

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
STRATEGIC SESSION – RE: MONTHLY
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

April 2, 2013 – 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Strategic Session held on April 2, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Langevin called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

PRESENT	Aurel Langevin	Mayor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Jeff Lawrence	Acting CAO, General Manager, Operations
	Shadia Amblie	General Manager, Communications & Human Services
	Karen Gingras	Acting General Manager, Planning, Community Development & Protective Services, Economic Development Officer
	Lonna Hoggan	Legislative Services Liaison, Recording Secretary
REGRETS	Gail Broadbent-Ludwig	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
	John Nowak	Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SS.13.026 Motion by Councillor Kumpula to approve the April 2, 2013 Strategic Session agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Briefing - Health and Safety Presentation;

Health and Safety PowerPoint Presentation was presented by Shirley Huffman, Health and Safety Coordinator.

Mayor Langevin thanked Ms. Huffman for her presentation.

3.2 Economic Development Authority Presentation;

Ms. Gingras provided a monthly update on the Economic Development Authority (EDA). The following items were presented/discussed:

Meetings arranged with CNRL and Devon to discuss meeting with Doctors and emergency services to determine opportunities for collaboration.

EDA is compiling a local business directory.

EDA has established data gathering processes in support of County initiatives.

Administration is collecting data from other municipalities on planning and development fees.

EDA has collected information about local educational institutions, health care facilities, medical services utilization numbers and by postal codes.

The South Oilsands Regional Coalition (SORC) research report will be presented to the SORC committee today.

The EDA sent invitations for the Mayor's Business Leaders Forum. The forum will initiate discussions with locally owned businesses about where they see Lac La Biche in 10 – 15 years and what they need from the County to attain their goals in that time frame.

EDA created a plan for the County website design to create three new tabs: Living, Visiting, and Business. These changes are expected to be complete by May 17, 2013.

EDA has started working with a production company to create a series of videos for the County website for the Economic Development department to bring to trade shows and to deliver to oil companies.

EDA has designed a new trade show booth for industry trade shows which Administration will be using in upcoming trade shows and events.

Work continues with CN committee and a joint meeting between CN, invited guests and Council is being organized, with a tentative date of May 10, 2013.

Administration is in the process of contracting a new GIS company.

Administration is in the process of improving collaboration between departments that are key to planning, such as transportation, environment and utilities.

EDA is in discussions with three developers for housing subdivisions which Administration anticipates will include allotments for attainable housing.

An application has been made to request that the hamlet of Plamondon be officially declared a bilingual community. The EDA would like the ability to translate presentation packages into the French language for French dignitaries, and/or representatives of Western Economic Development, Total, and potential investors.

- Discussion and concerns ensued regarding:
 - Will there be additional cost to the County for this service?
 - Will there be Federal funding for these changes?
 - Will there be a need for change regarding employees/staffing within the County?

RECESS

Mayor Langevin called a recess at 10:31 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 10:39 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

3.3 Discussion – Workshop Priorities.

A discussion ensued regarding the definition of Strategic Sessions and their purpose.

Council has decided to dispense with the retreat in Vancouver following the FCM Conference and to schedule meetings locally to discuss topics as planned.

Councillor Kumpula left Council Chambers at 11:42 a.m.

Councillor Kumpula returned to Council Chambers at 11:44 a.m.

Council has requested an overview of the Strategic Session on May 6, 2013 from Administration, before discussions ensue regarding Solid Waste Management.

SS.13.027 Motion by Councillor Siebold that Council schedule Strategic Session(s) in April regarding Local Improvement Bylaws, the Water/Sewer Connection Policy and Cost Recovery/Off-Site Levies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SS.13.028 Motion by Councillor Richard for Council to have a Water and Sewer Strategic Session regarding future service expansion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

SS.13.029 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to adjourn the Strategic Session of April 2, 2013 at 12:04 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aurel Langevin, Mayor

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