

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
2012 DRAFT BUDGET STRATEGIC SESSION  
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

**April 16, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

<b>PRESENT</b>	Peter Kirylchuk	Mayor
	Aurel Langevin	Deputy Mayor/Councillor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor (entered at 10:05 a.m.)
	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	Acting Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Shadia Amblie	Interim Director, Communications
	Mélanie LeRouzic	Recording Secretary
<b>REGRETS</b>	John Nowak	Councillor
	Debbie Menard	Interim Director, Human Resources

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

SS.12.026 Motion by Councillor Uganez to adopt April 16, 2012 Draft Budget agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Kirylchuk thanked Mr. Roy Brideau for joining Council for the 2012 Draft Budget Strategic Session.

1. Current Position of Operational Budget;

Mr. Kolenosky reviewed the Summary of Operating Revenues & Expenditures. A discussion ensued regarding the use of reserves as source of capital project funding.

Councillor Kumpula entered Council Chambers at 10:05 a.m.

Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed adjustments to the operating budget including the census review and mapping cost, advertising for members-at-large and advertising for Coffee News.

A discussion ensued regarding last year's Medevac campaign. Council showed consensus to approve the inclusion of \$70,000 for Medevac campaign advertising in the 2012 budget.

A discussion ensued regarding the budgetary items that were changed due to accidental omissions by Administration.

A discussion ensued regarding changing the existing HR policy to accommodate fire fighter honoraria increases based on COLA. Council was of the consensus to support the increase in per diem rate for all Lac La Biche County fire halls.

As part of the adjustment made to the operating budget, Council was of the consensus to approve the following expenditures in the 2012 budget:

- Vehicle Maintenance Tanker upgrade
- Wages and Salaries Dog Pound Attendant
- Vehicle Maintenance security screens
- PPCT Training Equipment

Mr. Kolenosky provided an overview of the Summary of Overtime – Protective Services On-Call 2011.

A discussion ensued regarding justification for requesting an additional Peace Officer.

Council was of the consensus to approve the changes made to the gravel haul and construction materials expenditures as well as the adjusted amounts to the Alberta HUB and Community Futures Tourism amounts.

A discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of market research for our area and the Economic Development Authority's support for this Community Futures initiative. Council was of the consensus to approve the inclusion of the market research for \$45,000.

Council was of the consensus to accept the changes in expenditure amounts for Portage Pool electric power and curling rink natural gas.

A discussion ensued regarding Portage College's method for determining power consumption.

Leslie Coté, Manager of Facilities & Equipment provided an overview of facility deconstruction briefing brought back to Council for consideration.

A discussion ensued regarding downtown area planning and development once the facilities are removed and the salvageable equipment available for interested community groups.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 11:23 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 11:33 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

A discussion ensued regarding donating the old facility equipment versus selling it to interested community groups. Council was of the consensus to approve the inclusion of \$950,000 in the 2012 budget for facility deconstruction.

A discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of providing funding to STARS. Council was of the consensus to not make provisions in the 2012 budget to for funding to STARS.

Council requested that Administration bring back additional information on other products that could be used for dust control in future years.

Council was of the consensus to support the use of calcium chloride in 2012.

2. Training/Conferences by Department;

A discussion ensued regarding the value of training and the amount that Council would like to allocate.

Council was not of the consensus to approve \$250,000 or \$300,000 for the purpose of staff training. Council showed consensus in support of the recommended amount of \$185,607 for staff training.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 12:19 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Thompson.

3. Supplemental Information;

Leslie Coté, Manager of Facilities & Equipment provided an overview of the overtime breakdown for his department as requested by Council.

Councillor Thompson entered Council Chambers at 1:04 p.m.

A discussion ensued regarding the reasoning for the amount of overtime for the Facilities and Equipment Department and cost comparisons for renting vs. purchasing a minivan.

Anita Polturak, Manager of Social Planning provided an overview of funding requests from the Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society.

A discussion ensued regarding the installation of water and sewer line to the Lac La Biche Mission. Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed water and sewer line expansion to the Lac La Biche Mission.

A discussion ensued regarding Council's disinterest in providing funding for a Part-Time Administrator at the Lac La Biche Mission.

Mrs. Polturak provided an overview of the Community Hall/Organization Funding Breakdown.

Councillor Broadbent declared conflict of interest and left Council Chambers at 1:48 p.m.

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

A discussion ensued regarding the PDCDS request for additional funding and the existing funding structure to community groups.

Administration advised that they would review the agreement that was signed with PDCDS in the past where it mentioned the group not requesting capital funding for a 5 year period and inform Council.

Council was of the consensus to approve the 2012 operational funding request for community groups in the amount of \$1,108,595.59.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 2:07 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 2:20 p.m. with all those Members of Council listed in attendance including Councillor Broadbent and Councillor Langevin.

4. Capital Assets;

Mr. Kolenosky provided an overview of the Protective Services requested capital assets.

Council requested that Administration bring back a briefing regarding the option of imposing a levy on the development of 4 story buildings for a rescue unit with a ladder.

Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed Protective Services rescue units as presented and review the final implications on the budget at the end of the strategic sessions and make cuts accordingly.

## 5. Capital Projects.

### *Information Technology*

Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed View Point Room project in the amount of \$85,000.

A discussion ensued regarding the cost breakdown of the View Point Room project.

Council showed consensus to put the NLSD SuperNet Install project on hold until further negotiations with the Northern Lights School Division take place.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of cost sharing the Water Tower/Communication project. Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed Water Tower/Communication project.

### *Utilities*

Council showed consensus in support of including the following projects in the 2012 Budget:

- Water & Sewer Replacement 104 St from 101 B Ave to 101 Ave
- 101 B Ave from 103-104 St
- Storm Water Interceptor
- Water/Sewer Line Replacement 101 Ave from 99 – 100 St.

Council was of the consensus to tender the Water & Sewer Replacement, 101 B Ave and Water/Sewer Line Replacement projects together.

Discussion ensued regarding the well drilled at the Rich Lake Fire hall.

Council did not show consensus to approve the Rich Lake Treated Water Station & Sewage Receiving Station – Firehall project.

Council showed consensus in support of including the Greenbank Estates & Wedgewood Estates and Mission Spruce Bay Water & Sewer Servicing projects in the 2012 Budget.

Council was of the consensus to combine the Storm Water Interceptor, Greenbank Estates & Wedgewood Estates and Mission Spruce Bay Water & Sewer Servicing projects and tender together.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 3:35 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 3:47 p.m. with all those Members of Council listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Kumpula.

Councillor Kumpula entered Council Chambers at 3:48 p.m.

*Facilities & Equipment*

A discussion ensued regarding future expansion of County Centre. Council was of the consensus to defer the County Centre Shop Expansion and the Upgrade to Council Chambers until an overall facilities plan is developed.

Council showed consensus to approve the proposed Salt/Sand Shed Upgrades.

*McArthur Place Renovations*

A discussion ensued regarding the Interpretive Society's requested upgrades to Mc Arthur Place. Council was of the consensus to approve the McArthur Place Renovation project.

*Renewable Resources*

Council chose to defer discussions on the transfer stations until April 17, 2012.

*Transportation*

A discussion ensued regarding the owner of Parkland II & Big Jim's Recycling paying for 30% of the paving cost. Council showed consensus to differ the paving of Parkland II and Big Jim's Recycling as it is not a priority.

A discussion ensued regarding the users and origins of the Range Road 155 project. Council was of the consensus to not approve the proposed Range Road 155 project.

Councillor Broadbent left Council Chambers at 5:08 p.m.

Councillor Broadbent entered Council Chambers at 5:10 p.m.

A discussion ensued regarding Township Road 674 (Old 46). Council was of the consensus to differ further discussions on the road projects and the remaining agenda items until April 17, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

SS.12.027 Motion by Councillor Kumpula to adjourn the Draft Budget Strategic Session Meeting of April 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Aurel Langevin, Mayor**

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

ADOPTED