Plan to Council and further to invite the Golf Course Society Board to appear as a delegation after Council has reviewed the plan.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Cote, Deputy Mayor Beniuk, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (2): Mayor Moghrabi, and Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

21.151 MOVED
To accept the Recreation and Community Enhancement
February Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:22 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:42 a.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.5 Infrastructure Services Managers Report and Capital Projects Update

Mr. Brian Shapka, Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure Services
Division presented the Infrastructure Services Managers Report and Capital Projects
Update

21.152 MOVED
To accept the Infrastructure Services Division Managers
Reports and Capital Projects Update as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Bridge File 72757 (Missawawi Creek) Contract Award

Mr. Shapka presented the Bridge File 72757 (Missawawi Creek) Contract Award and
responded to questions.

21.153 MOVED
That Council approves the contract award of the TR-32-
2021-01, Bridge File 72757 Bridge Replacement to
Formula Alberta Ltd. for \$769,918.00 plus applicable
taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.154 MOVED
That Council approves an increase of \$276,000 to the
Bridge File 72757 Bridge Replacement 2021 capital project
for a total approved budget of \$926,000 to be funded from
accumulated surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 Bridge File 79415 (Gold River) Contract Award

Mr. Shapka presented the Bridge File 79415 (Gold River) Contract Award and responded to questions.

Discussion continued on this item after recess.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

There was no present for the public input session.

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:20 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:22 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.7 Bridge File 79415 (Gold River) Contract Award continued...

Mr. Shapka continued the presentation of the Bridge File 79415 (Gold River) Contract Award and responded to questions.

21.155 **MOVED**
That Council approves the contract award of the TR-32-2021-02, Bridge File 79415 Culvert Installation and Other Work to Kichton Contracting Ltd. for \$454,516.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.156 **MOVED**
To approve an increase of \$50,000 to the Bridge File 79415 Culvert Installation 2021 capital budget project for a total approved budget of \$585,000, to be funded from accumulated surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 Communications Assistance for Elected Officials in Advance of the Municipal Election

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services Division and Jihad Moghrabi, Communications Manager, presented the Communications Assistance for Elected Officials in Advance of the Municipal Election and responded to questions.

21.157 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward to a future Council meeting a policy on Communications Assistance for Individual Elected Officials in Advance of a Municipal Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Confirmation of Elected Official Position Descriptions

Ms. McConnell presented the Confirmation of Elected Official Position Descriptions and responded to questions.

21.158 MOVED
That Council confirm the Elected Official Position Descriptions, inclusive of the time commitments, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Fishing Initiatives Discussion

Council held a discussion on fishing initiatives.

21.159 MOVED
That Lac La Biche County advocate with the Next Step Team for the opening of lakes for sustainable fishing

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

21.160 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 2:07 p.m. for the following items and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:
8.1 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP)
8.2 Landfill Buffer Zone Discussion (s.27 FOIP)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:08 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:18 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

8.2 Landfill Buffer Zone Discussion (s.27 FOIP)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Ken Van Buul, Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Girard and Heather Reid.

Councillor Stedman exited at 2:29 p.m. and returned at 2:31 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Beniuk exited at 3:05 p.m. and returned at 3:08 p.m.

8.1 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP)

There were no members of Administration present.

Councillor L'Heureux exited at 3:33 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

21.161 **MOVED**
To proceed with the meeting in Open Session at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXTENSION OF MEETING

21.162 **MOVED**
To extend the March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting until all items on the agenda are addressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

21.163 **MOVED**
To go into Closed Session at 4:00 p.m. for the following items and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:
8.1 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP)

There were no members of Administration present.

Councillor L'Heureux returned at 4:08 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

21.164 MOVED
To proceed with the meeting in Open Session at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8.2 Landfill Buffer Discussion (s.27 FOIP)

21.165 MOVED
To proceed with Options A, B, and C as presented in
Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP)

21.166 MOVED
To proceed as directed by Council in Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

21.167 MOVED
To adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2021
at 4:21 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

Ken Van Buul
Chief Administrative Officer