

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

December 3, 2021- 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held December 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

In accordance with the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County Council held this meeting electronically.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor
	Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Ken Van Buul	Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division
Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division (<i>Participated electronically and in- part</i>)
Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services Division (<i>Participated electronically</i>)
Brian Shapka	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services Division (<i>Participated electronically and in person</i>)
Mackenzie Zilinski	CAO Executive Assistant (<i>participated electronically</i>)
Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator
Danielle Patenaude	Legislative Services Coordinator

WAIVER OF NOTICE

In accordance with section 194(4) of the *Municipal Government Act*, at least two-thirds of all Councillors agreed in writing before the beginning of the meeting, by signature and electronic consent, to waive the minimum period of notice for calling a special meeting of Council.

OPENING PRAYER

Mr. James (Jimmy) Cardinal, President, Metis Nation of Alberta Region One, shared an opening prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

21.840 **MOVED**
To adopt the December 3, 2021 Special Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Delegation- Metis Nation of Alberta-Region One

Mr. James (Jimmy) Cardinal, President, Region One and Mr. Jason Ekeberg, Vice President, Region One co-presented to Council a request to provide temporary homeless relief, in addition to discussing enhancing communication.

21.841 **MOVED**
To allocate funding in the amount of \$10,000 to the Metis Nation of Alberta-Region One to procure up to 3 outfitter tents, 3 insulated floors and 3 wood stoves, and other relevant supplies, and to coordinate with Administration to explore options to prepare the site to provide temporary homeless relief, with the funding to come from accumulated surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.842 **MOVED**
To thank Mr. James (Jimmy) Cardinal and Mr. Jason Ekeberg, on behalf of the Metis Nation of Alberta-Region One Delegation, for their presentation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 9:06 a.m. and returned at the same time.

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 9:06 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 9:24 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.2 2022 Proposed Budget

Mr. Dan Small, Associate CAO, Finance and Planning Division and Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager, Finance guided Council through the 2022 Proposed Budget package, and were available to respond to questions.

Mr. Brian Shapka, Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services and Mr. Dave McPhee, Manager, Transportation Services co-presented the Transportation Operating Budget handout and responded to questions.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 9:34 a.m. and returned at the same time.

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 9:43 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 9:57 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.2 2022 Proposed Budget

Proposed Operating Initiatives

Council reviewed the Proposed Operating Initiatives by division. Administration was available to respond to questions.

Chief Administrative Officer Division

There were no exclusions identified.

Corporate Services Division

There were no exclusions identified.

Finance and Planning Division

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 10:15 a.m. and returned at the same time.

21.843

MOVED

To exclude from the proposed 2022 budget:

- Grant/Funding Commitment for the Plamondon Museum Construction Project at a cost of \$400,000.

For (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (3): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk

CARRIED

Infrastructure Services Division

There were no exclusions identified.

Recreation & Community Enhancement Division

There were no exclusions identified.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 10:26 a.m.

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 10:31 a.m. and returned at 10:32 a.m.

2022 Capital Budget-Funded items

Council reviewed the 2022 Capital Budget Funded items by department. Administration was available to respond to questions.

Transportation Services

21.844

MOVED

To exclude from the 2022 proposed Budget:

- Engineering Only-Range Road 151 (From Highway 55 to Township Road 674-0.7 km) and Range Road 151A (From Township Road 674 to Old Trail-1.3 km) at a cost of \$160,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.845

MOVED

To exclude from the proposed 2022 Budget:

- Engineering Only-Blais Resort Base and Pave (2.438 km Gravel to ACP) at a cost of \$200,000 but to include a drainage study specific to this project at a cost of \$50,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-2032 Capital Plan

Mr. Small presented the 2023-2032 Capital Plan lifecycle project list and responded to questions.

2022 Capital Budget-Funded items

Discussion resumed regarding this item.

Fleet Services

21.846

MOVED

To exclude from the proposed 2022 budget, as part of the New Growth Capital Equipment, the following equipment item:

- Truck Mounted Pothole Spray Patcher at a cost of \$380,000.

For (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (3): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk

CARRIED

21.847

MOVED

To exclude from the proposed 2022 budget, as part of the New Growth Capital Equipment, the following equipment item:

- Two Highway Tractor units (20 yd Gravel Box) at a cost of \$400,000.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (2): Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk

CARRIED

21.848

MOVED

To exclude from the proposed 2022 budget, as part of the New Growth Capital Equipment, the following equipment items:

- ½ Ton Crew Cab 4x4 at a cost of \$43,000
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For (3): Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk

DEFEATED

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 11:29 a.m. and returned at 11:31 a.m.

Mayor Reutov exited Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m. Deputy Mayor Tkachuk assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Reutov returned at 11:31 a.m. and returned to the position of Chair.

Parks & Open Spaces

- 21.849 **MOVED**
To increase the funding in the 2022 Budget for the following item:
- Construction Only Concrete Washrooms at County Parks Program at an increased cost of \$60,000 from \$30,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 21.850 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2022 Budget:
- Engineering and Construction- Swing Set at Missawawi Park at a cost of \$30,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Common & Recreation Facilities

- 21.851 **MOVED**
To exclude from the 2022 proposed budget:
- Engineering and Construction-County Centre Office Renovations at a cost of \$200,000.

For (4): Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk.

DEFEATED

Other

- 21.852 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to establish a Resident Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$1,000,000 to respond to resident requests pertaining to ad-hoc requests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parks & Open Spaces-continued

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 12:25 p.m. and returned at same time.

21.853 MOVED
To direct Administration to review inclusion of the Birch Grove community hall as part of existing Community Group funding policies, inclusive of capital and operating, and to bring this information forward to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.854 MOVED
To include for inclusion in the 2022 proposed budget:

- Engineering and Construction- Playground at the Birch Grove subdivision, commonly known as the Russian Village, at a cost of \$75,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:27 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.2 2022 Proposed Budget

2022 Capital Budget-Funded items

Discussion resumed regarding the 2022 Capital Budget funded listing.

Information Technology and GIS

Deputy Mayor Tkachuk declared a Pecuniary Interest with respect to potential business interests, and exited Council Chambers at 1:45 p.m. prior to Council discussing the Bold Centre Parking Lot Cameras capital item.

21.855 MOVED
To exclude from the proposed 2022 Budget:

- One-Time Purchase-Bold Center Parking Lot Cameras at a cost of \$45,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 1:50 p.m. upon the concluded discussion and decision of the Bold Centre Parking Lot Cameras capital item.

2022 Capital Budget Plan-Unfunded

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan co-presented the 2022 Capital Budget Plan-Unfunded listing to Council and responded to questions.

Reserves Balance

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan co-presented to Council the Reserves Balance sheet as outlined in the 2022 Proposed Budget and responded to questions.

21.856 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to remove the Archery Facility Reserve Balance of \$64,300 and re-allocate to the Sports Field Change Rooms project.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Deputy Mayor Tkachuk

Opposed (2): Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

Debt Financing

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan co-presented the debenture process to Council and responded to questions.

Deputy Mayor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 2:23 p.m. and returned at the same time.

Compensation Report

Mr. Ken Van Buul, Chief Administrative Officer, sought clarification from Council regarding the Compensation Report Motion #21.838 that was passed during the December 2, 2021 Special Council Meeting-2022 Proposed Budget.

Councillor Borgun declared a Pecuniary Interest due to a family member's employment and exited Council Chambers at 2:44 p.m. prior to Council discussing and clarifying the Compensation Report item.

Councillor Paré exited Council Chambers at 2:45 p.m. and returned at 2:47 p.m.

Councillor Borgun returned to Council Chambers at 2:48 p.m. upon the concluded discussion and clarification of the Compensation Report item.

ADJOURNMENT

21.857

MOVED

To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of December 3, 2021 at 2:48 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Ken Van Buul
Chief Administrative Officer