

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

December 20, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held December 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Robert Richard	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Surekha Kanzig	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Gordon Shaw	Senior Manager, Planning & Development (in part)
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Grants (in part)
	Jihad Moghrabi	Communications Coordinator (in part)
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator (in part)
	James Roy	Legislative Services Coordinator
REGRETS	MJ Siebold	Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 16.1051 Motion by Councillor Thompson to approve the December 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting agenda, as amended.
- Addition of Item 7.4 Personnel Matter (s.17 FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 December 13, 2016 – Regular Council Meeting.

Notice of Amendment: In the first sentence of the minutes, “November”, erroneously appears as the date for the December 13, 2016 minutes.

16.1052 Motion by Councillor Haymour to adopt the December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 RFD – Ward Boundaries for 2017 Municipal General Election.

Discussion ensued on the issue of transitioning to a 7-member council, remaining as a 9-member council, and utilizing a ward or an at-large system.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 10:27 a.m. and returned at 10:28 a.m.

16.1053 Motion by Councillor Nowak that the current ward boundaries and existing number of councillors be retained for the forthcoming municipal general election.

IN FAVOUR
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Richard
Councillor Austin
Councillor Olson
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Haymour

CARRIED

URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings scheduled.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Budget 2017 – Approval of Interim Budget;

Councillor Phillips declared a pecuniary interest as he has family that works for the County and left Council Chambers at 10:55 a.m.

16.1054 Motion by Councillor Thompson that County Council approves 50% of the 2016 operating budget of the Utilities Department in the amount of \$5,683,338 for revenues and \$7,201,157 for expenditures as adopted by Council at the February 23, 2016 County Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the interim operating budget for 2017 for the Utilities Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 10:56 a.m., once Motion 16.1054 was voted upon.

Councillor Austin declared a pecuniary interest as she has family that works with the fire department and left Council Chambers at 10:56 a.m.

16.1055 Motion by Councillor Olson that County Council approves 50% of the 2016 operating budget of the Fire Department in the amount of \$345,500 of revenues and \$1,537,547 of expenditures as adopted by Council at the February 23, 2016 County Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the interim operating budget for 2017 for the Fire Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Nowak declared a pecuniary interest due to his personal business interests and left Council Chambers at 10:57 a.m.

Councillor Austin remained out of Council Chambers.

16.1056 Motion by Councillor Haymour that County Council approves 50% of the 2016 operating budget for Recreation Facilities and Programs in the amount of \$4,457,694 in revenues and \$12,580,036 in expenditures as adopted by Council at the February 23, 2016 County Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the interim operating budget for 2017 for Recreation Facilities and Programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Austin and Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 10:58 a.m., once Motion 16.1056 was voted upon.

- 16.1057 Motion by Councillor Thompson that County Council approves 50% of the 2016 operational budget, as attached to and forming part of these minutes, in the amount of operating revenues of \$80,882,448 and operating expenditures of \$50,014,451 as adopted by Council at the February 23, 2016 Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the interim operating budget for 2017 excluding:
- Utilities Department revenues of \$5,683,338 and expenditures of \$7,201,157,
 - Fire Department revenues of \$345,500 and expenditures of \$1,537,547, and
 - Recreation Facilities and Programs revenues of \$4,457,694 and expenditures of \$12,580,036.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:59 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Briefing – Off-site Levies Follow-Up Information;

Ms. Barb Dupuis, Project Coordinator, and Mr. Gordon Shaw, Senior Manager of Planning and Development, gave a presentation providing follow-up information on off-site levies. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

- 16.1058 Motion by Councillor Haymour that the Briefing regarding Off-site Levies Follow-Up Information be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

16.1059 Motion by Councillor Olson to go *in camera* at 11:46 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:46 a.m.

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

IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 RFD – Water Tower (s. 25 FOIP);

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.1060 Motion by Councillor Haymour to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 12:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.1 Public Input Session.

Mayor Moghrabi declared the public input session open at 12:21 p.m.

Mr. Eugene Uganez, former member of council, attended the public input session and expressed his season's greetings to Council and Administration. Mr. Uganez enquired about the split mill rate; discussion ensued regarding the same.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Mr. Uganez for his comments, and declared the public input session closed at 12:27 p.m.

6.1.1 Disposition of Public Input Session.

16.1061 Motion by Councillor Austin to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Uganez for his input.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

16.1062 Motion by Councillor Haymour to go *in camera* at 12:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 RFD – Water Tower (s. 25 FOIP) (continued);

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.1063 Motion by Councillor Haymour to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 12:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 12:32 p.m. and returned at 12:34 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 RFD – Water Tower (s. 25 FOIP);

16.1064 Motion by Councillor Richard that Administration is directed to increase the 2016 operating budget up to a cost of \$14,000 exclusive of GST, to prepare a safety assessment on the water tower and an appraisal of the land.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Richard
Councillor Austin
Councillor Olson
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Haymour

OPPOSED
Councillor Thompson

CARRIED

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:36 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Richard.

NEW BUSINESS

8.3 Briefing – Off-site Levies Update;

Mr. Gordon Shaw made a presentation on the mechanics and operations of the off-site levy and responded to questions by Council.

Councillor Richard entered Council Chambers at 2:26 p.m.

- 8.3 Briefing – Off-site Levies Update (continued);
- 16.1065 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Administration be directed to draft a bylaw for the purpose of repealing all applicable provisions of any existing bylaw that prescribe or permit the county to charge off-site levies, and that this proposed bylaw be presented at a future meeting of council.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Richard
Councillor Olson
Councillor Haymour

OPPOSED
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Austin

CARRIED

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 2:54 p.m. and returned at 2:55 p.m.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 2:56 p.m. and returned at 2:57 p.m.

- 16.1066 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Administration be directed to present, at a future meeting of council, a briefing which further explains the operation of the off-site levy and which calculates the fees collected through this program, by fiscal year, for each of the past 5 years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:09 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 3:25 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

- 16.1067 Motion by Councillor Haymour to go *in camera* at 3:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Discussion – Improvement District 349 Negotiations (s. 25 FOIP);

7.3 Discussion – Utility and Insurance Issues (Basement Flooding) (s. 27 FOIP).

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.1068 Motion by Councillor Thompson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 4:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.1069 Motion by Councillor Thompson to extend the December 20, 2016 meeting of Council until such time that all agenda items have been considered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

16.1070 Motion by Councillor Thompson to go *in camera* at 4:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Discussion – Utility and Insurance Issues (Basement Flooding) (s. 27 FOIP) (continued);

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 4:14 p.m. and returned at 4:15 p.m.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 4:18 p.m.

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 4:19 pm

Councillors Olson and Haymour returned to Council Chambers at 4:20 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.1071 Motion by Councillor Olson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 4:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

16.1072 Motion by Councillor Richard to direct Administration to return at a future meeting of Council with a briefing outlining the County's options with respect to response, insurance, liability, indemnity and compensation respecting flooding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

16.1073 Motion by Councillor Olson to go *in camera* at 4:33 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Discussion – Personnel Matter (s. 17 FOIP).

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 4:45 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.1074 Motion by Councillor Thompson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 4:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

7.4 Discussion – Personnel Matter (s. 17 FOIP).

No action required.

ADJOURNMENT

16.1075 Motion by Councillor Thompson to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2016 at 4:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer**