Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Strategic Session held on January 21, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER  Deputy Mayor Richard called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT  Robert Richard  Councillor / Deputy Mayor
         Wanda Austin  Councillor
         Richard Olson  Councillor
         David Phillips  Councillor
         MJ Siebold  Councillor
         Tim Thompson  Councillor
         John Nowak  Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE  Gordon Frank  Acting CAO / General Manager,
                     Development & Community Services
         Nancy Broadbent  General Manager, Corporate Services
         Jeff Lawrence  General Manager, Operations
         Shadia Amblie  Manager, Communications (in part)
         Melanie Kanarek  Manager, Legislative Services
         Joanne Onciul  Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS  Aurel Langevin  Mayor
          Hajar (Jerry) Haymour  Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SS.14.001  Motion by Councillor Nowak to approve the January 21, 2014 Strategic Session agenda as amended:

-  Addition of Item 9.1 – Legal Matter (section 27 FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
IN CAMERA SESSION

SS.14.002  Motion by Councillor Austin to go in camera at 1:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1  Legal Matter (section 27 FOIP).

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

SS.14.003  Motion by Councillor Phillips to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 1:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

9.1  Legal Matter (section 27 FOIP).

No action required.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1  Briefing – Prioritization of Council Initiatives.

The prioritization of Council Initiatives commenced with discussions on each topic regarding the scope of discussion, action required, and level of priority.

The continuation of the prioritization of Council initiatives will conclude after delegation business.

DELEGATIONS


MP Brian Stoseth introduced himself and Amee Pundick, Communications Officer, to all those present. MP Storseth noted there was no need to discuss the CRISP Report in-camera.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:
- the vision and focus of Lac La Biche County is;
- the County’s priorities;
- railway issues in Lac La Biche County;
- MP Brian Jean’s resignation and what it means to Lac La Biche County;
- Future of Lac La Biche Airport;
• increased traffic on Highways 881, 63 and 28 and the dangers associated with the same;
• affordable and attainable housing;
• employing of foreign workers;
• Oil pipelines running East and West, how this will affect Lac La Biche County, and how to get the tools needed to succeed through this expected growth;
• Future of TransCanada trails;
• Local Initiatives regarding Highway 36 – Veteran’s Memorial – vertical alignment, bridge improvements, high load designation;

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 2:49 p.m.
Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 2:54 p.m.

• Oil revenues;
• Increased need for Policing.

Councillor Siebold left Council Chambers at 2:58 p.m.
Councillor Siebold returned to Council Chambers at 3:02 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Richard thanked MP Storseth for his presentation and for helping Council with future initiatives.

RECESS Deputy Mayor Richard called a recess at 3:02 p.m.

RECONVENE Deputy Mayor Richard reconvened the meeting at 3:19 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

7.1 MP Brian Storseth – CRISP Report.

SS.14.004 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept the delegation as information and further, to forward a letter of thank you to MP Brian Storseth for his attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Briefing – Prioritization of Council Initiatives.

The prioritization of Council Initiatives continued with discussion on each topic regarding the scope of discussion, action required, and level of priority.

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 3:39 p.m.

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 3:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

SS.14.005 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adjourn the Strategic Session of January 21, 2014 at 5:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Robert Richard, Deputy Mayor

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Gordon Frank
Acting Chief Administrative Officer