

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
JUBILEE HALL, CURLING RINK, & MCARTHUR PARK AREA  
STRATEGIC SESSION**

**COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

**OCTOBER 15, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Strategic Session held October 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 10:00 a.m. Tour of Facilities – Meet at Jubilee Hall;

**FACILITY TOUR**

At 10:00 a.m., Council and Administration attended a tour of the upstairs and downstairs of Jubilee Hall, the Curling Rink, the McArthur Place outdoor bathroom facility and Richard Memorial Spray Park, led by Gary Harman, Manager, Parks & Facilities. Upon completion of the tour, Council and Administration returned to Council Chambers to proceed with the Strategic Session.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 (entered at 11:01 a.m.)
John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor (entered at 11:07 a.m.)

**STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Lawrence	Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
Gordon Shaw	Senior Manager, Planning & Development
Julie MacIsaac	Communications Coordinator
Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

SS.15.027 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve the October 15, 2015 Strategic Session agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Haymour entered Council Chambers at 11:01 a.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

3.2 Briefing – Jubilee Hall, Curling Rink, & McArthur Park.

Jeff Lawrence, Senior Manager, Recreation and Community Enhancement, provided an overview of the briefing regarding the Jubilee Hall, Curling Rink and McArthur Park.

Anita Polturak, Manager, FCSS and Community Development, provided a history of the Lakeland Interpretive Society and provided a brief overview of the Stewardship Agreement the Society has with Lac La Biche County.

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 11:07 p.m.

Ms. Polturak continued her presentation with an overview of the Lac La Biche Waterfront Plan and Work Program Design Brief from December, 2011.

Gary Harman, Manager, Parks and Facilities, discussed the following regarding the Jubilee Hall and Curling Club:

- 2015 Budget and completed projects;
- 2016 Budget request for projects to maintain existing building;
- Jubilee Hall and Curling Club demolition and abatement costs;
- Cost comparison between Jubilee Hall and Curling Club restoration without structural changes and renovations with structural changes;
- Cost to relocate the museum to the Jubilee Hall.

Councillor Austin left Council Chambers at 11:28 a.m.

Councillor Austin returned to Council Chambers at 11:31 a.m.

Mr. Harman continued his presentation with an overview of the options available for upgrading the existing ballfields to constructing new ballfields at the Bold Center.

Staci Lattimer, Manager, Recreation, provided an overview of the current leases and users of the old Curling Rink, Jubilee Hall, Multi-Cultural Building, and Ball Diamonds.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:47 a.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 11:49 a.m.

Ms. Lattimer continued her presentation with a summary of concerns expressed by current user groups of the aforementioned facilities. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

Potential uses/user groups for the Jubilee Hall were discussed.

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 11:50 a.m.

Ms. Lattimer discussed potential future uses and ideas for the McArthur Park area and the area surrounding the Richard Memorial Spray Park.

Mr. Lawrence presented discussion points for Council's consideration.

Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 11:55 a.m.

Ali Fyith, spokesperson for minor baseball, provided his opinion on the condition of the ball diamonds in McArthur Park, in the school yard, and at Portage College.

Shirley Klyne, spokesperson for the Lakeland Interpretive Society, provided her concerns regarding the limited space the Lac La Biche Museum and Discovery Centre have in its current location at McArthur Place. Other concerns Ms. Klyne had were poor lighting and no air/temperature control.

Pauline Schaub, spokesperson for Lakeland Archers, expressed how happy the Archers are to have the Curling Rink as their home and communicated that they would like to continue to utilize the space. Ms. Schaub noted that the Lakeland Archers are applying to host the Archery Canada Worlds in 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding the presentation on the Jubilee Hall, Curling Rink, & McArthur Park.

Councillor Siebold left Council Chambers at 12:32 p.m.

Councillor Siebold returned to Council Chambers at 12:34 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the future plans for McArthur Park, Jubilee Hall, and Curling Rink.

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:49 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:16 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Olson.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.2 Briefing – Jubilee Hall, Curling Rink, & McArthur Park (continued).

Council members suggested the following short and long term projects and upgrades for the development of the McArthur Park area:

- Upgrade of existing ball diamonds, including possible bleacher upgrades;
- Skate/bike park;
- A gazebo for McArthur Park;
- Amphitheatre;
- Playground upgrade;
- Adult exercise park;
- Benches for McArthur Park;
- Provide a place to hold a barbeque;
- Repair brick walkway in McArthur Park;
- Band shelter with a movie screen in McArthur Park;
- Short stay RV park – room for 12 units with a maximum stay of 2 days;
- Increase lighting in and around McArthur Park;
- Close or limit use of road going through McArthur Park;
- Increase McArthur Place parking;
- Research what type of funding is available for a museum;
- Water quality – possible upgrade on storm water drainage for the area;
- Repurpose Jubilee Hall and Curling Rink;
- House the museum in Jubilee Hall;
- Find a new location for the Visitor Information Centre;
- Peaked roof over the Jubilee Hall and Curling Rink.

Discussion continued regarding future plans for the McArthur Park area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

SS.15.028 Motion by Councillor Phillips to adjourn the Strategic Session of October 15, 2015 at 3:04 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Shadia Amblie  
Chief Administrative Officer**

ADOPTED