Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Deputy Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PRESENT
Charlyn Moore Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Colette Borgun Councillor
Darlene Beniuk Councillor
Jason Stedman Councillor
George L’Heureux Councillor
Sterling Johnson Councillor
Colin Cote Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
Dan Small Interim Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services
Darrell Lessmeister Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement (in part)
Brian Shapka Senior Manager, Public Works (in part)
Jihad Moghrabi Communications Manager
Danielle Cardinal Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS
Omer Moghrabi Mayor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20.211 MOVED
To approve the March 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

-Addition of Item:
  • 5.1 Urgent Matter-Athabasca County

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting-March 3, 2020

20.212 MOVED
To adopt the March 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended:
• Correct the spelling of “Councillor” identified on Page 6.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no Unfinished Business items.

URGENT MATTERS

5.1 Athabasca County (Discussion) -Addition to the Agenda

Councillor L’Heureux added this item to the March 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting agenda noting that Athabasca County may be considering presenting a resolution, at the upcoming RMA convention, requesting the Alberta Government to undertake municipal consultations regarding the closure of provincial parks.

20.213 MOVED
To accept the Urgent Matter- Athabasca County discussion item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

6.1 10:15 a.m.-Delegation-Plamondon & District Community Development Society-2020 Operating Request-Mr. Cory St. Jean and Ms. Lori Tarrant (PDCDS) (Briefing)

Mr. Cory St. Jean, President, PDCDS and Ms. Lori Tarrant, PDCDS Coordinator, presented to Council the 2020 operating grant request, and responded to questions.

6.1.1 Disposition of Delegation Business

20.214 MOVED
To thank Mr. St. Jean and Ms. Tarrant for their presentation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports-March 10, 2020 (Briefing)

Councillor Beniuk:

- 2020 Alberta Beef Industry Conference

Councillor L'Heureux previously submitted a written report as part of the Councillor Reports Briefing.

Councillor Borgun:

- 2020 Alberta Beef Industry Conference
- Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retention Society Hosting Group of Nursing and Physiotherapy Students from the University of Alberta
- Cabane a Sucre event
- Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)
- Healthier Communities Golf Tournament Meeting

Councillor Stedman:

- Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
- Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retention Society Hosting Group of Nursing and Physiotherapy Students from the University of Alberta

Councillor Johnson indicated that none of his committees convened, and therefore, had nothing to report.

Councillor Cote:

- Lac La Biche Pow Wow and Fish Derby Association
- 2020 Alberta Beef Industry Conference

Councillor Tkachuk:

- Leo Johnston Scholarship Endowment Announcement
- Global to Global Forum (AB HUB)-Vegreville
- Rob McCormick Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament/Telus Fibre Optic Announcement
- Emergency Management Advisory Committee
- Healthier Communities Golf Tournament Meeting
Deputy Mayor Moore:

- Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retention Society Hosting Group of Nursing and Physiotherapy Students from the University of Alberta
- Cabane a Sucre event

20.215 MOVED
To accept the Councillor Reports Briefing and discussion as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Council Correspondence-March (Briefing)

Ms. Mackenzie Girard, CAO Executive Assistant, presented the Council Correspondence-March Briefing, and responded to questions.

20.216 MOVED
To accept the correspondence from the Plamondon Senior Rendez-Vous Centre as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.217 MOVED
To direct Administration to correspond to Ms. Roberts regarding the Rich Lake Arena.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.218 MOVED
To direct Administration to search possibilities on the suggested program fees from Ms. Jodymae Brown on behalf of the Light of Christ Parent Advisory Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.219 MOVED
To direct Administration to respond to Ms. Kiteley, Boyle School Parent Advisory President, indicating that the playground funding request cannot be considered as it is not within Lac La Biche County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7.3 Sturgeon County Correspondence-Alberta-Focused Reception FCM (Request for Decision)

Ms. Girard presented the Sturgeon County Correspondence-Alberta-focused Receptions FCM Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.220 MOVED
That Mayor and Council support the event held by Sturgeon County at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention on June 6, 2020, and further fund portions of this event, up to $5,000 from accumulated surplus, based upon further discussions with other participating municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 City of Cold Lake AUMA Resolution-Sustainable Funding for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure (Briefing)

Ms. McConnell presented the City of Cold Lake AUMA Resolution-Sustainable Funding for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Briefing and responded to questions.

20.221 MOVED
To support the City of Cold Lake AUMA Resolution-Sustainable Funding for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS
Deputy Mayor Moore called a recess at 10:57 a.m.

RECONVENE
Deputy Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 11:13 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.5 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework-Athabasca County and Lac La Biche County (Request for Decision)

Mr. Dan Small, Interim Acting Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework-Athabasca County & Lac La Biche County Request for Decision, and responded to questions.
20.222 MOVED
That the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Lac La Biche County and Athabasca County be adopted and that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be notified of this decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Municipal Ward Boundaries (Briefing)
Ms. McConnell presented the Municipal Ward Boundaries Briefing and responded to questions.

20.223 MOVED
To accept the summary of the census data, outlined in the Municipal Ward Boundaries Briefing, as information, and no further action is required.

In Favour
Councillor Beniuk
Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Cote

Opposed
Deputy Mayor Moore
Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

7.7 Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) Emergent Resolution-Physician Funding Framework (Request for Decision)
Ms. McConnell presented the Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) Emergent Resolution-Physician Funding Framework Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.224 MOVED
To approve the Physician Funding Framework resolution, and further to direct Administration to submit the resolution to the RMA Resolutions Committee as an emergent resolution for consideration at the Spring 2020 Convention, and the AUMA Municipal Leaders’ Caucus, and to authorize the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to accept or withdraw the aforementioned resolution at the AUMA and RMA conventions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Conference Attendance

Councillor L’Heureux served the following Notice of Motion to be presented for debate and vote to the March 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

To direct Administration to bring forward amendments to the Councillor Conference Attendance Policy such that Council Members are granted discretion on how best to utilize their conference attendance budget, with a requirement to file a written report following the event;

And further that amendments include provisions for proactive public reporting of conference attendance expenditures—registration, daily rates, subsistence, and mileage/travel—for each conference attended.

CLOSED SESSION

20.225 MOVED
To go into closed session at 11:37 a.m. for the following items and pertinent exception to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

8.1 100 Avenue Project (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following members of Administration were in attendance for the Closed Session: Dan Small, Melanie McConnell, Brian Shapka, Jihad Moghrabi and Danielle Cardinal.

8.1 100 Avenue Project (s.27- FOIP) (Discussion)

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

20.226 MOVED
To proceed with the meeting in open session at 12:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “CLOSED SESSION”

8.1 100 Avenue Project (s.27-FOIP) (Discussion)

20.227 MOVED
To direct Administration to continue to address the 100 Avenue Project (s.27-FOIP) as discussed in Closed Session, and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS
Deputy Mayor Moore called a recess at 12:05 p.m.

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.2 12:15 p.m. Public Input Session
Deputy Mayor Moore declared the Public Input Session open at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Shawn McDonald thanked Lac La Biche County for the Day Labour program, in particular a recent large gravel haul, which supports families and businesses.

Mr. McDonald also presented to Council an Economic State of Crisis Resolution from Brazeau County and is requesting Lac La Biche County to support the Resolution.

Deputy Mayor Moore thanked the presenter for his comments, and declared the public input session closed at 12:26 p.m.

20.228 MOVED
To thank Mr. Shawn McDonald for his presentation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

20.229 MOVED
To go into closed session at 12:28 for the following items and pertinent exceptions to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

8.2 Legal and Insurance Update (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Discussion)
8.3 Personnel Update (s.17-Disclosure harmful to personal privacy-FOIP) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following members of Administration were in attendance for the Closed Session: Dan Small and Melanie McConnell

8.2 Legal and Insurance Update (s.27-FOIP) (Discussion)

8.3 Personnel Update (s.17-FOIP) (Discussion)

No one from Administration was present.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

20.230 MOVED
To proceed with the meeting in open session at 12:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “CLOSED SESSION”

8.2 Legal and Insurance Update (s.27-FOIP) (Discussion)

20.231 MOVED
To accept the Legal and Insurance Update (s.27-FOIP) discussion item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Personnel Update (s.17-FOIP) (Discussion)

20.232 MOVED
To proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

20.233 MOVED
To adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2020 at 1:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY