

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

December 3, 2024-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held December 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Mayor Reutov delivered the Lac La Biche County Land Acknowledgement: We respectfully acknowledge the traditional and ancestral lands of the First Nations peoples of Treaty 6, Treaty 8, and Treaty 10 territories and the Homeland of the Metis People. Lac La Biche County continues to be home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial, and we recognize the vital contributions of Indigenous culture, history and perspectives in our shared past, present and future.

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
John Mondal	Councillor
Charlyn Moore	Councillor (<i>Electronically joined at 11:25 am.)</i>
Sterling Johnson	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
Colette Borgun	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
Ali Memon	Interim GM, Infrastructure
Hafsah Moghrabi	Interim GM, Corporate Services
Kashif Ijaz	Interim GM, Strategy & Community Growth
John Kokotilo	Interim GM, Protective Services
Mackenzie Zilinski	Senior Executive Assistant
Heather Reid	Lead Legislative Officer
Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Officer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

24.552

MOVED

To adopt the December 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

24.553

MOVED

To adopt the November 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended and the November 26, 2024 Strategic Committee of Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Councillor Reports

Each Councillor in attendance provided their Councillor Reports as information.

DELEGATIONS

7.1 10:15 a.m. Delegation-Lac La Biche Library Board

Ms. Nancy Broadbent - Chair, Ms. Maureen Penn and Ms. Maya Fisher – Directors presented the Lac La Biche Library Board item and responded to questions.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:36 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 10:51 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Adoption of the 2025 County Budget, 2026-2030 Financial Plan, and 2026-2035 Capital Plan

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, Interim General Manager, Corporate Services presented the Adoption of the 2025 County Budget, 2026-2030 Financial Plan, and 2026-2035 Capital Plan item and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 10:57 a.m. prior to Motion #24.554. Deputy Mayor Stedman assumed the position of Chair.

- 24.554 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2025 Capital Budget expenditure for the Churchill Gates MR Development of \$300,000.
In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Paré

CARRIED

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 10:58 a.m. following the conclusion of Motion #24.554 and returned to the position of Chair.

Councillor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 10:58 a.m. and prior to Motions # 24.555 and 24.556.

- 24.555 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2025 Capital Budget expenditure for the Information Technology function of \$675,000.
In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 24.556 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2025 Operational Budget expenditure for Information Technology function of \$ 1,618,707.
In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m. following the conclusion of Motions #24.555 and 24.556.

24.557 MOVED
That County Council transfers \$1,605,704 into Non – Operating Reserves.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.558 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2025 Operating Budget with Operating Revenues of \$85,605,756 and Operating Expenditures of \$69,641,376, which includes \$8,486,148 debenture payments to Capital, excluding the operational expenditures for the Information Technology function of \$1,618,707.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.559 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2025 Capital Budget with Capital Revenues from general revenues, grants, reserves, debt financing, and other funding sources of \$47,338,697 and capital expenditures of \$60,676,059, excluding capital expenditures for the Information Technology Function of \$675,000 and Churchill MR Development of \$300,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.560 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2026 – 2030
Financial Plan.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.561 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2026 – 2035
Capital Plan.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Capital Projects Update - November 2024

Mr. Ali Memon presented the Capital Projects Update and responded to
questions.

Deputy Mayor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 11:07 a.m. and
returned at 11:09 a.m.

This item was received as information.

8.4 Bylaw 24-030 Election Bylaw-Three Readings

Ms. Heather Reid, Lead Legislative Officer presented Bylaw 24-030-
Election Bylaw-Three Readings and responded to questions.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 11:26 a.m.

Councillor Pare exited Council Chambers at 11:28 a.m. and returned at the
same time.

Councillor Beniuk returned to Council Chambers at 11:29 a.m.

24.562 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-030 be given first reading this 3rd Day of
December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.563 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-030 be given second reading this 3rd Day of
December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.564 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-030 be submitted for third and final reading
this 3rd Day of December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.565 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-030 be given third and final reading this 3rd
Day of December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Bylaw 24-031 Meeting Procedures Bylaw-Three Readings

Ms. Reid presented the Bylaw 24-031 Meeting Procedures Bylaw-Three Readings item and responded to questions.

24.566 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-031 be given first reading this 3rd Day of December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.567 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-031 be given second reading this 3rd Day of December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.568 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-031 be submitted for third and final reading this 3rd Day of December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.569 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-031 be given third and final reading this 3rd Day of December, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

24.570

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 11:20 a.m. pursuant to the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 Alberta Counsel Government Relations Agreement (s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP, s.16-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party-

The following Members of Administration were present for Closed Session for presentation and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Gary Harman, Hafsah Moghrabi, Mackenzie Zilinski, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon and John Kokotilo.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

24.571

MOVED

To return to open session at 11:24 a.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Alberta Counsel Government Relations Agreement (s.24-FOIP, s.16-FOIP, s.21-FOIP)

Councillor Moore joined the meeting at 11:25 am.

24.572

MOVED

That Council endorse the 2025 Government Relations Agreement with Alberta Counsel, aligning with the Government Relations Plan.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the December 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer