

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

April 29, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held April 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

PRESENT

Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
Wanda Austin	Councillor
Robert Richard	Councillor
Richard Olson	Councillor
David Phillips	Councillor
MJ Siebold	Councillor
Tim Thompson	Councillor
Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Shadia Amblie	Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Manager, Communications
Melanie McConnell	Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services
Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Community Services
Maurice Gushta	Manager, Finance (in part)
Julie MacIsaac	Communications Coordinator
Vicki Versteeg	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

15.310 Motion by Councillor Richard to approve the April 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Addition of Item 6.6 – Offsite Levies Inquiry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

3.1 Linear Property Assessment (Alberta Municipal Affairs);

Mr. David Imrie and Mr. Mike Minard of Alberta Municipal Affairs' Assessment Services Branch presented Council and Administration with a Linear Property Assessment. This presentation described the Linear Property Assessment process, types and statistics of properties assessed, and provided an overview of the 2015 tax year linear assessment for Lac La Biche County. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

DELEGATIONS

3.2 Industrial Property Assessment (Independent Municipal Assessment Corporation);

Mr. Larry Horne and Mr. Kory Horne, of Independent Municipal Assessment Corporation, presented Council and Administration with the Linear Property Assessment. This presentation reviewed the heavy industrial oil and gas assessment for Lac La Biche County. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

3.3 Residential, Farmland, and Commercial Property Assessment (Municipal Assessment Services Group).

Mr. Ian Ferguson, of Municipal Assessment Services Group, provided Council and Administration with a review of the residential, farm, and commercial property assessment for Lac La Biche County. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

Councillor Thompson exited Council Chambers at 12:01 p.m.

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 12:04 p.m.

Councillor Austin exited Council Chambers at 12:04 p.m.

Councillor Austin returned to Council Chambers at 12:07 p.m.

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:10 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:17 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.2 RFD – Permission to Host 2015 Pow Wow Days at the Bold Center;

Two representatives of the Pow Wow Days & Fish Derby Association executive were present in the gallery to answer questions of Council.

Discussion followed regarding the rationale for changing the location of the Pow Wow Days to the Bold Center, as well as the possible logistics challenges of parking, space for midway attractions, security, crowd-control, and implications for emergency response.

15.311 Motion by Councillor Thompson that County Council defer a decision regarding the use of the Bold Center facilities for hosting and accommodating the 2015 Pow Wow Days' events to a time where administration will bring forward an detailed site plan, security plan, and emergency plan.

IN FAVOUR

**Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Austin
Councillor Richard
Councillor Olson
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Haymour
Councillor Nowak**

OPPOSED

Councillor Phillips

CARRIED

Councillor Austin exited Council Chambers at 1:08 p.m.

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 1:08 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:32 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance; including Councillor Austin.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 Linear Property Assessment (Alberta Municipal Affairs);
- 4.2 Industrial Property Assessment (Independent Municipal Assessment Corporation);
- 4.3 Residential, Farmland, and Commercial Property Assessment (Municipal Assessment Services Group).
- 15.312 Motion by Councillor Nowak to accept the Assessment presentations as information, and further, that thank you letters be sent to each presenter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Briefing – Municipal Assessment and Mill Rates.

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager, Finance & Community Services, presented a briefing the Municipal Assessment and Mill Rates. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

Discussion ensued regarding the competitiveness of Lac La Biche County’s mill rates, opportunities to create parity between rural and urban rates, and forthcoming financial needs.

- 15.313 Motion by Councillor Thompson to direct Administration to draft the 2015 Mill Rate Bylaw based upon the rates used for the 2014 taxation year, and further that the Bylaw be brought forward to the May 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Austin
Councillor Richard
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Olson
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Haymour
Councillor Nowak

OPPOSED
Councillor Siebold

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6.1 RFD - Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ended March 31, 2015;

Councillor Thompson exited Council Chambers at 3:15 p.m.

Mr. Small presented the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the first quarter of 2015. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

- 15.314 Motion by Councillor Haymour that County Council accept the Lac La Biche Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the Period Ended March 31, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 3:23 p.m.

- 6.3 RFD – Water Resources Management Task Force Terms of Reference;

Discussion ensued regarding the process undertaken for drafting the Water Resources Management Task Force Terms of Reference and support for the work of Portage College in Lac La Biche.

- 15.315 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Lac La Biche County Council endorse the Water Resources Management Task Force Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Phillips exited Council Chambers at 3:28 p.m.

- 6.4 RFD – Remittance of Funds for the Leo Johnston Memorial Bursary & Scholarship – 2013/2014 Academic Year;

- 15.316 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Lac La Biche County Council directs Administration to remit \$10,000 toward the Leo N. Johnston Memorial Bursary & Scholarship for the 2013/2014 academic year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 RFD – Re-Appointment to the Agricultural Service Board;

15.317 Motion by Councillor Thompson to reappoint Debbie Burdek as the Area #3 representative on the Agricultural Service Board, for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m.

6.6 Offsite Levies Inquiry (Addition to Agenda).

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of collection of offsite levies and opportunities, if any, to retroactively collect offsite levies.

15.318 Motion by Councillor Thompson to bring forward information with respect to the timing of collection of offsite levies, and the offsite levies paid in the Sentinel Industrial Park, as well as opportunities, if any, to retroactively collect offsite levies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

15.319 Motion by Councillor Nowak to go in camera at 3:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 Plamondon Agricultural Society Agenda (s. 16 FOIP);

7.2 Land Matter – Negotiations (s. 26 FOIP).

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

15.320 Motion by Councillor Nowak to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 4:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thompson and Councillor Haymour exited Council Chambers at 4:25 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 Plamondon Agricultural Society Agenda (s. 16 FOIP);

15.321 Motion by Councillor Olson to direct Administration to liaise with the Plamondon Agricultural Society for the purpose of addressing the matters discussed in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Land Matter – Negotiations (s. 26 FOIP).

15.322 Motion by Councillor Richard to direct Administration to investigate the length of lease as discussed in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

15.323 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of April 29, 2015 at 4:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Interim Chief Administrative Officer**