

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

October 27, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held October 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:02 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	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Grants (in part)
	Jeff Lawrence	Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement (in part)
	Gordon Shaw	Senior Manager, Planning & Development (in part)
	Brian Shapka	Senior Manager, Public Works (in part)
	Julie MacIsaac	Communications Coordinator
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

15.687 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve the October 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Addition of Item 8.9 – Report on Grader Shop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 October 13, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting;

15.688 Motion by Councillor Haymour to adopt the October 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 October 15, 2015 – Strategic Session – McArthur Park and Area.

15.689 Motion by Councillor Richard to adopt the October 15, 2015 Strategic Session minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 There was no unfinished business to discuss.

URGENT MATTERS

5.1 There were no urgent matters to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 RFD – Event Sponsorship Funding;

15.690 Motion by Councillor Nowak that an additional \$6,777 be added to the Events Sponsorship general ledger account.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Delegation/Briefing – Lac La Biche County Whitecaps Swim Club;

Claudia Theroux and Jennifer Okrainec, representatives for the Whitecaps Swim Club, were in attendance and introduced themselves to all those present. Ms. Theroux provided a history of the Whitecaps Swim Club and discussed how the change in lane allocation at the pool has and will continue to negatively affect their Club.

Some of the effects that have been experienced by the Swim Club, according to Ms. Theroux, are as follows:

- With more people sharing a lane, there is an increased risk of collisions between swimmers;

- Not being able to access the whole pool has caused many programs to be cut such as water polo, underwater hockey, and width sprinting;
- Children taking swim lessons impede on the Club's lanes, hindering club members' ability to swim;
- Increased safety concerns due to crowding;
- The need for adequate space to accommodate special needs club members; and
- Limited access to starting blocks required for training purposes.

Ms. Theroux asked that the County reconsider the pool's lane allocation. The Swim Club would like the following schedule to be reinstated: All 5 lanes on Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and all 5 lanes on Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the pool schedule and the programs offered by both the Pool and Swim Club.

Tara Finnestad, parent and participant in the Swim Club, was in attendance, and provided her opinion about the effects the change in pool allocation has created. She feels that safety issues have increased and the changes are not "welcoming by nature".

Discussion continued.

Oriana Cadieux, Competitive Swimmer and member of Whitecaps Swim Club was in attendance and provided her opinion on the difficulties of recruiting new Swim Club members due to the pool lane restrictions.

Discussion ensued regarding pool user groups and prime time scheduling.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

6.1.1 Disposition of Delegation Business.

- 15.691 Motion by Councillor Richard to send a thank you letter to the Whitecaps Swim Club for bringing their concerns forward, and further, to advise that Administration will work with the Swim Club to find a solution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:51 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Briefing – County/Community Owned Playgrounds;

Gary Harman provided an overview of the current condition of County/community-owned playgrounds, and the responsibility to repair, replace and/or maintain these playgrounds.

Councillor Phillips left Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 11:01 a.m.

15.692 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept the briefing regarding the County/Community owned playgrounds as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.693 Motion by Councillor Richard that Administration drafts a policy for funding and maintenance for all playgrounds in the County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Briefing – Relocation of Council Chambers;

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:43 a.m. and returned to Council Chambers at 11:45 a.m.

15.694 Motion by Mayor Moghrabi to direct Administration to move forward with the plan to relocate Council Chambers to the second floor of McArthur Place, and further, that Administration bring forward options available for the best use of the space and office allocations in County facilities.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

Councillor Siebold

CARRIED

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.2 Public Input Session.

There was no one present for the public input session.

NEW BUSINESS

8.4 Discussion – Mayor’s Meeting Updates;

Mayor Moghrabi attended the Northern Alberta Mayors & Caucus meeting and shared the following highlights:

- Minister of Transportation – Brian Mason – confirmed that Highway 63 will be complete this year and an official opening will be scheduled; money will be put back into bridge funding; Highway 28 will remain a number one priority;
- Minister of Municipal Affairs – Danielle Larivee – discussed linear taxation;
- confirmed that a mental health service review will be completed – her background as a Registered Nurse aids her awareness of rural needs;

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 12:16 p.m.

Mayor Moghrabi continued his discussion on his attendance at the Northern Alberta Mayors & Caucus meeting:

- R.C.M.P. Staff Sergeant, Brent Sawatsky – discussion ensued regarding staffing, more foot patrols, replacement of retiring Staff Sergeant, Police Advisory Committee, shortage of staff and how they are unable to back fill positions. It was noted there will be no enhanced positions until 2016, and the difficulties in recruiting for rural areas was mentioned.

15.695 Motion by Councillor Nowak to accept the Mayor’s meeting updates as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 RFD – Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ended September 30, 2015;

15.696 Motion by Councillor Richard that County Council accepts the Lac La Biche Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ended September 30, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Briefing – 2016 Golf Tournament Partnership with Portage College;

15.697 Motion by Councillor Austin that Administration meets with Portage College and bring back further information regarding the terms for respective contributions toward the tournament and disbursements of proceeds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

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

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:09 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillors Haymour and Nowak.

NEW BUSINESS

8.7 RFD – Installation of Security Fence for Plamondon Landfill;

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 2:13 p.m.

Councillor Haymour entered Council Chambers at 2:13 p.m.

15.698 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve additional funding of \$17,832 to the previously approved capital budget for Environmental Services 2015 project of security fence installation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 RFD – Bylaw 15-034 Bylaw to amend Bylaw 12-050 – Waste and Resource Recovery;

15.699 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Bylaw 15-034 be given first reading this 27th day of October, 2015.

IN FAVOUR

**Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Austin
Councillor Olson
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Nowak**

OPPOSED

**Councillor Richard
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Haymour**

CARRIED

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 2:55 p.m.

15.700 Motion by Councillor Nowak to amend Bylaw 15-034 by deleting sections 1.2.32 and 3.2 regarding Waste Facility Access Tags, and that the same be brought forward for Council's review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 Report on Grader Shop (addition to agenda).

Councillor Olson requested an update on the status of the grader shop for Plamondon. He expressed concern that the grader shop has not been prepared for construction. Further concern was raised that the grader is travelling from Lac La Biche rather than being stored in Plamondon reducing time efficiency.

Administration confirmed that the grader shop is in the development stage and will be coming forward to the Municipal Planning Commission for development approval. Furthermore, once the building permit is granted, utilities will be installed. It was also noted that rental of a heated shop in Plamondon has been located for the temporary storage of the grader.

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 3:19 p.m.

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 3:20 p.m.

Councillor Richard returned to Council Chambers at 3:22 p.m.

8.9 Report on Grader Shop (addition to agenda) (continued).

15.701 Motion by Councillor Olson to extend the October 27, 2015 Regular Council meeting until such time that all items on the agenda have been addressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

15.702 Motion by Councillor Siebold to go in camera at 3:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:24 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 3:31 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 Discussion – Land Sale Matters (s. 25 FOIP);

Mayor Moghrabi left Council Chambers at 3:46 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Nowak assuming the Chair.

Mayor Moghrabi returned to Council Chambers at 3:47 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 3:52 p.m.

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 3:55 p.m.

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 3:57 p.m.

7.2 Briefing – Processing, Removal and Disposal of Non-Hazardous Recyclable Waste (s. 25 FOIP) (hand-out);

Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 3:57 p.m.

7.3 Discussion – Personnel/Organizational Structure (s. 17 FOIP).

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 4:39 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 4:41 p.m.

Councillor Phillips and Councillor Siebold declared a pecuniary interest due to family relations and left Council Chambers at 5:05 p.m., prior to the discussion on personnel matters regarding the Utilities Department.

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 5:07 p.m.

Councillor Haymour returned to Council Chambers at 5:08 p.m.

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 5:21 p.m.

Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 5:35 p.m.

Councillor Phillips and Councillor Siebold returned to Council Chambers at 5:38 p.m. upon completion of the discussion on personnel matters regarding the Utilities Department.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

15.703 Motion by Councillor Austin to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 5:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 5:47 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

7.1 Discussion – Land Sale Matters (s. 25 FOIP);

No action required.

7.2 Briefing – Processing, Removal and Disposal of Non-Hazardous Recyclable Waste (s. 25 FOIP) (hand-out);

15.704 Motion by Councillor Nowak to modify the agreement and bring forward the same to Council for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Discussion – Personnel/Organizational Structure (s. 17 FOIP).

No action required.

ADJOURNMENT

15.705 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of October 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer**

ADOPTED