Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

PRESENT Omer Moghrabi Mayor
Lorin Tkachuk Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Colette Borgun Councillor
Darlene Beniuk Councillor
George L’Heureux Councillor
Jason Stedman Councillor
Charlyn Moore Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE Shadia Amblie Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Clayton Kittlitz Senior Manager, Planning & Development (in part)
Brian Shapka Senior Manager, Public Works (in part)
Gary Harman Acting Senior Manager, Recreation and Community Enhancement (in part)
Jihad Moghrabi Communications Coordinator
Danielle Cardinal Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS Colin Cote Councillor
Sterling Johnson Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

19.086 Motion by Councillor Borgun to approve the February 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 22, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting.

19.087 Motion by Councillor Stedman to adopt the January 22, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 There were no unfinished business items.

URGENT MATTERS

5.1 There were no urgent matters.

DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegation – Ms. Brenda Veillette- Holowachuk Estates Boat Launch

Ms. Veillette requested to appear as a Delegation to share concerns she has about a portion of Municipal Reserve Land that will be brushed and used to expand the parking lot areas at the Holowachuk Estates boat launch. Ms. Kelly Tesolin also joined Ms. Veillette to present their collective concerns to Council.

Ms. Tesolin and Ms. Veillette informed Council that 66 residents have signed a petition citing their concerns regarding this project. The petition was submitted to the Legislative Services Department.

Ms. Veillette shared that she is an adjacent owner to the project and was not notified of the project, she reached out to neighbouring residents who were also unaware of the project. Ms. Veillette would prefer to retain a small community feel to the area. Ms. Veillette is asking the County to reconsider this project.

Ms. Tesolin indicated that she is representing the concerned residents of Holowachuk Estates. She acknowledged that residents are supportive of the pavement of the roads/trails, but fears that current issues relating to increased traffic and other negative aspects such as parties, litter, noise, public intoxication would be exacerbated, especially since the subject area is not zoned as a provincial campground. Ms. Tesolin stated that she reviewed County minutes and County documents, and mentioned there is no comprehensive information regarding this project. There are additional
concerns pertaining to a decrease in property values, and environmental implications, accordingly, they would like to see the municipal reserve preserved and in its natural state.

Both Ms. Veillette and Ms. Tesolin indicated they don’t believe there is a need for additional parking, so it is unclear why the project is moving forward.

Mr. Gary McMurtrie was in the public gallery and shared with Council that the proposed project plan is unclear, he questioned if the walking path will continue to the waterbody, and if the project plan will include public washroom facilities. Mr. McMurtrie mentioned he’d like to see lighting installed at the boat launch for safety purposes, while expressing concern about the lack of notice provided to residents and the use of the municipal reserve lands.

Mr. Uday Chavan was in the public gallery and informed Council that he has owned his property since 1994 and that he is struggling to envision how the boat launch will work in terms of traffic turnarounds.

6.1.1 Disposition of Delegation of Business

19.088 Motion by Councillor L’Heureux to thank Ms. Veillette, Ms. Tesolin, Mr. McMurtrie and Mr. Chavan for their presentations to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:37 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Stedman and Councillor Moore.

Councillor Moore returned to Council Chambers at 11:01 a.m.

Councillor Stedman returned to Council Chambers at 11:02 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.2 Public Hearing - Public Hearing- Bylaw 18-028 & 18-029- County of St. Paul/ Lac La Biche County Intermunicipal Development Plan and Lac La Biche County/Municipal District of Bonnyville Intermunicipal Development Plan

Mayor Moghrabi declared the Public Hearing open at 11:11 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, and further noted there were no written submissions.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant was present and wishing to speak to the proposed bylaw. Mr. Clayton Kittlitz, Senior Manager Planning & Development, summarized the purpose for the hearing.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in support of the proposed bylaw. Mr. Todd Langevin was present to speak in support of the proposed Bylaw, as it relates to the County of St. Paul boundary. Mr. Langevin shared that he is a resident of Rich Lake, and his property is adjacent to the County of St. Paul boundary. Mr. Langevin would like clarification if there will be any impacts to grazing lease holders, and further, he wants assurance that proper notifications will be sent out in the event there are substantial changes to existing land uses.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed bylaw. There was no one present.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant wishes to make any closing comments. There were no closing comments.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:25 a.m.

6.3 Public Hearing - Bylaw 19-002- Lac La Biche County (Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society)

Mayor Moghrabi declared the Public Hearing open at 11:25 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, and further noted there were no written submissions.

Mr. Clayton Kittlitz, Senior Manager Planning & Development, summarized the purpose for the hearing.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant was present and wishing to speak to the proposed bylaw. The applicant was not present.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in support of the proposed bylaw. There was no one present.
Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed bylaw. There was no one present.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant wishes to make any closing comments. There were no closing comments.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:26 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.6 Rezoning Bylaw 19-002- Lac La Biche County (Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society) (Request for Decision)

Mr. Kittlitz presented Rezoning Bylaw No. 19-002; Lac La Biche County (Craigend Recreation & Agricultural Society); Lot 1, Plan 0120166; from Agricultural District (AG) to Public/Institutional District (PI) and responded to Council questions.

19.089 Motion by Councillor L’Heureux that Bylaw 19-002 be given second reading this 5th day of February.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

19.090 Motion by Councillor Beniuk that Bylaw 19-002 be given third and final reading this 5th day of February.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.1 Councillor Reports (Discussion)

Deputy Mayor Tkachuk provided Council with an update regarding the following meetings he attended:
- Athabasca County Council- he and the Mayor attended as a Delegation; and
- the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Moore provided an update regarding the following meetings she attended:
- 2019 Provincial Agricultural Services Board Conference;
- Community Futures; and
- The Recruitment and Retention Committee (also referred to as the “Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retain Society”).
Councillor Stedman provided an update regarding the following meetings he attended:

- The Recruitment and Retention Committee (also referred to as the “Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retain Society”), and
- the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation.

Councillor Borgun provided an update regarding the following meetings & events she attended:

- 2019 Provincial Agricultural Services Board Conference;
- Ecole Plamondon School event;
- Museum Open House in Plamondon;
- Greater North Foundation, and
- the Plamondon & District Community Development Society meeting.

Councillor L’Heureux provided an update regarding the following meetings he attended:

- 2019 Provincial Agricultural Services Board Conference;
- Plamondon & District Community Development Society;
- Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation; and the
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Meeting.

Councillor Beniuk provided an update regarding the following meetings she attended:

- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Meeting;
- Lakeland Agricultural Research Association.

The Mayor provided an update regarding the following meetings & events he attended:

- Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Art Awards (LGAA) group;
- Water North Coalition;
- Rotary Club;
- Athabasca County Council;
- The Recruitment and Retention Committee (also referred to as the “Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retain Society”); and
- Meeting with Independent Senators and Municipal Leaders regarding Bill C-69.

19.091 Motion by Councillor Beniuk to accept the Councillor Reports discussion item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7.2 Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan (WMP) (Briefing)

Mr. Brian Shapka, Senior Manager, Public Works and Ms. Molly Fyten, Manager, Environmental Services presented to Council the 2009 Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan, and responded to questions.

19.092 Motion by Councillor Borgun to accept the Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan briefing as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Capital Project List (Briefing)

Mr. Shapka presented to Council the January 28, 2019 Capital Project List and responded to questions.

19.093 Motion by Deputy Mayor Tkachuk to accept the Capital Project List as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Manager’s Reports—Public Works

7.4.3 Environmental Services

Ms. Molly Fyten provided an update regarding Environmental Services Manager’s Report and responded to questions.

Mr. Shapka provided an update regarding the following Manager’s Reports, and responded to questions:

7.4.1 Utility Services;
7.4.2 Transportation Services;
7.4.4 Engineering Services.

19.094 Motion by Councillor L’Heureux to accept the Manager’s Report for Public Works as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
RECESS
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:03 p.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS
7.5 Plamondon Water and Sewer Rehabilitation, Project UT-41-2017-06 (Request for Decision)

Mr. Shapka presented to Council a recommendation regarding the Plamondon Water and Sewer Rehabilitation, Project UT-41-2017-06 to approve a budget increase for the project, with funding coming from the Elinor Lake Base Paving Project. Mr. Shapka also responded to questions.

19.095 Motion by Councillor Borgun that County Council approve a budget increase in the form of a transfer of $450,000 to Project UT-41-2017-06 from the Elinor Lake Base Paving Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 CAO Approved Budget Transfers (Briefing)

Mr. Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, presented to Council the CAO approved budget transfers briefing, which is pursuant to the Lac La Biche County Policy No. CS-10-017 which permits the Chief Administrative Officers to transfer up to $50,000 per transaction in budgeted funds between general ledger accounts.

19.096 Motion by Councillor Stedman to accept the CAO Approved Budget Transfers briefing as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION
6.4 Public Input Session.

Mayor Moghrabi declared the Public Input session open at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Brendon Weening was sitting in the public gallery with his two children and shared with Council that he appreciated the opportunity to observe Council. Mr. Weening also mentioned that he will be forwarding ideas relating to Holowachuk Estates to Councillor Moore.
Mr. Brian Deheer informed Council that he appreciates Council’s support regarding the Lac La Biche Watershed Management Plan, and he offered support to the County as Chair of the Athabasca Watershed Council. Mr. Deheer also indicated that he is pleased that the proposed Lac La Biche County 2019-2024 Strategic Plan focuses on the environment.

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the Public Input session closed at 12:18 p.m.

**RECESS**

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

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:28 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7.7 Line Transfer-Amphitheatre Budget (Request for Decision)

Mr. Gary Harman, Manager, Parks and Facilities presented to Council a recommendation to increase funding the construction of the gazebo at McArthur Park.

19.097 Motion by Deputy Mayor Tkachuk that Council approve $50,000 increase in 2018 capital revenues for the Rotary Club Grant for the construction of the gazebo at McArthur Park.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

19.098 Motion by Councillor Beniuk that Council approve a $114,000 increase in 2018 capital expenditures for the construction of the gazebo at McArthur Park and that $64,000 of the increase is funded from the excess budget from the 2018 Plamondon Arena Roof project and the remainder from the Rotary Club Grant.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.8 Council Strategic Priorities (Request for Decision)

Ms. Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer, presented to Council the Lac La Biche County 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, and responded to questions.
19.099 Motion by Councillor Borgun that Council endorses the Lac La Biche County 2019-2024 Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Aboriginal Engagement and Consultation Workshop (Briefing)

Ms. Amblie presented a briefing for Council’s consideration which would have Mr. Clayton Desjarlais of Mawandonon Consulting to provide an aboriginal engagement and consultation workshop.

19.100 Motion by Deputy Mayor Tkachuk to accept the Aboriginal Engagement and Consultation Workshop Briefing as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.11 2019 Economic Developers Alberta Conference (Discussion)

Item 7.11 was added to the agenda by Councillor Beniuk who wanted to ensure there was Lac La Biche County representation at the conference.

The conference is being held April 3-5, 2019 in Banff, Alberta and the theme is “Celebrate the Past. Thrive in the Present. Excel in the Future”.

Administration advised Council that a member of Administration will be attending this conference on behalf of the County.

19.101 Motion by Councillor Stedman to accept 2019 Economic Developers Alberta Conference as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.12 2019 Farm to Market to Table Conference (Request for Decision)

Ms. Amblie presented that the 2019 Farm to Market Table Conference will be held from February 28, 2019 to March 1, 2019 in Leduc, Alberta at the Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre.

19.102 Motion by Councillor Moore to direct Administration to register Deputy Mayor Tkachuk, Councillor L’Heureux and Councillor Borgun to attend the 2019 Farm to Market Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
7.13 2019 Alberta CARE Spring Seminar (Request for Decision)

Ms. Amblie presented that the 2019 Alberta CARE Spring Seminar will be held in High River, Alberta from February 27, 2019 until March 1, 2019.

19.103 Motion by Councillor L’Heureux to accept the 2019 Alberta CARE Spring Seminar item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.14 Recruitment and Retention Committee (Discussion)

The Mayor shared that that the Recruitment and Retention Committee (which may also be referred to as the “Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retain Society”) will be completing a Terms of Reference which will define the purpose and structure of the committee. A formal request will be forwarded to the County requesting Council members be appointed to the committee. Currently, the Mayor, Councillor Stedman and Councillor Moore have been representing the County on the committee.

19.104 Motion by Deputy Mayor Tkachuk to authorize the Mayor, Councillor Moore and Councillor Stedman to sit on the Lac La Biche Regional Attraction and Retain Society until a formal request for committee members is forwarded to County Council for endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.15 Gasoline Prices (Discussion)

Councillor Stedman raised this discussion item to understand the role of the County regarding this matter given that he has received resident concerns about the retail price of gasoline in Lac La Biche.

Discussion ensued surrounding the role of Council while trying to address resident concerns, and impacts to the local economy. There was discussion about the upcoming meeting the Chamber of Commerce has organized with local gasoline retailers.

Councillor Beniuk exited Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m. and returned at 2:00 p.m.
19.105 Motion by Councillor Stedman to accept the Gasoline Prices discussion item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:12 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:21 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

19.106 Motion by Councillor Beniuk to go into Closed Session at 2:22 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff in attendance during the Closed Session for presenting and recording purposes included: Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer, Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Clayton Kittlitz, Senior Manager, Planning & Development (Mr. Kittlitz exited Chambers before Item 8.3), Mackenzie Girard, Executive Assistant to the CAO, and Danielle Cardinal, Legislative Services Coordinator.

8.1 Affordable Housing (s.25 (1) FOIP) (Discussion)
8.2 Broadband Roadmap (s.16 (1) FOIP) (Briefing)
8.3 Meetings with Ministers (s.24 (1) FOIP) (Briefing)

Councillor Stedman exited Council Chambers at 4:03 p.m. and did not return.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

19.107 Motion by Councillor Borgun to proceed with the meeting in open session at 4:04 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
EXTENSION OF MEETING

19.108 Motion by Deputy Mayor Tkachuk to extend the February 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting until all items on the agenda are addressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “CLOSED SESSION”

8.1 Affordable Housing (s.25 (1) FOIP) (Discussion)

19.109 Motion by Deputy Mayor Tkachuk to accept the Affordable Housing (s.25 (1) FOIP) discussion item as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Broadband Roadmap (s.25 (1) FOIP) (Briefing)

19.110 Motion by Councillor L’Heureux to direct Administration to bring forward to a future Council meeting, a recommendation relating to the installation of fibre optics (based on the highlighted areas on the maps discussed during in Closed Session) inclusive of the following: pricing from internet service providers, information on pre build and post build cellular coverage in the County, and further, the internet service providers should meet and exceed the requirements of the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Meetings with Ministers (s.24 (1) FOIP) (Briefing)

19.111 Motion by Councillor Moore to direct Administration to schedule the Meetings with Ministers as discussed in Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADJOURNMENT

19.112 Motion by Councillor Beniuk to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2019 at 4:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

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Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer