

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

March 26, 2024-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held March 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
REGRETS	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
	Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

24.114

MOVED

To adopt the March 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended:

-Addition of item:

- 9.2-Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for the Consent Agenda

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Council Meeting-March 12, 2024

24.115 MOVED

To adopt the March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

7.1 10:15 a.m. Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)

Ms. Alyssa Krawchuk, Executive Director, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), presented the LARA Programs, Services and Research presentation to Council and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 10:08 a.m. and returned at 10:11 am.

7.1.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

24.116 MOVED

To direct Administration to work with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) to provide statistics pertaining to the number of producers/farmers who utilize the programs and services of LARA.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Councillor Reports

Each Member of Council in attendance presented their Councillor Reports update to Council as information.

8.2 Subdivision Extension Bylaw 24-011

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division presented the Subdivision Extension Bylaw 24-011 and responded to questions.

24.117 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-011 be given first reading this 26th day of March, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.118 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-011 be given second reading this 26th day of March, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.119 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-011 be submitted for third and final reading this 26th day of March, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.120 MOVED
That Bylaw 24-011 be given third and final reading this
26th day of March, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:55 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.3 Natural Gas Systems Operations Maintenance Guidelines Policy
PI-44-003

Mr. Jon Skjersven, Manager, Utilities presented the Natural Gas Systems
Operations Maintenance Guidelines Policy PI-44-003 item and responded
to questions.

24.121 MOVED
That Council approve the updates to the Natural Gas
Systems Operations Maintenance Guidelines Policy PI-44-
003 as presented and review and sign the Quality
Management Plan as part of the “Approval to Operate”
issued by the Chief Officer under the *Gas Distribution Act*
(GDA).

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, Manager, Finance presented the Asset Retirement
Obligation Policy item and responded to questions.

24.122 MOVED
That FIN-10-023 Asset Retirement Obligation Policy be adopted as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Committee Member Selection Policy GOV-11-011

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division presented the Committee Member Selection Policy GOV-11-011 item and responded to questions.

24.123 MOVED
To adopt the Committee Member Selection Policy GOV-11-011 as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Ward Open House Policy GOV-11-016 and Future Town Hall Engagements

Ms. McConnell presented the Ward Open House Policy GOV-11-016 and Future Town Hall Engagements item and responded to questions.

24.124 MOVED
That Council adopt the revised Ward Open House Policy GOV-11-016 as presented.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Stedman

Opposed (1): Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

24.125 MOVED
That Council increase the Council operating budget by \$13,500 to assign \$1,500 for each Council Member to host a Ward Open House in 2024, with the additional funds to be allocated from accumulated surplus.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Stedman

Opposed (1): Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

24.126 MOVED
That Council support the scheduling of Town Hall engagements in 2024, and that Administration bring forward a plan and associated budget.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Summer Recess 2024

Ms. McConnell presented the Summer Recess 2024 item and responded to questions.

24.127 MOVED
To cancel the August 6, 2024 and August 13, 2024 Regular Council Meetings for Summer Recess.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Appointment of Deputy Mayor-May 1, 2024-October 31, 2024

Ms. McConnell presented the Appointment of Deputy Mayor-May 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov made three calls for nominations.

The following Members were nominated: Councillor Mondal and Councillor Moore.

A vote by secret ballot for the position of Deputy Mayor was undertaken.

The secret ballot votes resulted in a tie.

A second secret ballot vote was held.

The secret ballot votes resulted in a tie.

The Chief Administrative Officer drew a name from the receptacle; the name drawn was Councillor Mondal.

24.128 MOVED
That Councillor Mondal be appointed Deputy Mayor starting May 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2024.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.129 MOVED
To destroy the Secret Ballots.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

7.2 12:00 p.m. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

There were three speakers for the Public Input Session:

Mr. Lawrence Gingras shared concerns he had about the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), particularly about the results timeliness and effectiveness of various LARA studies & trials, and questions about how LARA is supporting County producers and farmers.

Ms. Linda Lauzon also shared concerns she has and has heard from other famers and producers about the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association, particularly how local producers/farmers cannot access the Olympic Grazing Lease (located within the County) and the timeliness of sample feed test results and access to LARA agrologists.

Mr. Richard Creelman also shared concerns about the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association, particularly about limited access to the association's programming for ranchers, timeliness of hay/seed and soil

testing results, and that there are missed opportunities for the association to support local business.

The Mayor thanked the presenters for their presentations to Council.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:42 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:11 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Tkachuk.

DELEGATIONS

7.3 1:15 p.m.-Delegation-Ms. Marlee Brownlie-Lakeland Ninjas-Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course

Ms. Brownlie presented to Council the Lakeland Ninjas-Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 1:15 p.m.

7.3.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

24.130 MOVED

To approve \$14,000 for the Lakeland Ninjas with funding to come from the Resident Response Fund.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24.131 MOVED

To refer the Lakeland Ninjas request to Administration for further evaluation and recommendation regarding staffing the Lakeland Ninjas.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 1:30 p.m.- Delegation-RCMP-Staff Sergeant Trevor Cardinal, Lac La Biche RCMP Detachment

Staff Sergeant Trevor Cardinal, Lac La Biche RCMP Detachment, presented the Lac La Biche Detachment Council Report March 26, 2024 and responded to questions.

The Mayor thanked Staff Sergeant Cardinal for his presentation to Council.

CLOSED SESSION

24.132 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 2:12 p.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Manny Deol, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Darrell Lessmeister, Les Cote, Mackenzie Zilinski (electronically) and Danielle Patenaude.

9.1 Committee Matters (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy-FOIP)

9.2 Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP)-*Addition to the Agenda*

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 2:14 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 2:15 p.m. and returned at 2:17 p.m.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 2:24 p.m. and returned at same time.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

24.133 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 2:28 p.m.

In Favour (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

9.1 Committee Matters (s.17-FOIP)

24.134 MOVED

That the appointment of Linda Lauzon to the Agricultural Services Board be extended pending a recommendation from the ASB in accordance with the Committee Member Selection Policy, and further that a report with recommendation be brought forward to a future council meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Legal Matter (s.27-FOIP)-*Addition to the Agenda*

24.135 MOVED

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to conclude the Legal Matter.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the March 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer