

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

JANUARY 20, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held January 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor (<i>Participated electronically</i>)
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor (<i>Participated electronically and departed at 1:49 p.m.</i>)
	John Mondal	Councillor (<i>Departed at 3:12 p.m.</i>)
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Dan Small	Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division
Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services Division
Ron Fraser	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services Division
Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division
Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.024	MOVED To adopt the January 20, 2023 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Summary of Economic Development Activities (Handout)

Mr. Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer and Ms. Heather Stromquist, Acting Manager, Economic Development co-presented a Summary of Economic Development Activities and responded to questions.

No motion

3.2 Policies and Procedures to Attract and Promote Economic Development and Growth

Mr. Small and Ms. Stromquist co-presented the Policies and Procedures to Attract and Promote Economic Development and Growth item and responded to questions.

Council subsequently passed Motion #23.032

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:13 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:27 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.3 Economic Development Corridor (Discussion)

Mayor Reutov presented on the Economic Development Corridor item.

No motion

3.4 Business Improvement Program Update (Discussion)

Mr. Small and Ms. Stromquist co-presented on the Business Improvement Program Update discussion item and responded to questions.

23.025

MOVED

To direct Administration to undertake a review of the Business Improvement Pilot Program to identify the following, and to present the information during a February Council Meeting:

- Expansion to development corridors within Lac La Biche County
- Increasing the improvement percentage for store facades
- Interest free loans and
- Program parameters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:17 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

23.026 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to the
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following Members of Administration were present during the Closed Session for presentation and recording purposes: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Heather Stromquist, Darrell Lessmeister, Alanna Wowk (electronically), Staci Lattimer, and Danielle Patenaude.

4.1 Economic Development Updates (s.16-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party-FOIP)

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 1:43 p.m. Deputy Mayor Paré assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 1:44 p.m. and returned to the position of Chair.

Councillor Stedman exited the meeting at 1:49 p.m. and did not return.

4.2 Role of the Economic Development Committee and Sports Tourism (s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP)

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 2:20 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 2:25 p.m. and returned at 2:27 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Paré exited Council Chambers at 3:08 p.m. and returned at 3:10 p.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 3:12 p.m. and did not return.

4.3 Meetings with Industry (s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP)

Deputy Mayor Paré exited Council Chambers at 3:39 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Borgun exited Council Chambers at 3:41 p.m. and returned at 3:42 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

23.027 MOVED
To return the meeting to open session at 3:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Economic Development Updates (s.16-FOIP)

23.028 MOVED
To direct Administration to promptly proceed with securing an Economic Development consultant, as discussed in closed session, to liaise with potential developers, including but not limited to land acquisition options and to provide an update at the January 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.029 MOVED
To accept the land proposal, as discussed in closed session, as information.

For (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor Tkachuk

Opposed (1): Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

4.2 Role of the Economic Development Committee and Sports Tourism (s.24-FOIP)

23.030 MOVED
To direct Administration to ensure monthly reporting to Council outlining recommendations (motions) and activities of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Meetings with Industry (s.24-FOIP)

23.031 MOVED
That Council appoint the following to represent Council and Lac La Biche County during meetings with industry:

- Mayor Reutov
- Rotating Council Member
- Chief Administrative Officer
- One Member of Administration from the Economic Development Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Policies and Procedures to Attract and Promote Economic Development and Growth

23.032 MOVED
To direct Administration to draft economic development policies, with a focus on:

- Infrastructure (inclusive of financing and investment)
- Development options to assist and incentivize new development
- And to bring the aforementioned items to a future Council meeting for Council's consideration, inclusive of a comparator analysis of other municipalities, and current County undertakings to attract investment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.033 MOVED
To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of January 20, 2023 at 3:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer

ADOPTED