

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

February 9, 2017 – 10 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held February 9, 2017 at 10 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Robert Richard	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor (entered at 10:09 a.m.)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Surekha Kanzig	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (in part)
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

17.119 Motion by Councillor Haymour to approve the February 9, 2017 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget.

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 10:09 a.m.

Mr. Travis Simmons, Manager of Information Technology, provided an overview of the 2017 capital budget requests for the Information Technology department. Discussion ensued regarding the following requests:

- Increase of IT storage system
- Printer/Copier Replacement
- Telephone Server Replacement

- Security File Change Auditing Software
- Network Upgrade (Wide Area Network)

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 10:52 a.m. and returned at 10:55 a.m.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 10:58 a.m. and returned at 11:00 a.m.

Councillors Olson and Phillips left Council Chambers at 11:10 a.m.

RECESS

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

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, including Councillors Olson and Phillips.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget (continued).

Discussion continued regarding the 2017 capital budget network upgrade request for the Information Technology department.

Mr. Simmons briefed Council on the capital expense request for a wireless connection between Plamondon and Lac La Biche.

17.120 Motion by Councillor Olson that Administration enter into an agreement with a local wireless internet provider (WISP) that would give the WISP access to County owned towers, in exchange for ongoing management, support and rental of the WISP's towers for the wireless connection, and further, that \$14,000 be allotted from general revenue to cover this expenditure in the 2017 budget.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Austin
Councillor Richard
Councillor Olson
Councillor Phillips
Councilor Siebold
Councillor Haymour
Councillor Nowak

OPPOSED
Councillor Thompson

CARRIED

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget (continued).

Operating Budget

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance and Grants, and Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager of Finance, provided an overview of the following documents for the 2017 Fiscal Year:

- Summary – Operating & Capital Budgets
- Operating Budget by Function and by Object

Discussion ensued regarding the same.

Discussion ensued regarding changes to the *Municipal Government Act* and how these changes will affect the County's tax revenue.

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan continued with their review of the following documents for the 2017 Fiscal Year:

- Capital Revenues and Expenditures
- General Municipal Revenues

Discussion ensued regarding the same.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:19 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:46 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Haymour.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget (continued).

Discussion continued regarding the proposed 2017 Operating Budget.

Councillor Haymour entered Council Chambers at 1:50 p.m.

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan provided an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget by department, including the following:

- Council Operating Budget
- General Administration Operating Budget

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 2:32 p.m. and returned at 2:33 p.m.

Discussion arose regarding the reasoning for the differences between the 2016 budget amount and the proposed 2017 budget amount, as well as the differences between the 2016 actuals and the 2017 proposed budget.

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 2:45 p.m.

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 2:50 p.m. and returned at 2:51 p.m.

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 2:51 p.m.

17.121 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Administration provide Council with a report that explains the reasoning of more than a 5% variance between the 2016 budget amount and the proposed 2017 budget amount, including 2016 updated actuals, and that the same be provided at the February 16, 2017 Special Council Meeting – Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors Richard and Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 2:53 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:53 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:59 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

16.122 Motion by Councillor Haymour to go in camera at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Discussion – Legal Matter (s. 27 FOIP)

Mr. Small discussed the above noted legal matter in three parts.

On the third part of the discussion, Councillor Richard declared a pecuniary interest due to his personal business interests and left Council Chambers at 3:21 p.m.

Councillor Richard returned to Council Chambers at 3:34 p.m. once the third part of the discussion regarding the legal matter was concluded.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 3:47 p.m. and returned at 3:49 p.m.

IN CAMERA SESSION

4.1 Discussion – Personnel Matters (s. 17 FOIP)

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m. and returned at 4:01 p.m.

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 4:06 p.m. and returned at 4:31 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.123 Motion by Councillor Nowak to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 4:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

4.1 Discussion – Personnel Matters (s. 17 FOIP)

No action required.

4.2 Discussion – Legal Matter (s. 27 FOIP)

No action required.

ADJOURNMENT

17.124 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of February 9, 2017 at 4:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer**