

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
STRATEGIC SESSION – RENEWABLE RESOURCES UPDATE
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

December 12, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Strategic Session held on December 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Langevin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT	Aurel Langevin	Mayor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	Gail Broadbent-Ludwig	Councillor / Deputy Mayor
	John Nowak	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE	Roy Brideau	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jeff Lawrence	General Manager, Operations
	Barry Kolenosky	Senior Manager, Resource Recovery, Environmental & Agricultural Services
	Kyle Beniuk	Agricultural Fieldman
	Carmen Evancusky	Executive Assistant, Operations
	Molly Fyten	Environmental/Innovation Coordinator
	Karen Dominey	Recording Secretary

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

S.S.12.044 Motion by Councillor Siebold to approve the December 12, 2012 Strategic Session agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.i Strategic Session Presentation and Discussion:

Chief Administration Officer, Roy Brideau, noted that the purpose for the Strategic Session was to discuss the progress of Landfill closures and Transfer Stations and the Curbside Pickup Program.

General Manager, Operations, Jeff Lawrence noted that this Strategic Session was incorrectly advertised as an “in camera” session, and further that copies of the presentation were made available to the press and anyone interested.

RESOURCE RECOVERY UPDATE

A discussion ensued regarding roll out of Phase I and II of the Curbside Program. It was noted that each phase should have been rolled out and evaluated individually.

A discussion ensued regarding the waste management rate currently being charged to customers versus the actual cost. It was noted that Administration would investigate waste management rates and costs.

General Manager, Jeff Lawrence advised that the Solid Waste Bylaw will be brought forward for Council’s approval, prior to Phase III of the Curbside Roll Out Program.

A discussion ensued regarding surveys that were distributed for this program.

A discussion ensued regarding waste management services at seasonal residences.

A discussion ensued regarding waste management services for residents with limited mobility and/or health restrictions.

A discussion ensued regarding the placement of bins on personal property.

A discussion ensued regarding waste management services at multi-dwelling complexes.

A discussion ensued regarding areas of Lac La Biche County that have difficult terrain and/or lack of a back alley.

A discussion ensued regarding the challenges faced during the winter when there is a lot of snow.

LANDFILL CLOSURES & TRANSFER STATIONS

Administration confirmed that due to liability concerns and the Alberta Environment Code of Practice, salvaging from waste receptacles at landfills and transfer stations is prohibited. Lac La Biche County currently has some designated areas for patrons of landfills & transfer

stations to drop off or pick up items. Future plans include placement of sea cans at each landfill and transfer station for such activity.

A discussion ensued regarding closing or relocating some of the landfills to enhance waste management services throughout the County. It was noted that Administration would investigate closing and relocation options.

A discussion ensued regarding the procurement process used for the reclamation tenders. General Manager, Operations, Jeff Lawrence assured Council that he would inquire further to ensure this process was within County policy.

A discussion ensued regarding the practices being used to reduce capping expenses. Senior Manager, Resource Recovery, Environmental and Agricultural Services, Barry Kolenosky advised Council that the County is utilizing nearby construction for capping landfills. It was further noted that Administration has been in conversation with Portage College to use the landfills for a heavy equipment course and that there may be other courses which could be developed.

Administration advised Council that monitor well testing at landfill sites have been well received by the Department of Environment but that new wells are being drilled in 2013 at the request of the Department of Environment.

ADJOURNMENT

S.S.12.045 Motion by Councillor Kumpula to adjourn the Strategic Session of December 12, 2012 at 11:10 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aurel Langevin, Mayor

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