

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

April 7, 2026

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held April 7, 2026 at 10:01 a.m.

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

Mayor Reutov delivered the Lac La Biche County Land Acknowledgement: We respectfully acknowledge the traditional and ancestral lands of the First Nations peoples of Treaty 6, Treaty 8, and Treaty 10 territories and the Homeland of the Metis People. Lac La Biche County continues to be home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial, and we recognize the vital contributions of Indigenous culture, history and perspectives in our shared past, present and future.

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
John Mondal	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Warren Young	Councillor (<i>joined at 4:06 p.m./participated electronically</i>)
Tony Marczak	Councillor
Blair Norton	Councillor
Travis Lansing	Councillor
Victor Toutant	Councillor
David McDonald	Councillor

REGRETS

Omer Moghrabi	Councillor
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**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
Hafsah Moghrabi	GM, Corporate Services
Kashif Ijaz	GM, Strategy & Community Growth
Sabhago Oad	GM, Infrastructure
John Kokotilo	GM, Protective Services
Heather Reid	Lead Legislative Officer
Amanda Peterson	Legislative Services Officer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

26.084 MOVED
To adopt the April 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
Agenda as presented.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald,
Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant,
Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

26.085 MOVED
That the recommendations contained in the following
reports be approved:

- Item 4.1 - March 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 8.4 - Council Expense Claims - January 2026 and February 2026
- Item 8.8 - Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2026

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald,
Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant,
Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 March 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

26.085 To adopt the March 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
Minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Councillor Reports

The Councillor Reports updates were provided as information for Council's review.

8.2 2025 Accumulated Surplus

Hafsah Moghrabi, General Manager, Corporate Services presented the 2025 Accumulated Surplus item and responded to questions.

26.086 **MOVED**
That Council approves the allocation of 2025 Accumulated Surplus of \$5,000,000 allocated to the Strategic Initiatives Reserve.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Procurement Policy Amendments

Hafsah Moghrabi, General Manager, Corporate Services presented the Procurement Policy Amendments item and responded to questions.

26.087 **MOVED**
That Council approves FIN-10-004 Procurement Policy as amended that prioritizes local vendors over non-resident competitors.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Council Expense Claims – January 2026 and February 2026

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

26.085 That Council approves the Council expense claims processed for the period of January 2026 and February 2026.

8.5 Bylaw 26-008 - Responsible Pet Ownership - Three Readings

John Kokotilo, General Manager, Protective Services and Austin Szmidt, Community Peace Officer, Community Safety and Engagement presented the Bylaw 26-008 - Responsible Pet Ownership - Three Readings item and responded to questions.

26.088 **MOVED**
That Bylaw 26-008 be given first reading this 7th Day of April, 2026.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26.089 **MOVED**
That Bylaw 26-008 be given second reading this 7th Day of April, 2026.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26.090 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to bring forward Bylaw 26-008 with amendments to a future Regular Council Meeting.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 One-Day Traditional Pow Wow (Discussion)

Mayor Reutov presented the One-Day Traditional Pow Wow (Discussion) item and responded to questions.

26.091 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to bring forward information, including budget, financial implications and event options, on the One-Day Traditional Pow Wow to the April 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:06 a.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

8.6 Funding Models for Plamondon and District Museum Society Capital Funding Request

Kashif Ijaz, General Manager, Strategy and Community Growth presented the Funding Models for Plamondon and District Museum Society Capital Funding Request item and responded to questions.

26.092 **MOVED**
That Council approves up to \$575,000 in County funds towards a building to house the Plamondon Museum, conditional upon 1) the Plamondon and District Museum Society receiving proof of funding from another source, for the balance of the total project cost using 2026 cost estimates and 2) the funding is provided over 3 years, from 2026 to 2028. If another source of funding is not found by the end of 2027, Council's commitment to this project will end.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26.093

MOVED

To direct Administration to bring forward information on conducting a feasibility study related to all museums in Lac La Biche County.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

11:30 a.m. - Recognition of Community Service to Rene and Pauline Schaub

Lac La Biche County Council recognized and thanked Rene and Pauline Schaub for their more than 30 years of contributions to both archery and the community. By way of their leadership with the Lakeland Archers, they have played an important role in elevating the County to be known for provincial, national and world championship events, while supporting and developing athletes of all ages and skill levels.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:38 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:43 a.m. with all those listed previously in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.8 Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2026

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

26.085

That Council approves the Capital Projects Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2026.

8.9 Bold Centre Road Network Update

Sabhago Oad, General Manager, Infrastructure presented the Bold Centre Road Network Update item and responded to questions.

26.094

MOVED

Council approves the Bold Centre Road Network design and total budget of \$32,241,370 to be funded by Debentures.

- Phase 1: \$5,485,720

- Phase 2: \$12,514,620
- Phase 3: \$5,788,150
- Phase 4: \$4,842,440
- 91 Ave Connector: \$3,610,440

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

7.2 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

There was no one in attendance for the Public Input Session.

NEW BUSINESS

8.10 Bylaw 26-005 Campsite Road Debenture and Bylaw 26-006 Bold Centre Road Network Debenture - First Readings

Hafsah Moghrabi, General Manager, Corporate Services presented the Bylaw 26-005 Campsite Road Debenture and Bylaw 26-006 Bold Centre Road Network Debenture - First Readings item and responded to questions.

26.095 MOVED
That Bylaw 26-005 be given First reading this 7th day of April 2026.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26.096 MOVED
That Bylaw 26-006 be given First reading this 7th day of April 2026.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:16 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with all those listed previously in attendance.

DELEGATION

7.3 1:00 p.m. - Delegation - Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society Capital Project Presentation

Lotus Plamondon, President, Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society and Jeannette Pomerleau, Treasurer, Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society presented the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society Capital Project Delegation and responded to questions.

This item was received as information.

NEW BUSINESS

8.12 Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Policy Review

Sabhago Oad, General Manager, Infrastructure and Randi Dupras, Manager, Public Works presented the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Policy Review item and responded to questions.

26.097

MOVED

Council approves the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Policy, and the 2026 replacement plans for motor graders, including:

- Unit 725 sell
- Unit 730 replace
- Unit 732 replace
- Unit 735 extend warranty
- Unit 736 extend warranty

In Favour (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, and Deputy Mayor Mondal
Opposed (1): Councillor Marczak

CARRIED

8.11 Beaver Lake Landfill Slope Stability Repairs and Drainage Management

Sabhago Oad, General Manager, Infrastructure presented the Beaver Lake Landfill Slope Stability Repairs and Drainage Management item and responded to questions.

26.098 MOVED

That Council approves an additional Capital Fund of \$1,329,900 including engineering fee for the Beaver Lake Landfill Project to be funded from the Stabilization Reserves.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

26.099 MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 1:52 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Access to Information Act (ATIA):

- s.19 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party
- s.20 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials
- s.30 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body
- s.32 ATIA - Privileged information

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.1 New Road Construction Requests (s.20 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Sabhago Oad, Randi Dupras, Heather Reid and Amanda Peterson.

- 9.2 Committee Appointment (s.20 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Sabhago Oad, Randi Dupras, Heather Reid and Amanda Peterson.

- 9.3 CAO Update to Council (s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials; s.32 ATIA - Privileged information)

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol and S/Sgt. Chris Mosely.

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:19 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 2:29 p.m. with all those listed previously in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

- 9.4 2:30 p.m. - Delegation - Proposed Development (s.19 ATIA – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials)

The following members of the public were in attendance: Mohammed Kabalan and Ashley Kabalan.

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Sabhago Oad, Randi Dupras, Heather Reid and Amanda Peterson.

- 9.5 2:45 p.m. - Delegation - Proposed Development (s.19 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials)

The following member of the public was in attendance: Sterling Johnson

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Sabhago Oad, Randi Dupras, Heather Reid and Amanda Peterson.

9.3 CAO Update to Council (s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials; s.32 ATIA - Privileged information)

Councillor Young joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

The following Members of Administration were present during Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes: Manny Deol, Hafsah Moghrabi, Kashif Ijaz, Sabhago Oad, Randi Dupras, Heather Reid, and Amanda Peterson.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

26.100 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 4:13 p.m.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, Councillor Young and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

8.13 New Road Construction Request Policy Review

Sabhago Oad, General Manager, Infrastructure and Randi Dupras, Manager, Public Works presented the New Road Construction Request Policy Review item and responded to questions.

26.101 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward options for updates to the New Road Construction Request Policy PI-30-015 to the May 5 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Young, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 New Road Construction Requests (s.20 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials)

26.102 MOVED

That Council approves the following road construction requests in accordance with Policy PI-30-015 which provides cost-sharing up to 80% with a maximum County contribution of \$100,000 per project to be funded from accumulated surplus, with the applicant paying the remaining 20% or more of the cost and further that construction be commenced within 12-months of Council's approval:

- NW-15-63-11-4
- NW-32-67-15-4
- SW-31-66-13-4
- SW-17-68-14-4

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Young, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Committee Appointment (s.20 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

26.103 MOVED

That John Buchko be appointed as a Member-at-Large to the Lac La Biche County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a three-year term effective April 7, 2026 to April 7, 2029.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Young, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 CAO Update to Council (s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials; s.32 ATIA - Privileged information)

26.104

MOVED

That Council authorizes Administration to form a Municipally Controlled Corporation for Lac La Biche County.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Young, Councillor McDonald, Councillor Lansing, Councillor Norton, Councillor Toutant, Councillor Marczak, and Deputy Mayor Mondal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 2:30 p.m. - Delegation - Proposed Development (s.19 ATIA – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials)

This item was provided as information for Council’s review.

9.5 2:45 p.m. - Delegation - Proposed Development (s.19 ATIA - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.29 ATIA - Advice from officials)

This item was provided as information for Council’s review.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reutov adjourned the April 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer