Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held June 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER  Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Section 199 of the Municipal Government Act and the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County will be holding Regular and Special Council Meetings electronically.

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE  Ken Van Buul  Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small  Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Finance
Melanie McConnell  Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services (in person and participated electronically)
Darrell Lessmeister  Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
Danielle Cardinal  Legislative Services Coordinator (participated electronically)
ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20.447 MOVED
To approve the June 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:
- Addition of Item
  • Urgent Matter
    o Flooding Update (Discussion)
  • Closed Session:
    o 8.1-Land Erosion Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Request for Decision)
    o 8.2-Recovery Efforts (s.24(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)
    o 8.3-School Division Building (s.24(1)(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 June 2, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting.

20.448 MOVED
To adopt the June 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no Unfinished Business items.

URGENT MATTERS

Flooding Update (Discussion)-Addition to the Agenda

Mr. Ken Van Buul, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, presented an update to Council regarding the flooding within Lac La Biche County, and responded to questions.

20.449 MOVED
To accept the Flooding Update Discussion Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
DELEGATIONS

There were no scheduled delegations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no scheduled Public Hearings.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

The Public Input Session has been suspended until September 30, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports (Briefing)

Councillor Cote exited Council Chambers at 10:28 a.m. and returned at 10:29 a.m.

Councillor Cote exited Council Chambers at 10:32 a.m. and returned at the same time.

Councillor Stedman:

▪ Resident concerns regarding flooding

Councillor Tkachuk:

▪ Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA)
▪ Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadian Urban Economy webinar with Federal Finance Minister, Bill Morneau
▪ Resident concerns regarding flooding

Deputy Mayor Johnson:

▪ Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadian Urban Economy webinar with Federal Finance Minister, Bill Morneau

Councillor L'Heureux included a summary of his meetings/events in the Council agenda package, in addition to the following:

▪ Resident concerns regarding flooding

Councillor Beniuk:

▪ Resident concerns regarding flooding

Councillor Cote:

▪ Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadian Urban Economy webinar with Federal Finance Minister, Bill Morneau
▪ Resident concerns regarding flooding
Councillor Moore:
- Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadian Urban Economy webinar with Federal Finance Minister, Bill Morneau
- Resident concerns regarding flooding

Councillor Borgun:
- Resident concerns regarding flooding
- Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)
- Announcement of two (2) new businesses in the hamlet of Plamondon: Car Wash and Straight and Arrow Boutique
- Lac La Biche Mission

Mayor Moghrabi:
- Town Hall Meeting
- Convocation videos
- State of Local Emergency (SOLE)
- Media interviews in response to the SOLE (flooding)
- Greater North Foundation

20.450 MOVED
To accept the Councillor Briefing and Discussion Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Letter of Support- Portage College Investing in Canada’s Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Grant (Request for Decision)

Mr. Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager, Finance presented to Council the Letter of Support-Portage College ICIP Grant Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.451 MOVED
That Council directs Administration to provide a letter of support for Portage College’s application under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for their Indigenous Smudge Room and Cultural Venue project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7.3 2020 Budget Revisions and Financial Plans Approval (Request for Decision)

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan presented to Council the 2020 Budget Revisions and Financial Plans Approval Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.452 MOVED That Council approves an additional $4,341,523 in revenues for the 2020 operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.453 MOVED That Council approves an additional $810,330 in expenses for the 2020 operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.454 MOVED To defer the remaining 2020 Budget Deliberations and Financial Plans Approval to a future Council meeting date recommended by Administration and to include all deferred items from December 2019’s budget meeting, as well as flooding recovery items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:31 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:51 with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Cote.

NEW BUSINESS

7.3 2020 Budget Revisions and Financial Plans Approval (Request for Decision)

Councillor Cote returned to Council Chambers at 11:53 a.m.

20.455 MOVED To schedule a Special Council Meeting on June 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the 2020 budget amendments, 2021-2023 Financial Plans and 2021-2025 Capital Plan, as well as the 2021 Budget Guiding Principles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7.5 Councillor Expense Claims for May 2020 (Request for Decision)

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan presented to Council the Councillor Expense Claims for May 2020 Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.456 MOVED

That Council approves the Councillor expense claims processed for the period of May 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Policy and Procedure (Briefing)

Mr. Van Buul, Mr. Small, Mr. Hasan and Mr. Les Cote, Manager, Equipment Services presented to Council the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Policy and Procedure Briefing and responded to questions.

20.457 MOVED

To accept the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Policy and Procedure Briefing as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:08 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.6 Recreation Facility Fees, Rates and Charges Fee Schedule 2020-2023 (Briefing)

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Senior Manager, Recreation and Community Enhancement and Ms. Staci Lattimer, Manager, Recreation presented to Council the Recreation Facility Fees, Rates and Charges Fee Schedule 2020-2023 Briefing and responded to questions.

20.458 MOVED

To direct Administration to prepare a Request for Decision (RFD) to approve the Recreation Facility Fees, Rates and Charges Fee Schedule 2020-2023 and further, that this fee schedule be included within the Lac La Biche County Fee Bylaw as a separate schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7.7 Concept-New Protective Services Building (Request for Decision)

Mr. Lessmeister and Mr. Harman presented to Council the Concept-New Protective Services Building Request for Decision and responded to questions.

RECESS
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:22 p.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:28 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.7 Concept -New Protective Services Building (Request for Decision)
Discussion continued regarding New Business Item 7.7 - Concept-New Protective Services Building.

20.459 MOVED
To direct Administration to proceed with negotiating a lease agreement with Home Hardware regarding parking on the protective services lot.

20.460 MOVED
To Call the Question (that the vote must now be taken) in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vote on Motion #20.459

20.459 MOVED
To direct Administration to proceed with negotiating a lease agreement with Home Hardware regarding parking on the protective services lot.

In Favour
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Moore
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote

Opposed
Deputy Mayor Johnson
Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

Councillor Stedman declared a pecuniary interest due to employment reasons and exited Council Chambers at 2:34 p.m.

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20.461 MOVED
To direct Administration to proceed with negotiating a lease agreement with the ambulance provider with the protective services building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stedman returned to Council Chambers at 2:35 p.m. following Motion 20.461

20.462 MOVED
That County Council approve the new protective services building concept as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 Plamondon Main Street Paving (Discussion)
Mr. Van Buul presented the Plamondon Main Street Paving Discussion item and responded to questions.

20.463 MOVED
To accept the Plamondon Main Street Paving Discussion Item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Blais Resort Drainage (Discussion)
Mr. Van Buul presented the Blais Resort Drainage Discussion item to Council and responded to questions.

20.464 MOVED
To accept the Blais Resort Discussion item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Backflow Preventers (Briefing)
Mr. Van Buul presented the Backflow Preventers Briefing to Council and responded to questions.

20.465 MOVED
To accept the Backflow Preventers Briefing as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
CLOSED SESSION

20.466 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 3:04 p.m. 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:

▪ 8.1-Land Erosion Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Request for Decision)
▪ 8.2-Recovery Efforts (s.24(1)(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)
▪ 8.3- School Division Building (s.24(1)(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following members of Administration were present during the Closed Session: Ken Van Buul, Melanie McConnell, Dan Small, Diane Cloutier and Sam Adams.

8.1 Land Erosion Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Request for Decision)- Addition to the Agenda

Councillor Tkachuk exited Council Chambers at 3:52 p.m. and returned at the same time.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

20.467 MOVED
To proceed with the meeting in open session at 3:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXTENSION OF MEETING

20.468 MOVED
To extend the June 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting until all items on the agenda are addressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor L’Heureux exited Council Chambers at 3:56 p.m.
CLOSED SESSION

20.469 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 3:56 p.m. 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:

- 8.1-Land Erosion Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Request for Decision)
- 8.2-Recovery Efforts (s.24(1)(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)
- 8.3- School Division Building (s.24(1)(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following members of Administration were present during the Closed Session: Ken Van Buul, Melanie McConnell, Dan Small, Diane Cloutier and Sam Adams.

8.1 Land Erosion Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Request for Decision)- Addition to the Agenda

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 3:57 p.m.

Ms. Cloutier and Mr. Adams exited Council Chambers at 3:58 p.m. and did not return.

8.2 Recovery Efforts (s.24(1)(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)- Addition to the Agenda

Councillor L’Heureux returned to Council Chambers at 3:58 p.m.

Councillor Stedman returned to Council Chambers at 3:59 p.m.

8.3 School Division Building (s.24(1)(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)- Addition to the Agenda

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

20.470 MOVED
To proceed with the meeting in open session at 4:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 4:38 p.m.

Mayor Moghrabi exited Council Chambers and did not return; Deputy Mayor Johnson assumed the position of Chair.
RECONVENE  Deputy Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 4:44 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, excluding Mayor Moghrabi.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Land Erosion Legal Matter (s.27-Privileged Information-FOIP) (Request for Decision)- Addition to the Agenda

20.471 MOVED To proceed with carrying out the legal advice as discussed in Closed Session.

In Favour  Opposed
Deputy Mayor Johnson  Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Beniuk  Councillor Moore
Councillor Moore  Councillor Borgun
Councillor Borgun  Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Tkachuk  Councillor Stedman
Councillor Stedman  Councillor Cote

CARRIED

8.2 Recovery Efforts (s.24(d)-Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)- Addition to the Agenda

20.472 MOVED To accept the Recovery Efforts (s.24(1)(d)-FOIP) Discussion item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 School Division Building (s.24(1)(d) Advice from officials-FOIP) (Discussion)- Addition to the Agenda

20.473 MOVED To accept the School Division Building Discussion Item as information and proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
NOTICE OF MOTION

100 Street Sidewalk, Plamondon

Councillor Borgun served the following Notice of Motion to be presented for debate and vote during the June 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting:

That Council increase the 2020 Capital Budget for sidewalk replacement of 100 Street between 102 Ave and 104 Ave in the Hamlet of Plamondon, for $72,000 funded from Sidewalk Replacement Reserve.

ADJOURNMENT

20.474

MOVED
To adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 9, 2020 at 4:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

Ken Van Buul
Interim Chief Administrative Officer