Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held August 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER  Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:09 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 (entered at 1:53 p.m.)  
John Nowak  Councillor (entered at 10:48 a.m.)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE  Shadia Amblie  Chief Administrative Officer  
Darrell Lessmeister  Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement (in part)  
Brian Shapka  Senior Manager, Public Works (in part)  
Gordon Shaw  Senior Manager, Planning & Development (in part)  
Alex Fuller  Communications Coordinator  
Joanne Onciul  Legislative Services Coordinator  

REGRETS  Hajar (Jerry) Haymour  Councillor  

ADOPTION OF AGENDA  

17.708  Motion by Councillor Austin to approve the August 8, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

- Addition of Item 8.12 Discussion – Gravel Crush for Base Course Jobs;
- Addition of Item 8.13 Discussion – Sand Bag Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 July 11, 2017 – Regular Council Meeting.

17.709 Motion by Councillor Richard to adopt the July 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 July 13, 2017 – Special Council Meeting.

17.710 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adopt the July 13, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 July 17, 2017 – Special Council Meeting

3.4 July 17, 2017 (No. 2) – Special Council Meeting.

17.711 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adopt the July 17, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes and the July 17, 2017 (No. 2) Special Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters to discuss.

PUBLIC HEARINGS


Mayor Moghrabi provided an overview of the public hearing process and declared the public hearing open at 10:15 a.m.

Mayor Moghrabi asked Ms. Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer, whether or not the public hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation. Ms. Amblie advised that this was the case.
Mr. Gordon Shaw, Senior Manager, Planning & Development, summarized the purpose for the hearing.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in support of or in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

Mr. Albert Stratichuk, adjacent landowner of Madison Meadows Park, noted he is in favour of the proposed rezoning and expressed his frustration with this particular area not having the proper infrastructure to allow a sufficient water supply and water pressure for future development. In Mr. Stratichuk’s opinion, the County should upgrade the water lines to a twelve-inch line to accommodate future development on the land adjacent to the intersection of Highway 36 and 55.

Ms. Fatima Tarrabain, on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Tarrabain, is in favour of the proposed rezoning and is of the opinion that if the property is rezoned from Urban Reserve District to Highway Commercial District that the property would be more viable and would provide more options for future development.

Mr. Shaw confirmed there were no letters submitted in support of or in opposition to the proposed rezoning Bylaw 17-012.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there were any closing comments.

Mr. Shaw stated that the proposed rezoning of the said property is conducive to what is currently in the area.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the public hearing closed at 10:35 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

8.3 RFD – Bylaw 17-012 – Block A, Plan 658HW from Urban Reserve District (UR) to Highway Commercial District (HWC) – 2nd and 3rd Reading

17.712 Motion by Councillor Richard that Bylaw 17-012 be given second reading this 8th day of August, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.713 Motion by Councillor Olson that Bylaw 17-012 be given third and final reading this 8th day of August, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations scheduled.

RECESS
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:35 a.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 10:43 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

17.714 Motion by Councillor Austin to go in camera at 10:44 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 RFD – Government Relations Plan (s. 25 FOIP)
Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 10:48 a.m.

7.2 Discussion – Improvement District 349 Long-Term Revenue Sharing (s. 24 FOIP)

7.3 Briefing – 101 Avenue Utility Project (s. 25 FOIP)
Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:41 a.m. and returned at 11:44 a.m.

7.4 RFD – Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Concert (s. 16 FOIP)

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

17.715 Motion by Councillor Olson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 12:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:02 p.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:13 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 12:14 p.m.
Mr. Dan Cardinal, Ms. Diane Scoville, representatives of Metis Nation Region One and Mr. Mel Kuprowsky, representative of the Lions Club, provided an overview of the history of Lac La Biche Culture Days and provided information regarding the upcoming events scheduled for September 29, 30 and October 1, 2017.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the public input session closed at 12:25 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 RFD – Government Relations Plan (s. 25 FOIP)

17.716 Motion by Councillor Phillips to endorse the July 2017 Government Relations Plan as amended, and further to direct Administration to continue working with Alberta Counsel to monitor and update the plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.717 Motion by Councillor Richard that Administration schedule a meeting with Honourable Sarah Hoffman, Alberta Health Minister, to discuss the future of a CT scanner for Lac La Biche County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Discussion – Improvement District 349 Long-Term Revenue Sharing (s. 24 FOIP)

17.718 Motion by Councillor Olson to accept the presentation regarding Improvement District 349 Long-Term Revenue Sharing as information, and further, that Administration schedule a meeting with Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to discuss the Long-Term Revenue Sharing for Improvement District 349.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Briefing – 101 Avenue Utility Project (s. 25 FOIP)

17.719 Motion by Councillor Austin to accept the update regarding 101 Avenue Utility Project as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7.4 RFD – Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Concert (s. 16 FOIP)

17.720 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve funding from general revenue for hosting a Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Concert at the Bold Center on October 8, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.2.1 Disposition of Public Input Session

17.721 Motion by Councillor Austin to thank the presenters (Mr. Cardinal, Ms. Scoville and Mr. Kuprowsky) for their presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:33 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:52 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillors Richard and Phillips.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 RFD – Bylaw 17-015 – Plamondon Area Structure Plan – 1st Reading

Councillors Richard and Thompson entered Council Chambers at 1:53 p.m.

Councillor Phillips entered Council Chambers at 1:58 p.m.

17.722 Motion by Councillor Austin that the Open House Summary on the Hamlet of Plamondon & Area Area Structure Plan prepared by OPUS Stewart Weir Ltd. be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.723 Motion by Councillor Olson that Bylaw No. 17-015, a bylaw to adopt the Hamlet of Plamondon & Area Area Structure Plan, is given First Reading and further, that Administration be directed to schedule a Public Hearing on the bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
8.2 Briefing – Municipal Reserve Dedication (Eaglehaunt Subdivision)

17.724 Motion by Councillor Richard to accept the briefing regarding Municipal Reserve Dedication (Eaglehaunt Subdivision) as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 RFD—Bylaw 17-014 – Pt. of NE-24-65-14-W4M; from Agricultural District (AG) to On-Site Estate Residential District 2 (OE2) – 1st Reading;

17.725 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Bylaw 17-014 be given first reading this 8th day of August, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 RFD – Nomination of Councillors to Joint Steering Committee for the Inter-Municipal Development Plan Project;

17.726 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Councillor Austin be nominated to be Lac La Biche County’s elected representative on the Rural Intermunicipal Development Plan Project Joint Steering Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.727 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Mayor Moghrabi be nominated to be Lac La Biche County’s alternate elected representative on the Rural Intermunicipal Development Plan Project Joint Steering Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:11 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:13 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.
NEW BUSINESS

8.8 Briefing – Surveillance Camera Pilot Project

Mr. Travis Simmons, Manager of Information Technology, provided an update on the surveillance camera pilot project.

17.728 Motion by Councillor Nowak to accept the briefing on the Surveillance Camera Pilot Project as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 RFD – 2017 Rehabilitation Program – Utilities;

17.729 Motion by Councillor Richard that County Council transfer funds from the 2017 Rehabilitation Program to Administration-designated 102 Avenue Water and Sewer Replacement project in the amount of $2,000,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.730 Motion by Councillor Olson that County Council transfer funds from the 2017 Rehabilitation Program to Administration-designated Highway 858 Water and Sewer Replacement project in the amount of $2,000,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 2:24 p.m. and returned at 2:25 p.m.

8.7 RFD – Tender Award (UT-16-001-02) – Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase II;

17.731 Motion by Councillor Phillips that County Council award Tender UT-16-001-02 Water Treatment Plant Phase II Improvements to NCGL Construction for $2,181,802 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.732 Motion by Councillor Olson that County Council transfer $98,000 from Capital reserves to complete the Water Treatment Plant Improvement project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
8.12 Discussion – Gravel Crush for Base Course Jobs (addition to agenda)

Councillor Thompson declared a pecuniary interest due to his personal business interests and left Council Chambers at 2:29 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding gravel crushing for base course jobs. Council suggested that the tender for gravel crushing be done sooner than later and that crushing be added as a deletable for upcoming base course projects.

17.733 Motion by Councillor Richard to direct Administration to tender a gravel crush for Granular Base Course projects in the amount of 225,000 tonnes with an option of up to an additional 125,000 tonnes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.13 Discussion – Sand Bag Program (addition to agenda)

Discussion ensued regarding inquiries from ratepayers regarding the potential need for a sand bag program.

17.734 Motion by Councillor Phillips to direct Administration to research the cost to implement a sand bag program and bring forward recommendations to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 2:46 p.m. once the discussions regarding gravel crush for base course jobs and the sand bag program were concluded, and once motions 17.733 and 17.734 were voted upon.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 2:48 p.m. and returned at 2:49 p.m.

Councillor Nowak declared a pecuniary interest due to his personal business interests and left Council Chambers at 2:52 p.m.

8.9 Briefing – Fees & Rates for Bold Center, Swimming Pool, & FCSS

17.735 Motion by Councillor Thompson to accept this briefing on Fees & Rates for Bold Center, Swimming Pool, & FCSS as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 3:08 p.m. once the discussion regarding fees and rates for the Bold Center, Swimming Pool and FCSS was concluded and once motion 17.735 was voted upon.

NEW BUSINESS

8.10  RFD – Bold Center Back-Up Generator

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 3:08 p.m. and returned at 3:10 p.m.

17.736  Motion by Councillor Thompson that County Council transfer $57,185 from Capital Reserves to Parks & Facilities Capital budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.11  RFD – Memorandum of Understanding (Lakeland Interpretive Centre)

17.737  Motion by Councillor Richard that Lac La Biche County Council approves the addendum to the November 22, 2012 Memorandum of Understanding with the Lakeland Interpretive Society to extend the term to November 21, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

17.738  Motion by Councillor Austin to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2017 at 3:17 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

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Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer