

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

**December 12, 2023- 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor ( <i>participated electronically</i> )
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	John Mondal	Councillor

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
	Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning / Acting Director Human Resources
	Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

23.904                      **MOVED**  
To adopt the December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

23.905            MOVED  
To adopt the December 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 10:06 a.m. and returned at 10:08 a.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 10:08 a.m. and returned at 10:09 a.m.

23.906            MOVED  
To accept Councillor Reports as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.2     Bylaw 23-040 Land Use Bylaw Rezoning - First Reading

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning & Development Officer, presented Bylaw 23-040 Land Use Bylaw Rezoning - First Reading and responded to questions.

23.907            MOVED

That Bylaw 23-040 be given first reading this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION**

6.1      10:15 a.m. Delegation - Aquatic Centre Update - Alex Godfrey and Geoff Watson, Turnbull Construction Project Managers

Mr. Geoff Watson with Turnbull Construction Project Managers presented an update to Council and responded to questions.

6.1.1    Disposition of Delegation Business

23.908            MOVED  
To accept the aquatic centre update as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.909            MOVED  
To thank Turnbull for the presentation.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 10:47 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.3      Rescind Policy CS-03-002 Personal Protective Equipment Safety Boots and Coveralls

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning, presented the Rescind Policy CS-03-002 Personal Protective Equipment Safety Boots and Coveralls item and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman returned to Chambers at 10:48 a.m.

23.910            MOVED  
                         To rescind Policy CS-03-002 – Personal Protective  
                         Equipment Safety Boots and Coveralls.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.8      Cancellation of the January 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO Corporate Services, presented the Cancellation of the January 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting item and responded to questions.

23.911            MOVED  
                         To cancel the January 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**            Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:51 a.m.

**RECONVENE**      Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:04 a.m. with all those  
Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.4      Business Needs Survey Results Update

Ms. Heather Stromquist, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, presented the Business Needs Survey Results Update and responded to questions.

23.912            MOVED  
To direct Administration to share the survey results and to discuss further with the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.5      Grant Application Resolutions Required for the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program and the Small Community Opportunity Program (SCOP)

Ms. Stromquist presented the Grant Application Resolutions Required for the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program and the Small Community Opportunity Program (SCOP) item and responded to questions.

23.913            MOVED  
That Lac La Biche County Council agrees to partner and support Alberta Hub with their application for a Small Community Opportunity Program grant for developing an Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) system.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.914            MOVED  
That Lac La Biche County Council supports the application for a Small Community Opportunity Program (SCOP) grant for capacity building for economic development and tourism with a financial contribution of up to \$10,000.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.915            MOVED  
That Lac La Biche County Council agrees to support an application for the Northern and Regional Economic

Development (NRED) Program for the McArthur Park project with a financial commitment of up to \$200,000.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.6 Proposed Bylaw 23-041 Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw and Bylaw 23-042 Strategic Committee of Council

Ms. McConnell presented the Proposed Bylaw 23-041 Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw and Bylaw 23-042 Strategic Committee of Council item and responded to questions.

23.916            MOVED  
That Bylaw 23-041 be given first reading this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.917            MOVED  
That Bylaw 23-042 be given first reading this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.918            MOVED  
That Bylaw 23-042 be given second reading this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.919            MOVED  
That Bylaw 23-042 be submitted for third reading this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of December, 2023.

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

**DEFEATED**

\*unanimous consent was required to proceed with third reading

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

*There was no one in attendance for the Public Input Session.*

**RECESS**            Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE**       Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:17 p.m. with all those  
Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of  
Councillor Paré.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7.7     Council Budget and Remuneration Review

Ms. McConnell presented the Council Budget and Remuneration Review

Councillor Paré rejoined the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

23.920            MOVED  
That Council accept the 2024 Council Budget and  
Remuneration Review Update as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.921            MOVED  
To direct Administration to not proceed with the third party elected official remuneration review, and further to proceed with options for digitization of Councillor and employee expense forms.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DELEGATION**

6.3      1:30 p.m. Delegation - Retail Gap Analysis - Kieron Hunt, Key Planning Strategies

Mr. Kieron Hunt with Key Planning Strategies presented the Retail Gap Analysis and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 1:42 p.m. and returned at 1:47 p.m.

6.3.1    Disposition of Delegation Business

23.922            MOVED  
To thank Mr. Kieron Hunt for his presentation and accept the presentation as information.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

23.923            MOVED  
To adjourn the December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 2:08 p.m.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

ADOPTED