

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MCARTHUR PLACE, LAC LA BICHE**

**February 24, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held February 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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

<b>PRESENT</b>	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Shadia Amblie	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Finance & Grants
	Darrell Lessmeister	Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
	Alex Fuller	Communications Coordinator
	James Roy	Legislative Services Coordinator

<b>REGRETS</b>	Robert Richard	Councillor and Deputy Mayor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

17.187 Motion by Councillor Olson to approve the February 24, 2017 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 Proposed 2017 County Budget

3.1.2 Community Capital Funding Project Requests

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Finance and Grants Coordinator, made a presentation to Council on community capital project funding requests for various community groups, and responded to questions.

*Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society*

17.188 Motion by Councillor Austin to allocate \$30,000 to the Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society towards building a new playground.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17.189 Motion by Councillor Thompson to request further information from the Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society on its plans for the Senior Centre Upgrade before Council takes further action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Lakeland Interpretive Society*

17.190 Motion by Councillor Austin to direct Administration to proceed with its conceptual plan and return to Council with further information at a future Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17.191 Motion by Councillor Siebold to allocate \$37,500 to the Lakeland Interpretive Society towards exhibit upgrades and equipment.

**IN FAVOUR**  
**Mayor Moghrabi**  
**Councillor Austin**  
**Councillor Olson**  
**Councillor Phillips**  
**Councillor Siebold**  
**Councillor Nowak**

**OPPOSED**  
**Councillor Thompson**

**CARRIED**

3.1.2 Community Capital Funding Project Requests (continued)

*Owl River Recreation Association*

17.192 Motion by Councillor Thompson to allocate \$9,498.82 to the Owl River Recreation Association to fund various renovations and appliance purchases completed in 2016.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 11:02 a.m.

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 11:05 a.m.

*Plamondon and District Community Development Society (PDCDS)*

17.193 Motion by Councillor Olson to allocate \$35,000 to the Plamondon and District Community Development Society to fund the construction of the Plamondon baseball diamonds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17.194 Motion by Councillor Olson to allocate \$120,000 to the Plamondon and District Community Development Society to fund the installation of a cement floor for the Plamondon Curling Rink.

**IN FAVOUR**  
**Mayor Moghrabi**  
**Councillor Phillips**  
**Councillor Olson**

**OPPOSED**  
**Councillor Thompson**  
**Councillor Austin**  
**Councillor Siebold**  
**Councillor Nowak**

**DEFEATED**

17.195 Motion by Councillor Siebold to allocate \$26,475.75 to the Plamondon and District Community Development Society to fund upgrades to the Plamondon Senior Rendez-Vous bathroom and entrance.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 11:19 a.m. and returned at 11:22 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.1.4 Operational Funding Requests

Mr. Kurppa made a presentation to Council on community operating grant funding requests for various community groups, and responded to questions.

*Community Learning for Adult Students Society (CLASS)/Programs for Adult Learning (PAL)*

17.196 Motion by Councillor Thompson to allocate \$25,000 to Community Learning for Adult Students Society/Programs for Adult Learning towards its 2017 operations, provided Administration confirms receipt of the audited financial statements from Community Learning for Adult Students Society/Programs for Adult Learning and confirms there are no financial irregularities.

**IN FAVOUR**  
**Councillor Thompson**  
**Councillor Nowak**

**OPPOSED**  
**Mayor Moghrabi**  
**Councillor Phillips**  
**Councillor Austin**  
**Councillor Siebold**  
**Councillor Olson**

**DEFEATED**

Councillor Phillips left Council Chambers at 11:33 a.m.

17.197 Motion by Councillor Olson to allocate \$17,000 to CLASS/PAL towards its 2017 operations, provided Administration confirms receipt of reviewed financial statements from CLASS/PAL and confirms there are no financial irregularities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:33 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, including Councillor Phillips.

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.1.4 Operational Funding Requests (continued)

*Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter*

17.198 Motion by Councillor Thompson to allocate \$35,000 to Lakeland Out of the Elements Men's Shelter towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre Association*

17.199 Motion by Councillor Thompson to allocate \$57,184 to *Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre Association* towards its 2017-operating budget.

**IN FAVOUR**

**Mayor Moghrabi  
Councillor Phillips  
Councillor Olson  
Councillor Thompson  
Councillor Austin**

**OPPOSED**

**Councillor Siebold  
Councillor Nowak**

**CARRIED**

*Lac La Biche Chamber of Commerce*

17.200 Motion by Councillor Nowak to not allocate \$591 to the *LLB Chamber of Commerce* to fund its 2017 insurance payment.

**IN FAVOUR**

**Councillor Austin  
Councillor Olson  
Councillor Nowak**

**OPPOSED**

**Councillor Thompson  
Councillor Siebold  
Mayor Moghrabi  
Councillor Phillips**

**DEFEATED**

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 12:00 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

17.201 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve the insurance allocations requests for LLB Chamber of Commerce, Normandeu Community Centre, and the Plamondon Hall Building Society, upon confirmation by Administration that this insurance request has been made.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.1.4 Operational Funding Requests (continued)

*5HV Club*

17.202 Motion by Councillor Olson to allocate ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,467 to the *5HV Club* towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17.203 Motion by Councillor Olson to amend motion no. 17.202 to read "\$2,467" instead of "\$1,800".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society*

17.204 Motion by Councillor Siebold to allocate \$20,200 to the Craigend Recreation and Agricultural Society towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Hylo/Venice Recreation and Agricultural Society*

17.205 Motion by Councillor Olson to allocate \$65,681 to the Hylo/Venice Recreation and Agricultural Society towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Lac La Biche Agricultural Society*

17.206 Motion by Councillor Olson to allocate \$46,287 to the Lac La Biche Agricultural Society towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Lac La Biche Heritage Society*

17.207 Motion by Councillor Siebold to allocate \$21,611.20 to the Lac La Biche Heritage Society towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.1.4 Operational Funding Requests (continued)

*Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society*

17.208 Motion by Councillor Phillips to allocate \$40,000 to the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Owl River Recreation Association*

17.209 Motion by Councillor Siebold to allocate \$20,840 to the Owl River Recreation Association towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Plamondon and District Community Development Society*

17.210 Motion by Councillor Olson to allocate \$522,157 to the Plamondon and District Community Development Society towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society*

17.211 Motion by Councillor Austin to allocate \$37,350 to the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society towards its 2017 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.1.3 Event Sponsorship Requests

*Lac La Biche Pow-Wow and Fish Derby Association*

17.212 Motion by Councillor Thompson to allocate \$591 to the Lac La Biche Pow-Wow and Fish Derby Association to fund its 2017 insurance payment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Lac La Biche Pow-Wow and Fish Derby Association (continued)*

- 17.213 Motion by Mayor Moghrabi that Council not allocate any further funds to the Lac La Biche Pow-Wow and Fish Derby Association, excepting those necessary for undertaking a formal audit of the Association's financial statements, until the Association appears before Council in a public session to request funding, and at such time provides Council with a copy of its audited financial statements.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Violin Sculpture*

- 17.214 Motion by Councillor Olson to advise Mr. Leo Piquette that Council has considered his request for \$17,000 in funding to construct a large violin sculpture in Plamondon, and has decided to respectfully deny his request.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:51 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 3.1.1 Reserve Balances – December 31, 2016 (Briefing);

Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager, Finance and Grants, made a presentation to Council on the County's unaudited reserve balances as of December 31, 2016, and responded to questions.

- 3.1.5 Estimated Debenture Calculations (101<sup>st</sup> Ave. Utility Project)

Mr. Small made a presentation to Council on estimated debenture calculations, and responded to questions.

Councillors Olson left Council Chambers at 1:25 p.m. and returned at 1:28 p.m.

- 17.215 Motion by Councillor Olson to accept the briefings on estimated debenture calculations and reserve balances as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**DEFERRAL OF AGENDA ITEM**

17.216 Motion by Councillor Austin to defer the *in camera* agenda item 4.1, (Portage College sponsorship), until the February 28, 2017 meeting of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

3.1.6 Schedule of Future Special Council (Budget) Meetings (Discussion).

17.217 Motion by Councillor Olson that Council meet for Special Council (Budget) meetings on the following dates:

1. March 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.;
2. March 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.;
3. March 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.;

and further, that the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Transportation Master Plan Advisory Committee is postponed to a later date at the convenience of the Committee, and Administration is directed to take all actions necessary and incidental in preparation for holding meetings on these dates.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

17.218 Motion by Councillor Austin to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of February 24, 2017 at 1:52 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Shadia Amblie  
Chief Administrative Officer**