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

October 7, 2025-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held October 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Reutov delivered the Lac La Biche County Land Acknowledgement: We respectfully acknowledge the traditional and ancestral lands of the First Nations peoples of Treaty 6, Treaty 8, and Treaty 10 territories and the Homeland of the Metis People. Lac La Biche County continues to be home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial, and we recognize the vital contributions of Indigenous culture, history and perspectives in our shared past, present and future.

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor

**REGRETS** Sterling Johnson Councillor

Darlene Beniuk

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Manny Deol Chief Administrative Officer

Kashif Ijaz GM, Strategy & Community Growth

Councillor

John Kokotilo GM, Protective Services

Gary Harman GM, Recreation and Social Services

Hafsah Moghrabi GM, Corporate Services Mackenzie Zilinski Senior Executive Assistant Heather Reid Lead Legislative Officer

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

25.389 MOVED

To adopt the October 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Agenda as amended:

Additions: 9.3 CAO Evaluation Section 29 ATIA & Section 20 ATIA

In Favour (4): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Tkachuk Opposed (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Stedman

**DEFEATED** 

#### 25.390 MOVED

To adopt the October 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

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

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are recommended for the Consent Agenda:

- Item 4.1 September 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 8.2 Capital Projects Report as of September 30, 2025

# 25.391 MOVED

That the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

- Item 4.1 September 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 8.2 Capital Projects Report as of September 30, 2025

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

**CARRIED** 

# **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 September 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

25.391 To adopt the September 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

# **DELEGATIONS**

7.1 10:15 a.m. Delegation - Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society - Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP)

Ms. Staci Lattimer, Board Member presented the Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society - Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP) delegation and answered any questions.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

8.4 Indigenous Collaboration Committee Update

Mr. Kashif Ijaz, GM Strategy & Growth presented the Indigenous Collaboration Committee Update and answered any questions.

This item was received as information.

8.2 Capital Projects Report as of September 30, 2025

The following report was received as information on the Consent Agenda.

8.3 Curbside Collection Services Extension Agreement

Ms. Randi Dupras, Manager Public Works and Ms. Julia Shapka presented the Curbside Collection Services Extension Agreement and answered any questions.

25.392 MOVED

That Council approves the Extension Agreement with Quest Disposal and Recycling Inc. for Curbside Collection Services, from November 1, 2025, to October 1, 2026.

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

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# 25.393 MOVED

To direct Administration to conduct a survey to be completed within Quarter 1 2026 to determine interest in additional subdivisions that may want curbside pickup and other waste collection services within the County.

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

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# **DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Reutov declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 10:51 a.m. prior to item 7.2 and Deputy Mayor Stedman assumed the role of chair.

Councillor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 10:52 a.m. prior to item 7.2.

7.2 10:45 a.m. Delegation - Community Learning - Grant Funding Request

Ms. Mel Kuprowsky and Ms. Colleen Pierce both presented the Community Learning - Grant Funding Request delegation and answered any questions.

25.394 MOVED

That Council approve a 3-Year Funding Agreement for Community Learning in the amount of \$76,310.00 for the years 2026-2028.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Stedman

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 11:06 a.m. upon the conclusion of item 7.2 and resumed the role of chair.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers 11:06 a.m. upon the conclusion of item 7.2.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

8.5 Holowachuk Drainage Project

Ms. Randi Dupras, Manager Public Works presented the Holowachuk Drainage Project and answered any questions.

This item was received as information.

# **CLOSED SESSION**

25.395 MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 11:18 a.m. for the following exceptions pursuant to the Access to Information Act (ATIA):

- s.29 ATIA Advice from Officials
- s.32 ATIA Privileged Information

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

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.1 11:30 a.m. Delegation – Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter (s.29 ATIA – Advice from Officials; s.32 ATIA – Privileged Information)

The following members of the Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter were present: Lenora Lemay, Walter Ryl.

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, John Kokotilo, Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Randi Dupras, Mackenzie Zilinski, and Heather Reid.

9.2 Transitional Housing – Agreement Follow Up (s.29 ATIA – Advice from Officials; s.32 ATIA Privileged Information)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, John Kokotilo, Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Randi Dupras, Mackenzie Zilinski, and Heather Reid.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 11:25 a.m. and Deputy Mayor Stedman assumed the role of chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 11:26 and resumed the role of chair.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 11:42 a.m. and returned to Chambers at 11:42 a.m.

# RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

25.396 MOVED

To return to Open Session at 12:09 p.m.

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

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

7.4 12:00 p.m. – Public Input Session

Mayor Reutov opened the Public Input Session.

Ms. Danita Vallee, Ms. Jamie-Lee Doran, and Mr. Victor Toutant all spoke to Council related to concerns about the clearing work that took place on municipal reserve lands within the Holowachuk subdivision.

25.397 MOVED

To direct Administration to proceed with installing a barrier to the Municipal Reserve location within the Holowachuk Drainage Project within five (5) working days.

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

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Delegation – Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter (s.29 ATIA – Advice from Officials; s.32 ATIA – Privileged Information)

This item was received as information.

9.2 Transitional Housing - Agreement Follow Up (s.29 ATIA - Advice from Officials; s.32 ATIA - Privileged Information)

25.398 MOVED

To direct Administration to proceed with signing the revised agreement with Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter as discussed in Closed Session.

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

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

25.399 MOVED

To direct Administration to proceed with the letter of support from Lac La Biche County to Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter as discussed in Closed Session.

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

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Councillor Reports

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The Councillor Reports Updates were provided as information for Council's review.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reutov adjourned the October 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer