

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2022**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held May 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
Jason Stedman	Councillor (<i>participated electronically</i>)
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor
John Mondal	Councillor (<i>departed at 2:34 p.m.</i>)
Colette Borgun	Councillor/Deputy Mayor (<i>participated electronically / arrived at 2:47 p.m. / departed at 3:46 p.m.</i>)
Charlyn Moore	Councillor (<i>participated electronically/ arrived at 12:03 p.m.</i>)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Small	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell	Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Darrell Lessmeister	Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Recreation & Community Services (<i>in part</i>)
Brian Shapka	Associate Chief Administrative Office, Infrastructure Services (<i>in part</i>)
Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator
Gloria Bury	CAO's Executive Assistant (<i>participated electronically</i>)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22.570 MOVED
To adopt the May 10, 2022 agenda as amended:

Additions:

- Item 5.1 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - Moment of Silence
- Item 8.0 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 May 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

22.571 MOVED
To adopt the May 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

URGENT MATTERS

5.1 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - Moment of Silence

Councillor Paré presented information to Council and called for a moment of silence.

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

Councillor Stedman:

- Recruitment and Retention Society meeting

Councillor Tkachuk:

- Municipal Development Plan consultant workshop
- Strategic Plan Review Meeting

Councillor Johnson - nothing to report.

Councillor Beniuk:

- Municipal Development Plan consultant workshop
- Strategic Plan Review Meeting

Councillor Mondal:

- Strategic Plan Review Meeting
- Municipal Development Plan consultant workshop
- Alberta Municipalities Public Risk Conference
- Community Planning Association of Alberta conference
- Family and Community Support Services meeting

Councillor Paré:

- Strategic Plan Review Meeting
- Municipal Development Plan consultant workshop
- Agricultural Services Board meeting
- Amisk School Visit and donation
- Beaver Lake Cree Nation Walk for Missing and Murdered indigenous Women

Mayor Reutov :

- Strategic Plan Review Meeting
- Municipal Development Plan consultant workshop
- Agenda preparation meeting
- CAO contract meetings
- Plamondon Community Hall Visit
- Visit to Southern Alberta communities to observe bulbouts

22.572

MOVED

To accept the Councillor Reports item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Councillor Expense Claims-April 2022

Mr. Dan Small, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Councillor Expense Claims-April 2022 item and responded to questions.

22.573

That Council approves the Councillor expense claims processed for the period April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Capital Grant Request- Lac La Biche Agricultural Society

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants and Community Funding Coordinator presented the Capital Grant Request- Lac La Biche Agricultural Society and responded to questions.

Councillor Paré exited Chambers at 10:37 a.m. and returned at 10:39 a.m.

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 10:26 a.m. and returned at 10:29 a.m.

22.574 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward additional information, including budget information, on the Lac La Biche Agricultural Society Capital Grant Request to a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.575 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward a Report on Playground Funding and Development to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Event Grant Program Request - La Biche Walleye Cup 2022

Mr. Kurppa presented the Event Grant Program Request - La Biche Walleye Cup 2022 and responded to questions.

22.576 MOVED
That Council approves \$10,000 in Event Grant Program Funding for the La Biche Walleye Cup (2022).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 10:52 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Stedman.

DELEGATIONS

6.1 11:00 a.m. Delegation - Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-Op Ltd.

Mr. Lloyd Prefontaine and Mr. Dave Bliss with the Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-Op Ltd. presented to Council on operational matters and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman returned to Chambers at 11:04 a.m.

Councillor Paré exited Chambers at 11:51 a.m. and returned at 11:55 a.m.

22.577 MOVED
To direct Administration to approve reimbursement of the Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-op costs of \$100,000 and further to bring forward information to the 2023 Budget Deliberations related to a 5-year annual funding commitment of \$150,000.

In Favour (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (2): Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

22.578 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward financial information, comparison rates and the history of the two natural gas systems operating within Lac La Biche County to a future meeting of Council

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.579 MOVED
To thank the Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-Op for the presentation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.580 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward a report on the accumulated surplus balance to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

22.581 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 12:01 p.m. to discuss the closed session agenda items pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Land Lease Agreements (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials, s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Gloria Bury, Diane Cloutier, Brian Shapka, John Andersen, Darrell Lessmeister, and Heather Reid.

- 8.4 Request to Purchase County Owned Lands (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Gloria Bury, Diane Cloutier, Brian Shapka, John Andersen, Darrell Lessmeister, and Heather Reid.

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:29 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Moore.

- 8.2 Tender Results Update (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Members of V3 Companies of Canada and EDS Group Inc present for the purposes of presenting: Steve Reichert and John Buchko.

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Gloria Bury, Brian Shapka, John Andersen, Darrell Lessmeister, Zeeshan Hasan (in part), Kashif Ijaz (in part) and Heather Reid.

- 8.0 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

There were no members of Administration present.

Councillor Mondal departed the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Councillor Borgun joined the meeting electronically at 2:47 p.m.

- 8.5 Compensation Report Feedback (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

Councillor Borgun declared a pecuniary interest due to family member employment and exited the meeting at 2:49 p.m. prior to the discussion.

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Kashif Ijaz and Heather Reid.

Councillor Borgun rejoined the meeting electronically at 3:25 pm. at the conclusion of the discussion on the Compensation Report Feedback.

8.6 Proposed CAO Agreement (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

There were no members of Administration present.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

22.582 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 3:42 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8.6 Proposed CAO Agreement (Discussion) (s.17 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

22.583 MOVED
To proceed with proposed CAO contract and present to the successful candidate.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Borgun departed the meeting at 3:46 pm.

8.0 Code of Conduct (s.17 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to personal privacy)

22.584 MOVED
To proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Tender Results Update (Discussion) (s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

22.585 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward options for retendering the Main Street Revitalization project to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.586 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward debenture options for the Main Street Revitalization project to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.587 MOVED
To direct Administration to schedule a delegation with Fortis to confirm streetlight options and potential for electric vehicle charging stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Land Lease Agreements (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials,s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

22.588 MOVED
That Council directs Administration to proceed with the two (2) lease agreements for Portage College at NE-10-67-14-W4M and the Lac La Biche Regional Awaslsak & Family Development Circle Association (Head Start) at Block N, Plan 4313BF at no charge for 5-years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Request to Purchase County Owned Lands (s.25 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, s.17 FOIP- Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

22.589 MOVED
To direct Administration to proceed with Option 2 as discussed in Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Compensation Report Feedback (s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

22.590 MOVED
To increase the Cost of Living Adjustment from 1% to 2.5%
to the salaries of all County employees, excluding Council,
effective July 10th, 2022.

In Favour (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Beniuk,
Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Paré

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

22.591 MOVED
To adjourn the May 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting at
3:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small, Acting Chief Administrative Officer