

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

February 6, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held on February 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor (entered at 9:06 a.m.)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Shadia Amblie	Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Manager, Communications
	Jeff Lawrence	Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
	Carl Kurppa	Municipal Intern
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS	David Phillips	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

15.071 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve the February 6, 2015 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

3.0 Briefing – Community Presentations to Council for 2015 Funding.

Anita Polturak, Manager, FCSS and Community Development provided an overview of the community groups seeking funding support from Lac La Biche County for on-going operational costs, capital projects and event sponsorship over \$10,000.00.

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 9:06 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

3.1 Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society;

Gwen Beniuk and Carl Beniuk, representatives of the Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society introduced themselves to all those present and provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the following:

- History of the Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society;
- Proposed equipment replacements and upgrades for their facility; and
- Three to Five Year Maintenance Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the financial status of the Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society, including reserves and fundraising efforts.

It was noted that the Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society is requesting financial support in the amount of \$20,000.00 for their operational expenditures, and \$37,129.00 for their capital expenditures, to assist them with kitchen renovations and stage repair.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 9:28 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 9:33 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

DELEGATIONS

3.2 Plamondon District Community Development Society (PDCDS);

Dennis Michaud and Bernard Ulliac, representatives for the Plamondon District Community Development Society (PDCDS) introduced themselves to all those present and provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the following:

- Review of total operating budget for PDCDS and its affiliated organizations (Festival Centre and Grounds; Arena; Curling Rink; Pioneer Club; Camp 3F; and Centre Culturel Philip Menard: L'ACFA);

- Discussed issues PDCDS faced with unexpected expenses for the completion of the Arena including bad weather, transformer replacement, and sewer line location; and
- Sherry Chevigny was present and discussed grants applied for and received with respect to the ball diamonds.

It was noted that the PDCDS is requesting the following financial assistance from the County:

- Capital funding in the amounts of \$10,000.00 for a surveillance camera for the Festival Centre, \$9,750.00 to assist in the replacement of shingles on the Pioneer Centre, and \$53,894.50 to assist in the renovation of the ball diamonds;
- Sponsorship funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Mud Bog Event; and
- Operational funding in the amount of \$579,350.00 (includes the \$500,000.00 commitment for the Plamondon Arena project).

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:06 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 10:25 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

DELEGATIONS

3.3 Lac La Biche Pow Wow and Fish Derby Association;

Helen Haimour, Vice President, and Soad Tarrabain, Secretary, of the Lac La Biche Pow Wow and Fish Derby Association (Pow Wow) were in attendance and provided presentation materials to all of Council.

Ms. Tarrabain and Ms. Haimour reviewed the following in their presentation to Council:

- History of Pow Wow and Fish Derby;
- The 2014 and 2015 Pow Wow and Fish Derby budgets;
- The 2015 goal is to profit \$100,000.00 to be spent on the splash park, walking trail from County to Young's Beach, expansion of McArthur playground, and hospital foundation;
- Pow Wow events scheduled;
- Training and applying for casino fundraisers; and
- Gate admission.

It was noted that the Lac La Biche Pow Wow and Fish Derby Association is requesting financial support in the amount of \$15,000.00 for operational costs, in kind donations in the form of labour, and have requested that the County take over the fireworks display at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 10:44 a.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 10:45 a.m.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

3.4 Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society;

Madeline Hebert and Al Beniuk, representatives for the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society were in attendance to present on behalf of the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society.

Mrs. Hebert provided an overview of the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society's 2015 Scheduled Events.

Discussion ensued regarding the annual fish fry.

Mrs. Hebert provided tourist statistics for the summer of 2014 and for the Canada Day celebration.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:01 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:04 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

DELEGATIONS

3.5 Rich Lake Recreation & Agricultural Society;

Don Kossey, President of the Rich Lake Recreation & Agricultural Society (RLRAS) was in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the following:

- Operational Funding Request of \$40,000.00 and a breakdown of how the grant would be utilized;
- RLRAS Planned Events for 2015;
- Capital request for \$200,000.00 to continue with the construction of Phase 1 of the new community and agricultural complex;

- Discussed Phase 2 of the new complex;
- Shared pictures of the progress on the new community and agricultural complex; and
- Reviewed funding opportunities.

Concern was raised that meetings of the Rich Lake Recreation & Agricultural Society Board are closed to the public. Councillor Austin noted that Triple A had suggested the Board meetings be closed to the public and further noted, if public wants to attend a meeting, they can make a request to the Board outlining the reasons why they wish to attend and they will be placed on the agenda. Mr. Kossey noted that the Board will attempt to set up quarterly meetings so public can attend.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Mr. Kossey for his presentation.

3.6 Lac La Biche Agricultural Society;

Marjorie Langevin and Anita Hardwick, representatives of the Lac La Biche Agricultural Society were in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the following:

- Background of the Lac La Biche Agricultural Society;
- Review of 2015 proposed event schedule;
- Lakeland County Fair;
- Community Service;
- Affiliations & Partnerships;
- Proposed Future Projects;
- Potential Indoor Arena Uses;
- Financial Support from Lac La Biche County including \$33,600.00 Annual Operational Grant; Event Sponsorship for the Lakeland County Fair; In-kind support in the form of labour and equipment; and financial support with major projects.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:45 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:57 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

DELEGATIONS

3.7 Owl River Recreation Association;

Council reviewed the Owl River capital and operational funding requests in the absence of representatives from the Owl River Recreation Association due to poor road conditions.

It was noted that the Owl River Recreation Association is requesting financial support in the amount of \$19,504.00 for their operational expenditures, and \$10,211.49 for their capital expenditures, to assist them with kitchen upgrades and purchase of picnic tables.

3.8 Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter;

Bernice Mechor, Chair of the Executive for the Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter was in attendance to answer any questions of Council with respect to the Men's Shelter.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Nightly attendance statistics;
- Have increased employees from 8 to 11 to accommodate 2 persons working at once rather than having someone working alone;
- Men are getting used to the new shelter and are enjoying the ability to shower, have their clothes laundered, have a warm meal, and watch television or do puzzles;
- Duration of the men's stay and the potential of extending the hours of operation – the issue is the need to increase the operating budget due to the increase in staffing hours;
- Donations received from businesses and individuals from the community;
- Having difficulty with unexpected expenses, i.e. high electrical bill and sewer problems;
- Have not been able to obtain provincial funding or funding from aboriginal sponsorships;
- Counselling and employment opportunities for the attendees;
- Transitional housing possibilities; and
- Partnerships with AADAC and Job Corp.

It was noted that the Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter is requesting financial support in the amount of \$10,000.00 for their operational expenditures.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Ms. Mechor for her presentation.

DELEGATIONS

3.9 Program for Adult Learning;

Colleen Pierce, Calvin Skriver, and Virginia Hodgins, representatives for Program for Adult Learning were in attendance and introduced themselves to all those present.

Mr. Skriver provided an overview of what the Program for Adult Learning (PAL) offers to the community and reviewed the following:

- Programs PAL offered in 2014 and the proposed events for 2015;
- Goals to diversify funding to be more financially independent;
- Work with the social work program, Job Corp, the probation office, men's and women's shelters;
- Dream for PAL is to have people that want to learn; and
- Provide Temporary Foreign Worker assistance;
- Have applied for the Community Social Services grant in the amount of \$15,000.00, and has requested financial support in the amount of \$17,000.00 for their operational expenditures.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

3.10 Lac La Biche Native Friendship Centre.

Donna Webster, Executive Director, and Wally Sinclair, Member at Large, representatives for Lac La Biche Native Friendship Centre were in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the following:

- Current status of aboriginal peoples;
- History of friendship centres;
- Federal funding changes;
- Functional model for funding distribution for friendship centres;
- Alberta's 1st Provincial Association formed in Canada with the largest membership of 20 centres and what they provide;
- What friendship centres are recognized for;
- Existing Services and Programs;
- Challenges: Funding to support the continued delivery of the Family Support Program and replacement of existing sidewalks;
- Just received confirmation of grant funding to replace sidewalks;
- Family Support Program – type of service provisions, needs and goals; and
- Reviewed program expenses, fundraising initiatives, and donations.

Discussion ensued regarding partnerships with the Men's shelter and public library.

It was noted that the Lac La Biche Native Friendship Centre is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$40,984.00 to cover the costs of employing the Family Support Program Coordinator which will aid the organization in meeting its charitable objective of reducing poverty.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the delegation for their presentation.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 1:23 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:44 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

4. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the community group presentations.

IN CAMERA SESSION

15.072 Motion by Councillor Nowak to go in camera at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1 Personnel Matter (section 17 FOIP).

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

15.073 Motion by Councillor Nowak to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF "IN CAMERA SESSION"

4.1 Personnel Matter (section 17 FOIP).

No action required.

4. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

15.074 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Administration prepares the preliminary 2015 operational budget such that it reflects the funding requests, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

15.075 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of February 6, 2015 at 3:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Interim Chief Administrative Officer**

ADOPTED