

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

January 7, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held January 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

PRESENT	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Melanie McConnell	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Brian Shapka	Senior Manager, Public Works
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

REGRETS	David Phillips	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

16.001 Motion by Councillor Austin to approve the January 7, 2016 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget.

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance and Grants, provided an overview of the following documents handed out to Council:

- Capital budget requests for consideration in 2016 preliminary budget process;

- funds available to finance capital & discretionary projects for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Mr. Maurice Gushta, Manager of Finance, was in attendance to field questions of Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the above noted hand-outs.

Mr. Gushta provided clarification of the forecasted accumulated surplus for the year ended December 31, 2015. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:54 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget (continued).

Capital Budget

Brian Shapka, Senior Manager of Public Works, was in attendance to provide an overview of the Transportation Services capital budget requests for consideration in the 2016 budget.

16.002 Motion by Councillor Olson to have Administration discuss with the County Solicitor the crown and elevation design of 91st Avenue and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion continued regarding the Transportation Services capital budget requests.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:10 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget (continued).

Mr. Shapka continued reviewing the Transportation Services capital budget requests. Discussion ensued regarding the same.

3.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget (continued).

16.003 Motion by Councillor Richard that Administration put to tender the base and paving of Range Road 151A from Highway 55 to Township Road 674, and continuing from the intersection of Township 674 and 151A (known as the 'Mission Four Corners') along old mission trail up to and including all that portion to the asphalt in the Hamlet of Plamondon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Review and discussion continued regarding the Transportation Services capital budget requests for consideration in the 2016 preliminary budget.

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:46 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget (continued).

Review and discussion continued regarding the Transportation Services capital budget requests for consideration in the 2016 preliminary budget.

16.004 Motion by Councillor Olson that Administration bring forward a Policy to the Policy Review Committee that addresses lighting on County walking trails.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 3:44 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 3:54 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget (continued).

16.005 Motion by Councillor Nowak to schedule Special Council Meetings on January 13 and 15 at 10:00 a.m. for the purposes of discussing the 2016 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1.1 Briefing – Lakeshore Storm Water Management & Storm Sewer Outfall Design Projects.

To be discussed with the Utilities Services Capital Budget.

IN CAMERA SESSION

16.006 Motion by Councillor Thompson to go in camera at 4:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget – Personnel Matters (sec. 17 FOIP).

Councillor Siebold declared a pecuniary interest as her family member is employed by the municipality. Councillor Siebold left Council Chambers at 4:15 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Nowak exited Council Chambers at 4:39 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 5:36 p.m.

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 5:48 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 5:49 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

16.007 Motion by Councillor Nowak to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 5:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

4.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget.

16.008 Motion by Mayor Moghrabi to rescind the Employee Personal Improvement and Development Plan benefit from the Compensation and Benefits Policy CS-03-016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”

4.1 Proposed 2016 County Budget (continued).

16.009 Motion by Councillor Olson that Administration prepare a report with a 5% reduction in expenditures from the 2016 interim operating budget (\$49,731,923) which does not reduce County service provision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.010 Motion by Councillor Austin that Administration develop a restructuring plan that streamlines the organizational structure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

16.011 Motion by Councillor Austin to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of January 7, 2016 at 5:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

**Shadia Amblie
Chief Administrative Officer**