

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

April 8, 2025-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held April 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor <i>(Joined at 10:04 a.m.)</i>
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor/Deputy Mayor <i>(Participated electronically / Joined at 11:08 a.m.)</i>
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Ali Memon	GM, Infrastructure
	Hafsah Moghrabi	GM, Corporate Services
	Gary Harman	GM, Recreation & Social Services <i>(Participated electronically)</i>
	John Kokotilo	GM, Protective Services
	Mackenzie Zilinski	Senior Executive Assistant
	Heather Reid	Lead Legislative Officer
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Officer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

25.138

MOVED

To adopt the April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended:

- 8.4- Rescheduling of April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting and Strategic Committee of Council Meeting

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES.

4.1 April 1, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

25.139 MOVED
To adopt the April 1, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items recommended for the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

Councillor Tkachuk joined the meeting at 10:04 am.

Each Member of Council in attendance provided their Councillor Report as information.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

7.1 10:15 a.m. Presentation - Municipal Property Tax and Assessment

Mr. Travis Horne, Municipal Assessment Services Group electronically presented the Municipal Property Tax and Assessment item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 10:12 a.m. and returned at 10:13 a.m.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 10:14 a.m. Acting Mayor Mondal assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 10:18 a.m. and returned to the position of Chair.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 10:30 a.m. and returned the same time.

7.2 11:00 a.m. Presentation - Designated Industrial Property Assessment

Mr. Westin Bennett and Ms. Melissa Zayac-Smith - Provincial Assessors, Alberta Municipal Affairs electronically co-presented the Designated Industrial Property Assessment item and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 10:39 a.m. and returned at 10:43 a.m.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:56 a.m.

RECONVENE

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

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Economic Development Advisory Committee Bylaw

Ms. Alanna Wowk, Coordinator Agriculture & Special Projects presented the Economic Development Advisory Committee Bylaw and responded to questions.

Deputy Mayor Stedman electronically joined the meeting at 11:08 am.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 11:14 a.m.

25.140 MOVED
That Bylaw 25-004 be given first reading this 8th day of April, 2025.

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

25.141 MOVED
That Bylaw 25-004 be given second reading this 8th day of April, 2025.

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

25.142

MOVED

That Bylaw 25-004 be submitted for third reading this 8th day of April, 2025.

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

25.143

MOVED

That Bylaw 25-004 be given third reading this 8th day of April, 2025.

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

8.3 2025 Grant Requests – Funding Recommendations

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants & Community Funding Coordinator presented the 2025 Grant Requests – Funding Recommendations item and responded to questions.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 11:17 a.m.

25.144

MOVED

That Council approve the following request with funding to come from the Resident Response Fund:

- Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society
\$11,835

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

25.145

MOVED

That Council approve the following request with funding to come from Resident Response Fund:

- Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society
\$95,000 for engineering and design for the large hall.

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

7.3 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 12:00 p.m.

Administration confirmed that there was no one in the lobby or registered for the Public Input Session.

NEW BUSINESS

8.3 2025 Grant Requests – Funding Recommendations

Councillor Pare exited Council Chambers at 12:03 p.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk returned to Council Chambers at 12:04 p.m.

25.146

MOVED

To direct Administration to present recommendations on behalf of the Plamondon and District Museum Society to confirm requirements to ensure eligibility for provincial and federal funding for their museum project.

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

25.147

MOVED

That Council approves \$63,895 in Capital Projects Assistance Grant Funding for the five capital grant requests identified in Table A of Attachment One in addition to the Russian Kafolicheskaya Culture Preservation Society in the

amount of \$250,000, with 50% cost share, with the remaining \$18,894 to be funded from accumulated surplus.

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 12:12 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 12:36 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Johnson, Councillor Beniuk and Deputy Mayor Stedman.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Johnson returned to Council Chambers at 12:42 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk returned to Council Chambers at 12:48 p.m.

25.148

MOVED

That Council approves the following Operational Funding Request:

- Plamondon District Community Development Society for \$400,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.149

MOVED

That Council approves the following Operational Funding Request:

- Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society for \$50,128.

In Favour (3): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, and Councillor Beniuk

Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Paré, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

DEFEATED

25.150

MOVED

That Council approves the following Operational Funding Request:

- Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society for the recommended amount of \$43,200

In Favour (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Paré, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (2): Councillor Mondal, and Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Reutov and Councillor Tkachuk both declared Pecuniary Interests due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 12:47 p.m. prior to discussion and Motion #25.151.

25.151

MOVED

That Council approves the following Operational Funding Request:

- Community Learning for Adult Students Society for \$76,310.

In Favour (4): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, and Councillor Paré

Opposed (2): Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

Mayor Reutov and Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 12:57 p.m. upon the conclusion of Motion #25.151.

Councillor Borgun declared a Conflict of Interest due to her Board position and exited Council Chambers at 12:58 p.m. prior to the deliberation and Motion #25.152

25.152

MOVED

That Council approve \$10,000 to École Beauséjour for the replacement of a playground structure with funding to come from the Resident Response Fund.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Borgun returned to Council Chambers at 1:01 p.m. following the conclusion of Motion #25.152.

25.153 MOVED
That Council approve \$6500 for the Normandeau Community Centre, as part of the approved gravel program.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Tkachuk, Councillor Borgun and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.154 MOVED
That the Plamondon District Community Development Society (PDCDS) be able to retain its unspent 2024 operational funding for the baseball diamond maintenance work.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MATTER

25.155 MOVED
To waive Provision 13(2) of the Meeting Procedures Bylaw and direct Administration to not record names or attendance reasons of Closed Session attendees for Item 9.1 in the minutes for the April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

25.156

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 1:11 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*:

- Section 16-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party
- Section 24- Advice from officials

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1

1:00 p.m.- Integrity Commissioner Interview (s.24-FOIP and s.16-FOIP)

9.2

CAO Update (s.24-FOIP)

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 2:39 p.m. and returned at 2:40 p.m.

Councillor Pare exited Council Chambers at 2:48 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Pare exited Council Chambers at 2:52 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Borgun exited Council Chambers at 3:09 p.m. and returned at 3:10 p.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 3:17 p.m. and returned at 3:19 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

25.157

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 3:22 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 3:23 p.m.

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RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 3:32 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Pare.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8.4 Rescheduling of April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting and Strategic Committee of Council Meeting- *Addition to Agenda*

Councillor Pare returned to Chambers at 3:34 p.m.

25.158 MOVED

To cancel the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting and the Strategic Committee of Council Meeting and reschedule the meetings to Tuesday, April 29, 2025 with a 10:00 a.m. start time and to be held in Council Chambers, Second Floor, McArthur Place, Lac La Biche.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.1 1:00 p.m. Integrity Commissioner Interview (s.16-FOIP an s.24-FOIP)

25.159 MOVED

To direct Administration to negotiate a service agreement with the selected proponent, and further that the agreement be brought forward to Council for approval, at the time of the Integrity Commissioner appointment.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

- 9.2 CAO Update (s.24-FOIP)

This item was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer