

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
REGULAR
STRATEGIC SESSION**

COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE

August 20, 2013 – 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Strategic Session held on August 20 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
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Gail Broadbent-Ludwig	Councillor / Deputy Mayor – (arrived at 9:37 a.m.)
	John Nowak	Councillor – (arrived at 9:37 a.m.)
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Roy Brideau	Chief Administrative Officer
	Gordon Frank	General Manager, Development & Community Services
	Shadia Amblie	General Manager, Communications & Human Services
	Lonna Hoggan	Legislative Services Liaison, Recording Secretary
REGRETS	Robert Richard	Councillor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SS.13.053 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to approve the June 20, 2013 Strategic Session agenda as presented:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Discussion - Economic Development Update;

Mr. Frank introduced Ms. Karen Gingras who provided an update on economic development in the Lac La Biche County.

Ms. Gingras provided a copy of the Lac La Biche County Profile to Members of Council. The profile can be located on the County website and will be updated quarterly.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Statistics and verification;
- The profile information is available to anyone and can be downloaded from the County website, located under the documents tab;
- If Council would like copies of this to hand out, please give Ms. Gingras one week notice and she can print any amount that you require;

Discussion continued regarding:

- The updated growth projection, completed by Nicholls Applied Management, regarding the school enrollment statistics and capacity in each school.

Council requested the following action/information from Ms. Gingras:

- Ms. Gingras will ask the NLSD for clarity on the enrollment statistics as well as capacity levels in each of the local schools.

Discussion continued regarding:

- The event: *Energy In Action-Launching our Future* – Ms. Gingras handed out copies of the invitation to Members of Council. Council will have a private viewing of the first video before it is launched. The video will be emailed to Council in draft form;
- A letter will be coming from Alberta Transportation regarding the pending approval of additional approaches along Highway 881 and parts of Highway 36 near the hamlet of Lac La Biche.
- The de-gazetting of Highways 55 & 36 and the possible impact on economic development.

Council requested the following action/information from Mr. Frank:

- When the letter is received from Alberta Transportation, Mr. Frank will make a recommendation to Council as to how to proceed.

3.2 Briefing – Lac La Biche County Beautification and Main Street Revitalization;

Mr. Frank provided the background for bringing this project to Council for consideration.

Ms. Gingras provided a history of this project and the process for implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Consolidation of the many municipal studies that have already been done for the purpose of receiving public input;
- The possibility of a comprehensive plan to expedite the process;
- Buy-in from the down-town business people;
- The areas that are priorities for this project;
- The hiring of a professional planner/contractor;
- Budgeted dollars to get started on the project this year.

Council requested the following action/information from the Planning & Development department:

- An RFD to be brought forward regarding the budget for this project;
- Timelines; tighten them up if possible, in order to be ready for the budget next fall.

RECESS

Mayor Langevin called a recess at 10:49 a.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.3 Briefing – Bold Center Strategic Plan Draft.

Mr. Frank introduced Ms. Staci Lattimer, Manager, Recreation & Culture.

Ms. Lattimer presented a slide presentation to Council; *Life Happens at the Bold*.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Insurance coverage for user groups (hockey groups, leagues, etc.);
- The municipality and it's priority regarding usage of the Bold Center;
- The Northern Lights School Division:
 - Their usage of the Bold Center re: the new High School;
 - The Joint Use Agreement;
 - The Joint Development area;
 - Parking spaces at the new high school.

RECESS Mayor Langevin called a recess at 11:59 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion continued regarding:

- The Bold Center;
 - Usage and fees at the Bold Center;
 - Usage regarding residents, non-residents and youth;
 - Subsidization for certain groups;
 - Cost recovery, 30% is an achievable and reasonable goal with a 3 year plan.
- Progress on clean up at Big Jim's Recycling Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

SS.13.054 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to adjourn the Strategic Session of August 20, 2013 at 5:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aurel Langevin, Mayor

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