

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

**November 30, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held November 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor (entered at 12:50 p.m.)

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
	Julie MacIsaac	Communications Coordinator
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

<b>REGRETS</b>	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

15.791 Motion by Councillor Richard to approve the November 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Addition of Item 3.13 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Lac La Biche Agricultural Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## DELEGATIONS

### 3.0 Summary of 2016 Operational and Capital Budget Requests from Community Groups;

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager, Finance & Grants, provided a summary of the 2016 Operational and Capital Budget requests from community Organizations.

### 3.1 Plamondon and District Community Development Society (PDCDS);

Mr. Dennis Michaud, representative of Plamondon and District Community Development Society (PDCDS) made a presentation to Council outlining the following:

- 2015 Revenue and Expenses for PDCDS, Festival Centre and Festival Centre grounds;
- 2015 Revenue and Expenses for the Plamondon Curling Rink, Pioneer Club, Camp 3F, Philip Menard Cultural Centre, and the Mini Heritage Park;
- 2016 proposed operating budget for PDCDS and its affiliated organizations as listed above.

PDCDS is requesting the following funding:

- \$451,900 – operating expense;
- \$100,000 – capital expense – walking trail;
- \$37,910.93 – capital expense – siding for the Pioneer Centre;
- \$7,433.59 – capital expense – outdoor stage floor;
- \$14,276.05 – capital expense – lawn mower.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Mr. Michaud for his presentation.

## RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:58 a.m.

## RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## DELEGATIONS

### 3.2 Lakeland Interpretive Society;

Ms. Shirley Klyne, representative of the Lakeland Interpretive Society, made a presentation to Council outlining the following:

- Review of accomplishments and current activities happening at the Interpretive Center;

- 2016 Work plan;
- Budget projections to 2018;
- Review of \$71,000 projected capital budget;
- Review of \$185,000 operating funding request;

The Lakeland Interpretive Society's Organizational Chart and pictures of the museum were shared.

The Lakeland Interpretive Society is requesting the following funding:

- \$35,000 – representing 49% of proposed capital expense;
- \$185,000 – operating expense including salaries, office supplies, telephone and consultant costs for marketing and promotion.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Ms. Klyne for her presentation.

### 3.3 Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre;

Ms. Donna Webster and Ms. Erin Thomas, representatives for Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre made a presentation to Council outlining the following:

- Review of National Association of Friendship Centres;
- History of the organization;
- Vision, Mission and Value Statements;
- Review of organizational structure and functional chart;
- Existing services and programs including: Indigenous Achievement Awards Banquet, Indigenous Awareness Training, National Aboriginal Day celebrations, cultural resource, and support and awareness;
- Existing program summaries;
- Family Support Program – program mandate and goals;
- Family Support Program needs.

The Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre is requesting funding in the amount of \$40,984 to continue supporting the employment of a full time Family Support Program Coordinator dedicated to alleviating the struggles of poverty in the community.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:01 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:06 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## DELEGATIONS

### 3.4 Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society;

Ms. Gwen Beniuk and Mr. Carl Beniuk, representatives for Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society presented the following highlights to Council:

- Update on Craigend's 5 year financial plan – what was completed and what is upcoming;
- Reviewed upgrades required for the hall and senior's centre;
- Reviewed quote for proposed upgrades to the Craigend hall and senior's centre and noted that a grant has been applied for equalling 50% of the total cost of the project.

Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society is requesting \$50,000 to assist with capital expenditures.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

### 3.7 Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter;

Ms. Bernice Mechor, Pastor Calvin Skriver, Ms. Lenore Callioux, and Ms. Grace Miller, representatives of Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter, were in attendance to present the following highlights and observations to Council:

- History of the shelter and how the new building is functioning;
- Receipt and use of past grants;
- Land lease with School Division ending in one year;
- Need to extend current building (there is room for nine men in the current building);
- Transitory housing required for men coming back from rehabilitation (too much of a challenge for them to be placed in the community without a place to live);

Discussion ensued regarding options for provincial and federal grants.

- Desire to extend hours of operation for the shelter, and have additional funding for staffing;

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 12:44 p.m.

- There have been several new attendees coming to the shelter, as such, more space is required;

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 12:46 p.m.

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 12:49 p.m.

Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter requested funding in the amount of \$50,000 to assist with salaries and wages, an increase of \$15,546 from their grant request provided to Administration.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

## DELEGATIONS

### 3.5 Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society;

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 12:50 p.m.

Ms. Sherri Hill and Ms. Jennifer Mueller, representatives for the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society, made a presentation to Council outlining the following:

- Review of events scheduled – July 1 Canada Day; August 27 Heritage Festival; and December 3 Children's Christmas;
- Seeking additional grant funding for 2016;
- Overview of preparations for 2016 events;
- Received \$10,000 donation from MEG Energy to assist with the repair of school house;
- Portage College will be showcasing artwork from local artisans in the schoolhouse;
- Basement of schoolhouse is used by other organizations for meetings;
- Renovations to the schoolhouse are estimated at \$150,000;
- Timeline for proposed schoolhouse restoration;
- Reviewed fundraising and grant requests applied for.

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 1:10 p.m.

Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society is requesting funding in the amount of \$20,000 to assist with the schoolhouse renovations and \$35,000 for operational expenses.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

### 3.6 Lac La Biche Heritage Society;

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 1:12 p.m.

Mr. John Tesolin and Mr. Richard Doucet, representatives of the Lac La Biche Heritage Society, provided an overview of what the Heritage Society has to offer seniors in the Lac La Biche area. Mr. Tesolin shared

that the Society's financial demands are increasing with the decrease in volunteerism, the growing senior population, and the Society's limited revenues.

The Lac La Biche Heritage Society is requesting funding in the amount of \$25,849 to offset their operating expenses.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 1:20 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:41 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Richard.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### 3.8 Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society;

Councillor Siebold left the Council table and approached the delegation table as a delegate. Ms. Siebold was joined by Ms. Nancy Litzenburger to make a presentation on behalf of the Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society. The presentation outlined the following:

- Who the Humane Society is;
- What the Humane Society has done in its first year of operation;
- Overview of fundraising;
- Overview of statistics;
- Events and initiatives;
- Financial year in review;
- 2016 funding request overview;
- Community partnering opportunities;
- Partnering with Municipalities;
- Consultation in potential Animal Control Bylaw revisions to ensure more comprehensive responsible pet owner (RPO) Bylaw, inclusive of cats;
- Need of transitional housing;
- Desire to work with the County and other businesses to help animals in need.

The Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society is requesting funding in the amount of \$32,000.

On conclusion of the Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society's presentation, Councillor Siebold returned to the Council table.

Mayor Moghrabi left Council Chambers at 2:12 p.m.; Deputy Mayor Nowak assumed the Chair.

Mayor Moghrabi returned to Council Chambers at 2:12 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

### 3.9 Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society;

Ms. Debbie Vezeau, Mr. Jeff Nickerson, and Ms. Bridget Vezeau, representatives of the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society introduced other members of the Society sitting in the gallery. Ms. Debbie Vezeau made a presentation outlining the following:

- History of the construction of a community complex;
- Financial partners to date – raised \$902,710 in funds;
- Phase 1 complete – spent \$874,078;
- Phase 2 – require \$200,000 in funding to get the building operational;
- Reviewed financials to October 2015;
- Cost analysis for Agricultural Centre;
- Fifteen support letters for future rental of facility;
- Missed opportunities due to the lack of a facility.

The Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society are of the opinion that they have satisfied the conditions outlined in a letter from the County dated March 2, 2015, conditionally approving a \$200,000 capital projects assistance grant and are requesting receipt of the same to continue with the next phase in the community complex.

Ms. Debbie Vezeau was joined at the delegation table by Mr. Don Kossey to present the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society's 2016 capital funding request.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 2:37 p.m.

Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society is requesting \$350,000 to assist with the completion of their community complex.

Councillor Richard entered Council Chambers at 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Kossey noted the current estimate to complete the community complex is \$737,000.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 2:41 p.m.

Construction costs and funding for the new community and agricultural complex were reviewed. Mr. Kossey provided letters of support from potential facility renters to Administration.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentations.

### 3.10 Lakeland Classic Wheels Club (Winter Festival of Speed);

Mr. Ken Staples and Mr. Brad Musat, representatives of the Lakeland Classic Wheels Club, provided information on how their group supports other local groups in the community. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with the Winter Festival of Speed.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:02 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Council Nowak.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### 3.11 Community Learning for Adult Students Society (CLASS)/Program for Adult Learning (PAL);

Mr. Mel Kuprowsky and Ms. Virginia Hodgins, representatives of Community Learning for Adult Students Society (CLASS) and Program for Adult Learning (PAL), made a presentation outlining the following:

- How PAL and CLASS assist participants to contribute to society and be more engaged in the community;
- Looking for support to fund half of staffing position;
- Provided an overview of the volunteer tutor program;
- Learner support services;
- Existing partnerships with 35 organizations;
- Efforts to create a volunteer base;
- Provided an overview of the program for seniors regarding basic computer use;
- Welcome baby project – books and resources for baby and family;
- Community bookshelves project;
- Driving workshops;
- Conversational English support;
- Winter event – Fun in the Snow – Sir Winston Churchill Park;
- Summer event at park;
- Opening world of words;
- Fundraising;



- Explained what their request of \$17,000 provides to the community.

The Community Learning for Adult Students Society (CLASS) and Program for Adult Learning (PAL) are requesting \$17,000 to assist with their operating expenses including half of the salary of one employee.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

### 3.12 Little Divide Search & Rescue;

Ms. Natasha Downes, representative for Little Divide Search & Rescue provided the following information to Council:

- Little Divide Search & Rescue was incorporated in 1997, are available 24/7 in accordance with RCMP mandate, and are dispatched by the RCMP;
- Income generated from casino pays for equipment and training;
- In the past five years community members have helped with the storing of equipment. (would like something more permanent so assistance can be provided to all requesting assistance).

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 3:23 p.m.

The Little Divide Search and Rescue are requesting a suitable place to store their equipment or to have assistance with the rental of a suitable facility. It was further noted that:

- Current facility is 10 minutes out of town which adds significantly to response time;
- There are community members in North Buck Lake trained through the fire department to participate in Search and Rescue;
- Average five to 10 calls per year;
- The closer the units are to town the better.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Ms. Downes for her presentation.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### 3.13 Lac La Biche Agricultural Society (addition to agenda).

Ms. Marjorie Langevin and Mr. Bryan Kumpula, representatives for Lac La Biche Agricultural Society, made a presentation outlining the following:

- Requesting funding to assist in improving the outdoor pavilion at the Art and Anita Cadieux Agricultural Grounds;

- Current building is a pole structure with a gravel floor that has a stage, canteen and is serviced with power;
- Looking to provide a concrete pavilion floor and to install a partial curtain wall to protect patrons from the elements;
- Concrete floor would be to comply with Health Regulations regarding Farmer’s Markets held every Friday from March through to December;
- Provided a history of the Farmers’ Market.

The Lac La Biche Agricultural Society is requesting \$35,000 to assist with the upgrades to the outdoor pavilion at the Art and Anita Cadieux Agricultural Grounds.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued regarding the 2016 Operational and Capital Budget Requests from Community Groups.

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:48 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 4:06 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

All Council members in attendance signed a waiver of notice for the additions to the agenda.

15.792 Motion by Councillor Phillips to add the following agenda items to the November 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting:

- Item 5.1 – Discussion – Rich Lake Mediation (s. 25 FOIP); and
- Item 5.2 – Discussion – Lobbying the Government (s. 25 FOIP).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

15.793 Motion by Councillor Olson to go in camera at 4:07 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.2 Discussion – Lobbying the Government (s. 25 FOIP).

5.1 Discussion – Rich Lake Mediation (s. 25 FOIP);

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

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 5:01 p.m.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 5:05 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 5:07 p.m.

### **RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

15.794 Motion by Councillor Nowak to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 5:24 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION**

5.2 Lobbying the Government (s. 25 FOIP);

No action required.

5.1 Discussion – Rich Lake Mediation (s. 25 FOIP).

15.795 Motion by Councillor Phillips that Administration bring forward a Briefing with respect to the 2015 capital budget funding for the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society, providing confirmation of what the \$200,000 will be used for, signed engineer drawings, and verification of matching funding as outlined in the conditions previously agreed to.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15.796 Motion by Councillor Richard to allocate up to \$15,000 from general revenue for the completion of an occupancy evaluation to determine the construction costs required to bring the Rich Lake agricultural centre, community hall, and existing senior centre to minimum occupancy standards.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS**

15.797 Motion by Councillor Austin to have Administration bring forward a summary of the funding requests inclusive of original funding requests, additional submissions as part of the presentations, previous funding approvals, and information on other streams of County funding.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

15.798 Motion by Councillor Olson to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of November 30, 2015 at 5:36 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Shadia Amblie  
Chief Administrative Officer**