

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

May 27, 2025-10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held May 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor (<i>Departed at 10:38 a.m.</i>)
	Jason Stedman	Councillor/Deputy Mayor (<i>participated electronically</i>)
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
	Ali Memon	GM, Infrastructure
	Hafsah Moghrabi	GM, Corporate Services
	Gary Harman	GM, Recreation & Social Services
	John Kokotilo	GM, Protective Services
	Mackenzie Zilinski	Senior Executive Assistant
	Heather Reid	Lead Legislative Officer
	Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Officer
	Abigail Hilligas	Legislative Support Clerk

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

25.221

MOVED

To adopt the May 27, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

25.222

MOVED

That the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

- Item 4.1 - May 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 8.2 - Appointment of Weed & Pest Inspector 2025

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Beniuk entered Chambers at 10:04 a.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 May 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

25.222 To adopt the May 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Councillor Reports

Each Council Member in attendance provided their Councillor Report which was received as information.

8.2 Appointment of Weed & Pest Inspector 2025

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

25.222

MOVED

That Lac La Biche County Council appoints Shantae Bourassa as Weed and Pest Inspector for the 2025 field season.

8.3 Infrastructure Update - Highway Projects

Mrs. Mackenzie Zilinski, Senior Executive Assistant presented the Infrastructure Update - Highway Projects item and responded to questions.

The Infrastructure Update - Highway Projects item was received as information.

8.4 Capital Projects Updates and Budget Reallocations

Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure presented the Capital Projects Updates and Budget Reallocations and responded to questions.

25.223 MOVED

That Council reallocates \$1,335,000 from the Stabilization Reserve to the 2025 Capital budget for the following:

- a) \$60,000 Plamondon Village Square
- b) \$75,000 Hylo Outdoor Rink
- c) \$350,000 Owl River Truck Fill Station Project
- d) \$250,000 to Mission Road Waking Trail capital Project
- e) \$300,000 to EVOC Track Project to accommodate covered shelter, Eng: & Contingency
- f) \$300,000 to the Beaver Lake Landfill capital Project

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Use of Recycled Cold Mix

Mr. Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure presented the Use of Recycled Cold Mix and responded to questions.

Councillor Moore exited the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and did not return.

25.224 MOVED
That Council approves the use of recycled road surface materials for feasible projects.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25.225 MOVED

That Council approves the allocation of \$350,000 for the Hylo Cold Mix Project to be funded from the Road Resurfacing Reserve.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Plamondon District Community Development Society -
Plamondon Mud Bogs Funding Request 2025

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, GM Corporate Services presented the Plamondon District Community Development Society – Mud Bogs Funding Request 2025 and responded to questions.

25.226 MOVED

That Council approves \$35,000 in Event Grant Funding for the 2025 Mud Bogs Event to be funded from accumulated surplus.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:46 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.7 Service Level Standards and Performance

Mr. Chris Manuel, Senior Advisor Strategic Initiatives presented the Service Level Standards and Performance and responded to questions.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 11:06 a.m. and returned at 11:07 a.m.

The Service Level Standards and Performance item was received as information.

CLOSED SESSION

25.227

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 11:21 a.m. pursuant to the following *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* sections:

- s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- s.24-Advice from officials

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 CAO Update (s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Abigail Hilligas, Hafsah Moghrabi, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski, and John Kokotilo.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 11:38 a.m. and returned at 11:44 a.m.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 11:44 a.m. Acting Mayor Mondal assumed the role of the Chair. Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 11:44 a.m. and resumed the role of the Chair.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 12:02 p.m. and returned at 12:03 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

25.228

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 12:03 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

Administration confirmed that there were no individuals to speak or pre-registered for the Public Input Session.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 12:06 p.m. and returned at 12:07 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 12:06 p.m. and returned at 12:07 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:08 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

25.229

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 1:02 p.m. pursuant to the following *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* sections:

- s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- s.24-Advice from officials
- s.27-FOIP Privileged information

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 CAO Update (s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials) – continued.

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Abigail Hilligas, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski, and John Kokotilo.

9.2 Committee Appointment (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Abigail Hilligas, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski, and John Kokotilo.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. and returned at 1:32 p.m.

9.3 Integrity Commissioner Update (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Abigail Hilligas, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, Mackenzie Zilinski, and John Kokotilo.

9.5 Elected Official Matter (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, and s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

Members of administration present: Sean Ward.

9.4 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, , Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Gary Harman, Kashif Ijaz, and Mackenzie Zilinski.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

25.230 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 2:03 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 CAO Update (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

25.231 MOVED

To direct Administration to obtain legal advice as discussed in Closed Session.

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

9.2 Committee Appointment (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

25.232 MOVED

To appoint a Portage College representative to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a three-year term effective May 27, 2025 to May 27, 2028.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Integrity Commissioner Update (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

25.233 MOVED

To rescind motion 25.159 that reads: "*To direct Administration to negotiate a service agreement with the selected proponent, and further that the agreement be brought forward to Council for approval, at the time of the Integrity Commissioner appointment;*" and further to direct Administration to not proceed with the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner due to Bill 50.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 Elected Official Matter (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, and s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

25.234 MOVED

To rescind the appointments of Councillor Beniuk, pursuant to Motion #24.456, on the following committees and boards as of May 27, 2025:

- Agricultural Appeals Committee
- Agricultural Service Board and Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) / Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee
- Lac La Biche County Library Board
- Municipal Planning Commission
- Greater North Foundation
- Lakeland Interpretive Society (Lac La Biche Museum & Discovery Centre)
- Northern Lights Library System

In Favour (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (2): Councillor Borgun, and Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

25.235 MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward a report to the June 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting for Council Member appointments to the following committees:

- Agricultural Appeals Committee
- Agricultural Service Board and Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) / Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee
- Lac La Biche County Library Board
- Municipal Planning Commission
- Greater North Foundation

- Lakeland Interpretive Society (Lac La Biche Museum & Discovery Centre)
- Northern Lights Library System

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Deputy Mayor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

9.4 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

This item was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the May 27, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer