

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

January 12, 2017 – 10 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held January 12, 2017 at 10 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Robert Richard	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor (entered at 2:20 p.m.)
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Surekha Kanzig	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (in part)
	Brian Shapka	Senior Manager, Public Works
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
	Alex Fuller	Communications Coordinator (in part)
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

17.031 Motion by Councillor Austin to approve the January 12, 2017 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget.

Ms. Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a summary of the budget package, and advised that the January 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting has been allotted for Community Group presentations.

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance and Grants, provided an overview of the budget process and presented the 2017 preliminary budget package to Council.

Mr. Small advised Council that while there is an 8.9% expected decrease in assessment of linear property (power lines, pipelines, and telecom) due to lower cost indexes, new non-budgeted growth in 2016 will mean the forecasted 2017 live assessment base is virtually the same as the 2016 budget.

Discussion ensued regarding external economic and revenue factors that affect the preparation of budgets.

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager of Finance, provided an overview of the document titled: Funds Available to Finance Capital and Discretionary Projects for the Year Ended December 31, 2017 and fielded questions of Council.

Councillor Phillips left Council Chambers at 10:58 a.m. and returned at 10:59 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the County's financial position and the process of borrowing money.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:11 a.m. and returned at 11:16 a.m.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:19 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:35 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget (continued).

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan responded to questions of Council arising from the review of the document titled: 2016 Carry Forward Capital Projects – Balances as of December 14, 2016.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:49 a.m. and returned at 11:49 a.m.

Mr. Brian Shapka, Senior Manager of Public Works, provided an overview of the 2017 capital budget requests for the Transportation department. Discussion ensued regarding the following requests:

- Sidewalk Replacement Program
- Hamlet Road Resurfacing Program

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:16 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:29 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillors Siebold and Haymour.

IN CAMERA SESSION

17.032 Motion by Mayor Moghrabi to go in camera at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All of Administration left Council Chambers to allow Council to discuss personnel matters under section 17 of FOIP.

Councillor Haymour entered Council Chambers at 1:35 p.m.

Councillor Siebold entered Council Chambers at 1:36 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

17.033 Motion by Councillor Austin to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 1:44 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration returned to Council Chambers at 1:44 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

No action required.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget (continued).

Discussion ensued regarding the following capital budget requests:

- 99 Street Sidewalk Construction and Asphalt overlay
- Campsite Road Engineering for Base Paving

- Range Road 110 Engineering for road re-construction of 2.4 km.

Councillor Phillips left Council Chambers at 2:08 p.m. and returned at 2:09 p.m.

- Range Road 110 Engineering for road re-construction of 2.4 km. (continued)
- Engineering Range Road 145 – Base and Pave

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 2:20 p.m.

- Engineering Range Road 150 – routing study and engineering for new construction and grid development

17.034 Motion by Councillor Nowak that \$150,000 be allocated for general grid road development, and that Administration delete funding totaling \$265,000 for 2017 grid road development engineering for range roads 150 and 153 and township roads 652 and 662 from the proposed budget package, and further, that the general grid road development engineering be discussed at a future Public Works Committee Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion continued regarding the following capital budget requests:

- Engineering Summit Heights Subdivision – Base and Pave from Lakeland Drive

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:38 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:49 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget (continued).

Discussion continued regarding the following capital budget requests:

- Township Road 652 (Elinor Lake Road) Base and Pave
- Engineering Township Road 674 (Old 46)
- Township Road 684A – Base and Pave
- 90th Avenue Walking Trail Construction – Highway 36 to Aurora Middle School

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget (continued).

17.035 Motion by Councillor Nowak that \$200,000 be allocated for walking trail development program, and that Administration delete other funding in the amount of \$287,000 for 90th Avenue, Highway 55, and Plamondon walking trails from the proposed budget package, and further that walking trail program priorities be decided at a future meeting of the Transportation Master Plan Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion continued regarding the following capital budget requests:

- Access Road off 91 Avenue (should read: Access road off Beaverhill Road)
- Capital Expense – Entrance Signs
- 101 Street – Bargain Store – Rona Connector Engineering – grading base paving and railway crossings with controls and signals

ADJOURNMENT

17.036 Motion by Councillor Olson to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of January 12, 2017 at 3:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer**