

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

**May 26, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held May 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

*In accordance with Section 199 of the Municipal Government Act and the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County will be holding Regular and Special Council Meetings electronically.*

**PRESENT**

Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
Charlyn Moore	Councillor/Deputy Mayor ( <i>Arrived at 12:54 p.m.</i> )
Colette Borgun	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor
Colin Cote	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
George L'Heureux	Councillor

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Ken Van Buul	Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer ( <i>participated electronically and in person</i> )
Melanie McConnell	Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services ( <i>participated electronically and in person</i> )
Darrell Lessmeister	Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement ( <i>in part</i> )
Brian Shapka	Senior Manager, Public Works ( <i>in part</i> )
Jihad Moghrabi	Communications Manager ( <i>participated electronically</i> )
Danielle Cardinal	Legislative Services Coordinator ( <i>participated electronically</i> )
Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator ( <i>participated electronically</i> )

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 20.401      **MOVED**  
To approve the May 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:
- Addition of Items:
    - 7.15-Fire ban (Discussion)
    - 7.16-Mystic Beach-Hours of Work (Discussion)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 3.1      May 12, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting.
- 20.402      **MOVED**  
To adopt the May 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*There were no Unfinished Business items.*

## **URGENT MATTERS**

*There were no Urgent Matters.*

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

*The Public Input Session has been suspended until September 30, 2020.*

## **DELEGATIONS**

*There were no scheduled delegations.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1      Councillor Reports (Briefing)
- Councillor Borgun:
- Economic Development Strategies Workshop
  - Lac La Biche County Library Board Meeting

Deputy Mayor Moore emailed her report which highlighted the following:

- Surviving COVID-19 webinar with Mr. Doug Griffiths
- Community Futures Meeting

Councillor Cote:

- Lac La Biche Region Watershed Stewardship Society Meeting
- Economic Development Strategies Workshop

Councillor Beniuk:

- Economic Development Strategies Workshop
- Northern Lights Library Board System Meeting
- Lac La Biche County Library Board Meeting
- Lac La Biche Gas Co-Op
- Greater North Foundation Meeting

Councillor L'Heureux provided a written report as included in the Council Agenda Package.

Councillor Johnson:

- Water Coalition North Meeting
- Athabasca Watershed Meeting
- Economic Development Strategies Workshop

Councillor Tkachuk:

- Bike theft webinar
- Town Hall webinar with Premier Kenney
- Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA)
- Economic Development Strategies Workshop
- Lac La Biche District Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Emergency Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Councillor Stedman:

- Economic Development Strategies Workshop
- Town Hall webinar with Premier Kenney
- One on One with CAO Van Buul
- Water Coalition North Meeting
- Emergency Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Mayor Moghrabi:

- CBC Interview
- Greater North Foundation Meeting

20.403            MOVED  
To accept the Councillor Report Briefing and Discussion  
Item as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.2    Letter of Support - Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society  
(Request for Decision)

Mr. Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants & Community Funding Coordinator, presented to Council the Letter of Support-Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society Request for Decision, and responded to questions.

20.404            MOVED  
That Lac La Biche County provides the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society with a letter of support for their grant application to the *Commemorating the History and Legacy of Residential Schools* grant program for their project “Notre-Dame-des-Victoires Residential School Commemoration Exhibition”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.3    Councillor Expense Claims Processed for April 2020 (Request for Decision)

Mr. Small presented to Council the Councillor Expense Claims Processed for April 2020 Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.405            MOVED  
That Council approves the Councillor expense claims processed for the period of April 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.4    Statement of Revenues and Expenditures April 30, 2020 (Briefing)

Mr. Small presented to Council the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures April 30, 2020 Briefing, and responded to questions.

20.406            MOVED  
To accept the Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the Period Ended April 30, 2020 Briefing as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.5      Telus Fibre Optic Project Annual Payment (Request for Decision)

Mr. Small presented to Council the Telus Fibre Optic Annual Payment Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.407            MOVED  
That Council approve the increase of 2020 General Municipal revenue and expenditure budget for \$2,283,000 funded from reserves for the Fibre Optic Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.7      Rural Address Bylaw Signage (Briefing)

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services and Ms. Diane Cloutier, Acting Manager, Planning & Development presented to Council the Rural Addressing Bylaw Briefing and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 10:41 a.m.

20.408            MOVED  
To deny the rural address sign waiver request, in accordance with the existing Rural Addressing Bylaw and the conditions outlined in the issued Development Permit.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.8      Liquidation of County Equipment and Items (Request for Decision)

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement presented to Council the Liquidation of County Equipment and Items Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.409            MOVED  
That Lac La Biche County Council approve Administration to complete a sealed bid process for liquidation of listed County equipment and items.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:54 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.4 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures April 30, 2020 (Briefing)

Mr. Small provided additional clarification to Council in response to their questions.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6.1 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Bylaw 20-001 to Amend Land Use Bylaw 17-004

Mayor Moghrabi declared the Public Hearing open at 11:06 a.m.

Mayor Moghrabi asked Ms. Melanie McConnell, Senior Manager, Legislative and Information Services, to confirm whether or not the public hearing was advertised, and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation. Ms. McConnell advised that this was the case, and further noted there were no written submissions or registered speakers.

Mr. Kika Mukuninwa, Planning & Development Officer, summarized the purpose for the hearing.

Mayor Moghrabi confirmed that there were no registered speakers in support of the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Moghrabi confirmed there were no written submissions received in support of the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Moghrabi confirmed there were no registered speakers opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Moghrabi confirmed there were no written submissions received in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Moghrabi declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:10 a.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 7.6 Bylaw 20-001 - Second and Third Reading (Request for Decision)

Ms. Diane Cloutier, Acting Manager, Planning and Development and Mr. Kika Mukuninwa, Development Officer, presented to Council Bylaw 20-001-Land Use Bylaw Amendments-Second and Third Reading-Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.410 MOVED  
That Bylaw 20-001 be given second reading this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

20.411 MOVED  
Motion that Bylaw 20-001 be given third and final reading this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.9 2018/19 Employee Satisfaction Survey Comparison Results (Briefing)

Ms. Debbie Menard, Acting Manager, Human Resources, presented to Council the 2018/19 Employee Satisfaction Comparison Results Briefing and responded to questions.

20.412 MOVED  
To accept the 2018/2019 Employee Satisfaction Survey Comparison Results Briefing as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.10 Appointment of Weed and Pest Inspectors 2020 (Request for Decision)

Mr. Ken Van Buul presented to Council the Appointment of Weed and Pest Inspectors 2020 Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.413 MOVED  
That Council approves the appointment of Liam Swanson, Jacob Doyle and Michael Gulevich-Holmes as Weed Inspectors and Pest Inspectors for 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.11 Estimated Cost for 101 Avenue Plamondon Overlay (Briefing)

Mr. Ken Van Buul presented to Council the Estimated Cost for 101 Avenue Plamondon Overlay Briefing and responded to questions.

20.414 MOVED

To approve the overlay on 101 Avenue in the hamlet of Plamondon and that \$80,000 is transferred from the Road Resurfacing Program Reserves.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.15-Fire ban (Discussion)-*Addition to the agenda*

There was discussion regarding the current fire ban that is in effect for the County.

*No resolutions were made following the conclusion of this item.*

7.12 Plamondon Back Alley (Briefing)

Mr. Brian Shapka presented to Council the Plamondon Back Alley Briefing and responded to questions.

20.415 MOVED

To accept the Plamondon Back Alley Briefing as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.13 Rich Lake Seasonal Disposal (Request for Decision)

Mr. Shapka presented to Council the Rich Lake Seasonal Disposal Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.416 MOVED

To accept the Rich Lake Seasonal Disposal item as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:05 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:54 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, including Deputy Mayor Moore and Councillor Stedman.



## NEW BUSINESS

### 7.14 2020 Projects (Discussion)

The Mayor requested that this item be added to the agenda for the purpose of discussing the possibility of deferring some of the upcoming projects.

*Discussion continued on this item post discussion of item 7.16.*

### 7.16-Mystic Beach-Hours of Work (Discussion)- *Addition to the agenda*

Councillor Johnson added this item to the agenda to address concerns regarding hours of work letter to residents for the Mystic Beach road project.

20.417

MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward proposed changes to the Community Standards Bylaw 18-024, by the end of September 2020, regarding hours of work/noise abatement as it pertains to construction projects/equipment.

#### **In Favour**

Mayor Moghrabi  
Deputy Mayor Moore  
Councillor Beniuk  
Councillor Tkachuk  
Councillor Stedman  
Councillor Johnson  
Councillor Borgun  
Councillor L'Heureux

#### **Opposed**

Councillor Cote

**CARRIED**

### 7.14 2020 Projects (Discussion)

Discussion resumed on this item.

*No resolutions were made following the conclusion of this item.*

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### **Plamondon Main Street-Highway 858**

Councillor Borgun served the following Notice of Motion to be presented for debate and vote during the June 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting:

To direct Administration to bring forward an update on Plamondon Main Street paving and further to request a meeting with the Minister of Transportation to discuss a potential collaboration with the Government of Alberta respecting the portion of Highway 858 that services as Plamondon Main Street.

**CLOSED SESSION**

20.418            MOVED  
To go into Closed Session at 2:32 p.m. for the following items and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*:

- 8.1     Water and Sewer Servicing Options (s.24(1)-FOIP - Advice from officials and s. 25-FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)) (Briefing)
- 8.2     Legal Matters (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information) (Discussion)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2     Legal Matters (s.27 FOIP) (Discussion)

There was no one initially present from Administration for item 8.2.

Mr. Van Buul and Mr. Lessmeister entered Council Chambers at 2:48 p.m.

Following the concluded discussion of item 8.2, Councillor Beniuk declared a Pecuniary Interest due to family interests, and exited Council Chambers at 3:01 p.m., prior to item 8.1, and did not return.

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 3:01 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Lessmeister exited Council Chambers prior to item 8.1.

8.1     Water and Sewer Servicing Options (s.24(1) and s. 25-FOIP) (Briefing)

The following members of Administration were present for item 8.1: Ken Van Buul, Melanie McConnell, Brian Shapka, and Dan Small.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

20.419            MOVED  
To proceed with the meeting in open session at 3:26 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**            Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:26 p.m.

**RECONVENE**       Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 3:33 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “CLOSED SESSION”**

8.1 Water and Sewer Servicing Options (s.24(1), s. 25- FOIP -  
(Briefing)

20.420 MOVED  
To direct Administration to bring forward a draft local improvement plan for the water and sewer servicing for the parcels of land south of the CN tracks/Independent Foods.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

20.421 MOVED  
To direct Administration to bring forward cost estimates for extending water and sewer services up to the BNR Plant.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2 Legal Matters (s.27 FOIP) (Discussion)

*No resolutions were made following the conclusion of this item.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

20.422 MOVED  
To adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of May 26, 2020 at 3:34 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Ken Van Buul**  
**Interim Chief Administrative Officer**