

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

**February 23, 2021 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

*In accordance with the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County Council held this meeting electronically.*

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

<b>PRESENT</b>	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor ( <i>Participated electronically</i> )
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor ( <i>Participated electronically</i> )
	Colin Cote	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor ( <i>Participated electronically</i> )
	George L'Heureux	Councillor

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Ken Van Buul	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division ( <i>In part &amp; participated electronically intermittently</i> )
	Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services Division ( <i>In part</i> )
	Brian Shapka	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services Division ( <i>In part &amp; participated electronically intermittently</i> )
	Mackenzie Girard	CAO Executive Assistant ( <i>Participated electronically</i> )
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 21.118            **MOVED**  
To approve the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:
- Addition of Item:
    - 7.7- Blais Resort Stormwater Outfall

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 3.1      Regular Council Meeting-February 9, 2021
- 21.119            **MOVED**  
To adopt the February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DELEGATIONS**

- 6.1      Delegation- 10:15 a.m.-Ms. Stacey St. Jean and Mr. Ali Fyith, Lac La Biche Minor Ball Association-Municipal Heritage Site Nomination and Baseball in Lac La Biche-Future of the Main Diamond

Ms. Stacey St. Jean and Mr. Ali Fyith co-presented electronically the two following items: Presentation of the Municipal Heritage Site Nomination and presentation regarding the baseball in Lac La Biche, including the future of the main diamond. Ms. St. Jean and Mr. Fyith also responded to questions.

- 6.1.1    Disposition of Delegation Business

- 21.120            **MOVED**  
To thank Ms. St. Jean and Mr. Fyith for their presentation to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 21.121            **MOVED**  
To refer the Municipal Heritage Site nomination to Administration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

21.122            **MOVED**  
To direct Administration to consult with Lac La Biche Minor Ball Association, Northern Lights School Division, and Lakeland Catholic School Division, within the County, to explore options to improve and add ball diamonds that are situated on school properties.

In Favour (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Beniuk, Councillor Cote, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (1): Councillor Moore

**CARRIED**

6.2        Delegation 11:00 a.m.-Mr. Cory St. Jean, PDCDS President and Ms. Lori Tarrant, PDCDS Coordinator-Plamondon District and Community Development Society- 2021 Operating Funding

Mr. Cory St. Jean, Plamondon District Community Development Society (PDCDS) President and Ms. Lori Tarrant, PDCDS Coordinator, presented electronically the 2021 Operating Funding for PDCDS, and responded to questions.

6.2.1    Disposition of Delegation Business

21.123            **MOVED**  
That Council approves \$394,275 in operational funding for PDCDS for 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

21.124            **MOVED**  
To thank Mr. St. Jean and Ms. Tarrant for their presentation to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**            Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:28 a.m.

**RECONVENE**        Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

6.3 Public Hearing- 11:45 a.m.-Bylaw 21-002 and Bylaw 21-003

Mayor Moghrabi declared the Public Hearing open at 11:46 a.m.

Mayor Moghrabi asked Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO- Corporate Services Division whether or not the public hearing was advertised, and notice was provided in accordance, with the applicable legislation. Ms. McConnell advised that this was the case.

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning and Development Officer summarized the purpose for the hearing.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there were any written submissions or registered speakers in support of the proposed bylaw; Mr. Owen Yadlowsky spoke in favour of the proposed bylaws.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:52 a.m. due to technical issues.

## **RECONVENE**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING (Continued)**

Mr. Owen Yadlowsky, son of the applicants, Mr. Ken & Lina Yadlowsky, continued his presentation to Council. Mr. Yadlowsky stated he is in favour of the proposed bylaws citing they wanted to improve the property and community by subdividing the property to ensure the residential portion is outside the 300 meter landfill buffer zone, and to utilize the two properties that are within the landfill buffer zone for commercial purposes.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there were any written submissions or registered speakers in favour of the proposed bylaw; there were no additional registered speakers but there was one written submission from Mr. Randy Wowk, on behalf of 1253591 Alberta Ltd., who was in favour of encouraging commercial activity in the area, but he had concerns regarding rezoning compliance; the submission was read into record by Ms. McConnell.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there were any written submissions or registered speakers in opposition of the proposed bylaw; there were no registered speakers, but there was one written submission from Ms. Joanne Blanchette. The submission opposed the rezoning citing property devaluation and noise impacts; the submission was read into record by Ms. McConnell.

Due to technical issues, Councillor Moore was not in full attendance during the course of the Public Hearing.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments & submissions, and declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:59 a.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 7.2 Bylaws 21-002 and 21-003-Second and Third Readings

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning and Development Officer, presented Bylaws 21-002 Municipal Development Plan-MAP 6A Amendment and Bylaw 21-003-Land Use Bylaw Rezoning- Second and Third Readings and responded to questions.

21.125            MOVED  
That Bylaw 21-002 be given second reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

In Favour (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Beniuk, Councillor Cote, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Abstain (1): Councillor Moore

\*Councillor Moore abstained in accordance with section 184 (b)-Abstention from voting on matter discussed at public hearing-of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**CARRIED**

21.126            MOVED  
That Bylaw 21-002 be given third reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

In Favour (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Beniuk, Councillor Cote, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Abstain (1): Councillor Moore

\*Councillor Moore abstained in accordance with section 184 (b)-Abstention from voting on matter discussed at public hearing-of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**CARRIED**

21.127

MOVED

That Bylaw 21-003 be given second reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

In Favour (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Beniuk, Councillor Cote, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Abstain (1): Councillor Moore

\*Councillor Moore abstained in accordance with section 184 (b)-Abstention from voting on matter discussed at public hearing-of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**CARRIED**

21.128

MOVED

That Bylaw 21-003 be given third reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

In Favour (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Beniuk, Councillor Cote, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Abstain (1): Councillor Moore

\*Councillor Moore abstained in accordance with section 184 (b)-Abstention from voting on matter discussed at public hearing-of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**CARRIED**

7.3 First Reading Rezoning Bylaw 21-009

Ms. Bourassa presented Bylaw 21-009 for first reading and responded to questions.

21.129

MOVED

That Bylaw 21-009 be given first reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

### 6.4 12:15 p.m.- Public Input Session

Individuals were asked to pre-register for the Public Input Session at [legservices@laclabichcounty.com](mailto:legservices@laclabichcounty.com) to be provided with the pertinent ZOOM information for electronic participation.

There were no registered speakers for the Public Input Session.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:19 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:22 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 7.1 Councillor Reports

Councillor Johnson:

- Athabasca Watershed
- Feasibility of Future Provincial Police

Councillor Tkachuk:

- Municipal Planning Commission
- Portage College Athletics Association
- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law-Virtual Seminar
- Future Development Workshop & CAO meeting
- Lac La Biche and District Chamber of Commerce
- Golf Tournament Meeting
- Lakeland Industry Communication Association (LICA)
- EOEP Regional Partnerships Training
- Bold Centre Sportsfields Committee Meeting
- Tour of Athabasca Pool
- Rural Crime Prevention Meeting

Councillor Moore:

- Tour of Athabasca Pool
- Bold Centre Sportsfields Committee Meeting
- Feasibility of Future Provincial Police
- Coalition for Safer Alberta Roads

Councillor Stedman:

- Municipal Planning Commission
- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law-Virtual Seminar
- Future Development Workshop & CAO meeting
- Alberta Counsel Recent Polling
- Feasibility of Future Provincial Police

Councillor Borgun:

- Municipal Planning Commission
- Lac La Biche Mission
- Future Development Workshop & CAO meeting
- Golf Tournament Meeting
- Lac La Biche Watershed Steering Committee Meeting
- Tour of Athabasca Pool
- Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA) Meeting

Councillor L'Heureux indicated that his report is attached to the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda package.

Deputy Mayor Beniuk:

- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law-Virtual Seminar
- Future Development Workshop & CAO meeting
- Feasibility of Future Provincial Police
- Tour of Athabasca Pool
- Alberta Counsel Webinar-2021 Preview

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 1:33 p.m. and returned at 1:35 p.m.

Councillor Cote:

- Healthy Waters Webinar
- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law-Virtual Seminar
- Future Development Workshop & CAO meeting
- RMA/AUMA Summit on Policing
- Lakeland Industry Communication Association (LICA)
- EOEP Regional Partnerships Training
- Bold Centre Sportsfields Committee Meeting
- Lac La Biche Watershed Steering Committee Meeting

Mayor Moghrabi:

- Northern Alberta Development Council
- Fishing Regulations-The Next Step Team-Underutilized Fish Stocks in NE Alberta
- Growing the North

21.130

MOVED

That Council accepts the Councillor Reports item as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



7.4 Campsite Road Boat Launch Update

Mr. Gary Harman, Manager, Parks and Facilities presented the Campsite Road Boat Launch Update item and responded to questions.

21.131 MOVED

That Council accept the Campsite Road Boat Launch report as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.5 Rich Lake Community Hall

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO-Recreation and Community Services Division presented the Rich Lake Community Hall item and responded to questions.

21.132 MOVED

That Lac La Biche County Council accept the Rich Lake Community Hall Project update as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.6 Assessment Review Board Chair Selection

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division presented the Assessment Review Board Chair Selection item and responded to questions.

21.133 MOVED

To re-appoint Councillor Cote to the Assessment Review Board, as the Chair, effective immediately with the term expiring the date of the 2021 Municipal Election.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.7 Blais Resort Stormwater Outfall-*Addition to the Agenda*

Mr. Shapka presented the Blais Resort Stormwater Outfall item and responded to questions.

21.134 MOVED

That County Council approve construction of and allocate an additional \$207,000 including Engineering and 10% Contingency from accumulated surplus for Blais Resort Subdivision Storm Outfall Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## CLOSED SESSION

21.135

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 2:32 p.m. for the following items and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*:

- 8.1-Aquatic Centre Update (s.24-Advice from officials)
- 8.2- Fishing Meeting Update (s.21-Intergovernmental Relations)
- 8.3-Code of Conduct (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)
- 8.4-Legal Matter- File No. NT30458000 (s.27-Privileged Information)
- New Business Item 7.4-Campsite Road Boat Launch Update (s.25-Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following members of Administration were present during the Closed Session for presentation and recording purposes: Ken Van Buul, Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Brian Shapka, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Girard (electronically), and Danielle Patenaude.

Mr. Michael Roma was also in attendance (electronically) for Item 8.1.

8.1-Aquatic Centre Update (s.24-FOIP)

Mr. Roma exited the meeting upon the conclusion of Item 8.1.

New Business Item 7.4- Campsite Road Boat Launch Update (s.25-FOIP)

Mr. Lessmeister exited Council Chambers upon the conclusion of New Business Item 7.4-Campsite Road Boat Launch Update.

## RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

21.136

MOVED

To proceed with the meeting in open session at 4:02 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**EXTENSION OF MEETING**

21.137

MOVED

To extend the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting until all items on the agenda are addressed.

In Favour (8): Mayor Moghrabi, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Deputy Mayor Beniuk, Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (1): Councillor Cote

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

21.138

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 4:03 p.m. for the following items and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*:

- 8.2- Fishing Meeting Update (s.21-Intergovernmental Relations)
- 8.3-Code of Conduct (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)
- 8.4-Legal Matter- File No. NT30458000 (s.27-Privileged Information)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following members of Administration were present during the Closed Session for presentation and recording purposes: Ken Van Buul, Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Mackenzie Girard (electronically), and Danielle Patenaude.

8.2- Fishing Meeting Update (s.21-FOIP)

8.4-Legal Matter (s.27-FOIP)

8.3-Code of Conduct (s.17-FOIP)

All members of Administration exited Council Chambers, and electronically through ZOOM, prior to Item 8.3 being discussed.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

21.139

MOVED

To return the meeting to Open Session at 4:17 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

8.1 Aquatic Centre Update (s.21-FOIP)

21.140 MOVED  
To accept the Aquatic Centre Update as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2 Fishing Meeting Update (s.21-FOIP)

21.141 MOVED  
To discuss the Fishing Regulation’s matter at a future Council meeting, in Open Session, to address Council’s direction with respect to lobbying.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.4 Legal Matter-File No. NT30458000 (s.27-FOIP)

21.142 MOVED  
To proceed with Option A, as presented in Closed Session.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.3 Code of Conduct (s.17-FOIP)

21.143 MOVED  
To defer the Code of Conduct item to the March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

21.144 MOVED  
To adjourn the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting at 4:29 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Ken Van Buul  
Chief Administrative Officer**

ADOPTED