

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

**February 10, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Shadia Amblie	Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Manager, Communications
	Melanie McConnell	Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/ Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services
	Jeff Lawrence	Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
	Julie MacIsaac	Communications Coordinator
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

<b>REGRETS</b>	David Phillips	Councillor
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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 15.076 Motion by Councillor Haymour to approve the February 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:
- Move agenda item 9.4 Briefing – Richard Memorial Spray Park Project Update to *in camera* as item 8.2.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 January 26, 2015 Special Council Meeting – Budget;

15.077 Motion by Councillor Austin to adopt the January 26, 2015 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.2 January 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting;

15.078 Motion by Councillor Olson to adopt the January 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.3 January 28, 2015 Special Council Meeting – Budget;

15.079 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adopt the January 28, 2015 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.4 January 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting – Budget;

15.080 Motion by Councillor Olson to adopt the January 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.5 January 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting – Budget;

15.081 Motion by Councillor Richard to adopt the January 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4.1 Briefing – Landfill Variance Request Update: SW-3-68-16-W4M.

15.082 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept the briefing regarding the Landfill Variance Request Update: SW-3-68-16-W4M as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **URGENT MATTERS**

5.1 There were no urgent matters.

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6.1 Public Hearing – Rezoning Bylaw 14-046; Pt. of NW-35-66-14-W4M; from Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Industrial District (RI) and Highway Commercial District (HWC);

Mayor Moghrabi reviewed the public hearing process and declared the public hearing open at 10:17 a.m.

Mayor Moghrabi asked Melanie McConnell, Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Legislative Services, whether or not the public hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation. Ms. McConnell advised that this was the case, and further noted that no written submissions were received.

Sheera Bourassa, Planning & Development Officer summarized the purpose for the hearing.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant was present and wishing to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Wade Adams, landowner of the property proposed for rezoning was present to answer any questions of Council.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in support of the proposed bylaw.

Bernard Bourque was in attendance and noted he is in favour of the proposed rezoning.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed bylaw.

There was no one present wishing to speak.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant wished to make any closing comments.

The Applicant did not wish to provide any closing comments.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the public hearing closed at 10:24 a.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 RFD – Rezoning Bylaw 14-046; Pt. of NW-35-66-14-W4M; from Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Industrial District (RI) and Highway Commercial District (HWC) – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading;

15.083 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Bylaw 14-046 be given second reading this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15.084 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Bylaw 14-046 be given third and final reading this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.2 RFD – Rezoning Bylaw 15-006; Pt. SW-10-68-13-W4M; from Agricultural District (AG) to On-Site Estate Residential District 2 (OE2) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading;

15.085 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Bylaw 15-006 be given first reading this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.5 RFD – Portage College Water Resources Program;

Discussion ensued regarding the Portage College Water Resources Program.

This matter was deferred until later in the meeting.

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6.2 Delegation – Dr. Richard Birkill – Chief of Staff at William J. Cadzow Health Centre;

Dr. Richard Birkill was present and provided an update on medical services for the Lac La Biche County and discussed the following information:

- Staffing shortages and new recruitments;
- New bathtub for continuing care has been received and is awaiting installation by Alberta Health Services (AHS);

- New monitors for Acute Care have been approved, and are awaiting installation by AHS;
- General surgeon resigned, completed a business case to present to AHS, requesting a full-time surgeon;
- Discussed urgent need for a general surgeon and diagnostic services such as a CT scanner and Ultrasound;
- Shortage of ultrasound technicians due to private industry;
- Discussed signing bonuses and other options to encourage technicians and surgeons to work in our community;
- In order to attract a general surgeon to the area, a diagnostic center is required that would include a CT scanner and Ultrasound equipment, hence the urgency of obtaining the same;
- Have a technician willing to move to Lac La Biche, need an additional \$25,000 to supplement her income;
- Discussed the need for more beds in the William J. Cadzow Health Centre if and when more services are being offered;
- Too costly to transfer patients out to other facilities to receive CT scans and Ultrasounds;
- There is a sense of urgency in getting a diagnostic centre in Lac La Biche as there is only a small window of time left before the door closes for this opportunity;
- The cost of diagnostic imaging equipment would be 1.5 million dollars, the space is available at the Health Centre with minor renovations required, but AHS would have to agree to pay for the maintenance of the equipment;
- Received letters of support from Boyle and Athabasca Health facilities to have Lac La Biche become the HUB for area 7;
- Could have a full-time surgeon here by July, would be ideal to tell the surgeon that we have diagnostic services coming;
- What is required to make this possible is a CT scanner, an ultrasound and CT technician, and a commitment from AHS for maintenance;
- Discussed community and Health Foundation donations;
- Discussed dialysis services and what would be required to move the service into the Health Centre.

Dr. Birkill thanked Council for their time and Mayor Moghrabi thanked Dr. Birkill for his presentation.

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:26 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:36 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

15.086 Motion by Councillor Siebold to go in camera at 11:36 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.1 RFD – Acquisition of Property (section 25 FOIP);

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 11:48 a.m.

Councillor Richard returned to Council Chambers at 11:48 a.m.

8.2 9.4 Briefing – Richard Memorial Spray Park Project Update (moved from New Business) (section 25 FOIP).

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6.3 Public Input Session.

There was no one present for the public input session.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

8.2 9.4 Briefing – Richard Memorial Spray Park Project Update (moved from New Business) (section 25 FOIP) (continued).

**RECESS** Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:24 p.m.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:45 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

8.2 9.4 Briefing – Richard Memorial Spray Park Project Update (moved from New Business) (section 25 FOIP) (continued).

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

15.087 Motion by Councillor Olson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 2:15 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”**

8.1 RFD – Acquisition of Property (section 25 FOIP);

15.088 Motion by Councillor Haymour that County Council accepts the cost analysis with respect to necessary upgrades to the noted property as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15.089 Motion by Councillor Nowak that County Council directs Administration to proceed with negotiations on the noted property as discussed *in camera*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2 9.4 Briefing – Richard Memorial Spray Park Project Update (moved from New Business) (section 25 FOIP).

15.090 Motion by Councillor Siebold to accept the briefing regarding the Richard Memorial Spray Park Project Update as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

9.3 RFD – Oiler’s Hockey Clinic presented by Cenovus;

15.091 Motion by Councillor Thompson to waive the Bold Center facility rental fees for the Oiler’s Hockey Clinic being held May 1 to 3, 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15.092 Motion by Councillor Nowak to write off the outstanding balance of \$7,938.00 for the 2012 Oiler’s Hockey Clinic.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.4 Moved to *in camera* as Item 8.2.

## DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

7.1 Delegation – Dr. Richard Birkill – Chief of Staff at William J. Cadzow Health Centre;

15.093 Motion by Councillor Thompson to send a thank you letter to Dr. Birkill for his presentation, and further that Administration brings forward options for funding and recruitment of an ultrasound technician, and further, that the funding consideration for the CT scanner be forwarded to budget deliberations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.2 Public Input Session.

There was no one present for the Public Input Session.

## NEW BUSINESS

9.5 RFD – Portage College Water Resources Program (continued);

Discussion continued regarding the Portage College Water Resources Program.

15.094 Motion by Councillor Richard that Lac La Biche County Council defers allocating funding for the feasibility study until such time as the Terms of Reference for the study are reviewed by Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.6 RFD – Attendance at Portage College Sports and Education Dinner – April 17, 2015;

Councillor Nowak declared a conflict of interest due to personal business interests and left Council Chambers at 2:47 p.m.

15.095 Motion by Councillor Haymour that Lac La Biche County purchases a table at the Portage College Sports and Education Dinner on April 17, 2015 for \$1,200 and further, supplies a one year single pass to the Bold Center worth \$500 for the silent auction.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 2:48 p.m.



**NEW BUSINESS**

9.7 RFD – Meeting with RCMP Commanding Officer at AAMDC Convention.

15.096 Motion by Councillor Richard that Lac La Biche County requests a meeting with the RCMP Commanding Officer during the AAMDC Spring Convention for the purpose of discussing enhanced policing and detachment upgrades.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

15.097 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of February 10, 2015 at 2:52 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Shadia Amblie  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer**