

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

**May 23, 2023- 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held May 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Paul Reutov	Mayor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
John Mondal	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor
Charlyn Moore	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Colette Borgun	Councillor

**STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

Dan Small	Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
Ron Fraser	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning <i>(Participated electronically and in part)</i>
Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.377

MOVED

To adopt the May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Council subsequently passed Motion # 23.397 which was to defer item 8.4 to the June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting*

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

23.378

MOVED

To adopt the May 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## URGENT MATTERS

*There were no urgent matters.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Borgun presented an unfinished business item relating to Basargin Road, particularly Motion #23.367 from the May 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

23.379

MOVED

That County Council hereby approves the naming rights to Basargin Road-TWP Road 690A.

In Favour (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Paré

Opposed (4): Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Councillor Reports

Each Member of Council in attendance presented an update as part of Councillor Reports.

23.380            **MOVED**  
To accept the Councillor Reports item as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.381            **MOVED**  
To direct Administration to create and erect map style signage for the downtown core (in the back alley's) directing parking, for itemized businesses, inclusive of a picture map of the overall main street project.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.382            **MOVED**  
That Administration and Council make every effort to support the main street businesses (behind the fences) to support the businesses during the main street phased construction.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**                    Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:22 a.m.

**RECONVENE**            Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 10:31 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### 6.1 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing -Rezoning Bylaw 23-016

Mayor Reutov opened the Public Hearing at 10:30 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.

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:

- a. The applicant, Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services presented to Council about the rezoning bylaw for the re-development of McArthur Park.
- b. Mayor Reutov confirmed if there was anyone in attendance wishing to speak in support of the proposed bylaw, there was no one in attendance.
- c. Mayor Reutov confirmed if there were any written submission received in support of the proposed bylaw to be read into record, there were no written submissions.
- d. Mayor Reutov confirmed if there was anyone in attendance wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed bylaw, the following public members spoke in opposition of the proposed bylaw:
  - i. Mr. Colin Cote
  - ii. Mr. Gordon Coutney
  - iii. Mr. Ron Moore
  - iv. Ms. Dorothy Lloyd
  - v. Mr. Henry Haui
  - vi. Mr. Gene Wesley
  - vii. Ms. Tetyana Klymenko
- e. Mayor Reutov invited the one written submission received in opposition of the proposed bylaw to be read into record. Ms. McConnell read into record the submission from Ms. Wendy Verboom. Mayor Reutov asked if there were any other written submissions received regarding the proposed bylaw to be read into record, Mr. Colin Cote remarked that he had also submitted a written submission in opposition of the proposed bylaw which was in addition to his verbal presentation; Ms. McConnell read Mr. Cote's submission into record.
- f. Mayor Reutov asked if there were any other person, group or representative that claimed to be affected who would like to speak on

- the proposed bylaw; Ms. Heather McEntire requested that Mr. Colin Cote speak on her behalf, Mr. Cote spoke on behalf of Ms. McEntire.
- g. Mayor Reutov asked if there were any written submission from those affected that need to be read into record; there were no written submissions.
  - h. The applicant, Mr. Lessmeister and Mr. Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer provided closing remarks.

Mayor Reutov closed the Public Hearing at 11:25 a.m.

**RECESS**

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:26 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:49 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Stedman.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.2 Second and Third Reading Rezoning Bylaw 23-016

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning and Development Officer presented Second and Third Reading Rezoning Bylaw 23-016 item and responded to questions.

Council Stedman returned to Council Chambers at 11:52 a.m.

23.383 MOVED

To direct Administration to amend Bylaw 23-016, particularly removing Lot R, Plan 499NY (5;8;56;HB), Parcel A, Plan 3749HW (4;14;67;HB) and Block C, Plan 4313BF (4;14;67;HB) from Bylaw 23-016 and to bring the amended bylaw to a future Council meeting for second and third reading.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

6.2 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

There were two speakers as part of the Public Input Session.

Mr. Dave Phillips, on behalf of the Lac La Biche Chamber of Commerce, presented ideas to support main street businesses during the main street business construction project.

Mr. Wally Diachuk presented about neighbourhood concerns regarding the parking of his busses.

23.384

**MOVED**

To thank Mr. Wally Diachuk for his presentation to Council and to direct Administration to discuss the concern raised by Mr. Diachuk as it relates to bussing and the Community Standards Bylaw and to bring forward a Council Report to a future Council Meeting.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.385

**MOVED**

To thank Mr. Dave Phillips for his presentation to Council and to refer the following main street construction project initiatives to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC):

- a. Transportation options from the back-alley parking areas to the front door of (fenced) businesses and
- b. a \$5 for \$25 County Dollar incentive program to assist downtown businesses during the main street construction.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:31 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.3 Russian Kafolicheskaya Culture Preservation Society Capital Grant Amendment

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants and Community Funding Coordinator presented the Russian Kafolicheskaya Culture Preservation Society Capital Grant Amendment item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk entered Council Chambers at 1:06 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 1:06 p.m. and returned at 1:07 p.m.

23.386

**MOVED**

That Council amend the grant agreement so that the County-borne cost share for the project is 75%, but to allow Administration to further amend the agreement, if reasonable and appropriate, should the in-kind contributions subsequently decrease.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.4 McArthur Park Phase 1 Contract Award

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services Division presented the McArthur Park Phase 1 Contract Award item and responded to questions.

23.387 MOVED

To award the McArthur Park Phase 1 redevelopment to E Construction, A Division of NPA Ltd in the amount of \$3,001,327.00 (plus GST) tender but not to enter into a contract until the Rezoning Bylaw 23-016 receives third and final reading.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATIONS**

6.3 1:30 p.m. Delegation- Ms. Nancy Broadbent, President, Portage College Annual Update to County Council

Ms. Nancy Broadbent, President, Portage College presented the Annual Update to County Council and responded to questions.

6.3.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

23.388 MOVED

To thank Mrs. Nancy Broadbent for her presentation to Council.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.4 2:00 p.m. Delegation Sgt. Trevor Cardinal, A/Detachment Commander- Quarterly RCMP Statistics

Sgt. Trevor Cardinal presented to Council the Quarterly RCMP statistics and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 2:17 p.m. Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the position of Chair.



Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 2:18 p.m. and returned to the position of Chair.

#### 6.4.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

23.389            MOVED  
To thank Staff Sgt. Trevor Cardinal for his presentation to Council.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

23.390            MOVED  
To go into Closed Session at 2:22 p.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following Members of Administration were present during the Closed Session for presentation and recording purposes: Dan Small, Darrell Lessmeister, Melanie McConnell, Ron Fraser, Heather Stromquist and Danielle Patenaude.

8.1            Land Matters Update (s.24- Advice from officials and s.25- Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body-FOIP)

Mr. Chris Clark and Mr. Shae Guy entered Council Chambers at 2:45 p.m.  
Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi entered Council Chambers at 2:46 p.m.

All Members of Administration, except Mr. Small and Ms. Stromquist, exited Council Chambers at 2:45 p.m.

Members of Administration returned to Council Chambers at 2:53 p.m.

8.3            Law Enforcement Training Program Unit Development (s.25- Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body-FOIP, s.21-Intergovernmental Relation-FOIP and s.17- Disclosure harmful to personal privacy-FOIP)

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 3:05 p.m. and returned at 3:06 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 3:15 p.m. and returned at 3:17 p.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 3:16 p.m. and returned at 3:33 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 3:34 p.m.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 3:35 p.m. and returned at 3:36 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk returned to Council Chambers at 3:37 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 3:41 p.m. and returned at 3:44 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited council Chambers at 3:44 p.m. and returned at 3:46 p.m.

8.2 Procurement Audit Follow Up (s.26 -Testing procedures, tests and audits-FOIP)

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 3:54 p.m. and returned at the same time.

8.4 CAO Report (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy and s. 27-Privileged Information FOIP)

## **RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

23.391 MOVED  
To return to Open Session at 4:12 p.m.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

8.1 Land Matters Update (s.24- and s.25-FOIP)

23.392 MOVED

To accept the Land Matters update as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.3 Law Enforcement Training Program Unit Development (s.25, 21, and 17-FOIP)

23.393 MOVED

That Council accept the report as information and provide Administration with approval to continue with developing the training business unit.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2 Procurement Audit Follow Up (s.26-FOIP)

23.394 MOVED

That Council accept the Engagement Planning Report as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.395            MOVED  
That Council directs Administration to proceed with the Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement as presented.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.396            MOVED  
That Council increases the Finance department 2023 operating budget by \$15,000, to come from accumulated surplus.

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

Opposed (2): Councillor Beniuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

**CARRIED**

8.4      CAO Report (s.17, 27-FOIP)

23.397            MOVED  
To defer the CAO Report agenda item to the June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

23.398

**MOVED**

To adjourn the May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 4:17 p.m.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Paul Reutov  
Mayor

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Dan Small  
Chief Administrative Officer