

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
MEETING WITH MLA SASKIW
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

JULY 12, 2012

In accordance with Lac La Biche County Council Motion 12.491, Council met at 12:00 Noon on July 12, 2012 to discuss the priorities for discussion with MLA Shayne Saskiw.

CALL TO ORDER Acting Mayor Broadbent called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

PRESENT

Gail Broadbent	Acting Mayor/Councillor
Guy Piquette	Councillor
Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
MJ Siebold	Councillor
John Nowak	Councillor
Roy Brideau	Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small	General Manager, Corporate Services
Gordon Frank	General Manager, Planning, Community Development & Protective Services
Barry Kolenosky	General Manager, Operations
Shadia Amblie	General Manager, Communications & Community Services
Melanie Kanarek	Senior Manager, Legislative Services
Al Hoggan	Senior Manager, Protective Services & Projects

REGRETS

Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
Tim Thompson	Councillor
Debbie Menard	Senior Manager, Human Resources
Joanne Onciul	Legislative Services Coordinator

Members of Council discussed their top priorities for discussion with MLA Saskiw.

Council identified the following priorities (in no particular order):

- CN Switching Yard Relocation from the Hamlet of Lac La Biche;
- Medevac (Air Ambulance) Services;
- Dialysis Services;
- Lac La Biche Regional Airport Expansion.

In addition to discussing the above noted priorities, Council determined that it is important to comment on all matters identified in the agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding the briefings and Council's priorities.

RECESS

Acting Mayor Broadbent called a recess at 1:20 p.m.

RECONVENE

Acting Mayor Broadbent reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m., with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

Acting Mayor Broadbent welcomed MLA Saskiw to Lac La Biche.

MLA Saskiw provided all those present with an overview of his portfolio and an update on the current events within the Provincial Government.

Councillor Nowak provided an overview of the CN Switching Yard Relocation from the Hamlet of Lac La Biche (Item 2.2) matter and discussion ensued. MLA Saskiw noted that Lac La Biche County may wish to seek membership with the Northern Alberta Development Council.

Councillor Nowak provided an overview of the Medevac (Air Ambulance) Services (Item 2.7) matter and discussion ensued. MLA Saskiw noted that Lac La Biche County may wish to form a committee with other affected communities to look at alternatives to providing air ambulance services to Northern Alberta.

Councillor Nowak provided an overview of the Dialysis Services (Item 2.3) matter and discussion ensued.

Councillor Siebold provided an overview of the Landfill Funding and Transfer and Collection Sites (Item 2.4) matter and discussion ensued. MLA Saskiw requested that Lac La Biche County submit information to his office regarding the landfill funding and well monitoring relocation costs.

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

Acting Mayor Broadbent provided an overview of the Lac La Biche Regional Airport Expansion (Item 2.5) and discussion ensued. MLA Saskiw noted that the County may also want to engage MP Jean as airports are under federal jurisdiction.

Councillor Piquette provided an overview of the Plamondon/Caslan Connector – Plamondon/Highway 63 Connector – Highway 858 completion (Item 2.6) and discussion ensued. The discussion continued into Emergency Response on Hwy 63/881 and Region (Item 2.1) as well as the opportunity for a Sheriff's Office (Item 2.8) in Lac La Biche.

Councillor Uganecz provided an overview of the opportunity for Traffic Lights – Intersection of Highways 36 and 881 (Item 2.13) and discussion ensued.

Acting Mayor Broadbent provided an overview of: Social and Affordable Housing (Item 2.9); Annexation of Caribou Lands (Item 2.10); the Big Dock Project (Item 2.11); Infrastructure Planning & Implementation to Support CRISP Report (Item 2.12); Improving Funding for Highway 881 (Item 2.14); and Pinehurst Lake (Item 2.15).

Acting Mayor Broadbent thanked MLA Saskiw for meeting with Council. A discussion ensued regarding communication between the MLA and Lac La Biche County.

RECESS

Acting Mayor Broadbent called a recess at 2:36 p.m.

RECONVENE

Acting Mayor Broadbent reconvened the meeting at 2:41 p.m., with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

Council and Administration debriefed on the meeting with MLA Saskiw.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Gail Broadbent, Acting Mayor

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