Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held January 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER  Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

PRESENT  Omer Moghrabi  Mayor
Robert Richard  Councillor / Deputy Mayor
David Phillips  Councillor
MJ Siebold  Councillor
Tim Thompson  Councillor
Hajar (Jerry) Haymour  Councillor
John Nowak  Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE  Shadia Amblie  Chief Administrative Officer
Brian Shapka  Senior Manager, Public Works (in part)
Gordon Shaw  Senior Manager, Planning & Development (in part)
Alex Fuller  Communications Coordinator
James Roy  Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS  Richard Olson  Councillor
Wanda Austin  Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

17.072  Motion by Councillor Haymour to approve the January 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Addition of Item 8.11-Discussion–Electoral Boundaries
- Addition of Item 8.12-Discussion–Access Cards for Councillors

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 12, 2017 – Special Council Meeting.

17.073 Motion by Councillor Phillips to adopt the January 12, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 January 13, 2017 – Special Council Meeting.

17.074 Motion by Councillor Phillips to adopt the January 13, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 January 17, 2017 – Regular Council Meeting.

17.075 Motion by Councillor Phillips to adopt the January 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegation – Alberta HUB – Bob Bezpalko;

Mr. Bezpalko of Alberta HUB updated Council on the economic development projects of Alberta HUB and future strategies in this area.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:46 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

6.1.1 Disposition of Delegation Business – Alberta HUB.

17.076 Motion by Councillor Siebold to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Bezpalko for his presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Review of the Draft Land Use Bylaw (Briefing);

Mr. Gordon Shaw, Senior Manager, Planning & Development, made a presentation and answered questions regarding the draft Land Use Bylaw.

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 1:36 p.m. and returned at 1:37 p.m.

17.077 Motion by Councillor Richard to direct Administration to amend the draft Land Use Bylaw to provide that:

   a) All work camps under application within 20 km of a hamlet shall not be permitted unless they are accessory to federal or provincial government emergency services or County-related activities in support of these services; and,

   b) all work camps under application which meet the current definition of “discretionary” according to the bylaws and policies of Lac La Biche County, shall be reviewed by the Municipal Planning Commission;

and that the same be brought forward to Council for its consideration at a future meeting.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Richard
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Haymour
Councillor Nowak

OPPOSED
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Siebold

CARRIED

RECESS
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:06 p.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:16 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.
PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.2 Public Input Session.

Mayor Moghrabi declared the public input session open at 2:16 p.m.

Mr. Luke Muise gave a presentation about the temperature variation of the showers at the Bold Center.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked Mr. Muise for his comments, and declared the public input session closed at 2:17 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Review of the Draft Land Use Bylaw (Briefing) (continued);

Mr. Gordon Shaw continued his presentation and answered questions relating to the draft Land Use Bylaw.

17.078 Motion by Councillor Thompson to direct Administration to amend any and all provisions of the draft Land Use Bylaw and any other bylaws in order to provide that any temporary housing and incidental accessories to festivals, concerts, rodeos, and other forums of public entertainment shall not be considered “work camps” under the Bylaws and Policies of Lac La Biche County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Review of the Draft Land Use Bylaw (Briefing) (continued);

17.079 Motion by Councillor Haymour to direct Administration to amend any and all provisions of the draft Land Use Bylaw regulating public parking to provide that:

a) there shall be one parking space for each guest room for any hotel and motel constructed in 2017 or after;

b) there shall be one parking space for every one hundred (100) square meters of gross floor area for all other commercial establishments, located within the historical commercial area of the hamlet of Lac La Biche and in the hamlet of Plamondon.

IN FAVOUR   OPPOSED
Mayor Moghrabi       Councillor Thompson
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Richard
Councillor Haymour
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Phillips

CARRIED

17.080 Motion by Councillor Haymour that Administration is directed to implement County Council’s direction on the draft Land Use Bylaw and proceed forthwith to public consultation, including open houses and public hearings, on the draft Land Use Bylaw, which must commence not later than the first week of March.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4.3 Options for Gravelling Old Conklin Trail (RFD)

Councillor Thompson declared a pecuniary interest due to his personal business interests and left Council Chambers at 3:10 p.m.

Mr. Brian Shapka, Senior Manager, Public Works, made a presentation and answered questions relating to the re-gravelling of the Old Conklin Road Trail.

17.081 Motion by Councillor Phillips to direct Administration to expend no more than $1,120,700.00, excluding G.S.T., towards the refurbishment of the Old Conklin Road (OCR) by means of construction of a new haul road and the re-graveling of Old Conklin Trail this summer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 3:25 p.m once the vote on motion 17.081 concluded.

IN CAMERA SESSION

17.082 Motion by Councillor Siebold to go in camera at 3:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 Off-site Levies Revenues Update (Briefing) (s. 16 FOIP)

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

17.083 Motion by Councillor Haymour to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 3:36 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 Off-site Levies Revenues Update (Briefing) (s. 16 FOIP)

17.084 Motion by Councillor Phillips to accept the Briefing regarding the Off-site Levies Revenues Update as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Phillips left Council Chambers at 3:37 p.m.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.2 Bylaw 17-001, to Repeal Bylaws No. 11-010 and 16-010 regarding Off-site Levies, 1st Reading (RFD);

Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 3:39 p.m.

17.085 Motion by Councillor Haymour that Bylaw 17-001 be given First Reading this 24th day of January, 2017.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Richard
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Haymour
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Phillips

OPPOSED
Councillor Siebold

CARRIED

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 3:48 and did not return to the meeting.

URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters to discuss.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:49 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 3:55 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

EXTENSION OF MEETING

17.086 Motion by Councillor Phillips to extend the January 24, 2017 Regular Council meeting to such time that all agenda items have been discussed.

IN FAVOUR
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Richard
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Phillips

OPPOSED
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Thompson

CARRIED
NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Bylaw 16-032 – Cat Control (RFD);

Mr. Tom Bourassa, Supervisor, Enforcement Services, and Mr. John Kokotilo, Manager, Protective Services, made a presentation and answered questions on the proposed Cat Control Bylaw.

Councillor Siebold declared a pecuniary interest as she is a member of the Humane Society and left Council Chambers at 4:29 p.m.

17.087 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Bylaw 16-032 not be given first reading this 24th day of January, 2017 and that instead Administration is directed to consult with local agencies and evaluate best practices on animal control issues, recommend possible courses of action, and to bring forward options to a future meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Siebold returned to Council Chambers at 4:33 p.m. once the vote on motion 17.087 was concluded.

8.2 2016 Budget Change for Emergency Evacuation Expenditures (RFD);

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager of Finance, made a presentation and answered questions on emergency evacuation expenses arising from the 2016 Fort McMurray Fire.

17.088 Motion by Councillor Nowak that the 2016 County operating budget be increased by $1,450,000 to fund expenditures incurred from the 2016 Wood Buffalo evacuation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.089 Motion by Councillor Thompson to direct Administration to explore avenues to recoup all county-related costs associated with the evacuation resulting from the 2016 Fort McMurray Fire.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
8.3 Plamondon Arena Budget Item (RFD);

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan made a presentation and answered questions on Plamondon Arena expenditures.

17.090 Motion by Councillor Phillips that the 2016 budget for Plamondon Arena expenditures be increased by $50,000, from $295,949 to $345,949 and that this amount be transferred from general operating revenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA SESSION

17.091 Motion by Councillor Phillips to go in camera at 4:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Public Auction Update (RFD) (s. 25 FOIP);

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 4:53 p.m. and returned at 4:54 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

17.092 Motion by Councillor Phillips to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 4:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

7.2 Public Auction Update (RFD) (s. 25 FOIP)

17.093 Motion by Councillor Siebold to direct Administration to negotiate and execute a tax payment agreement with the occupant of the property with the tax roll number 400011205 located in the hamlet of Lac La Biche prior to February 15, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

8.4 Census Report (Briefing);

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants and Policy Coordinator, made a presentation and answered questions on the 2016 community census of Lac La Biche County.
Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 4:57 p.m. and returned at 4:58 p.m.

8.4 Census Report (Briefing) (continued);

17.094 Motion by Councillor Richard that Council adopt the 2016 Census Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 2016 Hamlet Resurfacing Program (RFD);

Mr. Shapka made a presentation on the budget transfer from the Holowachuk Estates Base Paving Program to the 2016 Hamlet Resurfacing Program.

17.095 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Lac La Biche County Council approve a budget transfer of $295,823.42 excluding GST from the Holowachuk Estates Base Paving Program to the 2016 Hamlet Resurfacing program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Water Plant Upgrade (RFD);

Mr. Shapka made a presentation and answered questions on the water treatment improvements project expenditures.

17.096 Motion by Councillor Siebold that County Council increase the 2016 capital budget expenditures for the 2016 Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project from $1,643,748 to $3,674,000 to reflect provincial funding to be received under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.097 Motion by Councillor Phillips that County Council increase the 2016 capital budget revenues for the 2016 Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project from $0 to $2,030,252 to reflect provincial funding to be received under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
NEW BUSINESS

8.7 Bylaw 16-022 – Area Structure Plan (RFD);

Ms. Barb Dupuis, Project Coordinator, and Mr. Shaw made a presentation and answered questions on the draft Area Structure Plan Bylaw (16-022).

17.098 Motion by Councillor Richard that Bylaw 16-022 be given first reading this 24th day of January, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Alberta Award of Excellence – Letter of Support (RFD);

17.099 Motion by Councillor Phillips that Administration send a letter expressing Council’s support for Mr. Herman Poulin’s nomination for the Alberta Order of Excellence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 AAMDC – Request to Meet with Ministers (Briefing);

17.100 Motion by Councillor Thompson to direct Administration to request a meeting with the following persons at the upcoming AAMDC meeting:

   a) the Minister of Environment & Parks (or an authorized representative);
   b) the Minister of Health (regarding mental health issues in rural Alberta);
   c) the Minister of Transportation (regarding Highway 858);
   d) the Minister responsible for the rural development strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10 Council Expense Claims (Briefing).

17.101 Motion by Councillor Siebold to accept the Councillor Expense Claims as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
8.11 Discussion – Electoral Boundaries (addition to agenda)

Mayor Moghrabi updated Council on recent meetings and consultations he attended with respect to provincial electoral boundary redistribution in the Lac La Biche region.

17.102 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept the briefing on provincial electoral boundaries as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.12 Discussion – Access Cards for Councillors (addition to agenda).

Council discussed obtaining individual access cards and codes for McArthur Place.

ADJOURNMENT

17.103 Motion by Councillor Richard to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of January 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

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Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer