

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

March 25, 2025-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held March 25, 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
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor (<i>Participated electronically</i>)
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Ali Memon	GM, Infrastructure
	Hafsah Moghrabi	GM, Corporate Services
	Gary Harman	GM, Recreation & Social Services
	John Kokotilo	GM, Protective Services
	Mackenzie Zilinski	Senior Executive Assistant
	Heather Reid	Lead Legislative Officer
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Officer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

25.101

MOVED

To adopt the March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting 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

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items recommended for the Consent Agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

25.102

MOVED

To adopt the March 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the March 11, 2025 Strategic Committee of 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

Councillor Pare exited Council Chambers at 10:03 a.m. and returned at the same time.

Each Council Member in attendance provided their Councillor Report item and it was received as information.

DELEGATIONS

7.1 10:15 a.m. Presentation - New Aquatic Centre Update

Mr. Alex Godfrey and Mr. Michael Harbison, Turnbull Construction Project Managers co-presented an Aquatic Centre update and responded to questions; the presentation was received as information.

7.2 10:45 a.m. Delegation - Victim Services - Regional Transition

Ms. Melody Littell, Director of Regional Operations and Ms. Shyan Hrynyk co-presented the presentation on Victim Services-Regional Transition and responded to questions; the presentation was received as information.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 10:44 a.m. and returned at the same time.

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 2025 Agricultural Services Equipment Rental Rates and Chemical Sales Pricing

Ms. Alanna Wowk, Agriculture and Strategy Coordinator and Mr. Brennan Scott, Agricultural Fieldman co-presented the 2025 Agricultural Services Equipment Rental Rates and Chemical Sales Pricing item and responded to questions.

25.103 MOVED

That Lac La Biche County Council approves the revised 2025 Agriculture Equipment Rental Rates 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

25.104 MOVED

That Lac La Biche County Council accepts the revised 2025 Chemical Price List.

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 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENE

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

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

- 7.3 11:30 a.m. Presentation - 2024 Agricultural Services and Agricultural Service Board Review and 2025 Moving Forward

Ms. Alanna Wowk, Agriculture and Strategy Coordinator and Mr. Brennan Scott, Agricultural Fieldman co-presented the 2024 Agricultural Services and Agricultural Service Board Review and 2025 Moving Forward, and responded to questions; the presentation was received as information.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8.3 Campsite Road Project Update (Addition by Councillor Johnson)

Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure Services presented the Campsite Road Project Update (Addition by Councillor Johnson) and responded to questions.

- 25.105 MOVED

To direct Administration to dispose of cold mix and asphalt materials in an appropriate manner, and to ensure materials that can be reused are stored in an appropriate place, and to include this costing in the respective tenders.

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

- 25.106 MOVED

To direct Administration to present policy options regarding disposal, storage and/or recycling of all construction materials.

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

Mayor Reutov declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 12:24 p.m. prior to item 8.4 being discussed. Deputy Mayor Stedman assumed the position of Chair.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

7.4 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

The following Lac La Biche Pow Wow and Fish Derby Association Executive Members were in attendance to introduce themselves: Mr. Omar Moghrabi, President, Ms. Amanny Abougouche, Vice President and Mr. Ian Cloutier.

8.4 Highway 55 and Range Road 142 Intersection Improvement Project

Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure Services presented the Highway 55 and Range Road 142 Intersection Improvement Project item and responded to questions.

25.107 **MOVED**

That Council award the HWY 55 and RR 142 to Martushev Logging Ltd. for \$2,840,092.36 plus applicable taxes.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.108 **MOVED**

That Council approves the additional Capital fund reallocation request of \$ 1,471,931.36 plus applicable taxes from the Stabilization Operating Reserve.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Stedman called a recess at 12:25 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 12:58 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

25.109

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 1:02 p.m. for the following items and pertinent exceptions in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*:

- s.21- Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations-FOIP
- s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP
- s.27-Privileged information-FOIP

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 1:00 p.m. Delegation - Lac La Biche Metis District 19 - Otipemisiwak Metis Government (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were in attendance for presenting and recording purposes: Danielle Patenaude, Heather Reid, Gary Harman, Ali Memon, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski, and Hafsa Moghrabi.

The following public members were in attendance for presentation purposes: Mr. Jason Ekeberg and Ms. Chantel Sparklingeyes (electronically).

Deputy Mayor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 1:18 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

25.110

MOVED

To return to open session at 1:25 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

8.5 Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) Project

Mr. Memon, GM Infrastructure Services presented the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) Project item, Mr. John Kokotilo, General Manager, Protective Services was also available to answer questions.

Deputy Mayor Stedman returned to Council Chambers at 1:34 p.m.

25.111 MOVED

That Council award the EVOC project to E. Construction for \$1,985,600 plus GST, pending the approval through Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors roadside development approval process.

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 Cancellation of the May 6, 2025 and July 1, 2025 Regular Council Meetings

Ms. Heather Reid, Lead Legislative Officer presented the Cancellation of the May 6, 2025 and July 1, 2025 Regular Council Meetings item and responded to questions.

25.112 MOVED

To cancel the May 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting and the July 1, 2025 Regular 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

25.113 MOVED
To direct Administration to present Summer Recess options for Council's decision.

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

- s.21- Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations-FOIP
- s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP
- s.27-Privileged information-FOIP

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

9.2 Legal Matter Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were in attendance for presenting and recording purposes: Danielle Patenaude, Heather Reid, Gary Harman, Ali Memon, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski, and Hafsa Moghrabi.

9.3 School Lands Matter (s.21-Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations-FOIP and s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP)

The following Members of Administration were in attendance for presenting and recording purposes: Danielle Patenaude, Heather Reid, Gary Harman, Ali Memon, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski, and Hafsa Moghrabi.

Deputy Mayor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 1:44 p.m. and returned at 1:45 p.m.

9.4 Legal Matter (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

All Members of Administration, except the CAO, exited Council Chambers at 1:56 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 1:56 p.m. and returned at 1:59 p.m.

Mayor Reutov, declared a Pecuniary Interest due to personal interests, and exited Council Chambers at 2:56 p.m. prior to Item 9.5 being discussed. Deputy Mayor Stedman assumed the position of Chair.

9.5 Legal File Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

Members of Administration, and Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m. following the conclusion of Item 9.5.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

25.115 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 3:03 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

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 1:00 p.m. Delegation - Lac La Biche Metis District 19 - Otipemisiwak Metis Government (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

25.116 MOVED
To proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

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

- 9.2 Legal Matter Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

This item was received as information.

- 9.3 School Lands Matter (s.21-Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations-FOIP and s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP)

- 25.117 MOVED
That Council proceed with Option A.

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

- 9.4 Legal Matter (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

- 25.118 MOVED
To proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

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

- 9.5 Legal File Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

This item was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the March 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer