

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

**November 15, 2023- 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held November 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

23.810

MOVED

To adopt the November 15, 2023 Special Council Meeting agenda as amended:

Addition of Item:

4.1- Budget (s.24-Advice from officials-FOIP)-Closed Session

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## CLOSED SESSION

23.811

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 10:08 a.m. pursuant to the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Member of Administration present for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, all other Members of Administration exited Council Chambers at 10:09 a.m. Members of Administration participating on ZOOM were moved into a Waiting Room.

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan entered Council Chambers at 10:40 a.m.

Remaining Members of Administration returned to Council Chambers at 11:40 a.m.

## **RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

23.812            **MOVED**  
To return to Open Session at 11:41 a.m.

For (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 11:41 a.m.

**RECONVENE**        Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

3.2        Proposed 2024 Budget (Discussion)

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division and Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, Manager, Finance presented the Proposed 2024 Budget (Discussion) item and responded to questions.

23.813            **MOVED**  
To direct Administration to bring back the 2024 operational budget to the December 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting based on the 2023 operational budget less 5%.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.814            MOVED  
To direct the Chief Administrative Officer to bring back a utilities review prior to March 31, 2024.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.815            MOVED  
To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to approve any Proposed Operating Initiatives within the approved 2024 operational budget.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.816            MOVED  
To direct Administration to remove the following Reserve items from the Capital Project Reserves and to transfer these funds to available Capital Projects:

- Capital Projects Unallocated Reserves \$606,258
- Low Income Housing \$500,000
- Sports Field Change Rooms \$1,579,900,

and to update future years for the Mainstreet Revitalization Reserves.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23.817

MOVED

To combine the Water and Sewer Replacement Reserve and the Cast Iron Replacement Program Reserve into the Water and Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

23.818

MOVED

To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of November 15, 2023 at 2:25 p.m.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.1 Proposed Schedule of Fees Changes 2024

This item was not addressed during the November 15, 2023 Special Council Meeting and instead was addressed during the November 17, 2023 Special Council Meeting-Budget 2024.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer