

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

July 21, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held July 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor (entered at 10:10 a.m.)
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor/Deputy Mayor (entered at 10:05 a.m.)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer/ Manager, Communications
	Melanie McConnell	Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services
	Brian McCosh	Planning & Development Consultant
	Brian Shapka	Interim Senior Manager, Public Works
	Gary Siebold	Manager, Utilities (in part)
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Community Services (in part)
	Julie MacIsaac	Communications Coordinator
	Vicki Versteeg	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

15.514 Motion by Councillor Haymour to approve the July 21, 2015 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT MATTERS

4.1 Water Treatment Plant Status and Water Conservation Measures.

Ms. Shadia Amblie, Chief Administration Officer, advised an update on the water treatment plant and water conservation measures will be made later in the meeting.

DELEGATIONS & DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

5.1 Dr. J. Beck – Fluoridation of Potable Drinking Water.

Dr. James Beck, Professor Emeritus of Medical Biophysics, introduced himself to Council and Administration, provided an overview of his presentation, and posited that Council should consider the efficacy, safety, and ethics of potable water fluoridation.

Dr. Beck reviewed incidences of cavities in fluoridated and non-fluoridated water supplies and varying impacts of fluorosis.

Mayor Moghrabi exited Council Chambers at 10:15 a.m. and Deputy Mayor Nowak assumed the Chair.

Mayor Moghrabi returned to Council Chambers at 10:17 a.m. and resumed the Chair.

Dr. Beck reviewed incidences of caries in children as related to fluoride concentration, prevalence of hip fractures as related to fluoride intake, and impact of fluoride on IQ, hypothyroidism, and ADHD. Dr. Beck concluded with an application of the precautionary principle to potable water fluoridation.

Discussion followed on the nature of support for fluoridation, sourcing of Hydrofluoric Acid, prevalence of fluoridation domestically and internationally, and common methods used to end fluoridation.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:10 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

- 15.515 Motion by Mayor Moghrabi to add an update on Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation to the agenda as Item 7.3 under New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS & DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

- 5.1 Dr. J. Beck – Fluoridation of Potable Drinking Water (continued).
- 15.516 Motion by Councillor Thompson to send a letter of thanks to Dr. J. Beck for his presentation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 15.517 Motion by Councillor Siebold to direct Administration to return to Council, as soon as is feasible, with more information on the benefits and risks of potable water fluoridation, including study results from the Edmonton and Calgary study that followed the discontinuation of fluoridation in Calgary.

IN FAVOUR
Councillor Olson
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Haymour
Councillor Richard
Councillor Austin

DEFEATED

15.518 Motion by Mayor Moghrabi to direct Administration to return to Council by October 20, 2015 with more information on the benefits and risks of potable water fluoridation, including more information on the Edmonton and Calgary study that followed the discontinuation of fluoridation in Calgary.

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

OPPOSED
Councillor Thompson

CARRIED

15.519 Motion by Councillor Thompson to direct Administration prepare a Briefing on the requirements and process for a Vote of the Electors for the first Council meeting of September.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

6.1 Utilities – Manager’s Report & Capital Projects Update;

Mr. Gary Siebold, Manager of Utilities, provided Council with an update on adjustments being made to the water treatment process to replenish the reservoirs and long-term plans being made to prevent future water restrictions.

Discussion followed regarding opportunities to increase reservoir capacity, communicating news about water restrictions, and the effect of water restrictions on rural residents who haul water.

15.520 Motion by Councillor Olson to direct Administration research different ways to assist rural County residents with water hauling costs in times of restricted water use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following presentation of the Manager's report and capital projects update, the 101 Avenue paving project, Plamondon RV disposal site and 101 Avenue extension, gas line taps, and the water treatment plant study were discussed.

Councillor Olson exited Council Chambers at 12:36 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 12:37 p.m.

Councillor Phillips left Council Chambers at 12:37 p.m.

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 12:40 p.m.

15.521 Motion by Councillor Haymour to accept the Utilities Manager's report and capital projects update as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:50 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

PUBLIC WORKS

6.2 Transportation Services – Manager's Report & Capital Projects Update.

Mr. Brian Shapka, Interim Senior Manager of Public Works, provided an overview of departmental activities for the preceding month. Discussion followed regarding the sidewalk replacement program, repairs needed to infrastructure under Churchill Drive, work on the Old Trail, and challenges with speed limits on local highways.

15.522 Motion by Councillor Haymour to direct Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting a reduction of speed on Highway 55 and Highway 881 near the Hamlet of Lac La Biche, traffic control measures at the intersections of Highway 881 with Highways 36 and 55, and safety improvements for the intersection of Highway 881 and 858.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.523 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept the Transportation Services Manager's report and capital projects update as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Briefing – Rocks for Big Dock Project;

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance and Community Services, presented the briefing. Discussion followed regarding storage and transportation options for the rocks allocated for this project.

Councillor Siebold exited Council Chambers at 3:02 p.m.

Councillor Siebold returned to Council Chambers at 3:03 p.m.

Councillor Richard exited Council Chambers at 3:05 p.m.

Councillor Richard returned to Council Chambers at 3:08 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding Council's intended use of the rocks.

15.524 Motion by Councillor Haymour to accept the Briefing on rocks for the Big Dock Project as information, and further to direct Administration to prepare a Request for Proposal to transport the rocks to an alternative location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Briefing – Fire Smart Program;

Councillor Haymour exited Council Chambers at 3:22 p.m.

Councillor Haymour returned to Council Chambers at 3:24 p.m.

15.525 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept the Briefing on the Fire Smart Program as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Discussion – Lac La Biche Health Foundation Update (addition to the Agenda).

Mayor Moghrabi advised that Dr. Birkill has been appointed as the Zone Seven Director for Alberta Health Services.

Discussion followed regarding recent requests for equipment upgrades.

Councillor Olson exited Council Chambers at 3:27 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 3:28 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the most appropriate methods to support the William J. Cadzow Health Centre.

IN CAMERA SESSION

15.526 Motion by Councillor Thompson to go in camera at 3:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Discussion – Fire Fighting Costs (s. 17 FOIP).

Councillor Phillips exited Council Chambers at 3:52 p.m.

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 3:54 p.m.

Councillor Haymour exited Council Chambers at 4:01 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 4:02 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, including Councillor Haymour.

IN CAMERA SESSION

8.2 Discussion – Diamond Ridge Committee Update (s. 25 FOIP);

Councillor Olson exited Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 4:31 p.m.

8.1 Discussion – Land Sales Updates (s. 25 FOIP).

Councillor Olson exited Council Chambers at 4:57 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 4:58 p.m.

Councillor Phillips exited Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 5:02 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

15.527 Motion by Councillor Siebold to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 5:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

8.3 Discussion – Fire Fighting Costs (s. 17 FOIP).

15.528 Motion by Councillor Thompson to direct Administration revise the policy governing fines for firefighting costs and return to Council with the proposed policy changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Discussion – Diamond Ridge Committee Update (s. 25 FOIP);

15.529 Motion by Councillor Haymour to endorse water servicing option four, as presented to Council, and further, to return to Council with sanitary sewer servicing options.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 Discussion – Land Sales Updates (s. 25 FOIP);

15.530 Motion by Councillor Siebold to direct Administration to enter into the Compromise Agreement as presented to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.531 Motion by Councillor Phillips to direct Administration and the working committee to negotiate options regarding Parcel 9 and return to Council with the same.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

15.532 Motion by Councillor Austin to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of July 21, 2015 at 5:36 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer**

ADOPTED