Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held November 19, 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
George L’Heureux Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Colette Borgun Councillor
Darlene Beniuk Councillor
Jason Stedman Councillor
Charlyn Moore Councillor
Sterling Johnson Councillor
Colin Cote Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE Dan Small Interim Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services
Darrell Lessmeister Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
Brian Shapka Senior Manager, Public Works
Clayton Kittlitz Senior Manager, Planning & Economic Development
Jihad Moghrabi Communications Manager (in part)
Danielle Cardinal Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

19.1154 MOVED: To approve the November 19, 2019 Special Council Meeting agenda as amended:
- Addition of Items:
  • 3.3 - Alberta Hub Letter of Support (Discussion)
  • 4.1 - Personnel Matter (s.17 - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy & s.27-Privileged Information- FOIP) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
NEW BUSINESS

3.3 Alberta Hub Letter of Support (Discussion)-Addition to the Agenda

19.1155 MOVED:
To support the work of the North East Alberta Information Hub (Alberta HUB) in expressing our concern about the removal of the Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDA) program in a regionally signed letter by the Mayor/Chief/Chair of all Municipalities/Communities to the Ministry of Economic Development Trade and Tourism and the impact that Alberta Hub has brought in specific value to the North East Region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

19.1156 MOVED:
To go into Closed Session at 10:14 a.m. for the following item and pertinent exception to the disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

4.1- Personnel Matter (s.17- Disclosure harmful to personal privacy & s.27- Privileged Information- FOIP) (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no one from Administration initially present during the Closed Session item.

Dan Small was subsequently invited into Council Chambers for the purpose of presenting information.

Deputy Mayor L’Heureux exited Council Chambers at 11:22 a.m. and returned at 11:26 a.m.
RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

4.1 Personnel Matter (s.17 & s.27-FOIP)- (Discussion)

19.1157 MOVED:
To proceed with the meeting out of Closed Session at 11:33 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:34 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:42 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “CLOSED SESSION”

19.1158 MOVED:
To proceed as discussed, with Mr. Dan Small, Interim Acting Chief Administrative Officer, in Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2020 County Budget (Briefing)

Mr. Dan Small, Interim Acting Chief Administrative Officer presented opening remarks to Council and responded to questions.

Mr. Jihad Moghrabi, Communications Manager, presented to Council an overview of the November 20, 2019 and November 22, 2019 Budget Open Houses, and responded to questions.

Mr. John H. Kokotilo, Manager, Protective Services presented the Proposed 2020 County Budget- Protective Services 10-year long range plan-Apparatus/Equipment Briefing and responded to questions.

RECESS Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:37 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:25 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.
NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2020 County Budget (Briefing)

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager, Finance presented the Proposed 2020 County Budget, and responded to questions.

19.1159 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Designated Industrial Assessment Review, at a cost of $30,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1160 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Youth Restorative Justice Committee and Youth Engagement, at a cost of $10,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1161 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Municipal Alert System, at a cost of $10,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1162 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Highway Chipsealing, at a cost of $342,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1163 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) Update, at a cost of $30,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1164 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Environmental Stewards Awards, at a cost of $3,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
19.1165 MOVED:
To postpone the Green Cone, at a cost of $4,640 to March 2020 Revised Budget Deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1166 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the following items:
- Placemaking-Hamlet of Lac La Biche, at a cost of $25,000
- Develop Brand Standards Guide and Implementation, at a cost of $65,000
- Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage Inventory, Needs Assessment & Implementation, at a cost of $75,000

In Favour
- Deputy Mayor L’Heureux
- Councillor Moore
- Councillor Beniuk
- Councillor Tkachuk
- Councillor Stedman
- Councillor Cote
- Councillor Borgun

Opposed
- Mayor Moghrabi
- Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

19.1167 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Business Licensing Program, at a cost of $28,000.

In Favour
- Mayor Moghrabi
- Deputy Mayor L’Heureux
- Councillor Beniuk
- Councillor Tkachuk
- Councillor Stedman
- Councillor Cote
- Councillor Borgun
- Councillor Moore

Opposed
- Councillor Johnson

CARRIED
19.1168 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Tourism and Investment 5-year marketing and promo plan, at a cost of $44,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1169 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Social Media Marketing 3-year plan-Tourism, at a cost of $21,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1170 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Community Ambassadors Program, at a cost of $2,500.

In Favour
Mayor Moghrabi
Deputy Mayor
L’Heureux
Councillor Beniuk
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Moore

Opposed
Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

19.1171 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Economic Development Officer position, at a cost of $104,348.

In Favour
Deputy Mayor L’Heureux
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Beniuk
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Moore

Opposed
Mayor Moghrabi
CARRIED
19.1172 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Drainage Issues at Plamondon Ball Diamonds, at a cost of $75,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
19.1173 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Community Facility Inspections, at a cost of $7,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
19.1174 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Community Trails Master Plan, at a cost of $40,000.

In Favour
Mayor Moghrabi
Deputy Mayor L’Heureux
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Moore

Opposed
Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED
19.1175 MOVED:
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the McArthur Park Master Plan, at a cost of $25,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
19.1176 MOVED:
To not approve the Street Banner Program, at a cost of $30,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
19.1177 MOVED:  
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Communities in Bloom Program, at a cost of $10,000.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1178 MOVED:  
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Boulevard Cutting Program, at a cost of $8,600.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19.1179 MOVED:  
To direct Administration to bring forward additional information regarding the Boulevard Cutting Program, inclusive of the urban center entry points, to a future Council Meeting.  

In Favour  
Mayor Moghrabi  
Deputy Mayor L’Heureux  
Councillor Beniuk  
Councillor Johnson  
Councillor Stedman  
Councillor Cote  
Councillor Borgun  
Councillor Moore  

Opposed  
Councillor Tkachuk  

CARRIED

RECESS  
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 2:36 p.m.

RECONVENE  
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:39 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.  
Deputy Mayor L’Heureux exited Council Chambers at 2:46 p.m. and returned at the same time

ADJOURNMENT

19.1180 MOVED:  
To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of November 19, 2019 at 2:54 p.m.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

Dan Small
Interim Acting Chief Administrative Officer