Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held September 19, 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
Wanda Austin Councillor
Richard Olson Councillor
David Phillips Councillor
MJ Siebold Councillor
John Nowak Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
Shadia Amblie Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
Darrell Lessmeister Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
Brian Shapka Senior Manager, Public Works
Gordon Shaw Senior Manager, Planning & Development
Jihad Moghrabi Communications Coordinator
James Roy Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS
Robert Richard Councillor / Deputy Mayor
Tim Thompson Councillor
Hajar (Jerry) Haymour Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

17.862 Motion by Councillor Phillips to approve the September 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:

o Addition of Item(s):
   1. Item 8.7: Canadian Arab Friendship Association Curriculum Celebration (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 7, 2017 (No. 01) – Regular Council Meeting.

17.863 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adopt the September 7, 2017 (No. 01) Regular Council Meeting minutes and the September 7, 2017 (No. 02) Regular 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.

NEW BUSINESS

8.3 McArthur Place Tea Room Acoustic Panels (Request for Decision)

17.864 Motion by Councillor Siebold to direct Administration to increase the Facilities operational budget by $11,000 from general revenue for the purchase and installation of acoustic panels for the McArthur Place Tea Room.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:11 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 10:14 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Public Hearing - Bylaw 17-017
    (Elinor Lake Resort Area Structure Plan)

Mayor Moghrabi declared the public hearing open at 10:15 a.m.

Mayor Moghrabi asked Ms. Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer, whether the public hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation. Ms. Amblie advised that this was the case.
6.1 Public Hearing - Bylaw 17-017  
(Elinor Lake Resort Area Structure Plan)

Mr. Gordon Shaw, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, summarized the purpose for the hearing and introduced the Applicant, Mr. Michael Gourley of Scheffer Andrew Ltd. Consultants.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant was present and wishing to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Mr. Gorley made a presentation to Council on the proposed bylaw, including the incremental expansion of the Elinor Lake Resort Subdivision, revisions to existing maps of the subdivision, and future patterns of growth in the area.

Mr. Shaw responded to questions regarding development in the Elinor Lake Resort subdivision and with regard to the provisions of this proposed bylaw and revisions to the Land Use Bylaw.

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

Mr. Zicki Eludin, developer of Elinor Lake Resort, made a presentation to Council on the proposed bylaw, and responded to questions. He noted that over the course of being in several different municipal jurisdictions, there has been some confusion with respect to permits and land use regulations over time.

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

There was no one present to speak in opposition to the proposed bylaw, but Mr. Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Manager, Finance & Grants read a letter (dated September 5, 2017) into the record from Mr. Trevor and Mrs. Lisa Byers in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

The Byers’ noted that 14 new estate lots were developed and are currently occupied, as well as many un-serviced campsites – without permits. They further explained that a storage yard was developed in the absence of permits and that the original plan for Phase 1 of the development has yet to be completed, and argue that no further additional development should be undertaken until Phase 1 is complete.
PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Public Hearing - Bylaw 17-017
    (Elinor Lake Resort Area Structure Plan)

Mr. and Mrs. Byers have three requests to Council:

1. Place a reasonable limit on the number of un-serviced campsites and refuse to allow any further increase until a proportionate number of residential lots have been zoned and developed;
2. Do not approve any new campsites until the developers have built a road to divert campsite traffic away from residential neighbourhoods, including those for off-road vehicles;
3. Please consider deferring the approval of any further development until a settlement has been reached between the condominium owners and the developers regarding the completion of Phase 1 of the project and the expansion of un-serviced campsite lots without a permit.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant wishes to make any closing comments.

Mr. Shaw responded to further questions. He indicated that most of the Byers’ concerns could be addressed during the development permit application process.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the public hearing closed at 10:40 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

8.2 Bylaw 17-017 (Elinor Lake Area Structure Plan) – 2nd and 3rd Readings (Request for Decision)

17.865 Motion by Councillor Olson that Bylaw No. 17-017 (Elinor Lake Area Structure Plan) be given Second Reading.

    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.866 Motion by Councillor Phillips that Bylaw No. 17-017 (Elinor Lake Area Structure Plan) be given Third Reading.

    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
DELEGATIONS

6.2 Delegation – Community Futures Lac La Biche (Tourism Contract)  
In Camera (s. 16 FOIP – Third Party Economic Interests)

Mr. Gene Wesley, General Manager, and Ms. Shirley Michaud, Chair, of Community Futures Lac La Biche, made a presentation to Council regarding utilizing industrial hemp production as an economic development project for the County and the regional tourism marketing contract between the County and Community Futures Lac La Biche, and options surrounding its provisions and its possible renewal; they also responded to questions.

IN CAMERA SESSION

17.867 Motion by Councillor Phillips to go in camera at 10:52 a.m.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Delegation – Community Futures Lac La Biche (Tourism Contract)  
In Camera (s. 16 FOIP – Third Party Economic Interests)

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

17.868 Motion by Councillor Austin to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 11:19 a.m.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS  
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:20 a.m. and left Council Chambers.

RECONVENE  
Councillor Nowak assumed the Chair and reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except the Mayor.

DELEGATIONS

6.3 Delegation – Sustainable Eco Technologies (SET) – Blue-Green Algae Removal

Mr. David Dooley, President, Baleen International and Mr. Jeff Crooks, President, Sustainable Eco Technologies (SET) made a presentation to Council and responded to questions regarding Blue-Green Algae removal from waterways.
RECESS
Councillor Nowak called a recess at 12:09 p.m.

RECONVENE
Councillor Nowak reconvened the meeting at 12:17 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.4 Public Input Session

Councillor Nowak declared the public input session open at 12:17 p.m.

Mr. Mel Kurprowsky, President, Region 01 Lac La Biche Lions Club, and Ms. Danielle Lynis, Metis Nation of Alberta, made a presentation to Council requesting that the County increases its grant to Alberta Culture Days by $3,000 to $9,200.

Mr. Bryan Kumpula, of the Lac La Biche Antique Society made a presentation to Council requesting an update from the County on the status of negotiations regarding the transfer of possession of the Pow Wow Hut.

Mr. Mel Kurprowsky, Volunteer Coordinator, 2016 Pow Wow & Fish Derby and Ms. Pat Desjarlais, Former Vice President, Pow Wow & Fish Derby Association, made a presentation to Council asking which parts of the audit of the 2015-16 Financial Statements of the Pow Wow & Fish Derby Association will be released and which are to remain confidential.

Administration responded to their questions.

Councillor Nowak thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the public input session closed at 12:36 p.m.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

17.869 Motion by Councillor Siebold to thank the presenters from today’s delegations for their presentations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Sustainable Eco Technologies (SET) – Blue-Green Algae Removal

17.870 Motion by Councillor Nowak to direct Administration to explore the technological viability of Sustainable Eco Technologies’ (SET) Algae Removal method of improving treated water quality in Lac La Biche Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.4.1 Disposition of Public Input Session

17.871 Motion by Councillor Olson that Council supports Administration’s recommendation for funding the 2017 Alberta Culture Days, and further, that Administration contact the relevant organizations and advise them of the same.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Councillor Nowak called a recess at 12:58 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, and with Mayor Moghrabi assuming the Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Elinor Lake Resort Road Construction (Request for Decision)

Mr. Shaw made a presentation to Council on the Elinor Lake Resort Road deadline extension request, and responded to questions.

17.872 Motion by Councillor Olson to direct Administration to advise Elinor Lake Resort Ltd. in writing, that Council has granted an extension to September 1, 2018 for constructing the Elinor Lake Resort Road, contingent upon the Resort providing Administration with written confirmation from Fortis and Telus by December 1, 2017 that they have a workplan in place to re-locate their infrastructure currently within the Elinor Lake Resort road allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Follow-Up Action List – Completed Items (Request for Decision)

17.873 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Council accepts the Follow Up Action List for the third quarter of 2017 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
NEW BUSINESS

8.5 Committee Reports and Minutes (Briefing)

17.874 Motion by Councillor Austin that Council accepts the Committee Reports and Minutes as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Council Meeting Schedule – 2017 Election Period
(Request for Decision)

Mr. Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Senior Manager, Finance and Grants, made a presentation to Council regarding Council and Committee meetings over the election period, and responded to questions.

17.875 Motion by Councillor Olson that, notwithstanding any earlier Motion of Council, a meeting of the Public Works Committee be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, McArthur Place.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Olson

OPPOSED
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Austin
Councillor Siebold

DEFEATED

17.876 Motion by Councillor Nowak to direct Administration to bring forward to the October 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, a report on all outstanding infrastructure projects.

IN FAVOUR
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Austin
Councillor Siebold

OPPOSED
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Phillips
Councillor Olson

DEFEATED
NEW BUSINESS

8.6 Council Meeting Schedule – 2017 Election Period
(Request for Decision) (continued)

17.877 Motion by Mayor Moghrabi that the regularly scheduled County Council meeting of Tuesday, October 17, 2017 be cancelled.

IN FAVOUR
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Austin
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Olson
Councillor Phillips

OPPOSED
Councillor Nowak

CARRIED

17.878 Motion by Councillor Olson that the 2017 organizational meeting of Lac La Biche County Council be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, McArthur Place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.879 Motion by Councillor Siebold that special meetings of County Council be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, and Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, McArthur Place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Canadian Arab Friendship Association Curriculum Celebration (Discussion)

17.880 Motion by Councillor Austin that Council approves the expenditures necessary for councillors to attend the Canadian Arab Friendship Association Curriculum Celebration on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:16 p.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 3:24 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.
IN CAMERA SESSION

17.881 Motion by Councillor Austin to go in camera at 3:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 Purchase of Additional Shop Space (Request for Decision)
(s. 25 FOIP – Public Body Economic Interests)

6.2 Community Futures Lac La Biche Tourism Contract (Discussion)

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

17.882 Motion by Councillor Nowak to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 4:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXTENSION OF MEETING

17.883 Motion by Councillor Austin to extend the September 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting to such time that all agenda items have been brought forward.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF IN CAMERA SESSION

7.1 Purchase of Additional Shop Space (Request for Decision)
(s. 25 FOIP – Public Body Economic Interests)

17.884 Motion by Councillor Olson to direct Administration to make an offer of purchase for the property and at the price discussed in camera, and to bring forward any response from the current property owner to the next meeting of Council for its consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Community Futures Lac La Biche (Tourism Contract)

No action required.
ADJOURNMENT

17.885 Motion by Councillor Austin to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of September 19, 2017 at 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

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Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer