

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

August 21, 2023- 12:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held August 21, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
John Mondal	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor
Charlyn Moore	Councillor (<i>joined at 2:36 p.m. / participated electronically</i>)
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor (<i>departed at 4:41 p.m.</i>)
Colette Borgun	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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 / Acting Direct Human Resources
Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.574 **MOVED**
To adopt the August 21, 2023 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 New Aquatics Centre Debenture Analysis

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning, and Ms. Hafsa Moghrabi, Manager of Finance, presented the New Aquatics Centre Debenture Analysis and responded to questions.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 1:35 p.m. and returned at 1:36 p.m.

23.575 MOVED
To accept the report as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Gravel Futures (Councillor Addition Form)

Councillor Paré presented the Gravel Futures item.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 1:39 p.m. and returned at 1:40 p.m.

23.576 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward additional information on current gravel sources including County gravel specifications and other available options for future gravel sourcing including options for specification improvements to a future Council meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Council Chambers Use (Councillor Addition)

Deputy Mayor Johnson presented the Council Chambers Use item.

Councillor Paré exited Chambers at 1:51 p.m. and returned at 1:53 p.m.

23.577 **MOVED**
To limit the use of Council Chambers to Council as a whole usage only.

For (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Deputy Mayor Johnson
Opposed (3): Councillor Mondal, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:00 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 2:14 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.3 Council Chambers Use (Councillor Addition) continued.

23.578 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to bring forward meeting location options for the Municipal Planning Commission and other Council Committees to the August 22, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 Economic Development County Profile Update

Ms. Heather Stromquist, Manager of Economic Development Tourism, presented the Economic Development County Profile Update and responded to questions.

Councillor Borgun exited Chambers at 2:32 p.m. and returned at 2:34 p.m.

Councillor Moore joined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

23.579 MOVED
 To accept the update as information.

For (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

23.580 MOVED
 To go into Closed Session at 2:42 p.m. in accordance with the *Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1 Memorandum of Understanding (s.16 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to third party business information; s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

Member of Reynolds, Mirth, Richards, and Farmer LLP for the purpose of presenting: Sean Ward.

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

Councillor Beniuk exited Chambers at 2:53 p.m. and returned at 2:54 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Johnson exited Chambers at 2:57 p.m. and returned at 2:58 p.m.

Councillor Borgun exited Chambers at 3:03 p.m. and returned at 3:04 p.m.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 3:04 p.m. and returned at 3:04 p.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 3:05 p.m. and returned at 3:06 p.m.

Councillor Beniuk exited Chambers at 3:08 p.m. and returned at 3:09 p.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 3:10 p.m. and returned at 3:12 p.m.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 3:11 p.m. and returned at 3:11 p.m.

- 4.2 School Lands Update (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, Darrell Lessmeister, Ron Fraser, Heather Stromquist, Mackenzie Zilinski and Heather Reid.

Mayor Reutov exited Chambers at 3:22 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the role of the Chair. Mayor Reutov returned to Chambers at 3:23 p.m. and resumed the role of Chair.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 3:32 p.m. and returned at 3:35 p.m.

Councillor Paré exited Chambers at 3:39 p.m. and returned at 3:40 p.m.

- 4.3 Plamondon Land Matter (s.16 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to third party business information; s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

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

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 3:55 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

- 4.4 CAO Recruitment (s.17 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

Member of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Zeeshan Hasan (in part).

Councillor Tkachuk departed the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.581 MOVED
 To return to Open Session at 4:42 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Memorandum of Understanding (s.16 FOIP –Disclosure harmful to third party business information; s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

23.582 MOVED
 To direct Administration to present an updated Memorandum of Understanding as discussed with legal counsel in Closed Session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 School Lands Update (s.21 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

23.583 MOVED
 That Council accept the School Lands Update - Land Matter as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Plamondon Land Matter (s.16 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to third party business information; s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials; s.27 FOIP – Legal Privilege)

23.584 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to proceed with discussing options with the landowners.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 CAO Recruitment (s.17 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

23.585 **MOVED**
To proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.586 **MOVED**
To adjourn the August 21, 2023 Special Council Meeting at 4:46 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer