

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
MONTHLY STRATEGIC SESSION  
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

**February 5, 2013 – 9:30 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on February 5, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Deputy Mayor Gail Broadbent-Ludwig called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Gail Broadbent-Ludwig	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor
<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Roy Brideau	Chief Administrative Officer
	Gordon Frank	General Manager, Planning, Community Development & Protective Services
	Jeff Lawrence	General Manager, Operations (in part)
	Karen Gingras	Economic Development Officer (in part)
	Melanie Kanarek	Manager, Legislative Services
	Lonna Hoggan	Legislative Services Liaison
<b>REGRETS</b>	Aurel Langevin	Mayor
	Robert Richard	Councillor

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

13.008 Motion by Councillor Thompson to approve the February 5, 2013 Strategic Session Agenda as amended:

- Item 3.1.1 Land Matter/International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC) Conference Discussion (portion to be discussed in camera under section 25 FOIP).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Economic Development Authority Update;

Karen Gingras, Economic Development Officer was present to provide Members of Council with an update from the Economic Development Authority. Ms. Gingras reported that:

- The draft Economic Development Plan will be presented to Council at the March 5, 2013 Policy and Priority Committee Meeting;
- The Economic Development department is working on marketing and networking materials to attract retailers to the region. This includes, but is not limited to a website update and a social media plan; and
- The Economic Development department is working on research projects including mapping, demographics, land value and mill rates.

A discussion ensued regarding mechanisms to attract businesses to the region.

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 9:50 a.m.

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 9:51 a.m.

Ms. Gingras reported that the Economic Development department is also compiling information on:

- The local hospital, education, tourism and income statistics;
- Building profiles of companies doing business in the Lac La Biche Region to understand their needs prior to meeting;
- Meeting with Protective Services, local medical professionals, emergency personnel and industry to address emergency planning;
- Preparing an inventory of County owned land for development; and
- Researching graduation and scholarship rates for the region.

## IN CAMERA SESSION

13.009 Motion by Councillor Piquette to go in camera at 10:10 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.1.1 Land Matter/ ICSC Conference Discussion (section 25 FOIP).

Councillor Piquette left Council Chambers and 10:46 a.m.

Councillor Piquette returned to Council Chambers at 10:48 a.m.

## **RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

13.010 Motion by Councillor Siebold to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 11:04 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS** Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig called a recess at 11:04 a.m.

**RECONVENE** Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m., with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF “IN CAMERA SESSION”**

3.1.1 Land Matter/ ICSC Conference Discussion (continued).

Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig reported that while attending the ICSC Conference she was approached by a developer whom was interested in receiving information on the County’s development priorities.

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 11:35 a.m. and did not return to the meeting.

13.011 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Council’s priorities for development are: a “Power Centre”, attainable housing, office space, recreational and other opportunities; and further that Lac La Biche County will work with developers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13.012 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Administration bring forward a draft land sales policy for Council’s review prior to the end of February 2013.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

3.2 2013 Workplan;

Roy Brideau, Chief Administrative Officer reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of Municipal Affairs. Mr. Brideau provided Council with the following items for discussion with the ADM:

- Expansion urban centres of County;

- Review of MGA – how can Lac La Biche County participate?;
- Long term Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) strategy;
- Regional government designation vs. County/Municipal District;
- Affordable housing; and
- Financial assessment/349 and four townships (caribou lands).

A discussion ensued on each topic, and Members of Council did not recommend additional matters for discussion.

Mr. Brideau reported that Administration is working on developing a work-plan for 2013 and that Council will receive updates every two months.

Mr. Brideau notified all those present that he currently has a list of twenty-five items for discussion at future Strategic Sessions. It was noted that ad-hoc sessions will be required.

### 3.3 Meetings with Cabinet Ministers at Spring AAMDC Convention;

Roy Brideau, Chief Administrative Officer, reported that Administration has secured meetings with Cabinet Ministers at the Spring AAMDC Convention. The following items were identified as topics for discussion with the respective Ministers:

#### **Alberta Transportation**

- Highway 881 re-designation;
- Highway Maintenance;
- Plamondon – Caslan Connector; and
- Bridge Program.

#### **Sustainable Resource Development (SRD)**

- SRD land acquisition.

#### **Health**

- Medevac and hospital;
- Update regarding dialysis & CT Scanner.

Councillor Piquette left Council Chambers at 12:18 p.m.

It was noted that the local medical professionals should be engaged in the discussions with the Minister of Health.

3.4 Meeting with RCMP Commanding Officer at Spring AAMDC Convention.

Roy Brideau, Chief Administrative Officer, reported that Administration has secured a meeting with the RCMP Commanding Officer at the Spring AAMDC Convention. The following items were identified as topics for discussion with the Commanding Officer:

- Resources for Highway 881;
- Long term plans for RCMP facilities in the Lac La Biche area.

Councillor Piquette returned to Council Chambers at 12:22 p.m.

Mr. Brideau advised Members of Council that the Lac La Biche Staff Sergeant will be present at the February 12, 2013 Regular Council meeting to provide Council with the annual review.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

13.013 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to adjourn the Strategic Session of February 5, 2013 at 12:25 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Gail Broadbent-Ludwig, Deputy Mayor**

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**J. Roy Brideau, CLGM, CMM  
Chief Administrative Officer**