

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MCARTHUR PLACE, LAC LA BICHE**

September 13, 2016 – 10 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held September 13, 2016 at 10 a.m.

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

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Brian Shapka	Senior Manager, Public Works (in part)
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
	Jihad Moghrabi	Communications Coordinator (in part)
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

16.755 Motion by Councillor Haymour to approve the September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Deletion of Item 7.1 Briefing – Land Matter – Lease (s. 25 FOIP);
- Addition of Item 7.4 Briefing – Penalty Box Concession Operations (s. 16 FOIP);
- Addition of Item 8.9 RFD – Video Conference Abilities in the County;
- Addition of Item 8.10 Discussion – Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 August 23, 2016 – Regular Council Meeting;

3.2 August 30, 2016 – Special Council Meeting.

16.756 Motion by Councillor Nowak to adopt the August 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes and the August 30, 2016 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 RFD – Decorative Street Lights on 101 Ave. to Beaverhill Road.

16.757 Motion by Councillor Nowak that County Council partner with Fortis in the amount of \$323,066.70 to complete the street lighting on 101 Avenue to Beaverhill Road with the decorative lighting, increasing the 2016 Capital budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.758 Motion by Councillor Nowak to instruct Administration to bring forward options for upgrading street lighting from incandescent to LED in the Hamlets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 10:29 a.m.

Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 10:31 a.m.

8.1 Briefing – Lime Soils Stabilization – Old Trail Project;

Discussion ensued regarding the construction on 101 Avenue.

16.759 Motion by Councillor Phillips to accept the briefing regarding lime soils stabilization on the Old Trail project as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADDITION TO AGENDA

- 16.760 Motion by Councillor Austin to add item 8.11 Discussion – Capital Projects Update to the September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

- 8.11 Discussion – Capital Projects Update (addition to agenda).

Last week, Mayor Moghrabi, Administration and a few Councillors took a road tour through Lac La Biche County to view the status of all capital projects. Mayor Moghrabi updated Council members that were not in attendance on the road tour of the progress.

- 8.2 Briefing – Additional Work in Lakeview Estates TR-32-2016-03 (Approaches);

- 16.761 Motion by Councillor Haymour to accept the briefing regarding additional work in Lakeview Estates TR-32-2016-03 (Approaches) as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:03 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8.3 RFD – Proposed Policy – Transfers Between Budgeted Line Items;

- 16.762 Motion by Councillor Nowak that the proposed policy – Transfers Between Budgeted Line Items be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 RFD – Sale of Surplus Fire Services Equipment;

16.763 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Administration sells two surplus fill station cascade systems.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

Councillor Haymour

CARRIED

8.5 RFD – Plamondon Tanker 173 Salvage;

16.764 Motion by Councillor Phillips that Administration purchases Tanker 173 from the insurance company for \$12,000 with an increase to the operational budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 RFD – AAMDC Bill 20 Regulation Discussion Guides;

Mayor Moghrabi left Council Chambers at 11:49 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Nowak assuming the Chair.

16.765 Motion by Councillor Haymour that Administration review and answer the questions posed by the Bill 20 discussion guides created by the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) based on Council's review and discussion of the questions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Nowak called a recess at 11:57 a.m.

RECONVENE

Deputy Mayor Nowak reconvened the meeting at 12:04 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.9 RFD – Video Conference Abilities in the County (addition to agenda).

16.766 Motion by Councillor Haymour that Administration purchase a Logitech Group video conference system to provide Skype meetings within the View Point room and further that the 2016 operational budget be increased by \$1,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10 Discussion – Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society (addition to agenda);

Councillor Austin advised that, although Council discussed the proposed costs to renovate the old Rich Lake hall, a motion was not made to send a letter to the affected groups advising that Lac La Biche County will not be providing funding to refurbish the old Rich Lake hall.

16.767 Motion by Councillor Austin to direct Administration to send letters to the Rich Lake Golden Age Pioneers and Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society to advise that Lac La Biche County funding will not be allocated to the refurbishment of the old Rich Lake hall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Public Input Session.

Deputy Mayor Nowak declared the public input session open at 12:20 p.m.

Mr. Brian Deheer approached the delegation table and expressed his gratitude for the improvements being done to the County's infrastructure. He provided compliments to Administration for organizing the projects and commended Council on a job well done.

Mr. Deheer further expressed his appreciation for posting to the County's website, the section on Natural Shorelines – Protect Our Lakes and Rivers. He provided his opinion that posting this material encourages good stewardship in the County.

Mr. Deheer noted he appreciated learning the definition of a specialized municipality and what it would mean for Lac La Biche County. He expressed his thanks to all of Council and Administration for a job well done.

Deputy Mayor Nowak thanked Mr. Deheer for his comments, and declared the public input session closed at 12:29 p.m.

6.1.1 Disposition of Public Input Session.

16.768 Motion by Councillor Siebold to send a thank you letter to Mr. Deheer for his comments during the Public Input Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Nowak called a recess at 12:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

8.7 RFD – Policy CS-14-004 Legal Advice Policy;

16.769 Motion by Councillor Nowak to defer agenda item 8.7 RFD – Policy CS-14-004 Legal Advice Policy to a future Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Briefing – Ward Boundaries for 2017 General Municipal Election;

16.770 Motion by Councillor Haymour to defer agenda item 8.8 Briefing – Ward Boundaries for 2017 General Municipal Election to the September 27, 2016 Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADDITION TO AGENDA

16.771 Motion by Councillor Siebold to add agenda item 8.12 Discussion – Playgrounds to the September 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.12 Discussion – Playgrounds (addition to agenda).

Discussion ensued regarding the Vera M. Welsh playground and the playground for the Catholic school.

16.772 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Administration send a letter to the Northern Lights School Division and the Active Kids Society to confirm when the connectivity of the rubber portion will be completed, allowing disability access at the Vera M. Welsh playground.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

16.773 Motion by Councillor Siebold to go in camera at 2:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:48 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:53 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 Briefing – Land Matter – Lease (s. 25 FOIP);

7.2 RFD – Request by Property Owner for Reduction or Cancellation of 2016 Property Taxes (s. 16 FOIP);

7.3 Discussion – Recreational Lease (s. 25 FOIP);

7.4 Briefing – Penalty Box Concession Operations (addition to agenda).

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.774 Motion by Councillor Haymour to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 3:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

7.1 Briefing – Land Matter – Lease (s. 25 FOIP);

Item 7.1 was removed from the agenda.

7.2 RFD – Request by Property Owner for Reduction or Cancellation of 2016 Property Taxes (s. 16 FOIP);

16.775 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Administration notifies the oil and gas company that owns the properties covered by tax roll no. 8801031101 and other roll numbers that their request for reduction or cancellation of 2016 property taxes be denied and further, that their concerns about their assessment be directed to Alberta Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Discussion – Recreational Lease (s. 25 FOIP).

16.776 Motion by Councillor Haymour to direct Administration to pursue the acquisition of the recreational lease as discussed in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Briefing – Penalty Box Concession Operations (addition to agenda).

16.777 Motion by Councillor Siebold to accept the briefing regarding the Penalty Box concession operations as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

16.778 Motion by Councillor Austin to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of September 13, 2016 at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer**