

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

September 26, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held September 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Deputy Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor (<i>Participated electronically and in part; departed at 11:43 a.m.</i>)
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor (<i>Participated electronically and in part; departed at 11:20 a.m.</i>)
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor (<i>Participated electronically and in part; departed at 10:16 a.m.</i>)
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor (<i>Participated electronically and in part; joined at 10:04 a.m.</i>)
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Melanie McConnell	Acting Chief Administrative Officer / Associate CAO, Corporate Services
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
	Jon Skjersven	Acting Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
	Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning/Acting Director, Human Resources (<i>Participated electronically</i>)
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.677

MOVED

To adopt the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting-September 12, 2023

3.2 Special Council Meeting-September 19, 2023

23.678

MOVED

To adopt the following minutes as presented:
-Regular Council Meeting-September 12, 2023
-Special Council Meeting-September 19, 2023

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT MATTERS

5.1 Chief Administrative Officer Appointment (Discussion)

23.679

MOVED

To appoint Mr. Manny Deol as the Chief Administrative Officer for Lac La Biche County effective October 3, 2023 with all of the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Officer, and subject to the terms and conditions of the mutually agreed upon employment.

In Favour (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

Opposed (3): Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

Each Member of Council in attendance provided an update as part of the Councillor Reports item.

Councillor Moore electronically joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

23.680 **MOVED**
To accept the Councillor Reports item as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk departed the meeting at 10:16 a.m. and did not return.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 10:16 a.m. and returned at 10:17 a.m.

DELEGATION

6.1 10:15 a.m. Delegation-Northern Lights Public Schools Division

Ms. Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools Division and Mr. Rick Cusson, Superintendent, Northern Lights Public Schools Division co-presented the about the future development for a replacement school for Vera M. Welsh.

Councillor Borgun Council Chambers at 10:25 a.m.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 10:45 a.m. and returned at the same time.

6.1.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

23.681 **MOVED**
That Council thank the Northern Lights Public Schools Division Board Trustees and Administration for their presentation to Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Johnson called a recess at 11:01 a.m.

RECONVENE

Deputy Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 11:07 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Land Matter Request-Future School Development

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division presented the Land Matter Request-Future School Development item and responded to questions.

23.682

MOVED

That Council rescind Motion 23.535 that was passed during the July 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and reads as follows:

“That Council directs Administration to proceed with providing property (4.7 acres +/-) located near the Bold Center to the Northern Lights Public School Division for a new elementary school contingent on the Light of Christ (Dr. Swift) property and building being transferred to the Lakeland Catholic School Division.”

In Favour (6): Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

Opposed (1): Mayor Reutov

CARRIED

Councillor Stedman departed the meeting at 11:20 a.m. and did not return.

23.683

MOVED

To direct Administration to encourage that the Northern Lights Public School Division prepare a Letter of Support for the Lakeland Catholic School Division endeavors to acquire the land adjacent to the Catholic School.

In Favour (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

Opposed (2): Councillor Moore, and Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

23.684

MOVED

That Council directs Administration to proceed with providing property (4.7 acres +/-) located near the Bold Center to the Northern Lights Public School Division for a new elementary school.

In Favour (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Borgun returned to Council Chambers at 11:31 a.m.

7.3 Plamondon Revitalization Project-Terms of Reference

Ms. McConnell and Mr. Guy Lambert, Chair of the Plamondon Revitalization Committee co-presented the Plamondon Revitalization Project-Terms of Reference item and responded to questions.

The Chair made a call for Nominations. Councillor Borgun self nominated herself to serve on the Plamondon Revitalization Project Committee.

23.685

MOVED

That Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Plamondon Revitalization Project.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.686

MOVED

That Council appoint Councillor Borgun to the Plamondon Revitalization Committee.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.687 MOVED
To thank Mr. Guy Lambert for his presentation to Council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Reutov departed the meeting at 11:43 a.m. and did not return.

7.4 Main Street Revitalization Project-Sidewalk Snow and Ice Control
Options

Mr. Dave McPhee, Manager, Transportation presented the Main Street
Revitalization Project-Sidewalk Snow and Ice Control Options item and
responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov departed the meeting at 11:43 a.m. and did not return.

23.688 MOVED
That Council proceed with Option 3 with the County
completing Snow and Ice Control of the Calming
Aprons/Benches only, and Option 5 for the County to
provide business owners with grit/sand boxes only as
outlined in the Main Street Revitalization Project-Sidewalk
Snow and Ice Control.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré,
and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.2 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

There was one registered speaker, Dr. Tracy-Lee Lindenberg who
presented on the importance of a new aquatic center.

23.689 MOVED
To thank Dr. Tracy-Lee Lindenberg for her presentation to
Council.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré,
and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Johnson called a recess at 12:06 p.m.

RECONVENE

Deputy Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 12:48 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.5 Transitional Housing Project Update

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services presented the Transitional Housing Project Update item and responded to questions.

Councillor Moore departed the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

23.690 **MOVED**
That County Council accept the Transitional Housing Project update as information.

In Favour (5): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Moore electronically joined the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

7.6 First Reading-Rezoning Bylaw 23-027

Ms. Sheera Bourassa, Planning and Development Officer presented the First Reading-Rezoning Bylaw 23-027 and responded to questions.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 12:57 p.m.

23.691 **MOVED**
That Bylaw 23-027 be given first reading this 26th day of September, 2023.

In Favour (5): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Chimney Repair Request-Venice-Hylo Heritage Historical and Preservation Society

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants and Community Funding Coordinator presented the Chimney Repair Request-Venice-Hylo Heritage Historical and Preservation Society item and responded to questions.

Councillor Mondal returned to Council Chambers at 12:58 p.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 1:05 p.m. and returned at the same time.

23.692 MOVED
That Council approve \$3,750 in Capital Projects Assistance Grant funding from the 2023 budget for the Venice-Hylo Heritage Historical and Preservation Society for their chimney repair request.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society-MOU Request

Mr. Kurppa presented the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society-MOU Request and responded to questions.

23.693 MOVED
To proceed with a draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society, similar to the one the County has with the Plamondon and District Community Development Society.

In Favour (5): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Paré

Opposed (1): Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED

7.9 Housing Accelerator Fund

Mr. Kurppa presented the Housing Accelerator Fund item and responded to questions.

23.694 **MOVED**
That Council approve the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Action Plan and direct Administration to apply for the HAF grant.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Councillor Expense Claims-July and August 2023

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Finance and Planning Division and Acting Director, Human Resources electronically presented the Councillor Expense Claims-July and August 2023 and responded to questions.

23.695 **MOVED**
That Council approves the Councillor expense claims processed for the period of July and August 2023.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.11 Potential cancellation of November 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Ms. McConnell presented the Potential cancellation of November 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and responded to questions.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 1:38 p.m. and returned at 1:39 p.m.

23.696 MOVED
To cancel the November 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting due to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall 2023 Convention.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

23.697 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 1:41 p.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 Committee Appointments (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy- FOIP)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Mackenzie Zilinski (electronically), and Danielle Patenaude.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

23.698 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 1:46 p.m.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

23.699 MOVED
To waive Section 5 of the Committee Member Selection Policy, and further to extend the appointment of Mr. Guy Lambert to the role of Member-At-Large on the Watershed Management Plan Implementation Committee to a term expiring October 31, 2024.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.700 MOVED
To appoint Mr. Harvey Boudreault as a Youth Board Member and Ms. Adrienne Peoples-Sprecker as a Board Member on the Lac La Biche County Library Board for a three-year term beginning September 18, 2023.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.701 MOVED
To adjourn the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 1:48 p.m.

In Favour (6): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Acting Chief Administrative Officer