

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

**May 14, 2024-10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held May 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

<b>PRESENT</b>	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor ( <i>departed at 11:00 a.m.</i> )
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Darrell Lessmeister	Acting CAO / Associate CAO, Recreation & Community Services
	Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
	Ali Memon	Acting Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
	Hafsah Moghrabi	Acting Associate CAO, Finance
	Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

24.203      **MOVED**  
To adopt the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

Addition:

- Item 8.8 Bill 20 Discussion

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**

### 3.1 May 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

24.204            **MOVED**  
To adopt the May 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting 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.

## **SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

### 7.1 10:15 a.m. Presentation - Lac La Biche Trails Master Plan

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO Recreation & Community Services and John Buchko, EDS Group presented the Lac La Biche Trails Master Plan for Council's information and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 10:32 a.m. and returned at 10:33 a.m.

**RECESS**            Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:00 a.m.

**RECONVENE**      Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:13 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Stedman and Councillor Tkachuk.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 8.2 Economic Development Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Heather Stromquist, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, presented the Economic Development Advisory Committee Update and responded to questions.

The Economic Development and Tourism Update Report to the Economic Development Advisory Committee dated March 25, 2024 was provided as information for Council's review.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 11:48 a.m. and returned at 11:49 a.m.

24.205            **MOVED**  
That Council recommend that administration explore collaboration opportunities to increase enrollment numbers in the Lac La Biche Campus including marketing and promotion, housing initiatives and athletic programs between Lac La Biche County & Region and Portage College.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.206            **MOVED**  
That Council recommend that administration develop a strategic roadside signage strategy for implementation in 2024.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.207            **MOVED**  
That Council recommend Administration look into Archery signage for the upcoming World Archery Event within Lac La Biche County.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.208            MOVED  
That Council direct Administration to continue as previously directed by Council with respect to the water tower.

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

**CARRIED**

24.209            MOVED  
That Council direct administration to continue as previously directed by Council on the CN switching yard.

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

**CARRIED**

### 8.3      Bylaw 24-001 - Road Closure - First Reading

Ms. Diane Cloutier, Manager of Planning & Development and Sheera Bourassa, Planning & Development Officer presented Bylaw 24-001 - Road Closure - First Reading and responded to questions.

24.210            MOVED  
That Bylaw 24-001 be given first reading this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.4      Bylaw 23-015 Road Closure - Second and Third Readings

Ms. Diane Cloutier, Manager of Planning & Development and Sheera Bourassa, Planning & Development Officer presented Bylaw 23-015 Road Closure - Second and Third Readings and responded to questions.

24.211            MOVED  
That Bylaw 23-015 be given second reading this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 2024.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.212            MOVED  
That Bylaw 23-015 be given third reading this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 2024.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 8.5      Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) and Lac La Biche County

Mr. Dan Gaudet, Acting Manager of Environmental Services presented the Lakeland  
Agricultural Research Association (LARA) and Lac La Biche County item and responded  
to questions.

Councillor Pare exited Chambers at 12:27 p.m. and returned at the same time.

24.213            MOVED  
That Lac La Biche County fund LARA for \$60,000 for the  
2024 year.

In Favour (4): Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Mondal, Councillor  
Paré, and Councillor Stedman

Opposed (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, and  
Councillor Johnson

**DEFEATED**

24.214            **MOVED**  
To direct Administration to conduct a cost analysis/study with options for Lac La Biche County taking over the provision of agricultural services comparable to LARA and further the study should include a budget with service levels and staffing implications for the 2025 budget.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24.215            **MOVED**  
To direct Administration to allocate the \$60,000 budget towards the 2024 agricultural programs based on program recommendations to be provided by the Agricultural Services Board.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

7.2      12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

Mayor Reutov opened the Public Input Session at 12:31 p.m.

Ms. Larysa Shevchenko presented to Council on a request to keep backyard chickens in hamlets.

Mayor Reutov thanked the presenter on behalf of Council and closed the Public Input Session at 12:42 p.m.

**RECESS**            Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:42 p.m.

**RECONVENE**      Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:33 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 8.6 Capital Projects Update and CAO Transfers

Mr. Ali Memon, Acting Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services presented the Capital Projects Update and CAO Transfers and responded to questions.

#### 24.216 MOVED

That Council approves the following 2024 Capital budget transfers to be funded from the 101A Street and 104 Avenue Water and Sewer Replacement project:

- Increase of \$99,000 to the Shoreline Erosion Control project
- Increase of \$200,000 to the 105 Street Water and Sewer Installation project
- Increase of \$537,578 to the Mission Road Walking Trail project

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.7 Access to Bold Centre Ball Diamonds

Deputy Mayor Mondal provided information on the Councillor Addition – Access to Bold Centre Ball Diamonds.

#### 24.217 MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward updated costing for the paving of the Bold Centre Ball Diamond paths to a future Council Meeting.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.8 Bill 20 Discussion

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO Corporate Services, presented information on Bill 20 and responded to questions.

The Bill 20 item was provided as information for Council's review.

## CLOSED SESSION

24.218            MOVED  
To go into Closed Session at 2:16 p.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.1      Data Centre Initiative (s.16 FOIP-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.21 FOIP-Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, 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 purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Heather Stromquist, Jon Skjersven, Hafsa Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.

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

9.2      Committee Matters (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Diane Cloutier, Hafsa Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.

9.3      Committee Appointment (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Diane Cloutier, Hafsa Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.

9.4      Council Town Hall Meetings (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.21 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

Members of Administration present for the purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Diane Cloutier, Hafsa Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.



- 9.5 Integrity Commissioner Services (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 purpose of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Hafsah Moghrabi, and Heather Reid.

Councillor Pare exited Chambers at 2:53 p.m. and returned at 2:54 p.m.

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

24.219            MOVED  
                         To return to Open Session at 2:58 p.m.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

- 9.1 Data Centre Initiative (s.16 FOIP-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.21 FOIP-Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, s.24 FOIP – Advice from Officials, s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

24.220            MOVED  
                         That Council endorse Administration to continue working on securing a Data Centre within Lac La Biche County.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.2 Committee Matters (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

24.221 MOVED

That Council reappoints Brian Deheer to the Municipal Planning Commission for a term ending December 31 2024.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.3 Committee Appointment (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

24.222 MOVED

To appoint David Cheyne as a Board Member on the Lac La Biche County Library Board for a three-year term beginning May 14, 2024.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.4 Council Town Hall Meetings (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.21 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

24.223 MOVED

That Council proceed with Option 2.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.5 Integrity Commissioner Services (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials; s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

24.224

MOVED

That Council directs Administration to seek an interim investigator (for Council's appointment), until the RFP process is concluded.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reutov adjourned the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 3:03 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer