

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
2012 BUDGET MEETING  
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

**April 2, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Kirylchuk called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Peter Kirylchuk	Mayor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
	Aurel Langevin	Deputy Mayor/Councillor
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganez	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Gail Broadbent	Councillor
	Barry Kolenosky	Acting Chief Administrative Officer Director, Planning and Infrastructure Services
	Dan Small	Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Debbie Menard	Interim Director, Human Resources
	Shadia Amblie	Interim Director, Communications
	Carmen Evancusky	Recording Secretary

**REGRETS** John Nowak Councillor

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**SS.12.017** Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve the April 2, 2012 Draft Budget agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Kolenosky provided an overview of the new budget process.

**Mission Vision**

Ms. Amblie provided an overview of the Mission Vision as provided in agenda package.

## **Strategic Plan Overview**

Ms. Amblie provided an overview of the Strategic Plan Overview as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding Ms. Amblie's request for formal adoption of the Strategic Plan. Mayor Kirylchuk advised that this must take place in a Regular Council meeting.

### **1. Budget Overview**

#### **1. Current State of Affairs**

Mr. Small provided an overview of current state of affairs, as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding Mill Rate, clarification of long term debt, receipt of grants monies, per capita expenses and census statistics.

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 10:37 a.m.

Councillor Thompson returned to Council Chambers at 10:43 a.m.

#### **2. Year End Assumptions**

Mr. Kolenosky explained when the 2012 budget is finalized, Lac La Biche County will have approximately \$31 million as cushion for cash flow, recommend we keep \$12-\$14 million sitting available, also outlined the additional grants Lac La Biche County will be receiving above and beyond the \$31 million(\$3.8 million of Federal funding + \$12.8 million from Water for Life).

A discussion ensued regarding increase from \$27 million to the \$31 million that Lac La Biche County has at yearend; clarification of statement in yearend assumption about the \$31 million funding projects vs. operations.

#### **RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called recess at 11:02 a.m.

#### **RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 11:09 a.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

#### **3. Gains and Losses- Air Weapons Range**

Mr. Small provided an overview of the Gains & Losses- Air Weapons Range as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding clarification of the \$14 million dollar grant which Lac La Biche County receives.

Request for Administration to bring back information – residential assessment, commercial assessment, industrial assessment~ LLBC; New Area “B”, Old Area “A” where are we now vs. what was projected. Accurate information needs to be placed in the resident’s hands as well as Councils so that an informed decision may be made. Projected revenue we also need to considered with the split mill rate.

A discussion ensued regarding payments source options for the BNR plant, and clarification of mill rates provided in document.

#### **4. Grants**

Mr. Kolenosky reviewed Grant Information, as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion regarding clarification of “lost” Transportation grants funds from 2010.

#### **5. Debenture Payments**

Mr. Small reviewed debenture payments as provided in 2012 Draft Budget Agenda package.

#### **6. Requisitions**

Mr. Small reviewed requisitions as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

Discussion ensued regarding ID 349 requisition in regards to ID 349 school requisition; Mill rate for school foundation and the responsibility of Lac La Biche County to Greater North Foundation.

#### **7. Reserves**

Mr. Kolenosky reviewed reserves as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding any reserves for clean up/reclamation of old landfill site by Ramada.

Councillor Broadbent left Council Chambers at 12:02 p.m.

#### **8. Budget Commitments**

Mr. Kolenosky reviewed budget commitments as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

Councillor Broadbent returned to Council Chambers at 12:03 p.m.

## **9. Carry-Over Projects**

Mr. Kolenosky reviewed carry over projects as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda.

### **RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called recess at 12:10 p.m.

### **RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 1:15 a.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

Information regarding residential/industrial and commercial assessments reviewed as provided by Maurice Gushta as per Council's request from item 3. Gains and Losses- Air Weapons Range.

## **10. Capital Projects**

Mr. Kolenosky questioned Mayor and Council's preference of proceeding with previously approved capital projects or wait until later in budget when other capital projects are being discussed.

Council was of the consensus to proceed to item 11 and discuss capital projects later in the budget.

## **11. Highway #867**

Mr. Kolenosky reviewed particulars of Highway #867 project as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

## **12. Revenue**

Mr. Kolenosky reviewed the revenue as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding clarification of existing rates resulting with the figures as presented in the 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

Clarification requested regarding last year's budget and Bold Center donations.

## **2. Briefings**

Mr. Kolenosky provided overview of process, and provided tracking sheet for briefings.

### **1. Council Remuneration Policy**

Mr. Kolenosky advised that the 2012 Draft Budget reflects the approved Council remuneration rates.

A discussion ensued regarding R.R.S.P. pension benefits, mileage to pick up agenda packages, payment for attending meetings vs. monthly salary.

Mayor Kirylchuk questioned is Council prepared to add a section in policy regarding R.R.S.P. pension benefits.

Council was of the consensus to add a section in the policy regarding R.R.S.P. benefits.

A discussion ensued regarding receiving mileage compensation.

Council was of the consensus to remove the mileage compensation for pick up of agenda packages at County Center

Council was of the consensus to approve briefing into budget with additions and deletions.

## **2. Employee Subsistence Policy.**

Council was of the consensus to approve into budget as presented.

## **3. Human Resource Benchmarking**

Ms. Menard provided review of Human Resources Benchmarking as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

Councillor Siebold declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers at 1:51 p.m.

A discussion ensued regarding averaging process with regards of the 7 steps of the pay grid and retroactive date.

Council was of the consensus to approve the briefing into 2012 Draft budget as presented.

Councillor Siebold re-entered Council Chambers at 2:18 p.m.

## **4. Tourism**

Ms. Amblie provided overview of the Tourism briefing as provided in 2012 Draft Agenda package.

Tourism Committee has met and approved.

Council was of the consensus to approve briefing into 2012 draft budget as presented.

## **5. Additional Peace Officer**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Additional Community Peace Officer briefing as provided in 2012 Draft Budget Agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding amount of vehicles in Protective Services Department, particulars of position, ability to work in any other area beside outreach worker, cost share approach to schools, need for extra vehicle.

Council was of the consensus to approve briefing into 2012 Draft budget with additions/deletions.

Council was of the consensus to support proposal of the addition of one Community Peace Officer and deletion of additional vehicle for position.

## **6. Alberta Hub**

Ms. Amblie provided overview of Alberta HUB briefing as provided in 2012 Draft Budget Agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding value of this program, services that they provide and promotion of economic development.

Council was of the consensus to approve briefing into 2012 draft budget as presented.

Council was of the consensus of the amount to contribute being \$4,201.00.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 2:39 recess

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 2:51 P.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

## **7. Employee Wellness**

Mr. Kolenosky provided review of two part briefing; part one is for Lac La Biche County employees while the second portion addresses benefit to volunteer firefighters.

Ms. Menard proceeded to review in depth the Employee Wellness briefing as provided in the 2012 Draft Agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding definition of volunteer firefighters/casual staff, clarification of cost vs. non cost of Bold Center passes, tax implications, fairness of \$500 vs. \$997.50, individual pass to Bold Center vs. family pass to Bold Center.

Council was of the consensus to approve briefing into 2012 draft budget with additions/deletions.

Council was of the consensus to increase hourly rate given to Volunteer Firefighters, once a benchmarking study has been completed.

Councillor Siebold declared conflict of interest at 3:27 p.m.

Council was of the consensus that no changes be made to staff health and wellness benefit.

Councillor Siebold re-entered Council Chambers at 3:31p.m.

Council was of the consensus that volunteer firefighters receive same health and wellness benefits as staff \$ 500/year.

## **8. Little Divide Search & Rescue**

Mr. Newton provided review of Little Divide Search & Rescue briefing as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding cost of allowing LDSR usage at old Curling Rink & Airport.

As meeting is ahead of schedule Council was of the consensus to skip to tab 9 of the 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

## **9. Facility Deconstruction**

Mr. Kolenosky provided overview of deconstruction of facilities briefing as provided in 2012 Draft Budget agenda package.

A discussion ensued regarding asbestos in facilities, airport house as it pertains to the space requirements of Little Divide Search and Rescue and request of community groups that have previously requested items from facilities in line for deconstruction.

Council was of the consensus to approve briefing into 2012 draft budget as presented.

A discussion ensued regarding removal of asbestos in facilities prior to deconstruction, possibility of not deconstructing facilities until such time as we know what we are doing with the property, public liability regarding unsafe buildings.

Request that Administration bring back the cost of utility services in listed facilities, information regarding timeframe for removal of asbestos alone and then with the demolition, concept plan for property once deconstruction has occurred, salvage of water tower costs.

Council was of the consensus to proceed with salvage/deconstruction of water tower.

Council was of the consensus to proceed with deconstruction of Centennial Arena & Jubilee Hall.

A discussion ensued regarding timeframe for deconstruction, decontamination of facilities

Council requested that Administration bring back and R.F.D. regarding the possibility of Little Divide Search and Rescue utilizing the Airport house.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

SS.07.018 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to adjourn the Strategic Session meeting of April 2, 2012 at 4:14 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Gail Broadbent, Acting Mayor**

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