

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

AUGUST 22, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held August 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
John Mondal	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor (<i>Departed at 4:24 p.m.</i>)
Colette Borgun	Councillor

REGRETS

Charlyn Moore	Councillor
---------------	------------

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Melanie McConnell	Acting Chief Administrative Officer / Associate CAO, Corporate Services
Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
Ron Fraser	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning/Acting Director, Human Resources
Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Borgun exited Council Chambers 10:03 a.m. and returned at the same time.

23.587 MOVED
To adopt the August 22, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended:

Addition of items:

- 7.13 Council Chambers Usage
- 7.14 Main Street
- 8.3 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recruitment (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy-FOIP)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting-July 25, 2023

23.588 MOVED
To adopt the July 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

6.1 10:15 a.m. Delegation-Aquatic Centre Design and Estimated Costs

Mr. Geoff Watson and Mr. Alex Godfrey, Turnbull Construction Management co-presented the Aquatic Centre Design and Estimated Costs item and responded to questions.

6.1.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

23.589 MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward additional cost saving design options, project commencement timelines and impacts, and an explanation of the budget increase prior to final budget approval for the new Aquatic Centre.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 11:19 a.m.

23.590 MOVED

To thank the delegation for their presentation to Council.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:20 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, including Councillor Paré and except Councillor Stedman.

DELEGATIONS

6.2 11:00 a.m.-Delegation-Lac La Biche Chamber of Commerce-Supporting Lac La Biche Businesses: Mainstreet Construction

Mr. David Shultz, Chamber of Commerce Vice President, Ms. Angela Kazmierczak, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and Mr. Dave Phillips, Chamber of Commerce, President presented the Supporting Lac La Biche Business Mainstreet Construction to Council and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman returned to Council Chambers at 11:32 a.m.

6.2.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

23.591 MOVED

To thank the Lac La Biche Chamber of Commerce Delegation for their presentation to Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.3 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

There were no registered speakers for the Public Input Session, and further, Administration checked the lobby and confirmed there was no one in attendance.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:06 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Reutov declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 12:39 p.m. and prior to the presentation of Item 7.4. Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the position of Chair.

7.4 Highway 55 Range Road 142 Intersection

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division and Mr. Ron Fraser, Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services Division co-presented the Highway 55 Range Road 142 Intersection item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 12:58 p.m. and returned at 12:59 p.m.

23.592 MOVED
To approve the Highway 55 and Range Road 142 Intersection project in 2023 with funding from the Stabilization Reserve (construction to occur in 2024) in the amount of \$1,708,000.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 12:57 p.m. upon the conclusion of Item 7.4.

7.1 Councillor Reports

Each Member of Council in attendance provided an update as part of the Councillor Reports item.

23.593 MOVED
To direct Administration to present a Council Report pertaining to the See, Click, Fix App inclusive of the actions taken to date on reported items through the app.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 CAO Approved Transfers-July 31, 2023

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, Manager, Finance presented the CAO Approved Transfers-July 31, 2023 item and responded to questions.

23.594 MOVED
That Council Accepts the CAO Approved Budget Transfer-July 31, 2023 as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Capital Projects Report-July 31, 2023

Ms. Moghrabi presented the Capital Projects Reports-July 31, 2023 item and responded to questions.

23.595 MOVED
That Council accept the Capital Projects Report for the period ended July 31, 2023 as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Law Enforcement Training Program Summary

Mr. Chris Clark, Director, Law Enforcement Training Program presented the Law Enforcement Training Program Summary item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 2:11 p.m. and returned at 2:14 p.m.

23.596 MOVED
That Council accept the report as information and requests meetings with both the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services and the Alberta Commanding Officer of the RCMP.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Council Addition- Jiu-jitsu Club Issue

Councillor Mondal presented his Council Addition Form relating to the Jiu-jitsu Club.

23.597 MOVED

To accept the Jiu-jitsu Club Council Addition Form as information recognizing that Administration has been attempting to work with the Jujitsu Club, and other Community Associations, in finding space to accommodate community programming.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 2024 Budget Deliberation Dates

Ms. Moghrabi presented the 2024 Budget Deliberation Dates item and responded to questions.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 2:20 p.m. and returned at 2:22 p.m.

23.598 MOVED

To defer this item to the September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 Cold Mix Program-Revised 2023

Mr. Dave McPhee, Manager, Transportation Services presented the Cold Mix Program-Revised 2023 item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 2:24 p.m.

23.599

MOVED

That Council approve the following option for inclusion in the 2024 operational budget:

- To approve the 15 kms/year, 7-year cycle, \$2,775,000 program.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:35 p.m. and exited Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the position of Chair.

RECONVENE

Deputy Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 2:47 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance including Councillor Tkachuk and excluding Mayor Reutov.

7.9 Street Sweeping Program

Mr. McPhee presented the Street Sweeping Program item and responded to questions.

23.600

MOVED

To direct Administration to revise the Street Sweeping Program Plan by including a Curb to Curb Clean sweeping provision, inclusive of signage and adherence requirements, and to present the updated Street Sweeping Program Plan at a future Council Meeting.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Brushing Program

Mr. McPhee presented the Brushing Program item and responded to questions.

23.601 MOVED
That Council approve Option 2 – 10-year brushing program, \$709,000 budget for 2024.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 Scheduling of Organizational Meeting of Council and Council Meeting Procedures Workshop Date

Ms. McConnell presented the Scheduling of Organizational Meeting of Council and Council Meeting Procedures Workshop Date item and responded to questions.

23.602 MOVED
To direct Administration to schedule the Organizational Meeting of Council on October 24, 2023 immediately following the Regular Council Meeting, to be held in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, McArthur Place.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.603 MOVED
To schedule the Meeting Procedures workshop on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 to be held in Council Chambers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.12 Alberta HUB Collaborative Regional ACP Grant Application-Resolution Request

Ms. Heather Stromquist, Manager, Economic Development and Tourism presented the Alberta HUB Collaborative Regional ACP Grant Application-Resolution Request item and responded to questions.

23.604

MOVED

That Lac La Biche County Council agrees to partner with the County of Vermilion River for an Alberta Community Partnerships (ACP) grant for a regional industrial-commercial land buildings database.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.13 Council Chamber Use-*Addition to the Agenda*

Ms. McConnell presented the Council Chamber Use-Addition to Agenda item and responded to questions.

23.605

MOVED

To postpone the relocation of Council Committees from using Council Chambers until the October Organizational Meeting.

In Favour (7): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.14 Main Street-*Addition to the Agenda*

Mayor Reutov joined the meeting at 3:27 pm.

Councillor Mondal presented his Main Street Addition the agenda item.

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 3:27 p.m.

23.606

MOVED

To accept the Main Street discussion item as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

23.607 MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 3:30 p.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Member of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Heather Stromquist, Mackenzie Zilinski (electronically), Natalie Hanas, Hafsah Moghrabi and Danielle Patenaude.

8.1 Doctor Recruitment Incentive and Other Related Matters (s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP and s.16-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party-FOIP)

Mr. Lessmeister and Ms. Stromquist exited Council Chambers upon the conclusion of Item 8.1.

8.2 2023 Penalty Waiver Request (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy-FOIP and s.24-Advice from officials- FOIP)

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 4:22 p.m.

Ms. Sandra Charles joined electronically at the start of Item 8.2.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 4:24 p.m. and did not return.

8.3 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recruitment (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy FOIP)- *Addition to the Agenda*

All Members of Administration, except Mr. Hasan, exited Council Chambers at 4:34 p.m.

Members of Administration returned to Council Chambers at 5:08 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

23.608 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 5:10 p.m.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré,
Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Doctor Recruitment Incentive and Other Related Matters (s.24-and
s.16-FOIP)

23.609 MOVED
To direct Administration to revise provision 5 of the
recruitment agreement, as discussed in Closed Session, and
that Council endorse the revised agreement.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré,
Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.610 MOVED
To proceed as discussed in closed session.

In Favour (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy
Mayor Johnson

Opposed (2): Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Paré

CARRIED

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 5:13 p.m.

8.2 2023 Penalty Waiver Request (s.17 and s.24 FOIP)

23.611 MOVED

That County Council denies the taxpayer's request to waive their paid and unpaid 2023 tax penalties for tax roll numbers 651XXXXX01, 651XXXXX03, 651XXXXX01, 651XXXXX01, 651XXXXX02, 651XXXXX01 & 671XXXXX02 and to direct Administration to present a policy respecting penalty waivers.

In Favour (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Beniuk returned to Council Chambers at 5:13 p.m.

8.3 CAO Recruitment (s.17-FOIP)

23.612 MOVED

To proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.613 MOVED

To adjourn the August 22, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer