

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

**March 9, 2017 – 10 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held March 9, 2017 at 10 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:09 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
	John Nowak	Councillor
<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/ Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
	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)
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator
<b>REGRETS</b>	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

17.258 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve the March 9, 2017 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented/amended:

- Addition of Item 3.4 Discussion – Cemetery Funding.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society (CRAS): 2017 Capital Project Grant Request (Briefing);

17.259 Motion by Councillor Nowak to allocate \$2,500 to the Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society towards the completion of a picture memory wall.

<b>IN FAVOUR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
<b>Councillor Austin</b>	<b>Mayor Moghrabi</b>
<b>Councillor Richard</b>	<b>Councillor Siebold</b>
<b>Councillor Olson</b>	
<b>Councillor Phillips</b>	
<b>Councillor Thompson</b>	
<b>Councillor Nowak</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>

3.2 Owl River Recreation Association: Additional Costs for 2015/2016 Capital Projects Assistance Grant (Briefing);

17.260 Motion by Councillor Siebold to allocate \$13,202.26 to the Owl River Recreation Association towards additional funding for 2015/16 capital projects.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.3 Proposed 2017 County Budget.

3.3.1 Updated Budget Handout.

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance and Grants, provided an overview of the updated budget handout and fielded questions of Council.

Mr. Brian Shapka, Senior Manager of Public Works, was in attendance to field questions of Council regarding Public Works capital projects.

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Senior Manager of Recreation and Community Enhancement, and Mr. Gary Harman, Manager of Parks & Facilities, provided an overview of the estimated cost for the purchase and installation of a big dock.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 10:49 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.

3.3.1 Updated Budget Handout (continued).

17.261 Motion by Councillor Phillips to direct Administration to utilize the remaining funds of \$150,704 from the big dock project for the purchase and installation of a 200-foot dock as a 2017 capital project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Network Upgrade (Wide Area Network).

Councillor Austin left Council Chambers at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:14 a.m.

Mr. Travis Simmons, Manager of Information Technology, fielded questions of Council regarding the proposed Network Upgrade (Wide Area Network).

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:16 a.m. and returned at 11:18 a.m.

17.262 Motion by Councillor Richard that Administration hire a consultant to complete a study on network upgrade options up to a cost of \$75,000.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:38 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:52 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.3.1 Updated Budget Handout (continued).

Discussion ensued regarding capital projects of the Utilities department.

17.263 Motion by Councillor Richard that \$4,000,000 be allocated in the 2017 Utilities department budget, as a program fund, for the upgrading of water and sewer infrastructure, with projects chosen by Administration based on the matrix system for prioritization.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.4 Discussion – Cemetery Funding (addition to agenda).

Discussion ensued regarding fence improvements for the Noral Cemetery (near Hylo).

17.264 Motion by Councillor Richard that Administration research a cemetery upgrade program, and that the same be brought back to a future Council meeting for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:32 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:55 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.3 Proposed 2017 County Budget.

Mr. Small provided Council with the following amended documents:

- Operating Budget by Object for the 2017 Fiscal Year; and
- Funds Available to Finance Capital & Discretionary Projects for the Year Ended December 32, 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the same.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

17.265 Motion by Councillor Nowak to go in camera at 2:10 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.1 Ministerial Briefings (s. 24 FOIP);

4.1.1 Lac La Biche County Tax Ratio Grandfathering (Briefing);

Councillor Siebold left Council Chambers at 2:15 p.m. and returned at 2:19 p.m.

4.1.2 Recommendations for Revenue Sharing (Briefing);

4.1.4 Specialized Municipality (Briefing);

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 2:35 p.m. and returned at 2:54 p.m.

4.1 Ministerial Briefings (s. 24 FOIP) (continued).

4.1.3 Support for Wood Buffalo Evacuation Centre Costs (Briefing).

4.2 Hammond Subdivision Cost of Lots (s. 25 FOIP) (Briefing).

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 3:07 p.m. and returned at 3:11 p.m.

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

17.266 Motion by Councillor Thompson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 3:48 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

4.1 Ministerial Briefings (s. 24 FOIP);

4.1.1 Lac La Biche County Tax Ratio Grandfathering (Briefing);

4.1.2 Recommendations for Revenue Sharing (Briefing);

4.1.3 Support for Wood Buffalo Evacuation Centre Costs (Briefing);

4.1.4 Specialized Municipality (Briefing).

4.2 Hammond Subdivision Cost of Lots (s. 25 FOIP) (Briefing).

17.267 Motion by Councillor Olson that Administration schedule an Open House to discuss land development in the County.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

17.268 Motion by Councillor Austin to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of March 9, 2017 at 3:54 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Shadia Amblie  
Chief Administrative Officer**

ADOPTED