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

# December 16, 2022- 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held December 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

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Colette Borgun Councillor Charlyn Moore Councillor

Lorin Tkachuk Councillor (participated electronically / arrived at 1:00 p.m./departed at 2:56 p.m.)

Darlene Beniuk Councillor

Jason Stedman Councillor (participated electronically /

arrived at 9:36 a.m.)

Sterling Johnson Councillor (participated electronically /

arrived at 10:01 a.m./departed at 2:56 p.m.)

John Mondal Councillor

Kevin Paré Councillor/Deputy Mayor

STAFF IN Dan Small Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTENDANCE** Darrell Lessmeister Associate CAO, Recreation and Community

Services Division (In part)

Melanie McConnell Associate CAO, Corporate Services

(participated electronically)

Zeeshan Hasan Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Ron Fraser Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services

Division

Heather Reid Legislative Services Coordinator
Danielle Patenaude Legislative Services Coordinator

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22.1160 MOVED

To adopt the December 16, 2022 Special Council Meeting

agenda as presented.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### 22.1161 MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 9:10a.m. to discuss the closed session agenda items pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.1 Public Engagement Results (s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials, s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Kashif Ijaz, Hafsah Moghrabi, Danielle Patenaude, Alanna Wowk and Heather Reid.

4.1 2023 Proposed Budget Updates (s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Kashif Ijaz, Hafsah Moghrabi, Danielle Patenaude, Alanna Wowk and Heather Reid.

Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment and exited Chambers at 9:25 a.m.

Councillor Borgun returned to Chambers at 9:28 a.m. at the conclusion of the discussion.

Councillor Stedman joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

22.1162 MOVED

To return to Open Session at 9:37 a.m.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

There was no business arising from the Closed Session.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 2023 Proposed Budget updates

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning and Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, Finance Supervisor, presented the 2023 Proposed Budget Updates item and responded to questions.

Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment during the discussion on proposed operating initiatives related to new positions and exited Chambers at 9:52 a.m.

Councillor Borgun returned to Chambers at 10:00 a.m. at the conclusion of the discussion.

Councillor Johnson joined the meeting at 10:01 am.

Councillor Johnson exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and returned at 10:16 a.m.

Councillor Johnson exited the meeting at 10:19 a.m. and returned at 10:21 a.m.

Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment during the discussions on proposed operating initiatives related to new positions and Cost of Living Allowance and exited Chambers at 10:21 a.m.

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 10:21 a.m. and Deputy Mayor Paré assumed the role of the Chair. Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 10:22 a.m. and resumed the role of the Chair.

Councillor Borgun returned to Chambers at 10:35 a.m. at the conclusion of the discussion on proposed operating initiatives related to new positions and Cost of Living Allowance.

# 4.2 2023 Proposed Budget

Mr. Hasan and Ms. Moghrabi presented the 2023 Proposed Budget items to be considered for inclusion in the 2023 Budget.

Councillor Johnson exited the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

22.1163 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Corporate Services Clerical Support at a cost of \$53,560.

For (4): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman

Opposed (3): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Mondal

**CARRIED** 

Councillor Johnson returned to the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Pare exited Chambers at 10:38 a.m. and returned at 10:39 a.m.

#### 22.1164 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Municipal Internship Program at a cost of \$0.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 10:45 a.m. and returned at 10:46 a.m.

# 22.1165 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Business Process Improvement Review at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Paré

**CARRIED** 

## 22.1166 MOVED

To direct Administration to bring back options for a Business Process Improvement Review to a future meeting of Council in Q1 2023.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# 22.1167 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Indigenous Relations Advisor at a cost of \$60,000.

For (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson Opposed (2): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk,

## 22.1168 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Indigenous Collaboration Committee & Focus Indigenous Engagement at a cost of \$30,000.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

**CARRIED** 

#### 22.1169 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Investment Readiness Assessment at a budget of \$75,000.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Paré

**CARRIED** 

## 22.1170 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Regional Trade Area Study Update at a budget of \$15,000.

For (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Mondal, Opposed (2): Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED** 

#### 22.1171 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Shop Local Campaign at a budget of \$15,000.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Paré

#### 22.1172 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Network and Systems Analyst at a budget of \$40,106.

For (1): Councillor Stedman

Opposed (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson, Deputy Mayor Paré

**DEFEATED** 

#### 22.1173 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Census Program at a budget of \$80,000.

For (3): Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman

**DEFEATED** 

#### 22.1174 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 0.60 FTE Grant Clerk at a budget of \$48,065.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Paré

**CARRIED** 

#### 22.1175 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 1.0 FTE Lands Officer at a budget of \$98,291.

For (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman

Opposed (4): Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Johnson

**DEFEATED** 

Councillor Beniuk exited Chambers at 11:30 a.m. and returned at 11:31 a.m.

### 22.1176 MOVED

To direct Administration to bring information for the 2023 Budget on a 1.0 FTE Protective Services position to the December 22, 2022 Special Council Meeting.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson Opposed (1): Councillor Moore

**CARRIED** 

Deputy Mayor Pare exited Chambers at 11:34 a.m. and returned at 11:35 a.m.

## 22.1177 MOVED

To allocate \$150,000 annually for five-years to a reserve fund for regional gas systems.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 22.1178 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Lac La Biche Snow Mobile Assistance at a budget of \$50,000.

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 22.1179 MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward a reserve policy on trail development to a future Council meeting.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 22.1180 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Medical Professional Attraction/Retention Program at a budget of \$0.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **RECESS** Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:56 a.m.

# **RECONVENE** Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m. with all those

Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Johnson.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

22.1181 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 0.65 FTE Engineer at a budget of \$121,594.

For (2): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré

**DEFEATED** 

Councillor Johnson returned to the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk joined the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

22.1182 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 1.0 FTE Journeyman Automotive Technician at a budget of \$96,699.

For (4): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk

Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson

**DEFEATED** 

22.1183 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 0.40 FTE Weed and Pest Control Program at a budget of \$27,336.

For (5): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Mondal Opposed (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson

22.1184 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Mower Operator at a budget of \$33,670.

For (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk, Opposed (4): Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Mondal

**CARRIED** 

Deputy Mayor Pare exited Chambers at 1:19 p.m. and returned at 1:19 p.m.

22.1185 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 0.40 FTE Young Family Programmer at a budget of \$40,110.

For (5): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Mondal Opposed (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED** 

22.1186 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 0.40 Community Outreach Worker at a budget of \$43,316.

For (6): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk Opposed (3): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED** 

22.1187 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Social Development Plan at a cost of \$65,000.

For (6): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Mondal, Mayor Reutov Opposed (3): Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Beniuk

# 22.1188 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Community Access Bus Program at a budget of \$16,142.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 22.1189 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Water and Sewer Master Plan at a budget of \$250,000.

For (3): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Tkachuk, Opposed (6): Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Mondal, Mayor Reutov

**DEFEATED** 

## 22.1190 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Hamlet Back Lane Paving Program at a budget of \$200,000.

For (7): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Mondal, Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk

Opposed (2): Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED** 

Deputy Mayor Pare exited Chambers at 1:54 p.m.

## 22.1191 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Railway Crossing Signals Plamondon – Caslan Connector & LLB at a budget of \$1,200,000 (\$960,000 Grants and \$240,000 General Revenue).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Deputy Mayor Pare returned to Chambers at 1:56 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk exited Chambers at 1:58 p.m.

22.1192 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Snow Fence at a budget of \$82,200.

For (6): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Mondal, Deputy Mayor Paré Opposed (2): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED** 

22.1193 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Snow Dump Site in Lac La Biche and Plamondon at a budget of \$100,000.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 2:01 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Paré assumed the role of the Chair. Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 2:01 p.m. and resumed the role of the Chair.

Councillor Beniuk returned to Chambers at 2:04 p.m.

Mayor Reutov declared a pecuniary interest related to personal business interests and exited Chambers at 2:05 p.m. during the Beaver Hill Road Underground Powerline discussion and vote. Deputy Mayor Pare assumed the role of the Chair.

22.1194 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Beaver Hill Road Underground Powerline for a budget of \$370,000.

For (4): Councillor Stedman, Councillor Moore, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Mondal,

Opposed (4): Councillor Johnson, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré

**DEFEATED** 

Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 2:10 p.m. at the conclusion of the discussion and vote and resumed the role of the Chair.

Councillor Johnson exited at 2:12 p.m.

22.1195 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the BF- 85387 Culvert Replacement at a budget of \$492,694 (\$369,521 Grants and \$123,173 General Revenue.)

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Johnson returned at 2:14 p.m.

22.1196 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the BF- 8807 Kiniuso Bridge (NE 17-66-15-W4M) at a budget of \$498,469 (\$373,852 Grants and \$124,617 General Revenue).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 2:28 p.m. and returned at 2:30 p.m.

22.1197 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 101 Avenue (Main Street Lac La Biche) Water and Sewer Rehabilitation and Revitalization at a budget of \$27,000,000.

For (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk Opposed (3): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

**CARRIED** 

Deputy Mayor Pare exited Chambers at 2:52 p.m. and returned at 2:55 p.m.

22.1198 MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward a detailed report on the 101 Avenue (Main Street Lac La Biche) Water and Sewer Rehabilitation and Revitalization costing to the December 22, 2022 Special Council Meeting.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS** Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:56 p.m.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. with all those

Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of

Councillor Johnson and Councillor Tkachuk.

# 22.1199 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 101A Street & 104 Ave Water and Sewer Replace at a cost of \$2,000,000 (\$2,000,000 Reserves).

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 22.1200 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the 105 St - South of Tracks - Water & Sewer Installation at a budget of \$808,000 (\$808,000 General Revenue).

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 22.1201 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Truck Fill System Upgrades at a budget of \$100,000 (\$100,000 Grants).

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 22.1202 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the WTP Disinfection Upgrade at a Budget of \$422,000 (\$422,000 Grants).

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 22.1203 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Utility Shop Lunch Room at a budget of \$80,000 (\$80,000 General Revenues).

For (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Stedman

Opposed (2): Councillor Mondal and Deputy Mayor Paré

## 22.1204 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the following items:

- Churchill Drive 104 St to 101 St (1000m) Natural Gas Rehabilitation at a budget of \$250,000 (general revenues)
- the Regulator Station Replacement at a cost of \$207,500 (general revenues)
- the Laser Methane Detector at a cost of \$27,000 (general revenues)

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 22.1205 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Fleet Services - Replacement Vehicles and Equipment with the exception of the 4 trucks.

For (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, and Deputy Mayor Paré Opposed (2): Councillor Moore and Councillor Stedman

**CARRIED** 

## 22.1206 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Growth/New Vehicles and Equipment at a budget of \$272,600 (general revenues).

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS** Mayor Reutov called a recess at 3:46 p.m.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 3:48 p.m. with all those

Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of

Councillor Johnson and Councillor Tkachuk.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

4.2 2023 Proposed Budget continued.

## 22.1207 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Enforcement Services Replacement Vehicles and Equipment at a cost of \$85,000 (\$82,500 reserves and \$2,500 sale of assets) and Protective Services Security Cameras at a budget of \$30,000 (general revenues)

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 22.1208 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Golden Sands Drainage at a budget of \$500,000.

For (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor Stedman Opposed (1): Councillor Moore

**CARRIED** 

#### 22.1209 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Caslan Connector Culvert Replacements at a cost of \$180,000.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 22.1210 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Beaver Lake Landfill Slope at a budget of \$469,556.

For (4): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor Stedman

Opposed (3): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, and Councillor Beniuk

# **CARRIED**

#### 22.1211 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Legislative Services Privacy Partitions at a budget of \$13,000.

## 22.1212 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the McArthur Hall Commercial Dishwasher Replacement at a budget of \$24,000

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For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor Stedman

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 22.1213 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the McArthur Place Inside Front Door Replacement at a budget of \$12,000.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 22.1214 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the New Aquatic Center at a budget of \$27,000,000 (\$15,000,000 grants and \$12,000,000 from debentures).

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 22.1215 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Recreation Equipment Replacements at a budget of \$68,300.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 22.1216 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget the Mini Rink at a budget of \$25,000 (\$25,000 grants).

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# 22.1217 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget:

- the McArthur Park Development at a budget of \$6,300,000
- the Golf Course Development at a budget of \$3,860,000
- -the New Cemetery at a budget of \$900,000

## 22.1218 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget:

- the Dock Replacement Program at a cost of \$80,000
- the Bayview Beach Playground at a cost of \$75,000
- the Birch Grove Playground at a cost of \$75,000.
- the Dumasfield Park upgrades washroom/walking trail at a cost of \$225,000
- the Walking Trail Resurfacing Program at a cost of \$50,000.
- the Mission Walking Trail Bridge at a cost of \$60,000.
- the Alex Hamilton Park Cameras at a cost of \$12,000.
- the Jubilee Park Enhancement at a cost of \$155,000.

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 22.1219 MOVED

To approve for inclusion in the 2023 Budget

- the Information Technology Equipment at a cost of \$786,000.
- the Bold Center Cellular Booster at a cost of \$65,000.
- the Shop Wi-Fi Expansion at a cost of \$30,000.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

22.1220 MOVED

To adjourn the December 16, 2022 Special Council Meeting at 4:39 p.m.

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Chief Administrative Offi	cer