

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

**March 4, 2025-10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Kashif Ijaz	Acting 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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Johnson joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

25.061                      **MOVED**  
To adopt the March 4, 2025 Regular Council Meeting  
Agenda as presented.

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**

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*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.*

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 25.062                    **MOVED**
- That the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:
- Item 4.1 –February 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
  - Item 8.3 – Councillor Expense Claims – January 2025

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**

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

- 25.062                    To adopt the February 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

## SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

7.1            10:15 a.m. Presentation - Focus Indigenous - 2024 Year In Review

Mr. Nicholas Bartlett, Chair, Focus Indigenous and Ms. Melinda Gladue co presented the Focus Indigenous - 2024 Year In Review item and responded to questions.

The presentation was received as information.

## NEW BUSINESS

8.1            Councillor Reports

Each Member of Council in attendance presented their Councillor Reports which was received as information.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 10:31 a.m. and returned at 10:32 a.m.

## 8.2 Indigenous Collaboration Committee Update

Ms. Danielle Patenaude presented the Indigenous Collaboration Committee Update and responded to questions. The report was received as information.

Deputy Mayor Stedman exited Chambers at 10:34 a.m. and returned at 10:36 a.m.

## 8.3 Councillor Expense Claims - January 2025

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

25.062 That Council approves the Council expense claims processed for the period of January 2025.

## 8.4 Capital Projects Monthly Update and Year-to-Date Financial Reporting

Ms. Hafsah Moghrabi, GM Corporate Services and Ali Memon, GM Infrastructure Services presented the Capital Projects Monthly Update and Year-to-Date Financial Reporting and responded to questions.

The report was received as information.

## 8.5 One-Way Street - Councillor Additions

Mondal and Councillor Pare presented their Council Addition Form relating to a One Way Street.

25.063 **MOVED**  
To direct Administration to promptly schedule a Delegation with a consultant, specializing in traffic flow and design, regarding options for the one-way street on 101 street at a future Council Meeting.

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**

## CLOSED SESSION

25.064

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 11:25 a.m. for the following and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

- s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials
- s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- s.16 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party
- s.27 FOIP – Privileged Information

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**

## RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess 11:25 a.m.

## RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:40 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## CLOSED SESSION

- 9.1 Chief Administrative Officer Review - Request for Proposals (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present for presentation and recording purposes: Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Hafsa Moghrabi, Ali Memon, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski and Chris Manuel.

- 9.2 Committee Matters (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to Personal Privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present for presentation and recording purposes: Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Hafsa Moghrabi, Ali Memon, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski.

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

25.065

MOVED

To return to Open Session at 12:00 p.m.

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**

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

7.2 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

Holly Omelchuk presented to Council information regarding comments made at the February 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

25.066

**MOVED**

To go into Closed Session at 12:13 p.m. for the following items and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

- s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials
- s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- s.16 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party
- s.27 FOIP – Privileged Information

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**

**RECESS**

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

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 12:50 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**CLOSED SESSION**

9.3 Integrity Commissioner Request for Proposal Update (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

The following Members of Administration were present for presentation and recording purposes: Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Hafsah Moghrabi, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski.

9.4 Legal Matter (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

The following Members of Administration were present for presentation and recording purposes: Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Hafsa Moghrabi, Ali Memon, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski.

9.5 1:00 p.m. Delegation - Neil Timm (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Members of the Public Present: Neil Timm, Aurel Langevin

The following Members of Administration were present for presentation and recording purposes: Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Hafsa Moghrabi, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski, Najiah Moghrabi.

Councillor Pare exited Chambers at 1:41 p.m. and returned at the same time.

9.6 Legal Matter 2 (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

The following Members of Administration were present for presentation and recording purposes: Kashif Ijaz, Gary Harman, Hafsa Moghrabi, Heather Reid, Danielle Patenaude, Mackenzie Zilinski, Najiah Moghrabi, John Kokotilo, Sean Ward.

Councillor Borgun exited Chambers at 1:48 p.m. and returned at 1:49 p.m.

9.7 Personnel Matter (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

There were no members of Administration present.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

25.067 MOVED  
To return to Open Session at 2:50 p.m.

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**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

9.1 Chief Administrative Officer Review - Request for Proposals (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

25.068            MOVED  
To direct Administration to cancel this procurement and seek quotes directly from qualified vendors.

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**

9.2    Committee Matters (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to Personal Privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

25.069            MOVED  
To appoint Jolene Yackimec to the Agricultural Service Board for a three-year term effective April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2028.

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**

9.3    Integrity Commissioner Request for Proposal Update (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

25.070            MOVED  
To direct Administration to proceed with Option 1 as discussed in Closed Session.

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**

9.4    Legal Matter (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

25.071            MOVED  
To direct Administration to present a comprehensive report regarding the Legal Matter.

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**

9.5 1:00 p.m. Delegation - Neil Timm (s.17 FOIP; s.24 FOIP)

25.072            MOVED  
To direct Administration to bring back further information, as discussed in Closed Session, to the March 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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**

9.6 Legal Matter 2 (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

This item was received as information.

9.7 Personnel Matter (s.17 FOIP)

25.073            MOVED  
To direct Administration to obtain legal advice on the Personnel Matter.

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**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reutov adjourned the March 4, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 2:56 p.m.

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Paul Reutov, Mayor

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Kashif Ijaz, Acting Chief Administrative Officer