

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

July 11, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held July 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

PRESENT

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| Paul Reutov | Mayor |
| Sterling Johnson | Councillor/Deputy Mayor |
| John Mondal | Councillor |
| Kevin Paré | Councillor |
| Jason Stedman | Councillor |
| Charlyn Moore | Councillor |
| Darlene Beniuk | Councillor |
| Lorin Tkachuk | Councillor |
| Colette Borgun | Councillor |

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

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| Melanie McConnell | Acting Chief Administrative Officer / Associate CAO, Corporate Services |
| Darrell Lessmeister | Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services |
| Ron Fraser | Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services |
| Zeeshan Hasan | Associate CAO, Finance and Planning |
| Heather Reid | Legislative Services Coordinator |

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.522 **MOVED**
To adopt the July 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
agenda as presented.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 July 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

23.523 **MOVED**
That Council adopts the July 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

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

23.524 **MOVED**
To accept the Councillor Reports 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

7.2 Council Correspondence - Main Street Construction

Ms. Mackenzie Zilinski, CAO's Executive Assistant, presented the Council Correspondence - Main Street Construction and responded to questions.

23.525 **MOVED**
That Council accept the letter from Generations Eye Care 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 declared a pecuniary interest related to business interests for Item 7.3 and exited Chambers at 10:12 a.m.

7.3 Downtown Safety Issues and Concerns

Mr. Chris Clark, Director Law Enforcement Training Program and Ali Memon, Manager of Engineering Services presented the Downtown Safety Issues and Concerns

23.526 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to proceed with Option 1 including additional signage, as detailed in the report for a cost of \$6,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 10:28 a.m. at the conclusion of the discussion and vote on Item 7.3.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 10:28 a.m.

7.4 Community Cemetery Improvement Program 2023 - Recommendations

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants and Community Funding Coordinator, presented the Community Cemetery Improvement Program 2023 – Recommendations and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman returned to Chambers at 10:29 a.m.

23.527 **MOVED**
That Council approves funding for the 2023 Community Cemetery Improvement Program as per the following:

- \$21,000 to the Fork Lake Cemetery Society for the Fork Lake Cemetery (SW-4-11-63-14)
- \$20,800 to the Normandeau Community Center for the Normandeau Cemetery (SW-34-64-12-W4)

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

7.5 Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society - Background on Memorandum of Understanding Request

Mr. Kurppa presented the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society - Background on Memorandum of Understanding Request and responded to questions.

23.528 MOVED
 To accept the report 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

7.6 Railway Safety Improvement Program

Mr. Ali Memon, Manager of Engineering Services and Mr. Kurppa presented the Railway Safety Improvement Program and responded to questions.

23.529 MOVED
 That Council increases the project expense budget for the Railway Safety Improvement Program Capital Project by \$102,000 funded from the Beaver Hill and 91 Avenue Project; and further that Council defers the Railway Safety Improvement Project at 105 Street (at CN railway mile marker 112.5) in the hamlet of Lac La Biche and directs Administration to bring the additional budget requirement forward to the 2024 budget deliberation.

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

7.7 Budget Transfer Request - Bold Center Sports Field

Mr. Gary Harman, Manager of Parks and Facilities, presented the Budget Transfer Request - Bold Center Sports Field and responded to questions.

23.530 MOVED
That Council approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the Antoine Lake Cemetery project to the Bold Centre Sports Field project within the Parks and Facilities Capital Budget.

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

CARRIED

7.8 July 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Start Time

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, presented the July 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Start Time and responded to questions.

23.531 MOVED
To update the start time of the July 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to 9:00 a.m.

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

CLOSED SESSION

23.532 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 11:04 a.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:05 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Utility Account Billing (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

Member of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Carl Kurppa and Heather Reid.

8.2 School Division Land Discussion (s.21 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

Member of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, and Heather Reid.

8.3 Memorandum of Understanding (Discussion) (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials; s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

Member of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Ron Fraser, Darrell Lessmeister, Mackenzie Zilinski, Heather Stromquist, and Heather Reid.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.533

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 12:25 p.m.

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

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Utility Account Billing (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

23.534 MOVED

That Council directs Administration to proceed with Option 1.

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

Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

8.2 School Division Land Discussion (s.21 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

23.535 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 contingent on the Light of Christ (Dr. Swift) property and building being transferred to the Lakeland Catholic School Division.

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

8.3 Memorandum of Understanding (Discussion) (s.16 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP- Advice from officials; s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

23.536 MOVED

To accept the Memorandum of Understanding discussion 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

ADJOURNMENT

23.537 MOVED
To adjourn the July 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at
12:30 p.m.

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

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

ADOPTED