

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OWL RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE, OWL RIVER
JUNE 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held on June 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Acting Mayor Langevin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT	Aurel Langevin	Acting Mayor/Councillor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Gail Broadbent	Councillor/Acting Deputy Mayor
	John Nowak	Councillor (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
	Roy Brideau	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	General Manager, Corporate Services
	Gordon Frank	General Manager, Planning, Community Development & Protective Services
	Shadia Amblie	General Manager, Communications & Community Services
	Melanie Kanarek	Senior Manager, Legislative Services
	Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator
REGRETS	Barry Kolenosky	General Manager, Operations
	Debbie Menard	Senior Manager, Human Resources

Acting Mayor Langevin introduced Administration and Council to the public in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Nowak entered the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

12.447 Motion by Councillor Piquette to approve the June 26, 2012 agenda as amended:

- Addition of Item 8.7 Discussion - Ice Road Poplar Point to Mission;
- Addition of Item 8.8 Discussion - Dialysis Bus;
- Addition of Item 8.9 Discussion - Portage La Biche.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting of June 12, 2012.

12.448 Motion by Councillor Broadbent to adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 12, 2012 as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 RFD – Bold Center Landscaping.

12.449 Motion by Councillor Uganecz that County Council allocates funds of approximately \$200,000.00 from General Revenue for the completion of the landscaping at the Bold Center.

In Favor

**Acting Mayor Langevin
Councillor Kumpula
Councillor Piquette
Councillor Uganecz
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Broadbent**

Opposed

Councillor Nowak

CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Public Input Session.

Acting Mayor Langevin declared the public input session open at 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Curtis McGillivray, Fire Chief of Owl River Fire Department, raised concerns related to the poor road condition of the Old Conklin Road and provided his opinion that the road should be better maintained to accommodate the amount of traffic that utilizes the same.

Mr. Robert Richard, resident of Lac La Biche County, raised concerns related to the road condition of the Old Mission Road and provided his opinion that the paving of this road should be revisited by Council.

A further concern was raised by Mr. Richard regarding the possibility of vacant positions on Council due to the resignation of the Mayor and the possibility of Councillors running for the Mayoral Election. Mr. Richard provided his opinion that if vacant positions were to occur on Council that a by-election be held to fill these vacancies as opposed to leaving them empty until the next scheduled election.

Mr. Dave Buckle, resident of Blais Resort, raised concerns regarding the condition of the internal roads of Blais Resort and suggested that the cold mix be replaced with asphalt. Councillor Thompson suggested that a road tour be taken by Administration and Council members to visit the roads within Lac La Biche County to appreciate the condition of the same. A further concern was raised by Mr. Buckle regarding the lack of street lights on the roads into Blais Resort and suggested that some be put up.

Mr. Allan Mallock, resident of Owl River, raised safety concerns regarding the property beside his with respect to the property's narrow access road. Mr. Mallock advised Council that the property was purchased by a company from Valley View and that this lot is being utilized as a commercial lot as opposed to a residential lot. Mr. Mallock stated that large trucks coming in and out of the property hauling large tanks and rental equipment have a hard time getting into the property access and occasionally block road traffic. Mr. Mallock suggested that the approach be widened to accommodate the large trucks going in and out of the property access.

Mr. Mallock suggested that the County request the Provincial Government install a four way stop at the intersection of Highway 36 and the Bypass Road and a three way stop at the intersection of Highway 55 and the Bypass Road within Lac La Biche County.

Mrs. Grace Johnson, resident of Owl River, raised concerns regarding the spending of \$100,000.00 on an animal shelter that will not be able to accommodate cats when stray cats seem to be the biggest problem in the Lac La Biche County. Mrs. Johnson would rather see the money applied to the poor conditions of the roads in and around the Lac La Biche County or the children's programming. Mrs. Johnson commented that the County promotes our lakes, but the roads to access these lakes are horrendous. She further commented that the County wants money from the Oil and Gas Industry, yet the County cuts taxes on the industry.

Mr. Andy Thompson, resident of Owl River, agrees with Mr. McGillivray that the state of the Old Conklin Road is in dire need of repair and further raised concern regarding the winter road and the decision by Council to cancel the construction of the same for the 2012/2013 winter. Mr. Thompson commented on the SunGro Horticulture Project in the Russian Village by Plamondon and gave the advice that the project should not go through. Mr. Thompson further suggested that Council push to get Highway 858 paved.

Mr. Allan Mallock added to Mr. Thompson's concern regarding SunGro's Peat Moss project and raised the concern that if this project is to go through, it will cause the Lac La Biche lake to drop drastically and cause concern for the Lac La Biche County.

Acting Mayor Langevin thanked the presenters for their comments and declared the public input session closed at 7:50 p.m.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

7.1 Public Input Session.

No Action Required.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Briefing – Mayor Resignation;

12.450 Motion by Councillor Siebold to accept the briefing regarding the Mayor’s Resignation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 RFD – Appointment of Acting Deputy Mayor;

Councillor Piquette nominated Councillor Broadbent for Acting Deputy Mayor, Councillor Broadbent accepted. Acting Mayor Langevin asked three times if there were any further nominations and there were none.

12.451 Motion by Councillor Piquette that County Council appoints Councillor Broadbent as Acting Deputy Mayor for Lac La Biche County until such time as the Mayor vacancy is filled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Manager of Legislative Services, Melanie Kanarek, administered the Oath of Office to Councillor Broadbent thereby commencing Councillor Broadbent’s duties as Acting Deputy Mayor.

RECESS

Acting Mayor Langevin called a recess at 7:53 p.m.

RECONVENE

Acting Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

8.3 RFD – By-Election to Fill the Mayor Vacancy;

12.452 Motion by Councillor Nowak that if vacancies occur within any ward of the County due to the Mayor by-election, that the Councillor by-election(s) be run concurrent with the Mayoral by-election.

In Favor
Councillor Nowak
Councillor Kumpula

Opposed
Acting Mayor Langevin
Councillor Piquette
Councillor Uganecz
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Broadbent

DEFEATED

12.453 Motion by Councillor Uganecz that County Council holds a by-election to fill the vacancy on Lac La Biche County Council for Mayor on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.454 Motion by Councillor Siebold to appoint Melanie Kanarek, Manager, Legislative Services as the Returning Officer for the Lac La Biche County September 5, 2012 by-election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.455 Motion by Councillor Piquette that Lac La Biche County hold an advance vote on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at a time and location to be determined by the Returning Officer, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities Election Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.456 Motion by Councillor Broadbent to allocate \$20,000.00 from General Revenue for the September 5, 2012 by-election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 RFD – Appointment to the CN Switching Yards Relocation Committee;

12.457 Motion by Councillor Nowak to appoint Dave Parke to the Lac La Biche County CN Switching Yards Relocation Committee, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A discussion ensued regarding the need to appoint a Member of Council to act as chairperson for the CN Switching Yards Relocation Committee due to the resignation of Mayor Kirylchuk. Councillor Nowak volunteered to fill the position. Acting Mayor Langevin asked if any other Councillors were interested in the chair position and no other Councillors volunteered.

12.458 Motion by Councillor Broadbent that Councillor Nowak be appointed chair of the CN Switching Yards Relocation Committee, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A discussion ensued regarding the need to appoint a Member of Council to fill the vacant position for the CN Switching Yards Relocation Committee. Councillor Nowak nominated Councillor Kumpula, Councillor Kumpula declined. Councillor Langevin nominated Councillor Broadbent, Councillor Broadbent declined. Councillor Uganecz nominated Acting Mayor Langevin, and the Manager of Legislative Services noted that the Mayor, as part of his Mayoral duties, acts on all Boards and Committees as an ex officio member of the board with equal rights to attend all meetings and vote. Councillor Broadbent nominated Councillor Siebold, Councillor Siebold accepted. Acting Mayor Langevin asked three times if there were any further nominations and there were none.

12.459 Motion by Councillor Broadbent to appoint Councillor Siebold to fill the position on the CN Switching Yards Relocation Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 RFD – Rezoning Bylaw No. 12-019; Ambanoudis, Vasily; Pt. of SW 23-68-16-W4M; from Agricultural District (AG) to On-Site Estate Residential District 1 (OE1);

12.460 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Bylaw 12-019 be given second reading this 26th day of June, 2012.

In Favor

**Acting Mayor Langevin
Councillor Piquette
Councillor Uganecz
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Broadbent
Councillor Nowak**

Opposed

Councillor Kumpula

CARRIED

12.461 Motion by Councillor Piquette that Bylaw 12-019 be given third reading this 26th day of June, 2012.

In Favor
Acting Mayor Langevin
Councillor Piquette
Councillor Uganecz
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Broadbent

Opposed
Councillor Kumpula
Councillor Nowak

CARRIED

8.6 RFD – Municipal Sidewalk Reconstruction;

12.462 Motion by Councillor Broadbent that County Council approve the reconstruction of three kilometers of sidewalk estimated distance, within the Hamlet of Lac La Biche and one kilometer of sidewalk estimated distance, within the Hamlet of Plamondon, at a budgeted amount of \$896,610.00 to be funded from 2012 Capital Budget.

In Favor
Acting Mayor Langevin
Councillor Kumpula
Councillor Piquette
Councillor Uganecz
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Broadbent
Councillor Nowak

Opposed
Councillor Siebold

CARRIED

8.7 Discussion – Ice Road Poplar Point to Mission;

A discussion ensued regarding the Ice Road from Poplar Point to Mission.

12.463 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Lac La Biche County continue to build and maintain ice road in 2012/2013 following the Alberta Transportation Regulations, subject to Administration presenting a plan and budget for Council's consideration no later than August 31, 2012.

12.464 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to table Motion 12.463 until such time that Administration can report on the maintenance and construction of the 2012/2013 Ice Road.

In Favor
Councillor Uganecz

Opposed
Acting Mayor Langevin
Councillor Kumpula
Councillor Piquette
Councillor Uganecz
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Broadbent
Councillor Nowak

DEFEATED

Vote on Main Motion:

12.463 Motion by Councillor Thompson that Lac La Biche County continue to build and maintain ice road in 2012/2013 following the Alberta Transportation Regulations, subject to Administration presenting a plan and budget for Council's consideration no later than August 31, 2012.

In Favor
Acting Mayor Langevin
Councillor Kumpula
Councillor Piquette
Councillor Siebold
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Broadbent
Councillor Nowak

Opposed
Councillor Uganecz

CARRIED

8.8 Discussion - Dialysis Bus;

A discussion ensued regarding the uncertainty of the dialysis bus and renal unit in Lac La Biche.

12.465 Motion by Acting Mayor Langevin that Administration contact the Minister of Health, Fred Horne, to find out where Lac La Biche stands with respect to getting a renal unit in the Lac La Biche Health Facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.9 Discussion - Portage La Biche.

A discussion ensued regarding the events of the Portage La Biche event and that a presentation was made to the County and accepted by Councillor Nowak on behalf of Lac La Biche County. The framed picture of the route that was taken during the Portage La Biche event was presented to Administration.

RECESS

Acting Mayor Langevin called a recess at 9:17 p.m.

RECONVENE

Acting Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 9:30 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

12.466 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to go in camera at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.1 Contracts (section 25 FOIP).

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

12.467 Motion by Councillor Thompson to proceed with the meeting out of camera at 10:16 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

12.468 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 26, 2012 at 10:16 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aurel Langevin, Acting Mayor

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