

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

**April 17, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Peter Kirylchuk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Peter Kirylchuk	Mayor
	Aurel Langevin	Deputy Mayor/Councillor
	Alvin Kumpula	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	Acting Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
	Shadia Amblie	Interim Director, Communications

<b>REGRETS</b>	John Nowak	Councillor
	Debbie Menard	Interim Director, Human Resources

Mr. Gushta, Manager of Finance, reviewed the Summary of Operating Revenues & Expenditures Revised April 13, 2012 and Capital Projects – Source of Funding 2012 Funding Available.

A discussion ensued regarding available grants for 2012.

Council would like Administration to prepare a 1 page big picture sheet with 2 additional columns for Reserves and Air Weapons Range.

A discussion ensued regarding the amount that Council would like to leave in reserves.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### **Transportation**

Council was of the consensus to approve the inclusion of funds for patch work only on Township Road 674 (Old 46) in the 2012 budget.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of differing Range Road 144A – Highway 55 North to Mission Road. Council showed consensus to differ Range Road 144A and Township Road 683 – Square Lake Access Road projects as they are not high priorities in the Transportation Master Plan.

Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed oiling of Nashim Drive.

A discussion ensued regarding potential cost savings of using oil from Range Road 162 for other oiling projects. Council was of the consensus to reduce the proposed project cost for Township Road 675 to \$350,000 and recycle the oil from Range Road 162.

A discussion ensued regarding the expected grant from Alberta Transportation for Bridge File 75642, Council was of the consensus to approve this project.

### *Airport Expansion*

Councillor Piquette left Council Chambers at 11:16 a.m.

Councillor Piquette entered Council Chambers at 11:18 a.m.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of grant funding, oil industry interest in using our airport and Council approaching industry for financial support.

Council was of consensus to approve the inclusion of funds for the security upgrade at the airport. Council requested that Administration bring back more information on the grants available for the airport.

Council was in general agreement to allocate funds in reserves for airport expansion in the amount of \$2,000,000.

### **RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 11:34 a.m.

### **RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with all those Members of Council listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Thompson.

Councillor Thompson entered Council Chambers at 1:31 p.m.

*Old Trail East and West*

Council briefly discussed Old Trail and noted that it is already listed in Transportation Master Plan.

*Square Lake Subdivision*

Council showed consensus with regards to approving the Square Lake Subdivision and Pleasant Acres Drive projects.

*Martin Subdivision*

A discussion ensued regarding the Sunset Bay Subdivision.

Council was of the consensus to approve the Martin Subdivision, Concrete Crushing and “Welcome to Lac La Biche County” Signs projects.

*Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Replacement*

A discussion ensued regarding cost recovery and the possibility of updating the bylaw for cost sharing for curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement.

Council requested that Administration bring back a draft bylaw for curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement with the option of imposing an offsite levy or local improvement levy. Council was not of the consensus to approve the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Replacement project at this time.

*Access to SW 16-67-14 W4*

*Access to RL 55-67-14 W4*

*Access to TWP RD 680 from RNG RD 154 West*

*Access at TWP RD 672 B from Mission RD to NW 15 67 14 W4*

Council was of the consensus to place all road access projects on hold for 2012.

*Blaise Resort Drainage*

Council was in agreement to approve the Blaise Resort Drainage project.

*91<sup>st</sup> Avenue*

A discussion ensued regarding Northern Lights School Division and Alberta Transportation’s contributions to the project.

Council requested that Administration to bring back a class B estimate cost for 2 lanes on 91st Ave and the cost of engineering.

Council showed consensus to approve paving for only 2 lanes in 2012.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 2:37 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk called the meeting back to order at 2:48 p.m. with all those Members of Council listed in attendance with exception of Councillor Kumpula.

*Big Dock Project*

Councillor Kumpula entered Council Chambers at 2:50 p.m.

A discussion ensued regarding the amount that should be placed in reserves for the Big Dock Project.

Maurice Gushta, Manager of Finance provided an overview of the 2012 Budget Summary of Operating Revenue and Expenditures.

Council was of the consensus to keep between \$14-15 million dollars in reserves for 2012.

Councillor Thomson left Council Chambers at 3:04 p.m.

Councillor Thompson entered Council Chambers at 3:09 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the mill rate.

Maurice Gushta, Manager of Finance, provided an overview of the Lac La Biche County Summary of Assessment Urban & Rural Service Areas

*Golf Course Maintenance Shop*

Council was of the consensus to approve the inclusion of funds for the Golf Course Maintenance Shop project.

*Lac La Biche Golf Course Rubberized Deck Cover*

Council chose not to fund the rubberized deck cover as it should be the responsibility of the Lac La Biche Golf Club Society to use operational funding to complete the project.

*Walking Trail Expansion (Young's Beach to Holowachuk Estates)*

A discussion ensued regarding fencing of the land that the County purchased.

Councillor Thompson has requested Administration to bring back the exact purchase amount from the land sale agreement.

*Walking Trail Expansion*

Council was of the consensus to approve the walking trail expansion for 99<sup>th</sup> Street in the Hamlet of Lac La Biche from reserves.

Council was not of consensus to approve the full \$276,000 expenditure from reserves for the Young's Beach to Holowachuk Estates walking trail expansion, however, Council was in agreement to approve \$50,000 only from reserves.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 3:45 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk called the meeting back to order at 3:56 p.m. with all those members of Council listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Kumpula and Councillor Thompson.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Administration preparing an A and B Budget with split mill rate option and information on the number of affected small businesses in the Rural Services Area for Council review.

Councillor Thompson entered Council Chambers at 3:59 p.m.

A discussion ensued regarding a tax break or refund for commercial businesses in the Rural Services Area

*Lacalta Lodge Parking Lot*

Council requested that Administration continue its discussions with Greater North Foundation, specifically with regards to cost of the parking lot.

*Animal Shelter Construction*

Council was of consensus to approve the Animal Shelter Construction project in the amount of \$100,000.

*Bold Center Concept Plan*

Mr. Kolenosky provided an overview of the Bold Center Concept Plan and Conceptual Artistic Renderings.

A discussion ensued regarding the timeframe for construction of the new high school and its funding sources.

Councillor Thompson left Council Chambers at 5:27 p.m.

Councillor Uganecz left Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

*Gravel Production*

Councillor Uganecz entered Council Chambers at 5:31 p.m.

Council requested that Administration take the necessary steps to move the gravel production project along.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 5:41 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk called the meeting back to order at 6:19 p.m. with all those Members of Council listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Thompson and Councillor Kumpula.

*Lac La Biche Golf Course Possible Land Purchase Plan 7622120 Block 4 Lot 1*

Councillor Kumpula entered Council Chambers at 6:23 p.m.

Council has requested that Administration research the value of the property by attaining an appraisal.

*Visitor Information Center Request for Funding*

Council was of the consensus to approve the \$65,000 funding request for the Visitor Information Center.

*Solid Waste Transfer Site Plan*

Council was in agreement to approve the transfer site plan as presented.

**Renewable Resources**

Council was of the consensus to approve the purchase of the Intermec CN4 Handheld Computer, Intermec IP30 Handheld UHF RFID Reader and Software.

Items arising from the Public Input/Delegations from April 16, 2012:

*Adult Learning Literacy*

Council was of the consensus to approve the inclusion of an additional \$7,000 in the 2012 budget for Adult Literacy.

*Lac La Biche Antique Society*

Council requested that Administration prepare a briefing of possible lands that could be made available for the Lac La Biche Antique Society for the purpose of a museum.

*Pow Wow Society*

A discussion ensued regarding the donation of manpower and facilities by Lac La Biche County for the 50 year celebration.

Council showed consensus in approving a one-time \$50,000 contribution to the Pow Wow Society in 2012.

*Portage College*

Council requested that Administration research the value of the river lot properties by attaining appraisals on River Lot 15, 16 and 17.

A discussion ensued regarding donation of use to the BNR Plant as a training facility, the possibility of a partnership between the County and Portage College and a possible donation of a portable mobile unit.

Council showed support in principle for the Water Resource Program, however will not commit to providing any funding pending more information.

**RECESS**

Mayor Kirylchuk called a recess at 7:32 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Kirylchuk called the meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m. with all those Members of Council listed in attendance.

**Communications**

Council was of the consensus to approve the inclusion of funding in the 2012 budget for the proposed Ortho Photos, Binders, Records Management and Website.

**Information Technology**

Council showed consensus to approve the proposed Booster System and THIN Client.

## **Renewable Resources**

### *Portage College Bursary*

Council advised Administration to wait for a formal letter of request from Portage College prior to making any commitments or bringing this item back for council consideration.

### *Renewable Resources Solid Waste Conference*

Council was of the consensus to approve the Renewable Resources Solid Waste Conference.

## **Protective Services**

### *Community Policing*

A discussion ensued whether this item should be assigned to the committee to formulate a request.

### *Ice Rescue Request*

A discussion ensued regarding the ice road, Council was not of the consensus to approve the Ice Rescue proposal.

### *Uniforms*

Council was of the consensus to approve the purchase of proposed new uniforms.

## **Social Planning**

Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed Paratransit Fee Reduction.

## **Recreation & Culture**

Council was of the consensus to approve the proposed Community Engagement process.

## **Recreation & Indoor Facilities**

Council showed consensus to approve the Bold Center Child Minding Area Upgrade.

Council advised that they would like the Bold Center Office Space – Security item placed on hold until after they discussed staffing.



**ADJOURNMENT**

The 2012 Draft Budget Strategic Session of April 17, 2012 was adjourned by Mayor Kirylchuk.

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**Aurel Langevin, Mayor**

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

ADOPTED