

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

April 25, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held April 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Dan Small	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
	Ron Fraser	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
	Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning
	Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS	Colette Borgun	Councillor
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.317 **MOVED**
To adopt the April 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

Addition:
-Item 8.5 Law Enforcement Program (s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

23.318 **MOVED**
To adopt the April 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TENDER OPENING

6.1 McArthur Park Redevelopment Tender Opening

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO Recreation and Community Services, and Mr. John Buchko, EDS Group, were present to open the tenders for PS-72-2023-02 McArthur Park Redevelopment.

CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT (EXCLUDING GST)
E Construction	\$3,656,192.00
Nova Mechanical Systems	\$5,843,295.00
Carmacks Enterprises	\$4,343,142.00

It was noted that tenders would be confirmed for accuracy.

DELEGATION

6.2 10:30 a.m. Delegation - Summer Days, Neil Timm

Mr. Neil Timm, President of the Summer Days board, presented to Council on the event planning and responded to questions.

23.319 **MOVED**
To thank Mr. Timm for the presentation to Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.320 MOVED
To direct Administration bring back options to the May 9, 2023, Regular Council meeting for the 2023 Summer Days event to be held on one of the hard top surfaces and indoor arena at the Bold Center grounds.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.321 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward options for the Summer Days parade route to the May 9, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

Each Member of Council in attendance provided an update as part of the Councillor Reports item.

23.322 MOVED
To accept the Councillor Reports item as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:55 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:06 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance

DELEGATION

- 6.3 11:00 a.m. Delegation - Provincial Assessors - Janet Hayes, Manager, Linear-LADM, and Arla Pirtle, Manager, Major Plants

Ms. Janet Hayes and Ms. Arla Pirtle with the Provincials Assessors presented to Council on the linear and designated industrial property assessment in Lac La Biche County for the 2023 tax year and responded to questions.

23.323 MOVED
 To thank Ms. Hayes and Ms. Pirtle for their presentation to
 County Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

- 7.2 Bylaw 23-010 - McArthur Park Development Borrowing Bylaw - Second and Third Reading

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning, presented the Bylaw 23-010 - McArthur Park Development Borrowing Bylaw - Second and Third Reading item and responded to questions.

23.324 MOVED
 That Bylaw 23-010 be given second reading this 25th day of
 April 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.325 MOVED
 That Bylaw 23-010 be given third reading this 25th day of
 April 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Greater North Foundation Capital Reserve Request

Mr. Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Hasan presented the Greater North Foundation Capital Reserve Request and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 11:44 a.m. and returned at 11:44 a.m.

23.326 MOVED
 To direct Administration to schedule a delegation for a future Council meeting with the Greater North Foundation respecting their operations and reserve fund request.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.327 To direct Administration to bring back information on the feasibility and costs to have Lac La Biche County operate our lodge internally.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Bylaw 23-016 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - McArthur Park Rezoning - First Reading

Ms. Diane Cloutier, Manager of Planning & Development and Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning & Development Officer, presented the Bylaw 23-016 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - McArthur Park Rezoning - First Reading item and responded to questions.

23.328 MOVED
 That Bylaw 23-016 be given first reading this 25th day of April, 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Bylaw 23-015 - Road Closure - First Reading

Ms. Cloutier presented Bylaw 23-015 – Road Closure – First Reading and responded to questions.

23.329 MOVED
 That Bylaw 23-015 be given first reading this 25th day of April, 2023.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:10 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:07 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

7.6 Budget Reallocation Request - Bridge File 8807 and Bridge File 85387

Mr. Ron Fraser, Associate CAO Infrastructure Services and Mr. Ali Memon, Manager of Engineering Services, presented the Budget Reallocation Request - Bridge File 8807 and Bridge File 85387 and responded to questions.

23.330 MOVED
 That Council moves that budgeted funds of \$400,000 be transferred from the Bridge File 72382 project and allocated to: \$283,512 to the Bridge File 8807 project and \$116,488 to the Bridge File 85387 project.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

23.331 MOVED
That Council moves that \$141,000 be transferred from Accumulated Surplus to the Bridge File 85387 project.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

7.7 Back Lane Paving Program

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Dave McPhee, Manager of Transportation, presented the Back Lane Paving Program and responded to questions.

23.332 MOVED
To approve the revised Back Lane Paving Program and that Administration proceed with the procurement for Back Lane Paving services to complete the 2023 planned Back Lanes as planned, and, further that Administration brings back to Council annually the Back Lane Paving plan for budget consideration.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 Law Enforcement Training Program (Discussion)

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO Recreation & Community Services, and Mr. Chris Clark presented the Law Enforcement Training Program discussion item and responded to questions.

CLOSED SESSION

23.333 **MOVED**
To go into Closed Session at 1:39 p.m. in accordance with the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Law Enforcement Program (s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Chris Clark, and Heather Reid.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 2:02 p.m. and returned at 2:06 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.334 **MOVED**
To return to Open Session at 2:35 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

8.5 Law Enforcement Program (s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

23.335 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to allocate \$1,000,000 for the Law Enforcement Training Program funded from the stabilization reserve to proceed with the short-term capital asset requirements for the Law Enforcement training program, and further to bring back costing to Council for a vehicle training area and other future requirements.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Tkachuk declared a pecuniary interest due to personal business interests and exited Chambers at 2:38 p.m. in advance of the discussion on the E-Scooter Usage Bylaw.

7.9 Councillor Addition - E-Scooter Usage Bylaw

Councillor Mondal presented the Councillor Addition - E-Scooter Usage Bylaw item.

23.336 **MOVED**
To accept the E-Scooter Usage Bylaw item as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 2:45 p.m. at the conclusion of the discussion and vote.

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:48 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 2:52 p.m. a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

7.11 Appointment of Deputy Mayor - May 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO Corporate Services, presented the Appointment of Deputy Mayor - May 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023 item and responded to questions.

23.337 MOVED
That Councillor Johnson be appointed Deputy Mayor starting
May 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 2:58 p.m.

7.10 Council Meeting Schedule

Ms. McConnell presented the Council Meeting Schedule and responded to questions.

23.338 MOVED
That Council cancels the August 1 and 8 Regular Council
Meetings to accommodate a summer recess, and further to
cancel the December 26, 2023 and January 2, 2024 Regular
Council Meetings.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

23.339 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 3:00 p.m. in accordance with
the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy
(FOIP) Act.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Plamondon Arena Naming Rights (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and
other interests of a public body, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business
interests of a third party)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, and Heather Reid.

- 8.1 3:00 p.m. Council Meeting Process Review - Tim Duhamel and Carolyn Grey, Bloom Centre for Municipal Education (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Members of Bloom Centre for Municipal Education present for the purposes of presenting: Tim Duhamel and Carolyn Grey

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Danielle Patenaude, and Heather Reid.

Councillor Stedman returned to Chambers at 3:53 p.m.

- 8.3 County Land Appraisal (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, and Heather Reid.

- 8.4 County Land Appraisal (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Darrell Lessmeister, and Heather Reid.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.340 MOVED
 To return to Open Session at 4:34 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- 8.1 Council Meeting Process Review - Tim Duhamel and Carolyn Grey, Bloom Centre for Municipal Education (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

23.341 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward an implementation plan respecting the recommendations on the Consent Agenda, Meeting Frequency and Notice of Motions/Council Additions as set out in the *Council Meeting and Council Agenda Process Review Report*, for discussion during an open session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Plamondon Arena Naming Rights (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

23.342 MOVED
That County Council approves awarding the naming rights of the Plamondon Arena to North Country Co-op at a cost of \$54,700 for a 12-year term.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 County Land Appraisal (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

23.343 MOVED
To direct Administration to complete an appraisal on the parcel of land as discussed in Closed Session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 County Land Appraisal (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

23.344 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward alternate land locations as discussed in Closed Session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.345 MOVED
To adjourn the April 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer