

**LAC LA BICHE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MCARTHUR PLACE, LAC LA BICHE**

March 14, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held March 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
Colette Borgun	Councillor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor
John Mondal	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Jason Stedman	Councillor (<i>participated electronically/ arrived at 10:04 a.m.</i>)
Charlyn Moore	Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor

**STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

Dan Small	Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
Ron Fraser	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services Division
Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning
Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.197 **MOVED**
To adopt the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
agenda as presented.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor
Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

23.198 MOVED
To adopt the March 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

Each Member of Council in attendance provided an update as part of the Councillor Reports item.

Councillor Stedman joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

23.199 MOVED
To accept the Councillor Reports as information.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Update to Vehicle Use Procedure HR-34-004

Mr. Ron Fraser, Associate CAO Infrastructure Services and Les Cote, Manager of Fleet Services, presented the Update to Vehicle Use Procedure HR-34-004 item and responded to questions.

23.200 MOVED
To accept this update as information.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Bylaw 23-005 Lac La Biche Main Street Revitalization Project Second Debenture Borrowing Bylaw - Second and Third Readings

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate CAO Finance and Planning, presented Bylaw 23-005 Lac La Biche Main Street Revitalization Project Second Debenture Borrowing Bylaw - Second and Third Readings and responded to questions.

23.201 **MOVED**
That Bylaw 23-005 be given second reading this 14th day of March 2023.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.202 **MOVED**
That Bylaw 23-005 be given third reading this 14th day of March 2023.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Outstanding Oil and Gas Taxes

Mr. Hasan presented the Outstanding Oil and Gas Taxes item and responded to questions.

23.203 **MOVED**
To accept the report as information.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Event Grant Program - Eligibility Requirements

Mr. Carl Kurppa, Grants and Community Funding Coordinator, presented the Event Grant Program - Eligibility Requirements and responded to questions.

23.204 MOVED

That organizations which generally receive over \$40,000 a year or more in County funding be considered “heavily subsidized organizations” for the purpose of Policy FIN-71-024 and further that ACFA be eligible to apply for Culture Days for a 3rd and final time.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Grant Request for Land Purchase- Russian Kafolicheskaya Culture Preservation Society

Mr. Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Grant Request for Land Purchase- Russian Kafolicheskaya Culture Preservation Society item and responded to questions.

23.205 MOVED

To deny the grant request for purchase of land and further to accept the report as information.

In Favour (4): Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, and Councillor Tkachuk

DEFEATED

23.206 MOVED

That Council accept this report as information and further direct administration to bring this request forward with the other grant requests at a future Council meeting.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (2): Councillor Beniuk, and Deputy Mayor Paré

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 11:00 a.m. Public Hearings

6.1.1 Bylaw 23-003 - Road Closure - Undeveloped Road Allowance Adjacent to Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 1520018 and the Poplar Point Boat Launch

Mayor Reutov declared the public hearing open at 11:10 a.m. Administration read into record the hearing procedures and confirmed the public hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation. It was also noted that there were no registered speakers or written submissions received.

Ms. Diane Cloutier, Planning and Development Manager, summarized the purpose for the hearing.

In accordance with the Public Hearing Procedures, Mayor Reutov went through the order of presentations and confirmed for the record that no one had preregistered to speak, there was no one present to speak and no written submissions were received.

The public hearing was closed at 11:14 a.m.

6.1.2 Bylaw 23-004 - Road Closure - Undeveloped Road Allowance Adjacent to NE 32-66-13-W4M and the Holowachuk Estates Boat Launch

Mayor Reutov declared the public hearing open at 11:15 a.m. Administration read into record the hearing procedures and confirmed the public hearing was advertised and notice was provided in accordance with the applicable legislation. It was also noted that there were no registered speakers or written submissions received.

Ms. Diane Cloutier, Planning and Development Manager, summarized the purpose for the hearing.

In accordance with the Public Hearing Procedures, Mayor Reutov went through the order of presentations and confirmed for the record that no one had preregistered to speak and no written submissions were received. Ms. Brenda Veillette was in attendance and noted she was in favour of the proposed bylaw. Ms. Veillette inquired if the reason for the road closure was safety. There were no other speakers or written submissions.

The public hearing was closed at 11:20 a.m.

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:20 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

7.7 Marketing, Communications and Engagement Department Update

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO Corporate Services and Jihad Moghrabi, Manager of Marketing, Communications and Engagement presented the Marketing, Communications and Engagement Department Update and responded to questions.

23.207 **MOVED**
To accept the Marketing, Communications and Engagement Department Update as information.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.208 **MOVED**
To direct Administration to end the publication of Council Highlights starting in April 2023, and instead pursue alternative methods for communicating key Council decisions.

In Favour (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (3): Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

12:00 p.m. Delegation - Reeve Brian Hall, Vice Chair - Greater North Foundation

Reeve Brian Hall, Vice Chair of the Greater North Foundation, presented on the capital reserve request and responded to questions. Reeve Hall also spoke to Item 7.10 on the agenda regarding the proposed ID 349 changes.

23.209

MOVED

To thank Reeve Hall for his presentation to Council, and further to direct Administration to bring forward a recommendation respecting the Greater North Foundation's capital reserve request.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

7.10 Greater North Foundation and ID 349 Changes

Mr. Hasan presented the Greater North Foundation and ID 349 Changes item and responded to questions.

23.210

MOVED

That Council accepts this report as information and further to direct Administration to draft a letter for the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services to oppose the MD of Bonnyville's request to amend the Greater North Foundation's requisition boundaries.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:20 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:17 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Stedman.

NEW BUSINESS

7.8 Cardiac Stress Testing Annual Fee for the Lakeland Primary Care Network

Mr. Small presented the Cardiac Stress Testing Annual Fee for the Lakeland Primary Care Network item and responded to questions.

Councillor Stedman returned to the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

23.211 MOVED

To approve payment of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) 2023 annual fee for the Lakeland Primary Care Network cardiac stress testing, up to \$1,400 funded from accumulated surplus and further to bring back information on the availability of cardiac stress testing in Lac La Biche and opportunities for collaboration between the health societies.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Bylaw 23-014 - Community Standards Bylaw and Safety Bylaw - Three Readings

Ms. Melanie McConnell, Associate CAO, Corporate Services Division, presented Bylaw 23-014 - Community Standards and Safety Bylaw - Three Readings and responded to questions.

23.212 MOVED

That Bylaw 23-014 be given first reading this 14th day of March, 2023.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.213 MOVED

That Bylaw 23-014 be given second reading this 14th day of March, 2023.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.214 MOVED
That Bylaw 23-014 be submitted for third reading this 14th
day of March, 2023.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor
Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.215 MOVED
That Bylaw 23-014 be given third and final reading this
14th day of March, 2023.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor
Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION

23.216 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 1:32 p.m. to discuss the closed
session agenda items pursuant to the *Freedom of
Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor
Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 School Lands Update (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other
interests of a public body)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan
Small, Alanna Wowk, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, Heather Stromquist and
Heather Reid.

Deputy Mayor Pare exited Chambers at 1:52 p.m. and returned at 1:54 p.m.

8.2 Legal Matters Update (s.27 FOIP - Privileged Information)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan
Small, Alanna Wowk, Melanie McConnell, Zeeshan Hasan, and Heather Reid.

- 8.3 Integrity Commissioner Agreement and Appointment (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

Members of Administration present for the purposes of presenting and recording: Dan Small, Alanna Wowk, Melanie McConnell, and Heather Reid.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.217 **MOVED**
To return to Open Session at 2:30 p.m.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- 8.1 School Lands Update (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

23.218 **MOVED**
To work with Northern Lights Public Schools on options for construction of the new elementary school as a stand alone school on the Bold Centre lands.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.219 **MOVED**
That Council and Administration continues to liaise with all school boards to jointly agree on new school siting solutions for the hamlet of Lac La Biche.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Legal Matters Update (s.27 FOIP -Privileged Information)

23.220 MOVED
To accept the report as information.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Integrity Commissioner Agreement and Appointment (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party)

23.221 MOVED
To appoint Jamie Pytel/Kingsgate Legal as the Integrity Commissioner, serving as the third-party Investigator under Council's Code of Conduct Bylaw, and further to approve the retainer agreement as presented.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.222 MOVED
To adjourn the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 2:35 p.m.

In Favour (9): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer