

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
LAKELAND COMMUNITIES HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC SESSION
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

Thursday, April 18, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Strategic Session held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT	Gail Broadbent-Ludwig	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Roy Brideau	Chief Administrative Officer
	Shadia Amblie	General Manager, Communications & Human Resources (in part)
	Karen Gingras	Economic Development Officer (in part)
	Mélanie LeRouzic	Special Projects & Research Coordinator/Recording Secretary

REGRETS	Aurel Langevin	Mayor
	Robert Richard	Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SS.13.030 Motion by Councillor Kumpula to approve the April 18, 2013 Strategic Session agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig welcomed Marvin Fyten, Vice Chair of the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council.

3.1 Role of the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council;

Mr. Fyten provided Council Members with a Health Advisory Council's information package and discussed his membership with the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council.

A discussion ensued regarding:

- The Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council's relationship with Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the similarities of common problems/concerns with regards to health in the region;
- Monthly Health Advisory Council meeting time, locations and the list of invited guests;
- It was noted that Lac La Biche County has not received any correspondence relating to an invitation of such. Mr. Fyten will contact the Health Advisory Council to follow up with the lack of invitation, Administration to contact them as well.
- Removal of medical services in Smoky Lake;

Councillor Siebold left Council Chambers at 1:17 p.m.

Councillor Siebold returned to Council Chambers at 1:19 p.m.

- The effectiveness of a municipality versus a Health Advisory Council lobbying to the provincial government regarding health concerns such as dialysis;
- Senior Foundations.

3.2 Current Initiatives;

Mr. Fyten provided an overview of the 2010-2011 Annual Report, specifically with regard to the reported successes.

A further discussion ensued regarding:

- The reported regional consultations and whether or not Lac La Biche County was ever asked to partake in these discussions;
- Medevac Services – Mr. Fyten advised that it may be time to consider the long-term implications and the need to re-evaluate the Medevac location for emergency treatment. Stakeholder engagement was also discussed;

- Past success of both Lac La Biche County Council and the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council lobbying to AHS for a similar goal;
- The Health Advisory Council's fall 2012 meeting with Minister Horne, Chris Eagle and Steven Lockwood;

Mr. Fyten discussed the communication disconnect between the Ministers office, AHS and the Regional Health Authority.

- Potential loss of Fixed Wing in Lac La Biche;
- Basic facility upgrades/modernization needs at the Lac La Biche Healthcare Centre;

Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig provided an update with regard to Council and Administration's recent contact with AHS. She also discussed the possibility of making a presentation to the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council on the Lac La Biche Health Society, Medevac, the local nurse practitioner and hospital maintenance and doctor/staff recruitment and retention.

Mr. Fyten advised that the new 2012-2013 Annual Report is due to be released in the near future.

3.3 Short and Long Term Plans.

Discussed as part of item 3.2.

Deputy Mayor Broadbent thanked Mr. Fyten for his presentation.

Meeting was adjourned with Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig calling a recess at 2:01 p.m.

Gail Broadbent-Ludwig, Deputy Mayor

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