

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

**DECEMBER 23, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held on December 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Omer Moghrabi	Mayor
	Wanda Austin	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Richard Olson	Councillor
	David Phillips	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Hajar (Jerry) Haymour	Councillor (entered at 2:13 p.m.)
	John Nowak	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Shadia Amblie	Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Manager, Communications
	Melanie McConnell	Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Manager, Legislative Services
	Karen Gingras	Interim Senior Manager, Planning & Economic Development
	Brian Shapka	Interim Senior Manager, Public Works
	Dan Small	Senior Manager, Finance & Community Services
	Jihad Moghrabi	Communications Coordinator
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator
<b>REGRETS</b>	Tim Thompson	Councillor

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 14.889 Motion by Councillor Austin to approve the December 23, 2014 Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended:
- Addition of Item 9.8 CAMS Report;
  - Addition of Item 9.9 Civic Centre – Council Chambers at McArthur.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 December 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

It was noted that a correction is required in section 6.1 Public Hearing – Rezoning Bylaw 14-043 that Councillor Olson was the Applicant with respect to the proposed rezoning, not the landowner.

14.890 Motion by Councillor Siebold to adopt the December 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4.1 There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## **URGENT MATTERS**

5.1 There were no urgent matters.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:08 a.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6.1 Public Hearing - Bylaw 14-042 – Proposed Road Closure of Original Government Road Allowance adjoining the North West Quarter of Section 10 lying South of the South limit of Railway Plan 370B.V.;

Mayor Moghrabi declared the public hearing open at 10:18 a.m.

Planning and Development Officer, Sheera Bourassa summarized the purpose for the hearing and noted that land owners within a 60 meter radius were notified.

Ms. McConnell, Interim Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Legislative and Information Services advised that notice of this public hearing was provided in the Lac La Biche Post, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Discussion ensued regarding the closure of the above noted road and the affect it would have to adjoining properties.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant was present and wishing to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Shawn Nicoll, of Associated Engineering was present to speak on behalf of the landowners, Robert and Lena Rizzoli. Mr. Nicoll noted that the closure of the road was required as part of the conditional approval for the consolidation of five individual parcels of land.

Discussion ensued regarding the current accesses to the property and the proposed use of the consolidated land.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in support of the proposed bylaw.

No one was present.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed bylaw.

No one was present.

Mayor Moghrabi asked if the Applicant wishes to make any closing comments.

No additional comments were made

Mayor Moghrabi thanked the presenters for their comments, and declared the public hearing closed at 10:38 a.m.

**RECESS** Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 10:38 a.m.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6.2 Delegation – Portage College – Water Resources Strategy;

Dr. Trent Keough and Reuel Thomas were present on behalf of Portage College and provided a PowerPoint presentation, as attached to and forming part of these minutes, outlining the College's Water Resources Strategy.

Councillor Austin left Council Chambers at 10:55 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the College's ultimate goal to provide Water Operator Training Courses – Levels 1 to 4 in the future; Mr. Thomas noted that this was not part of the College's ask at this time.

Councillor Austin returned to Council Chambers at 10:57 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the previously approved \$600,000 (over 3 years) contribution from the County towards the Strategy and the revised project scope.

Discussion continued regarding the Portage College's Water Resources Strategy.

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:02 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS**

7.1 Delegation – Portage College – Water Resources Strategy;

14.891 Motion by Councillor Nowak to send a letter of thank you to the Portage College for their presentation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6.3 Public Input Session.

There was no one present for the public input session.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

14.892 Motion by Councillor Olson to go in camera at 12:16 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.1 Land Matter – Land Sale – Parcel 3 – Amending Conditions and Closing Date (section 25 FOIP);

8.2 Personnel Matter – Municipal Internship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Option (section 17 FOIP).

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

14.893 Motion by Councillor Olson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 12:44 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

8.1 Land Matter – Land Sale – Parcel 3 – Amending Conditions and Closing Date (section 25 FOIP);

14.894 Motion by Councillor Olson that Lac La Biche County accept the condition of variance as a condition subsequent to the land sale, and should the condition not be met, then the sale proceeds of County owned lands described as Lot 1, Block 5, Plan 1222024 will be returned to the purchaser and transfer of title will be reversed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14.895 Motion by Councillor Richard that Lac La Biche County accept the closing date as on or before January 30, 2015 for the sale of County owned lands described as Lot 1, Block 5, Plan 1222024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2 Personnel Matter – Municipal Internship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Option (section 17 FOIP).

14.896 Motion by Councillor Phillips that Lac La Biche County participate in the second year option under the Municipal Internship Program – Administrator Stream, for the 2015/2016 year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECESS**

Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 12:46 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:13 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Nowak and including Councillor Haymour.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 9.1 RFD – 2015 Interim Operating Budget;

Discussion ensued regarding the budget process.

Councillor Nowak entered Council Chambers at 2:22 p.m.

Councillor Siebold and Councillor Phillips declared a conflict of interest as they both have family members that work in the Utilities department and left Council Chambers at 2:29 p.m.

14.897 Motion by Councillor Olson that County Council approves 50% of the 2014 operating budget of the Utilities Department in the amount of \$6,672,870 for revenues and \$7,881,329 for expenditures as adopted by Council at the April 24, 2014 County Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the Interim Operating Budget for 2015 for the Utilities Department.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Siebold and Councillor Phillips returned to Council Chambers at 2:35 p.m.

Councillor Austin declared a conflict of interest as her son is on the volunteer fire department and left Council Chambers at 2:37 p.m.

14.898 Motion by Councillor Richard that County Council approves 50% of the 2014 operating budget of the Fire Department in the amount of \$152,000 of revenues and \$1,415,076 of expenditures as adopted by Council at the April 24, 2014 County Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the Interim Operating Budget for 2015 for the Fire Department.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Nowak and Councillor Phillips declared a conflict of interest due to personal business interests and left Council Chambers at 2:38 p.m.

Councillor Austin remained outside of Council Chambers as she has family that works at the Bold Center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 RFD – 2015 Interim Operating Budget (continued);

14.899 Motion by Councillor Olson that County Council approves 50% of the 2014 operating budget for Recreation Facilities and Programs of \$3,959,821 in revenues and \$12,273,029 in expenditures as adopted by Council at the April 24, 2014 County Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the Interim Operating Budget for 2015 for Recreation Facilities and Programs.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillors Austin, Phillips and Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 2:40 p.m.

14.900 Motion by Councillor Phillips that County Council approves 50% of the 2014 operational budget as attached to and forming part of these minutes with operating revenues of \$63,866,592 and operating expenditures of \$50,830,593 as adopted by Council at the April 24, 2014 Council meeting and subsequent Council meetings as the Interim Operating Budget for 2015 excluding:

- Utilities Department revenues of \$6,672,870 and expenditures of \$7,881,329;
- Fire Department revenues of \$152,000 and expenditures of \$1,415,076; and
- Recreation Facilities and Programs revenues of \$3,959,821 and expenditures of \$12,273,029.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.2 RFD – 2015 Preliminary Capital Budget;

14.901 Motion by Councillor Nowak to postpone the 2015 Preliminary Capital Budget to a Special Council Meeting to be scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, 2015, and further that the meeting be held in Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## NEW BUSINESS

9.8 CAMS Report (addition to the agenda);

Councillor Haymour left Council Chambers at 2:57 p.m.

Councillor Haymour returned to Council Chambers at 2:58 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding grader beats, clarification of how the CAMS report can be read, and how changes are required in service intervals to provide better service to residents.

9.3 RFD – 2015 Bronze Sponsorship – Coalition for a Safer 63 & 881;

Councillor Olson left Council Chambers at 3:13 p.m.

Councillor Olson returned to Council Chambers at 3:13 p.m.

14.902 Motion by Councillor Haymour to direct Administration to allocate \$10,000 in the 2015 interim operational budget for the Bronze Sponsorship of the Coalition for a Safer 63 and 881.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.4 RFD – Alberta Community Partnership Grant – Highway 63 Emergency Road Rescue Response Project;

14.903 Motion by Councillor Olson that Lac La Biche County supports participation in the Highway 63 Emergency Road Rescue Response Project proposed by Athabasca County under the Alberta Community Partnership Program.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.5 RFD – Letters of Support – Connecting Canadians Program;

Councillor Siebold left Council Chambers at 3:21 p.m.

14.904 Motion by Councillor Nowak that Administration be authorized to supply local internet service providers applying for funding under the Connecting Canadians program with letters of support from Lac La Biche County.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



- 9.6 RFD – Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ended November 30, 2014;

Councillor Siebold returned to Council Chambers at 3:23 p.m.

- 14.905 Motion by Councillor Nowak that County Council accepts the Lac La Biche Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the Period Ended November 30, 2014, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 9.7 RFD – Revisited Return of Portage Voyageurs’ Web-Streaming Contribution;

Discussion ensued regarding the history of the Portage Voyageurs’ Web-Streaming Contribution.

No action required.

- 9.9 Civic Centre – Council Chambers at McArthur (addition to the agenda).

Discussion ensued regarding moving the Civic Centre to McArthur Place.

- 14.906 Motion by Councillor Haymour to direct Administration to present to Council a long term plan for McArthur Place to serve as the Civic Centre.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 14.907 Motion by Councillor Nowak to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 23, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Omer Moghrabi, Mayor**

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**Shadia Amblie  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer**