

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

September 9, 2025-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held September 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:00 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
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor/Deputy Mayor (<i>Participated electronically / joined at 10:01 a.m.</i>)
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Kashif Ijaz	GM, Strategy & Community Growth
	Ali Memon	GM, Infrastructure
	John Kokotilo	GM, Protective Services
	Hafsah Moghrabi	GM, Corporate Services
	Mackenzie Zilinski	Senior Executive Assistant
	Heather Reid	Lead Legislative Officer
	Amanda Peterson	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

25.357 **MOVED**
To adopt the September 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
Agenda as amended:

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-Item 9.2 Land Matters Closed Session – s.29 ATIA

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 August 26, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

25.358

MOVED

That Council adopts the August 26, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Councillor Reports

The Councillor Reports updates were provided as information for Council's review.

8.2 RCMP Watch Clerk Position

Mr. John Kokotilo, GM Protective Services presented the RCMP Watch Clerk Position item and responded to questions.

25.359

MOVED

That Council approve administration's request for the 1 (one) FTE - RCMP Watch Clerk position.

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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

8.3 Capital Projects Update as of August 31, 2025

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, General Manager Corporate Services and Mr. Ali Memon, General Manager, Infrastructure Services both presented the Capital Projects Update as of August 31, 2025 item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 10:57 a.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Paré exited Chambers at 10:59 a.m. and returned at the same time.

This item was received as information.

8.4 Snow and Ice Control Policy & Procedure

Ms. Randi Dupras, Manager of Public Works and Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure both presented the Snow and Ice Control Policy & Procedure item and responded to questions.

25.360

MOVED

That Council adopts the revised PW-30-009 Snow and Ice Control Policy as discussed and further that the following references are included in policy and procedure

-discretion of the grader operator during periods of continued snowfall events

-101B Ave and 102 Ave is added to the inclusion area and includes the road to the north

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.1 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Removal of Park Reserve Designation RL-8-68-15-4

Mayor Reutov declared the Public Hearing open at 11:00 a.m.

Administration read into record the hearing procedures and confirmed the Public Hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Randi Dupras, Manager, Public Works summarized the purposes for the hearing.

In accordance with the Public Hearing Procedures, Mayor Reutov went through the order of presentations.

Lori Alman was registered to speak and noted she was participating in order to hear if there was other public feedback.

There were no additional speakers and no written submissions received.

Mayor Reutov declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:08 a.m.

25.361

MOVED

That Council directs Administration to notify the Registrar that the provisions of Division 9 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* have been complied with and request the Registrar to remove the reserve designation from a portion of 5156KS—P2.

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

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:10 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with all those listed previously in attendance.

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NEW BUSINESS

8.5 Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-Op - 2025 Upgrades

Ms. Randi Dupras, Manager of Public Works and Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure presented the Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-Op - 2025 Upgrades item and responded to questions.

25.362

MOVED

That Council approves the Capital Grant request for Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-op Ltd. in the amount of \$150,000, to be funded from the 2025 Natural Gas Reserves.

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

8.6 Business Improvement Program Policy

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, General Manager Corporate Services presented the Business Improvement Program Policy and responded to questions.

25.363

MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward the Business Improvement Program Policy ED-10-001 to the next Council meeting.

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

8.7 2025 Municipal Election Public Information Update

Ms. Heather Reid, Lead Legislative Officer and Ms. Amanda Peterson, Legislative Services Coordinator both presented the 2025 Municipal Election Public Information Update and responded to questions.

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This was received as information.

CLOSED SESSION

25.364

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 11:54 a.m. pursuant to the following exceptions of the Access to Information Act (ATIA):

- s.29 ATIA - Advice from Officials
- s.32 ATIA - Privileged Information

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

9.1 Transitional Housing (s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials; s.32 ATIA - Privileged Information)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsa Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Mackenzie Zilinski, Amanda Peterson and Heather Reid.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

25.365

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 12:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

7.1 12:00 p.m. – Public Input Session
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The following individuals were present for the Public Input Session:

Mr. Ron L'Heureux presented to Council on concerns related to County maintenance and construction activities.

CLOSED SESSION

25.366

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 12:08 a.m. pursuant to the following exceptions of the Access to Information Act (ATIA):

- s.29 ATIA - Advice from Officials
- s.32 ATIA - Privileged Information

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

9.1 Transitional Housing (s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials; s.32 ATIA - Privileged Information)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Mackenzie Zilinski, Amanda Peterson and Heather Reid.

9.2 Land Matter (s.29 ATIA – Advice from Officials)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Ali Memon, Mackenzie Zilinski, Amanda Peterson and Heather Reid.

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MOVED

To return to open session at 12:31 p.m.

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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

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:32 p.m.

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

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Transitional Housing (s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials; s.32 ATIA - Privileged Information)

There is no motion associated with this item.

9.2 Land Matter (s.29 ATIA – Advice from Officials)

There is no motion associated with this item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.3 1:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 25-010 - Land Use Bylaw

Mayor Reutov declared the Public Hearing open at 1:00 p.m.

Administration read into record the hearing procedures and confirmed the Public Hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Supervisor Planning & Development summarized the purposes for the hearing.

In accordance with the Public Hearing Procedures, Mayor Reutov went through the order of presentations.

There was one written submission from Ron and Shirley L'Heureux in opposition to the proposed bylaw read into record. The submission noted concerns related to the passing of the bylaw and other concerns related to impacts on property values and reserve lands.

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Mayor Reutov called on those that had registered to speak on the proposed bylaw:

Robert Burnstad noted he has lake property at Elinor Lake and would be interested in receiving additional information on the proposed bylaw.

Geoff Hibbs discussed concerns about how this bylaw would impact his property at Fork Lake related to the changing of the neighbouring reserve from provincial reserve to municipal reserve. Mr. Hibbs clarified his subdivision is known as Old Fork Lake. Mr. Hibbs also noted the residents of Old Fork Lake subdivision are putting forward a petition related to their opposition to the proposed changes.

Lise Warawa noted an interest in receiving more information from Administration on the proposed bylaw as it was unclear how the proposed bylaw may impact her property.

Nicole Peterson noted she was listening in to receive clarification and had no additional comments.

Lori Tarrant expressed that she wished to receive more information from administration on the proposed bylaw and zoning changes.

Eric O'Connor was present online but did not provide comments.

Mayor Reutov called on those present in the gallery and wishing to speak. Shauna Hannin spoke to Council related to plans for a daycare and indoor playground with concession to be located in the old Rona building and zoning concerns that may be alleviated through the passing of the new bylaw. She also noted receipt of a notification letter but was not clear which property it pertains to.

Mayor Reutov called for any other speakers. No other individuals wished to speak.

Administration had no closing comments.

Mayor Reutov declared the Public Hearing closed at 1:34 p.m.

Ms. Bourassa responded to additional questions from Council pertaining to Bylaw 25-010 – Land Use Bylaw.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the September 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 1:56 p.m.

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Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer

ADOPTED

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