

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

APRIL 8, 2024-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held April 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 10:08 a.m. and returned 10:09 a.m.

24.161 **MOVED**
To adopt the April 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

For (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

24.162

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 10:08 a.m. pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

For (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Danielle Patenaude and Sean Ward, Partner, Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP

4.1 Code of Conduct Matters (s.17-Disclosure harmful to Personal Privacy-FOIP, s.21-Disclosure harmful to Law Enforcement (which includes Administrative Investigations), s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP and s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP)

Ms. McConnell and Ms. Patenaude exited Council Chambers at 10:13 a.m.

Ms. Jamie Pytel, Integrity Commissioner was electronically admitted into the meeting by Council during a portion of the Closed Session discussion.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:24 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:54 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 11:55 a.m.

Councillor Beniuk and Ms. McConnell and Ms. Patenaude returned to Council Chambers at 12:42 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

24.163

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 12:46 p.m.

For (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

24.164 **MOVED**
Council accepts as information the Investigation Reports and letters from Kingsgate Legal dated January 2, 2024 and January 8, 2024 regarding Code of Conduct complaints.

For (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.165 **MOVED**
Council finds that Councillor Beniuk has breached sections 8.2 and 8.3 of the Code of Conduct Bylaw.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

24.166 **MOVED**
Councillor Beniuk is directed to issue a letter of apology to the Complainant, copied to all of Council, within two weeks of this motion; and if such a letter is not issued by that date, the Mayor is directed to issue a letter of reprimand to Councillor Beniuk.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the April 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADOPTED