

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

June 25, 2024-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held June 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor (<i>participated electronically</i>)
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation & Community Services
	Hafsah Moghrabi	Acting Associate CAO, Finance
	Ali Memon	Acting Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
	Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Tkachuk joined the meeting electronically at 10:03 a.m.

24.279 **MOVED**
To adopt the June 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

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

- 4.1 June 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and June 11, 2024 Strategic Committee of Council

24.280 MOVED

To adopt the June 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the June 11, 2024 Strategic Committee of Council minutes as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Councillor Reports

Members of Council presented their Councillor Reports update as information.

- 8.2 Community Cemetery Improvement Program 2024 - Recommendations

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Community Funding and Grants Coordinator, presented the Community Cemetery Improvement Program 2024 – Recommendations and responded to questions.

24.281 MOVED

That Council approves the funding for the 2024 Community Cemetery Improvement Program as per the following:

- \$21,441 to the Normandeau Community Center for the Normandeau Cemetery (SW-34-64-12-W4)
- \$16,380 to the Fork Lake Cemetery Society for the Fork Lake Cemetery (SW-4-11-63-14-W4)

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

- 8.3 Hylo-Venice Recreation and Agricultural Society – Additional Named Insured

Mr. Kurppa presented the Hylo-Venice Recreation and Agricultural Society – Additional Named Insured item and responded to questions.

24.282 MOVED
That Council add the Hylo/Venice Recreational and Agricultural Society to the County's insurance policy as an Additional Named Insured (ANI) for General Liability and Property Insurance.

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

8.4 Beaverhill Road Underground Powerline Project

Mr. Ali Memon, Acting Associate CAO Infrastructure Services, presented the Beaverhill Road Underground Powerline Project and responded to questions.

24.283 MOVED
That Council approves the allocation of an additional \$333,645 for the Underground Powerline Project to be funded by a transfer of \$233,645 from Beaver Hill Road New Intersection Project and a transfer of \$100,000 from 101 A Street and & 104 Avenue 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

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:37 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 10:48 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Borgun.

NEW BUSINESS

8.7 2025 Budget Guiding Principles and Budget Deliberation Dates

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, Acting Associate CAO Finance, presented the 2025 Budget Guiding Principles and Budget Deliberation Dates and responded to questions.

Councillor Borgun returned to Chambers at 10:49 a.m.

24.284 That Council formally adopts in 2025 budget principles, as recommended:

- Taxation – Increase tax revenues for the 2025 year to sustain current service levels, while reducing the existing 5.63:1 tax rate ratio as defined by the Municipal Government Act, as per the approved Long-Term Tax Strategy presented at the June 2, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to reach 5:1 ratio by 2029.
- Service Levels – All service levels should be maintained at current standards.
- Public Participation – Administration is directed to continue to utilize the online interactive platforms to solicit input into the budget process in its formative stages.

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

24.285 **MOVED**
To schedule Special Council Meetings dedicated to the 2025 Budget Deliberations, to be held in Council Chambers - McArthur Place with a start time of 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- November 18, 2024
- November 19, 2024
- November 20, 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 11:00 a.m. Public Hearings

7.1.1 Bylaw 24-019 - Repeal Bylaw No. 04-007 of the former Lakeland County, SW-5-67-13-W4M Area Structure Plan

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. Pam Routhier, Planning Technician, summarized the purposes 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 bylaws and no written submissions received.

Mayor Reutov closed the Public Hearing at 11:08 a.m.

7.2.2 Bylaw 24-022 - Amend Land Use Bylaw 17-004 by adding the Commercial School and Recreation Facility, Major uses to the permitted uses list within the General Industrial District and the discretionary uses listed within the Agricultural District and Light Industrial District.

Mayor Reutov declared the Public Hearing open at 11:09 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. Pam Routhier, Planning Technician, summarized the purposes 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 bylaws and no written submissions received.

Mayor Reutov closed the Public Hearing at 11:13 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

8.5 Bylaw 24-019 - Repeal of Bylaw 04-007 of the former Lakeland County, SW-5-67-13-W4M Area Structure Plan - Second and Third Readings

Ms. Pam Routhier, Planning Technician, presented Bylaw 24-019 - Repeal of Bylaw 04-007 of the former Lakeland County, SW-5-67-13-W4M Area Structure Plan - Second and Third Readings and responded to questions.

24.286 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-019 be given second reading this 25th 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

24.287 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-019 be given third reading this 25th 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

8.6 Bylaw 24-022 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments - Second and Third Readings

Ms. Routhier presented Bylaw 24-022 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments - Second and Third Readings and responded to questions.

24.288 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-022 be given second reading this 25th 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

24.289 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-022 be given third reading this 25th 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

8.8 2024 Organizational Meeting and Potential Cancellation of Regular Council Meetings

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO Corporate Services, presented the 2024 Organizational Meeting and Potential Cancellation of Regular Council Meetings and responded to questions.

24.290 MOVED

To direct Administration to schedule the Organizational Meeting of Council on October 21, 2024 to be held in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, McArthur Place with a start time of 10:00 a.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

24.291 MOVED

To cancel the following Regular Council Meetings and Strategic Committee of Council Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 24, 2024
- Tuesday, November 5, 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

24.292 MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 11:24 a.m. in accordance with 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

8.1 2024 Request to Waive Tax Arrears and Penalty (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Hafsah Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 11:25 a.m. and Deputy Mayor Mondal assumed the role of the Chair.

8.2 2024 Request for a Temporary Payment Arrangement (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Hafsah Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.

Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 11:48 a.m. and resumed the role of the Chair.

Councillor Pare exited Chambers at 11:51 a.m. and returned at 11:52 a.m.

8.3 CAO Update (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Hafsah Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 12:01 p.m. and returned at 12:02 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Mondal exited Chambers at 12:04 p.m. and did not return.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

24.294

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 12:13 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

There was no one in attendance for the Public Input Session.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- 9.1 2024 Request to Waive Tax Arrears and Penalty (s.17 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

24.295 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward additional information on Option B as discussed in Closed Session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.2 2024 Request for a Temporary Payment Arrangement (s.16 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

24.296 MOVED
That County Council endorses Option A as presented to Council in closed session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.3 CAO Update (Discussion) (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The update was provided as information for Council’s review.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the June 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer