

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY  
STRATEGIC SESSION – 2013 DRAFT BUDGET  
COUNTY CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE**

**December 17, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.**

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Strategic Council Meeting held on December 17, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Langevin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Aurel Langevin	Mayor
	Alvin Kumpula	Councillor
	Robert Richard	Councillor
	Guy Piquette	Councillor
	Eugene Uganecz	Councillor
	MJ Siebold	Councillor
	Tim Thompson	Councillor
	John Nowak	Councillor (arrived at 9:38 a.m.)
	Gail Broadbent-Ludwig	Councillor (arrived at 11:52 a.m.)

<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Roy Brideau	Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Small	General Manager, Corporate Services
	Jeff Lawrence	General Manager, Operations
	Shadia Amblie	General Manager, Communications & Community Services
	Carmen Evancusky	Recording Secretary

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

SS.12.046 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to approve the December 17, 2012 agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSION**

**Operating Programs - Needs versus Wants.**

Roy Brideau, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a summary of the budget process and recommendations made to date. A general budget discussion ensued.

A discussion ensued regarding an information session on the proposed Beaver Hill Road Project. Jeff Lawrence, General Manager, Operations, advised that a Strategic Session will be scheduled in January 2013.

A discussion ensued regarding the amortization of debenture payments for the Bold Center. Mr. Brideau advised that Administration will bring forward a report of this nature to Council.

**RECESS**

Mayor Langevin called a recess at 10:47 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 10:56 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

Discussion resumed regarding the 2013 operational budget.

Councillor Nowak left Council Chambers at 11:18 a.m.

Councillor Piquette left Council Chambers at 11:19 a.m.

Councillor Piquette returned to Council Chambers at 11:22 a.m.

Councillor Nowak returned to Council Chambers at 11:27 a.m.

A discussion ensued regarding water and sewer hookup revenues. Mr. Brideau advised that Administration will bring forward a report of this nature to Council.

A discussion ensued regarding those projects that may not be included in the 2013 budget. Mr. Brideau advised that a list of projects has been prepared for the 2014 budget deliberations.

A discussion ensued regarding cost recovery of utility services.

Mayor Langevin summarized the discussed amendments to the draft budget:

- Increase the fire mill rate levy by \$500,000.00;
- Reallocate \$880,000.00 from the operational budget to the capital budget;
- Conduct the Community Satisfaction Survey every two years, resulting in a \$15,000.00 reduction.

Councillor Broadbent-Ludwig entered Council Chambers at 11:52 a.m.

Discussion resumed regarding the 2013 operational budget.

**RECESS**

Mayor Langevin called a recess at 11:57 a.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

Discussion ensued regarding oil and pavement treatments for gravel roads.

Mayor Langevin left Council Chambers at 12:40 p.m. Deputy Mayor Broadbent-Ludwig assumed the Chair.

Mayor Langevin returned to Council Chambers at 12:44 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

A discussion ensued regarding areas of the draft operational budget that may be cut. Council discussed the following:

- Docks and boat launches within the Parks & Open Spaces budget;
- Municipal lines of credit;
- Fork Lake Campsite;
- Administration / staffing increases in 2013; and
- Child Minding program at the Bold Center.

Mr. Brideau summarized the operational budget discussions for all those present. It was noted that Administration will bring forward revenue and cost recovery options during the first quarter of 2013. It was further noted that Administration will prepare a detailed budget document by January 2013.

## **4.0 CAPITAL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

### **Capital Budget Revisions;**

Mr. Brideau provided an overview of the projects that were removed from the first draft of the capital budget:

- \$1,415,000.00 - reallocated from the draft operational budget;
- \$977,250.21 - water and sewer replacement 104 Street - 101 Avenue;
- \$300,000.00 - service road north of Highway 55, between Big Jim's and the burger bar; and
- \$100,000.00 - Young's Beach-Holowachuk walking trail expansion.

A discussion ensued regarding further project amendments/removals:

- \$65,000.00 - wheelchair accessible van; and
- \$75,000.00 - gravel pit scale.

Councillor Broadbent-Ludwig left Council Chambers at 1:53 p.m.

Councillor Richard left Council Chambers at 1:53 p.m.

**RECESS**

Mayor Langevin called a recess at 1:53 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Langevin reconvened the meeting at 2:06 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance including Councillor Richard and Councillor Broadbent-Ludwig.

Discussion ensued regarding cost of the following projects:

- Fork Lake Estates road paving at a cost of \$500,000.00;
- Ulliach Beach water and sewer at a cost of \$1,300,000.00; and
- Mission Bay and Spruce Bay water and sewer at a cost of \$570,000.00.

A discussion ensued regarding paving and oiling costs for roadways.

A discussion ensued regarding water and sewer services to residents of the municipality. Mr. Brideau advised that Administration will bring forward a report of this nature to Council.

A discussion ensued regarding the Old Trail engineering project at a cost of \$550,000.00.

Discussion ensued regarding borrowing funds to pay for 2013 and 2014 capital projects. Further discussion ensued regarding borrowing for the Plamondon water and sewer replacement project.

A discussion ensued regarding completion timelines for the Beaver Hill Road project.

Mr. Brideau reviewed the 2013 capital projects:

- Beaver Hill Road;
- Plamondon Water & Sewer Replacement Program;
- BNR Water Treatment Plant Project; and
- Gravity Sewer Trunk Line Project.

**Councillor Capital Priorities for 2013.**

Mayor Langevin

- Removal of the old Big Dock;
- Plan, update, build, sign and boat launch system for Lac La Biche Lake.

Councillor Broadbent-Ludwig and Councillor Nowak

- Beaver Hill Road.

Councillor Uganecz

- Pave Old Mission Trail to HWY 55;
- Spruce Point water & Sewer.

Councillor Thompson

- Plan, update, build, sign and boat launch system for Lac La Biche Lake

Councillor Piquette

- Water & sewer project in the Hamlet of Plamondon;
- Completion of the sidewalk replacement project approved for 2012;
- Identify capital dollars for new walking trails.

Councillor Kumpula

- Potable water station in Hamlet of Rich Lake

Councillor Siebold

- Paving at Holowachuk Estates up to the grade;
- Complete trail system in the area.

Councillor Richard

- Old Trail paving

## **5.0 RECAP DISCUSSION**

A discussion ensued regarding the draft operational and capital budgets.

## **6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

SS.12.047 Motion by Councillor Uganecz to adjourn the Strategic Session Meeting of December 17, 2012 at 3:16 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Aurel Langevin, Mayor**

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