

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

November 17, 2023- 11:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held November 17, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

WAIVER OF NOTICE

In accordance with section 194(4) of the *Municipal Government Act*, at least two-thirds of all Councillors agreed in writing before the beginning of the meeting, by signature, to waive the minimum period of notice for calling a special council meeting of Council. Furthermore, Council motioned on November 16, 2023 to revise the start time of this meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
Charlyn Moore	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Colette Borgun	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
John Mondal	Councillor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor (<i>Departed at 1:09 p.m.</i>)

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
Ron Fraser	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning / Acting Director Human Resources
Gary Harman	Acting Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 11:04 a.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Mondal joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

23.850 **MOVED**
To adopt the November 17, 2023 Special Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

For (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

3.1 Proposed 2024 Budget

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Finance and Planning Division and Ms. Hafsa Moghrabi presented the Proposed 2024 Budget and responded to questions.

Mr. Hasan and Ms. Moghrabi also discussed the Proposed Schedule of Fees Changes.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 11:18 a.m. and returned at 11:19 a.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 11:27 a.m. and returned at the same time.

23.851 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to implement a minimum tax rate of \$75 per parcel to be reflected in the 2024 budget.

For (5): Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Paré

CARRIED

3.2 Plamondon District Community Development Society-
Memorandum of Understanding Renewal

Mr. Hasan presented the Plamondon District Community Development Society- Memorandum of Understanding Renewal item and responded to questions.

23.852 MOVED

To table this agenda item following the presentation by Plamondon District Community Development Society scheduled later in the meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society-Mold Remediation
and Repair Request

Mr. Gary Harman, Acting Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services/ Manager, Parks and Facilities presented the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society-Mold Remediation and Repair Request item and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 11:51 a.m. Deputy Mayor Moore assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 11:52 a.m. and returned to the position of Chair.

23.853 MOVED

That Council approves \$75,000 from the Resident Response Fund for the Mold Remediation and Repair Request.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY GROUPS PRESENTATIONS

4.16 3:40 p.m.-3:50 p.m. Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society

Ms. Lotus Plamondon and Ms. Jeanette Pomerleau presented to Council on behalf of Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society and responded to questions.

4.1 Summary of Grant Applications 2024

Mr. Hasan presented the Summary of Grant Applications 2024 item and responded to questions.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:24 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Johnson and Councillor Mondal.

COMMUNITY GROUPS PRESENTATIONS

4.2 1:10 p.m.-1:20 p.m. Community Adult Learning Organization

Councillor Mondal returned to Council Chambers at 1:10 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 1:17 p.m. prior to discussion on Item 4.2.

Ms. Colleen Pierce and Ms. Renee Johnston co-presented on behalf of the Community Adult Learning Organization and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 1:24 p.m. upon the concluded presentation of Item 4.2.

4.3 1:20 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lac La Biche Heritage Society

Mr. Les Diachinsky and Mr. Henry Van Dorland co-presented on behalf of the Lac La Biche Heritage Society and responded to questions.

4.4 1:30 p.m.-1:40 p.m. Plamondon Museum

Ms. Shirley Michaud and Ms. Bonita Marchand co- presented on behalf of the Plamondon Museum and responded to questions.

4.5 1:40 p.m.-1:50 p.m. Lac La Biche Agricultural Society

Mr. Aurel Langevin and Ms. Annemarie Diachinsky co-presented on behalf of the Lac La Biche Agricultural Society and responded to questions.

4.6 1:50 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Plamondon Senior Rendez-Vous Centre

Mr. Guy Piquette presented on behalf of the Plamondon Senior Rendez-Vous Centre and responded to questions.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

COMMUNITY GROUPS PRESENTATIONS

4.8 2:10 p.m.-2:20 p.m.- Venice-Hylo Heritage Historical and Preservation Society

Mr. Zach Bourassa pre-recorded a presentation on behalf of the Venice-Hylo Heritage Historical Preservation Society.

4.9 2:20 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society

Councillor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest due to business interests and exited Council Chambers at 2:25 p.m. prior to presentation on Item 4.9.

Ms. Lenora Lemay presented on behalf of the Lakeland Out of the Elements Shelter Society and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 2:38 p.m. upon the concluded presentation of Item 4.9.

4.10 2:30 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Owl River Recreation

Mr. Tyler Shelton presented on behalf of the Owl River Recreation and responded to questions.

4.11 2:40 p.m.-2:50 p.m. Hylo/Venice Recreation and Agricultural Society.

Ms. Sylvia Broadbent presented on behalf of the Hylo/Venice Recreation and Agricultural Society and responded to questions.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess 2:45 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

4.13 3:10 p.m.-3:20 p.m.-Plamondon and District Community Development Society

Ms. Sherice Marko presented on behalf of the Plamondon and District Community Development Society and responded to questions.

3.2 Plamondon District Community Development Society-MOU Renewal

23.854 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to work with the PDCDS regarding their Free Rental Policy, particularly the transactional process, prior to renewing the MOU for an additional three years.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.14 3:20 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Plamondon Curling Club and Plamondon Mini Parc Heritage Society

Ms. Sherice Marko presented on behalf of the Plamondon Curling Club and Plamondon Mini Parc Heritage Society and responded to questions.

4.15 3:30 p.m.-3:40 p.m.-McGrane Branch-Legion

Mr. Ken Staples and Ms. Brigitte Cudmore co-presented on behalf of the McGrane Branch-Legion and responded to questions.

Councillor Borgun exited Council Chambers at 3:22 p.m. and returned at the same time.

CLOSED SESSION

23.855 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 3:29 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1 Economic Development (s.25-Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body-FOIP and s.16-Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party-FOIP)

Member of Administration present for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Zeeshan Hasan, Melanie McConnell and Danielle Patenaude.

All remaining Members of Administration, except Mr. Deol, exited Council Chambers at 3:41 p.m.

All remaining Members of Administration returned to Council Chambers at 4:04 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

23.856 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 4:04 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Economic Development (s.25 and s.16-FOIP)

23.857 MOVED

To accept the Economic Development item as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY GROUPS PRESENTATIONS

4.17 3:50 p.m.-4:00 p.m. McGrane Society

23.858 MOVED

To thank the Community Groups for their presentations to Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.859 MOVED

To direct Administration to increase the Recreational Operating Program to \$500,000 with the additional funding to come from the 2024 General Revenue.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.860

MOVED

To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of November 17, 2023 at 4:18 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer