

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

December 22, 2022- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held December 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22.1221

MOVED

To adopt the December 22, 2022 Special Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Item 3.6 Owl River Truck Fill Station
- Item 4.3 Investigative Report – Closed Session (s.17 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

22.1222

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 10:07 a.m. to discuss the closed session agenda items pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5.1 2023 Public Engagement Results - Follow Up (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, 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 (in part): Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Hafsah Moghrabi, Anita Polturak and Heather Reid. All members of Administration exited Chambers and were not present for a portion of the item. Dan Small returned for a portion of the item.

- 5.2 Rural Transit Solutions Fund (s.21 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording (in part): Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Hafsah Moghrabi, Anita Polturak, Carl Kurppa and Heather Reid.

- 5.3 Investigative Report (s.17 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small (in part). There were no members of Administration present for a portion of the item.

Councillor Johnson exited Chambers at 11:32 a.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

22.1223

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 11:33 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- 5.1 2023 Public Engagement Results - Follow Up (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

Councillor Johnson returned to Chambers at 11:36 a.m.

22.1224 MOVED
To accept the 2023 Public Engagement Results - Follow
Up as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.1225 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward regular
development updates to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Rural Transit Solutions Fund (s.21 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to
intergovernmental relations)

22.1226 MOVED
That Council directs Administration to execute the Rural
Transit Solutions Fund agreement with the Government of
Canada as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Investigative Report

22.1227 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward the completed
report by the end of January 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.2 101 Avenue (Main Street Lac La Biche) Water and Sewer Rehabilitation and
Revitalization

Mr. Steven Reichert with V3 presented information on the 101 Avenue (Main Street Lac
La Biche) Water and Sewer Rehabilitation and Revitalization item and responded to
questions.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 11:59 a.m. and returned to Chambers at 12:00
p.m.

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 12:10 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Paré assumed the role
of the Chair. Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 12:12 p.m. and resumed the role of
the Chair.

22.1228 MOVED
To thank V3 for the presentation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1 Temporary Location for Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society

Ms. Anita Polturak, FCSS Manager, presented the Temporary Location for Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society item and responded to questions.

Councillor Johnson exited Chambers at 12:37 p.m. and returned at 12:39 p.m.

22.1229 MOVED
That Administration provide use of 9910 101 Avenue (old curling rink) to Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society for provision of emergency shelter during the extreme cold season for the months from December 22, 2022 to March 31 2023.

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

CARRIED

3.3 Fire Services FTE Request

Mr. Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Fire Services FTE Request and responded to questions.

Deputy Mayor Paré exited Chambers at 1:46 p.m. and returned at 1:53 p.m.

22.1230 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring back additional information for one Protective Services FTE to the January 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting including job description and budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 Adopt the 2023 Budget, 2024-2028 Financial Plan and 2024-2033 Capital Plan

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning presented the Adopt the 2023 Budget, 2024-2028 Financial Plan and 2024-2033 Capital Plan item and responded to questions.

22.1231 **MOVED**
To move forward with the Main Street project as outlined in the 2023 budget package for \$27 million with options for the additional \$5.5 million to be funded internally.

For (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (3): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Beniuk, and Deputy Mayor Paré

CARRIED

Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment and exited Chambers at 2:27 p.m. during the Cost of Living Allowance presentation and discussions.

Deputy Mayor Paré exited Chambers at 2:27 p.m. and returned at 2:28 p.m.

Councillor Borgun returned to Chambers at 2:32 p.m. at the conclusion of the presentation and discussion.

22.1232 **MOVED**
That County Council approves a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) of 3% for all County staff, excluding the staff of the Human Resources function, as of January 8, 2023.

For (3): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

DEFEATED

Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment and exited Chambers at 2:33 p.m. during the Cost of Living Allowance – Human Resources Function discussions.

Deputy Mayor Paré exited Chambers at 2:39 p.m. and returned at 2:40 p.m.

22.1233 **MOVED**

That County Council approves a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) of 3% for County staff in the Human Resources function, as of January 8, 2023.

For (1): Councillor Stedman

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

DEFEATED

Councillor Borgun returned to Chambers at 2:44 p.m. at the conclusion of the presentation and discussion on the Cost of Living Allowance – Human Resources Function.

22.1234

MOVED

That County Council approves a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) of 1.5% for all County staff, excluding the staff of the Human Resources function, as of January 8, 2023.

For (4): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

DEFEATED

Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest related to a family member's employment and exited Chambers at 2:45 p.m. during the 2023 operating budget expenditures for the Human Resources function's salaries, wages, and benefits discussion and vote.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:47 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 3:01 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Borgun.

NEW BUSINESS

3.4 Adopt the 2023 Budget, 2024-2028 Financial Plan and 2024-2033 Capital Plan continued.

22.1235

MOVED

That County Council approves the 2023 operating budget expenditures for the Human Resources function's salaries, wages, and benefits of \$814,877.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Borgun returned to Chambers at 2:47 p.m. at the conclusion of the discussion and vote.

Councillor Tkachuk declared a pecuniary interest related to personal business interests and exited Chambers at 3:03 p.m. in advance of the discussion and vote on the 2023 capital budget expenditures for the Information Technology function.

22.1236 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2023 capital budget expenditures for the Information Technology function of \$881,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 3:05 p.m. at the conclusion of the vote.

22.1237 MOVED
That County Council transfers \$7,305,704 into non – operating reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.1238 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2023 operating budget with operating revenue of \$80,657,615 and operating expenditures of \$63,045,906 excluding salaries, wages, and benefits of the Human Resources function of \$814,877.

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

Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Paré

CARRIED

22.1239 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2023 capital budget with capital revenues from general revenues, grants, reserves, debt financing, and other funding sources of \$36,436,573 and capital expenditures of \$42,465,819 excluding capital expenditures for the Information Technology Function of \$881,000.

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

Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Paré

CARRIED

22.1240 MOVED
That County Council defers the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan and 2024 – 2033 Capital Plan for approval to Q1 2023 and further to direct Administration to schedule a workshop in Q1 2023 with Council to discuss the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan and 2024 – 2033 Capital Plan prior to approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.5 Bylaw 22-043 - Amending Schedule of Fees Bylaw

Mr. Hasan presented Bylaw 22-043 - Amending Schedule of Fees Bylaw and responded to questions.

22.1241 MOVED
That Bylaw 22-043 be given first reading this 22nd day of December, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.1242 MOVED
That Bylaw 22-043 be given second reading this 22nd day of December, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.1243 MOVED
That Bylaw 22-043 be submitted for third reading this 22nd day of December, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.1244 MOVED
That Bylaw 22-043 be given third reading this 22nd day of
December, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.6 Owl River Truck Fill Station

22.1245 MOVED
To approve a budget of up to \$100,000 for design and
engineering of the Owl River Truck Fill Station and to
bring forward information on an operational budget to a
future meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

22.1246 MOVED
To adjourn the December 22, 2022 Special Council
Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small
Chief Administrative Officer