

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

December 21, 2021- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held December 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County Council held this meeting electronically.

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

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

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Ken Van Buul	Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division
Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division
Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services Division (<i>Participated electronically</i>)
Brian Shapka	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services Division (<i>In part</i>)
Mackenzie Zilinski	CAO Executive Assistant (<i>Participated electronically</i>)
Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

21.1003 MOVED
To adopt the December 21, 2021 Special Council Meeting
agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 10:00 a.m.-Delegation: V3 Group of Companies-Main Street
Revitalization Project

Mr. Nick Pryce and Mr. Steve Reichert, V3 Group of Companies,
presented to Council the Main Street Revitalization Project and responded
to questions.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:53 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 10:00 a.m.-Delegation: V3 Group of Companies -Main Street
Revitalization Project

The presentation resumed.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:17 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 10:00 a.m.-Delegation: V3 Group of Companies -Main Street
Revitalization Project

The presentation resumed.

Mr. Dan Small, Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division and Mr.
Zeeshan Hasan, Manager, Finance (electronically) also responded to
questions.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 12:04 p.m. and returned at the
same time.

3.1.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

21.1004 **MOVED**
That Council continue with the Main Street Streetscape design concept with the bulb outs accommodating left hand turn lanes at the intersections, inclusive of a further review of the previously requested design elements from the December 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Opposed (1): Councillor Paré

CARRIED

21.1005 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to replace all of the Sanitary and Storm Mains, rather than reline, as part of the Main Street Revitalization Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:14 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:07 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 10:00 a.m.-Delegation: V3 Group of Companies -Main Street Revitalization Project

The presentation resumed. Mr. Pryce and Mr. Reichert also presented the April 27, 2021 Streetscape Design – Cost Savings Options Presentation.

21.1006 **MOVED**
To include the following Design Element as part of the Streetscape Design:

- Design Element 6: Street Speakers \$38,400.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 21.1007 **MOVED**
 To include the following Design Element as part of the Streetscape Design:
- Design Element 7: Bollards illuminated \$54,900.
- For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk
- Opposed (2): Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Johnson
- CARRIED**
- 21.1008 **MOVED**
 To replace the Street Zone Paver bricks, as part of Design Element 9, with stamped concrete as part of the Streetscape Design.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 21.1009 **MOVED**
 To ensure the Lac La Biche County logo is removed from the Design Elements.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 21.1010 **MOVED**
 To thank Mr. Nick Pryce and Mr. Steve Reichert for their presentation on the Main Street Revitalization Project.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 1:47 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3.2 Adopt the 2022 County Budget, 2023-2027 Financial Plan and 2023-2032 Capital Plan

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan (electronically) co-presented the 2022 County Budget, 2023-2027 Financial Plan and 2023-2032 Capital Plan and responded to questions.

Councillor Borgun exited Council Chambers at 2:08 p.m. and returned at the same time.

21.1011 MOVED
That County Council transfers \$1,775,000 from the
Stabilization Operating Reserve to 2022 operating revenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Borgun declared a Pecuniary Interest due to a family member's
employment and exited Council Chambers at 2:22 p.m. prior to Motion
#21.1012 and Motion #21.1013.

21.1012 MOVED
That County Council approves a cost of living allowance
(COLA) of 1% for applicable County staff as of July 10,
2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1013 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2022 operating budget
expenditures for the Human Resources function's salaries,
wages, and benefits of \$607,315.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Borgun returned to Council Chambers at 2:25 p.m. upon the
concluded decision of Motion #21.1012 and Motion #21.1013.

Deputy Mayor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest with respect to
potential business interests, and exited Council Chambers at 2:25 pm.
prior to Motion #21.1014.

21.1014 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2022 capital budget
expenditures for the Information Technology function of
\$755,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 2:29 p.m. upon
the concluded decision of Motion #21.1014.

21.1015 MOVED
That County Council transfers \$6,700,000 into non –
operating reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1016 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2022 operating budget with operating revenue of \$77,925,120 and operating expenditures of \$61,365,867 excluding salaries, wages, and benefits of the Human Resources function of \$607,315.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1017 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2022 capital budget with capital revenues from general revenues, grants, reserves, and other funding sources of \$32,297,806 and capital expenditures of \$32,297,806 excluding capital expenditures for the Information Technology Function of \$755,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1018 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1019 MOVED
That County Council approves the 2023 – 2032 Capital Plan with the intent to review the plan during the first quarter of 2022 and prior to its implementation of inclusion of the 2023 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Bylaw 21-035 - Lac La Biche Main Street Revitalization Project
Debenture - Three Readings

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan (electronically) co-presented the Bylaw 21-035 - Lac La Biche Main Street Revitalization Project Debenture - Three Readings item and responded to questions.

21.1020 MOVED
That Bylaw 21-035 be given first reading this 21st day of December 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1021 MOVED
That Bylaw 21-035 be given second reading this 21st day of
December 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1022 MOVED
That Bylaw 21-035 be submitted for third reading this 21st
day of December 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1023 MOVED
That Bylaw 21-035 be given third reading this 21st day of
December 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 Bylaw 21-036 - Lac La Biche County Aquatics Centre Project
Debenture

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan (electronically) co-presented the Bylaw 21-036 -
Lac La Biche County Aquatics Centre Project Debenture item and
responded to questions.

21.1024 MOVED
That Bylaw 21-036 be given first reading this 21st day of
December 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.5 Cancellation of January 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division
presented the Cancellation of January 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
item and responded to questions.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 2:50 p.m. Deputy Mayor
Tkachuk assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned to Council Chambers at 2:51 p.m. and returned to
the position of Chair.

21.1025 MOVED
That County Council cancel the January 11, 2022 Regular
Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

21.1026

MOVED

To go into closed session at 2:52 p.m. pursuant to section 17- Disclosure harmful to personal privacy of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for the purpose of discussing the following item:

- 4.1 Chief Administrative Officer Contract.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All Members of Administration exited Council Chambers at 2:53 p.m. and those participating electronically were moved into an electronic Waiting Room.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

21.1027

MOVED

To return the meeting to open session at 3:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Chief Administrative Officer Contract (s.17-FOIP)

21.1028

MOVED

That Lac La Biche County Council moves to enter into a contract extension with the current Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Ken Van Buul.

For (4): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk

Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson.

DEFEATED

CLOSED SESSION

21.1029

MOVED

To go into closed session at 3:53 p.m. pursuant to section 17- Disclosure harmful to personal privacy of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for the purpose of discussing the following item:

- 4.1 Chief Administrative Officer Contract.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All Members of Administration exited Council Chambers at 3:57 p.m. and those participating electronically were moved into an electronic Waiting Room.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 4:17 p.m. and returned at 4:20 p.m.

Councillor Moore exited Council Chambers at 4:29 p.m. and returned at 4:30 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 4:31 p.m. and returned at 4:32 p.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Council Chambers at 4:31 p.m. and returned at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. Anthony Purgas electronically joined the meeting.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor exited Council Chambers at 5:13 p.m. and returned at 5:15 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

21.1030

MOVED

To return to open session at 5:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Chief Administrative Officer Contract (s.17-FOIP)

21.1031 MOVED
That Council appoint Mr. Daniel Small as Acting Chief Administrative Officer effective January 1, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.1032 MOVED
That Council initiate the recruitment process for the Chief Administrative Officer position.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

21.1033 MOVED
To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of December 21, 2021 at 5:48 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small, Acting Chief
Administrative Officer