

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

May 9, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held May 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor (<i>departed at 5:41 p.m.</i>)
Sterling Johnson	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
John Mondal	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor
Charlyn Moore	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Colette Borgun	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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.346

MOVED

To adopt the May 9, 2023, Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 April 25, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

23.347 **MOVED**
To adopt the April 25, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

6.1 10:15 a.m. Delegation - Dennis Bergheim, Fork Lake Cemetery Request

Mr. Dennis Bergheim with the Fork Lake Cemetery Society presented on the Society's request and responded to questions.

23.348 **MOVED**
To thank Mr. Bergheim and the Society for their presentation to Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.349 **MOVED**
That Council direct Administration to assess the Society's request for financial support as part of the May 8th, 2023 intake for the Community Cemetery Improvement Program, and further, to provide a recommendation on the extent to which the County should facilitate the prospective land acquisition.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor 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.

23.350 **MOVED**
 To accept the Councillor Reports as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Bylaw 23-017 - 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw - Three Readings

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning, presented Bylaw 23-017 - 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw - Three Readings and responded to questions.

23.351 **MOVED**
 That Bylaw 23-017 be given first reading this 9th day of May 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.352 **MOVED**
 That Bylaw 23-017 be given second reading this 9th day of May 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.353 MOVED
That Bylaw 23-017 be submitted for third and final reading
this 9th day of May 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.354 MOVED
That Bylaw 23-017 be given third and final reading this 9th
day of May 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:54 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

7.3 County Assistance for Main Street Business Owners - Councillor Addition

Councillor Mondal presented information on the County Assistance for Main Street
Business Owners - Councillor Addition item.

Councillor Beniuk exited Chambers at 11:22 a.m. and returned at 11:24 a.m.

23.355 MOVED
To accept the County Assistance for Main Street Business
Owners discussion item as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Summer Days - Midway and Parade Options

Mr. Gary Harman, Acting Associate CAO Recreation and Community Services, presented the Summer Days - Midway and Parade Options and responded to questions.

23.356 **MOVED**

That Council approves use of the Bold Center grounds for the Summer Days 2023 midway with discretion for layout to be determined by the Summer Days Board and Administration.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Recreation & Community Services Monthly Report and Projects Update

Mr. Harman presented the Recreation & Community Services Monthly Report and Projects Update and responded to questions.

23.357 **MOVED**

To accept the Recreation and Community Services Division – Monthly Report as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Infrastructure Services Monthly Report and Projects Update

Mr. Ron Fraser, Associate CAO Infrastructure Services, presented the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report and Projects Update and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 11:43 a.m. and returned at 11:54 a.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 11:51 a.m. and returned at 11:52 a.m.

23.358 MOVED
To accept the Infrastructure Services – Manager Reports and
Capital Projects Update as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.2 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

Mayor Reutov opened the Public Input Session at 12:01 p.m.

Ms. Alyssa Belanger-Haig spoke to Council on concerns related to the deer population
and associated safety issues in the Lakeview subdivision.

The Public Input Session was closed at 12:05 p.m.

23.359 MOVED
To thank Ms. Belanger-Haig for the presentation.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:07 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

7.7 Bypass Road Moratorium (Discussion)

Mayor Reutov presented the Bypass Road Moratorium item.

23.360 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward additional clarification to address the article on the previous Bypass Road Moratorium to a future Council meeting.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED

7.8 Administrative Action Plan (2023 - 2026)

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO Corporate Services, presented the Administrative Action Plan (2023 - 2026) and responded to questions.

23.361 MOVED
To accept the Administrative Action Plan (2023-2026) as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Councillor Expense Claims - January, February, March 2023

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning, presented the Councillor Expense Claims - January, February, March 2023 and responded to questions.

23.362 MOVED
That Council approves the Councillor expense claims processed for the period January 2023, February 2023 and March 2023.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Quarterly Financial Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2023

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, Manager of Finance, presented the Quarterly Financial Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2023 and responded to questions.

23.363 **MOVED**
To accept the Quarterly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2023, as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.11 Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2023

Ms. Moghrabi, Manager of Finance, presented the Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2023 and responded to questions.

23.364 **MOVED**
To accept the Capital Projects Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2023 as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.12 Royal Canadian Legion - McGrane Branch Grant Request (Discussion)

Mayor Reutov presented the Royal Canadian Legion - McGrane Branch Grant Request item.

23.365 **MOVED**
To accept the discussion as information.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Moore

CARRIED

7.13 Budget Request for County Profile & Resource Inventory (Discussion)

Mayor Reutov presented the Budget Request for County Profile & Resource Inventory item.

23.366 MOVED
 To request a final draft of the County Profile and Resource Inventory at the June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Deputy Mayor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Moore

CARRIED

7.14 Road Naming Request - TWP RD 690A

Ms. Alanna Wowk, Executive Assistant to the CAO, presented the Road Naming Request - TWP RD 690A and responded to questions.

23.367 MOVED
 To direct Administration to bring forward the naming of Township Road 690A to Basargin Road to the May 23, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.15 Quarterly Follow Up Action List (FAL) Update

Ms. Wowk presented the Quarterly Follow Up Action List (FAL) Update and responded to questions.

23.368 MOVED
 That County Council accepts the Follow-up Action List (FAL) update as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

23.369

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 2:32 p.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:37 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 2:45 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance

CLOSED SESSION

- 8.1 Economic Development Advisory Committee Appointments (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

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

- 8.2 Fibre Optic Update (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; 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, Diane Cloutier, and Heather Reid.

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

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

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 2:59 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the role of the Chair. Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 3:04 p.m. and resumed the role of the Chair.

Councillor Beniuk exited Chambers at 3:19 p.m. and returned at 3:22 p.m.

8.4 CAO Report (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small.

8.5 2:00 p.m. CAO Evaluation - Tim Duhamel, Bloom Centre for Municipal Education (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

There were no members of Administration present.

Members of Bloom Centre for Municipal Education present for the purposes of presenting: Tim Duhamel (in part).

Councillor Beniuk exited at 4:21 p.m. and returned at 4:24 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited at 4:30 p.m. and returned at 4:32 p.m.

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 4:25 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the role of the Chair. Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 4:26 p.m. and resumed the role of the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Johnson exited Chambers at 5:21 p.m. and returned at 5:23 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.370

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 5:40 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Reutov departed the meeting at 5:41 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the role of the Chair.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8.1 EDAC Appointments

23.371 MOVED
To proceed as directed in Closed Session on the Economic
Development Advisory Committee appointments.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Fibre Optic Update (Discussion) (s.16 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to business
interests of a third party; s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other
interests of a public body)

23.372 MOVED
To proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

23.373 MOVED
To proceed with the land appraisals as discussed in Closed
Session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 CAO Report (Handout) (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

23.374 MOVED
To accept the report as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 2:00 p.m. CAO Evaluation - Tim Duhamel, Bloom Centre for Municipal Education (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

23.375 MOVED
To schedule a Special Council Meeting on June 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. dedicated to CAO Evaluation.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.376 MOVED
To adjourn the May 9, 2023, Regular Council Meeting at 5:44 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer