

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

DECEMBER 15, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held December 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County Council held this meeting electronically.

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

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi Colin Cote	Mayor Councillor/Deputy Mayor (<i>participated remotely</i>)
	Colette Borgun Darlene Beniuk Jason Stedman Charlyn Moore Sterling Johnson Lorin Tkachuk George L'Heureux	Councillor (<i>participated remotely</i>) Councillor Councillor Councillor (<i>participated remotely</i>) Councillor Councillor (<i>participated remotely</i>) Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Ken Van Buul Mackenzie Girard Dan Small Melanie McConnell Brian Shapka Heather Reid	Interim Chief Administrative Officer CAO Executive Assistant (<i>participated remotely</i>) Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services Senior Manager, Public Works (<i>in part</i>) Legislative Services Coordinator
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20.1115 **MOVED**
To adopt the December 15, 2020 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Bylaw 20-039 - Economic Development Advisory Committee

Ms. Jana Rowe, Economic Development Officer, presented the Bylaw 20-039 Economic Development Advisory Committee agenda item and responded to questions.

20.1116 MOVED
That Bylaw 20-039 be given third and final reading this
15th Day of December, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Bylaw 20-040 - Amendments to Bylaw 20-002 Schedule of Fees

Mr. Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager of Finance, presented the Bylaw 20-040 - Amendments to Bylaw 20-002 Schedule of Fees agenda item and responded to questions.

20.1117 MOVED
That Bylaw 20-040 be given first reading this 15th Day of
December, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.1118 MOVED
That Bylaw 20-040 be given second reading this 15th Day
of December, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.1119 MOVED
That Bylaw 20-040 be submitted for third and final reading
this 15th day of December 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.1120 MOVED
That Bylaw 20-040 be given third and final reading this
15th day of December, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 2020 Utility Rate Review (Water and Sewer)

Mr. Small, Mr. Hasan, Mr. Brian Shapka, Senior Manager of Public Works and Mr. Jon Skjersven, Manger of Utilities, presented the 2020 Utility Rate Review (Water and Sewer) agenda item and responded to questions.

20.1121 **MOVED**
To accept the 2020 Utility Rate Review report as information and direct Administration to bring forward utility rate scenarios to a regular Council meeting by the end of February 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:19 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:36 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.4 Approval of 2021 Budget, 2022-2026 Financial Plan, and 2022 - 2031 Capital Plan

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan presented the Approval of 2021 Budget, 2022-2026 Financial Plan, and 2022 - 2031 Capital Plan

In advance of the vote on the 2021 operating budget expenditures for Human Resources function's salaries, wages, and benefits of \$589,784, Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment and was placed into a Zoom virtual waiting room at 11:37 a.m.

20.1122 **MOVED**
That County Council approves the 2021 operating budget expenditures for Human Resources function's salaries, wages, and benefits of \$589,784.

For (6): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Cote, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (2): Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

Councillor Borgun was readmitted to the meeting via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. at the conclusion of the vote on the 2021 operating budget expenditures for Human Resources function's salaries, wages, and benefits.

In advance of the discussion and vote on the exclusion of merit salary increases for all departments, Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment and was placed into a Zoom virtual waiting room at 11:47 a.m.

20.1123 MOVED
To exclude merit salary increases for all departments in 2021.

For (4): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (4): Deputy Mayor Cote, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

DEFEATED

Councillor Borgun was readmitted to the meeting via Zoom at 11:59 a.m. at the conclusion of the discussion and vote on the exclusion of merit salary increases for all departments.

In advance of the vote on the 2021 capital budget expenditures for audio – visual equipment and information technology equipment of \$270,500, Councillor Tkachuk declared a pecuniary interest related to Personal Business interests and was placed into a Zoom virtual waiting room at 11:59 a.m.

20.1124 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2021 capital budget expenditures for audio – visual equipment and information technology equipment of \$270,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk was readmitted to the meeting via Zoom at 12:02 p.m. at the conclusion of the vote on the 2021 capital budget expenditures for audio – visual equipment and information technology equipment.

20.1125 MOVED
That County Council transfer \$5,950,000 into non – operating reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

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

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor L’Heureux.

NEW BUSINESS

In advance of the vote on the 2021 capital budget expenditures for utility vehicles of \$27,000, Mayor Moghrabi declared a pecuniary interest related to personal business interests and exited Chambers at 12:10 p.m. Councillor Johnson assumed the role of the Chair.

20.1126 **MOVED**
That County Council approves the 2021 capital budget expenditures for utility vehicles of \$27,000.

For (5): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (2): Deputy Mayor Cote, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

Mayor Moghrabi returned to Chambers at 12:11 p.m. at the conclusion of the vote on the 2021 capital budget expenditures for utility vehicles and resumed the role of the Chair.

Councillor L’Heureux returned to Chambers at 12:11 p.m.

20.1127 **MOVED**
That County Council approves the 2021 operating budget with operating revenue of \$76,601,534, and operating expenditures of \$55,477,538 excluding salaries, wages, and benefits of the Human Resources function of \$589,784.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.1128 **MOVED**
That County Council approves the 2021 capital budget with capital revenues from general revenues, grants, reserves, and other funding sources of \$28,314,034 and capital expenditures of \$28,314,034 excluding capital expenditures for audio – visual equipment, information technology equipment, and utility vehicles of \$297,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.1129 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan.

For (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Cote, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (1): Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

20.1130 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2022 – 2031 Capital Plan.

For (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Cote, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (1): Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

20.1131 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 12:17 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 Personnel Update (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 Personnel Update (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) (Discussion)

There were no members of Administration present for the Closed Session discussion.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

20.1132 **MOVED**
To return the meeting to Open Session at 12:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:35 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:44 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Personnel Matter (s.17 FOIP)

20.1133 **MOVED**
To proceed as discussed during Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

20.1134 **MOVED**
To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of December 15, 2020 at 12:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

Date

Ken Van Buul
Chief Administrative Officer

Date