

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

**February 28, 2017 – 10 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held February 28, 2017 at 10 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	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
<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager Finance & Grants (in part)
	Darrell Lessmeister	Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement (in part)
	Brian Shapka	Senior Manager, Public Works (in part)
	Gordon Shaw	Senior Manager, Planning & Development (in part)
	Alex Fuller	Communications Coordinator
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

17.219 Motion by Councillor Nowak to approve the February 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Addition of item 7.2 Portage College (s. 25 FOIP);
- Addition of item 7.3 Land Matter (s. 25 FOIP);
- Addition of item 8.5 Proposed 2017 County Budget;
- Addition of item 8.6 Update on Insurance Deductibles.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 February 16, 2017 – Special Council Meeting – Budget.

17.220 Motion by Councillor Olson to adopt the February 16, 2017 Special Council Meeting – Budget minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.2 February 21, 2017 – Regular Council Meeting.

Administration noted that a typographical error occurred when Motion 17.171 was made. The expenditure for the completion of the draft Lac La Biche County Transportation Master Plan should be an operational expenditure rather than a capital expenditure.

It was noted that a typographical error occurred where the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February was written instead of the 21<sup>st</sup> of February when referencing the meeting date.

17.221 Motion by Councillor Phillips to adopt the February 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## **URGENT MATTERS**

There were no urgent matters to discuss.

## **DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Delegation – FortisAlberta Inc.;

Ms. Dora L’Heureux, Stakeholder Relations Manager for FortisAlberta was present and provided Council with a proposal from FortisAlberta to purchase the County’s streetlight investment and to convert streetlights in the County to energy-saving LED fixtures.

6.1.1 Disposition of Delegation – Fortis.

17.222 Motion by Councillor Haymour to accept Ms. L’Heureux’s presentation as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:34 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 10:43 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Request for Extension – Subdivision Approval for File 2013-S-025; Proposed Subdivision of SW 30-66-13-W4M (RFD);

17.223 Motion by Councillor Haymour that Lac La Biche County Council grants a one-year extension request for Subdivision File 2013-S-025 to February 5, 2018.

**IN FAVOUR**

**Mayor Moghrabi  
Councillor Olson  
Councillor Thompson  
Councillor Haymour**

**OPPOSED**

**Councillor Austin  
Councillor Richard  
Councillor Phillips  
Councillor Siebold  
Councillor Nowak**

**DEFEATED**

17.224 Motion by Councillor Richard that Lac La Biche County waives all subdivision application fees for SW 30-66-13-W4M if the applicant chooses to reapply.

**IN FAVOUR**

**Mayor Moghrabi  
Councillor Austin  
Councillor Richard  
Councillor Olson  
Councillor Phillips  
Councillor Thompson  
Councillor Nowak**

**OPPOSED**

**Councillor Siebold  
Councillor Haymour**

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

6.2 Delegation – Mr. Moe Abougouche – Enforcement;

Mr. Moe Abougouche, a business owner in the County of Lac La Biche, presented to Council on behalf of several business owners and community members, concerns regarding the vagrancy in the downtown core and the safety of citizens in the County of Lac La Biche.

Mr. Abougouche advised that vagrancy in the downtown core is getting intolerable. He provided several examples of how his customers, his staff and his family have either been threatened, harassed or abused. He noted that several people have approached him and stated they would no longer shop in his store due to fear of their personal safety.

Mr. Abougouche expressed his concern that patrons, employees, and other members of the community are subjected to public urination, drug dealing, open liquor and prostitution in the back alleys and surrounding area of the downtown core.

He noted that despite his frequent calls to the RCMP, and their efforts to control the situation, the problem continues and requires additional attention. Mr. Abougouche requested that Council consider upgrading the current Peace Officer 2 positions to Level 1 Peace Officers so they have the power to arrest.

Mr. John Kokotilo, Manager of Protective Services (Fire/Enforcement), echoed Mr. Abougouche's opinion that upgrading the Peace Officers to a level 1 would help the vagrancy issue by allowing more foot patrols and visible police presence.

Staff Sergeant Brent Sawatsky provided Council with information regarding the enhanced policing program and noted that if anyone is being harassed, they should contact the RCMP and provide a statement.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:48 a.m. and returned at 11:49 a.m.

Discussion continued regarding the vagrancy issues in the County and possible solutions to the problem.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Mr. Abougouche for attending and bringing forward his concerns.

**RECESS**

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

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

6.3 Public Input Session.

There was no one present for the public input session.

## DELEGATIONS

6.2.1 Disposition of Delegation – Mr. Moe Abougouche – Enforcement.

17.225 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept Mr. Abougouche’s presentation as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17.226 Motion by Councillor Thompson to direct Administration to schedule an emergency meeting with Staff Sergeant, Henry VanDorland to discuss downtown enforcement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Local Sports Hall of Fame & Inspirational Wall (BFG);

17.227 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Administration prepare inductee criteria and process and bring forward the same in a Request for Decision by May 1, 2017, for Council’s consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17.228 Motion by Councillor Thompson to allocate \$15,000 for the Local Sports Hall of Fame and Inspirational Wall at the Bold Center.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.3 Council Expense Claims – January 2017 (BFG);

17.229 Motion by Councillor Siebold to accept the briefing regarding the Council Expense Claims for January 2017 as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.4 Proposed Meeting with Northern Lights Public Schools (RFD);

17.230 Motion by Councillor Siebold that County Council meets with the Northern Lights Public School Board of Trustees on April 3, 2017, and further that a letter be sent to the Board inquiring what their proposed Sports Fields needs are prior to March 13, 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS** Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:45 p.m.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

17.231 Motion by Councillor Thompson to go in camera at 2:04 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.1 Ministerial Briefings for AAMDC Convention (s. 24 FOIP);

7.2 Portage College (s. 25 FOIP) – (addition to agenda).

Mayor Moghrabi declared a pecuniary interest as his wife works at Portage College and left Council Chambers at 2:26 p.m. Deputy Mayor Richard assumed the Chair.

Mayor Moghrabi returned to Council Chambers at 2:54 p.m. once the discussion regarding the Portage College was concluded and resumed the Chair.

7.3 Land Matter (s. 25 FOIP) – (addition to agenda).

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

17.232 Motion by Councillor Austin to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 3:16 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION**

7.1 Ministerial Briefings for AAMDC Convention (s. 24 FOIP);

17.233 Motion by Councillor Nowak to accept the Ministerial Briefings for AAMDC Convention as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.3 Land Matter (s. 25 FOIP) – (addition to agenda).

17.234 Motion by Councillor Olson that Mayor Moghrabi and Councillors Nowak and Haymour be appointed to a development task force.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.3 Land Matter (s. 25 FOIP) – (addition to agenda) – continued.

17.235 Motion by Councillor Haymour that Administration bring back different options as discussed in camera to a future meeting of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Moghrabi declared a pecuniary interest as his wife works at Portage College and left Council Chambers at 3:18 p.m. Deputy Mayor Richard assumed the Chair.

7.2 Portage College (s. 25 FOIP).

17.236 Motion by Councillor Olson to direct Administration to apply the minor sports rate to the 2016 season and to all future years for the Portage College hockey team.

**IN FAVOUR**

**Deputy Mayor Richard**

**Councillor Austin**

**Councillor Olson**

**Councillor Siebold**

**Councillor Thompson**

**Councillor Haymour**

**Councillor Nowak**

**OPPOSED**

**Councillor Phillips**

**CARRIED**

17.237 Motion by Councillor Haymour to waive the fee for the centre ice logo, retroactive to 2016 and for future seasons for the Portage College hockey team.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Moghrabi returned to Council Chambers at 3:25 p.m. once Motions 17.236 and 17.237 were voted upon and resumed the Chair.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8.6 Update on Insurance Deductibles (addition to agenda).

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance and Grants, provided an update on insurance deductibles with respect to the water/sewer line breaks that occurred in the fall of 2016.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

17.238 Motion by Councillor Haymour to go in camera at 3:28 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.6 Update on Insurance Deductibles (addition to agenda).

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 3:28 p.m. and returned at 3:35 p.m.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

17.239 Motion by Councillor Nowak to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 3:47 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION**

8.6 Update on Insurance Deductibles (addition to agenda).

No action required.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8.5 Proposed 2017 County Budget (addition to agenda).

Agenda item 8.5 Proposed 2017 County Budget was not discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

17.240 Motion by Councillor Nowak to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of February 28, 2017 at 3:48 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Shadia Amblie  
Chief Administrative Officer**