

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

March 28, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Regular Council Meeting held March 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

PRESENT	Paul Reutov	Mayor
	Colette Borgun	Councillor (<i>participated electronically</i>)
	Sterling Johnson	Councillor
	John Mondal	Councillor
	Kevin Paré	Councillor/Deputy Mayor
	Jason Stedman	Councillor
	Charlyn Moore	Councillor (<i>departed at 3:27 p.m.</i>)
	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
	Darrell Lessmeister	Associate CAO, Recreation and Community Services
	Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning
	Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.223 **MOVED**
To adopt the March 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda 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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

23.224 MOVED
To adopt the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes 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

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Reports

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

23.225 MOVED
To accept the Councillor Reports item 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 Lakeland Interpretive Society Partnership Agreement

Mr. Darrell Lessmeister, Associate CAO Recreation and Community Services and Ms. Staci Lattimer, Manager of Recreation & Culture presented the Lakeland Interpretive Society Partnership Agreement and responded to questions.

23.226 MOVED
That Council approves the Lakeland Interpretive Society partnership 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

7.4 Home Hardware Parking License of Occupation

Mr. Lessmeister presented the Home Hardware Parking License of Occupation item and responded to questions.

23.227 **MOVED**
That County Council approves a 15 stall (60 m by 10 m) License of Occupation adjacent to the Protective Services Property with Venture Home Hardware with a 10-year term at an annual rate of \$3,500.00.

In Favour (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

7.5 Street Lighting Request

Mr. Ron Fraser, Associate CAO Infrastructure Services and Mr. Dave McPhee, Manager of Transportation Services, presented the Street Lighting Request and responded to questions.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 10:48 a.m.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 10:54 a.m. and returned at 10:54 a.m.

23.228 **MOVED**
That Council approves \$28,649.37 for the installation of street lights on RR 135 – Between HWY 881 to TWP 665A (Road Access to the Hamlet of Beaver Lake) (Approximately 800) (Located in the NW 32-66-13 W4M) from the public works budget.

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

23.229 MOVED
That Council approves \$12,448.35 for installation of street lights in Missawawi Phase 2 Subdivision (Located in the SW 34-66-15 W4M) from the public works budget.

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 CN Railway Public Crossing Safety Awareness – Decal Application

Mr. Fraser and Mr. McPhee presented the CN Railway Public Crossing Safety Awareness – Decal Application and responded to questions.

23.230 MOVED
To accept the CN Railway Public Crossing Safety Awareness, Decal Application 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

7.2 Traffic Bylaw

Mr. Chris Clark, Manager of Enforcement Services, presented the Traffic Bylaw item and responded to questions.

23.231 MOVED
To accept the report as information and direct Administration to bring the bylaw forward for readings to a future Regular Council Meeting.

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

7.7 J.A. Williams High School 2023 Graduation Parade

Mr. Clark presented the J.A. Williams High School 2023 Graduation Parade item and responded to questions.

23.232 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

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:10 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:26 a.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of
Councillor Stedman.

NEW BUSINESS

7.8 Bold Center Rental Fee Waiver for Grad Students

Councillor Mondal presented information on the Bold Center Rental Fee Waiver for Grad
Students item.

Councillor Stedman returned to Chambers at 11:27 a.m.

23.233 MOVED
To waive the Bold Centre fees for the 2023 JAWS high
school graduation.

In Favour (3): Councillor Mondal, Deputy Mayor Paré, and Councillor
Johnson

Opposed (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Moore,
Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

DEFEATED

7.9 Rural Renewal Stream – Community Designation

Ms. Heather Stromquist, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, presented the
Rural Renewal Stream – Community Designation item and responded to questions.

23.234

MOVED

That Council endorses that Lac La Biche County apply for the Rural Renewal Stream – Community Designation and directs Administration to send a letter from Council, acknowledging support for this project and consent to list Lac La Biche County on the Government of Alberta website should Lac La Biche County be successful with their application.

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

23.235

MOVED

To go into Closed Session at 11:42 a.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

- 9.1 Economic Development Projects of Interest (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; 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, Heather Stromquist and Heather Reid.

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 11:50 a.m. and returned at 11:55 a.m.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 11:59 a.m. and returned at 12:00 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.236 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 12:04 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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

6.1 12:00 p.m. Public Input Session

Mayor Reutov opened the Public Input Session at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Omer Moghrabi spoke to Council about concerns related to the McArthur Park
development.

The public input session was closed at 12:14 p.m.

23.237 MOVED
To thank Mr. Moghrabi for the presentation to Council.

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

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 12:15 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:16 p.m. with all those
Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

23.238 MOVED
To go into Closed Session at 1:18 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

- 9.1 Economic Development Projects of Interest (s.16 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; 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, Heather Stromquist and Heather Reid.

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:00 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 2:23 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

- 9.2 Support Letter for Lakeland Catholic School Division (s.21 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to the 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, Ron Fraser and Heather Reid.

- 9.3 Plamondon Land Purchase Request (s.25 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

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

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 3:00 p.m. and returned at 3:06 p.m.

- 9.4 Follow Up to New Road Construction Request - NW-15-63-11-W4 (s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

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

Councillor Mondal exited Chambers at 3:12 p.m. and returned at 3:14 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Pare exited Chambers at 3:32 p.m. and returned at 3:34 p.m.

Councillor Moore departed the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

23.239 MOVED
To return to Open Session at 3:34 pm

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Economic Development Projects of Interest (s.16 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party; s.25 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body)

23.240 MOVED
That Council directs Administration to proceed on the land purchase as discussed in closed session with further advice from legal counsel.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.241 MOVED
That Council directs Administration to proceed as per the original commitment in motion 22.842 for the Lisa Roper Outdoors 2023 agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions previously discussed.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.242 MOVED
That Council receives the additional updates in the Economic Development Projects of Interest, dated March 28, 2023, for information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Support Letter for Lakeland Catholic School Division (s.21FOIP - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; s.25 FOIP -Disclosure harmful to the economic and other interests of a public body)

23.243 MOVED
That Council approves the support letter for the Lakeland Catholic School Division to develop a new school in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Plamondon Land Purchase Request (s.25 FOIP – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; s.24 FOIP – Advice from officials)

23.244 MOVED
That Council directs Administration to obtain a land appraisal as discussed in closed session.

In Favour (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Beniuk, Deputy Mayor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (1): Councillor Mondal

CARRIED

9.4 Follow Up to New Road Construction Request - NW-15-63-11-W4(s.17 FOIP - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; s.24 FOIP - Advice from officials)

23.245 MOVED
To direct Administration to consider the additional road construction request at SW-15-63-11-W4 as part of the evaluation prioritization matrix for future budget deliberations.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

23.246 MOVED
To adjourn the March 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 3:41 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Reutov, Mayor

Dan Small, Chief Administrative Officer