

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

November 16, 2023- 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Reutov called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PRESENT

Paul Reutov	Mayor
Sterling Johnson	Councillor
Kevin Paré	Councillor
Jason Stedman	Councillor
Charlyn Moore	Councillor/Deputy Mayor (<i>participated electronically</i>)
Darlene Beniuk	Councillor
Colette Borgun	Councillor (arrived at 1:00 p.m.)
Lorin Tkachuk	Councillor
John Mondal	Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Manny Deol	Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie McConnell	Associate CAO, Corporate Services
Ron Fraser	Associate CAO, Infrastructure Services
Zeeshan Hasan	Associate CAO, Finance and Planning / Acting Director Human Resources
Heather Reid	Legislative Services Coordinator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23.819 **MOVED**
To adopt the November 16, 2023 Special Council Meeting agenda as presented.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2024 Budget

Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Associate Chief Administrative Officer, Finance and Planning and Ms. Hafsa Moghrabi, Manager of Finance presented the Proposed 2024 Budget and responded to questions.

Department managers were also present to answer questions and present on budget items as requested by Council.

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 10:45 a.m. and returned at 10:49 a.m.

23.820 **MOVED**
To remove from the proposed capital plan the HWY 881 Pedestrian Crossing.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.821 **MOVED**
To remove from the proposed capital plan the Railway Crossing Signals LLB.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 11:12 a.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 11:28 a.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2024 Budget continued.

23.822 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Golf Course Development at an additional budget of \$700,000.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 11:55 a.m. and returned at 11:58 a.m.

23.823 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the proposed Fleet and Enforcement Services Replacement Vehicles and equipment to be fully funded from Fleet and Equipment Replacement Reserves and Sales of Assets.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk declared a pecuniary interest for business interests and exited Chambers at 12:08 p.m. in advance of the discussion on the Information Technology department capital items – Funded: IT Equipment 2024.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 12:14 p.m. at the conclusion of the discussion on the Information Technology department capital items – Funded: IT Equipment 2024.

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

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Councillor Tkachuk.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2024 Budget continued.

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 1:05 p.m.

23.824 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Snow
Dump Site at a total budget of \$800,000.

For (5): Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal,
Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (4): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and
Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

23.825 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the
Wastewater Plant Lab Upgrade at a total budget of \$80,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.826 MOVED
To approve for inclusion the 2024 Budget the BNR
SCADA Upgrade at a total budget of \$100,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.827 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Hylo
Community Hall Playground at a budget of \$75,000 with
an additional \$30,000 allocated for a swingset for a total
budget of \$105,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.828 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the
Plamondon Rink Boards at a total budget of \$175,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.829 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Rich Lake
Community Hall Playground at a budget of \$75,000 with
an additional \$30,000 allocated for a swingset for a total
budget of \$105,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.830 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Birch
Grove Community Hall Playground swingset at a total
budget of \$30,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk declared a pecuniary interest for business interests and exited
Chambers at 1:36 p.m. in advance of the discussion and vote on the
Communication Headsets and Hazardous Atmosphere Detector.

Councillor Pare exited Chambers at 1:38 p.m. and returned at 1:39 p.m.

23.831 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Communication Headsets at a total budget of \$50,000 and the Hazardous Atmosphere Detector at a total budget of \$30,000.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 1:48 p.m. at the conclusion of the discussion and vote.

23.832 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Dock Replacement Program at a total budget of \$80,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.833 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Mission Walking Trail at a total budget of \$1,100,000 with \$300,000 coming from General Revenues and \$800,000 from reserves.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.834 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Beaver Hill Road Underground Powerline at a total budget of \$400,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.835 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget \$1,000,000 from the subdivision road network reserves for major repairs on Campsite Road.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stedman exited Chambers at 2:29 p.m. and returned at 2:30 p.m.

23.836 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Bold Center Road Network engineering including the 91 Ave connector road at a total budget of \$735,000 to be funded from the Subdivision Road Upgrade Program.

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

CARRIED

RECESS Mayor Reutov called a recess at 2:40 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 3:02 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance with the exception of Deputy Mayor Moore.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2024 Budget continued.

Deputy Mayor Moore returned to the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

23.837 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the McGrane Road (TWP 674a) Cold Mix at a total budget of \$1,000,000 to be funded from the subdivision road network reserve.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk exited Chambers at 3:20 p.m. and returned at 3:22 p.m.

23.838 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Claude Lake to Corner Gas Water and Sewer engineering at a total budget of \$500,000 from the Water & Sewer Replacement reserve fund.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Borgun exited Chambers at 3:57 p.m. and returned at 3:59 p.m.

23.839 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion the Truck Fill Stations & Potable Water-Owl River at a total budget of \$1,200,000 with \$750,000 allocated to the 2024 Budget and the remaining \$450,000 in the 2025 budget.

For (5): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson

Opposed (4): Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman, and Councillor Tkachuk

CARRIED

RECESS

Mayor Reutov called a recess at 4:18 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Reutov reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Proposed 2024 Budget continued.

23.840 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the
Plamondon Truck Fill Expansion at a total budget of
\$600,000.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.841 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Auto Read
Towers at a total budget of \$300,000 to be funded from the
Water and Sewer Replacement reserves.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.842 **MOVED**
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Station #2-
Plamondon-Station Addition at a total budget of \$220,000
to be funded from the Fire Apparatus Replacement reserve.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.843 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Emergency Vehicle Operations Driving Track at a total budget of \$2,100,000 to be funded by debenture.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.844 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Alexander Mountain Bike Trail System at a total budget of \$300,000 to be funded with \$135,123 from the Hamlet Backlane Paving Program with the remainder to be funded from in-kind and community support.

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

CARRIED

Councillor Tkachuk declared a pecuniary interest for business interests and exited Chambers at 5:01 p.m. in advance of the discussion and vote on the Tea Room-Conference Room Upgrade.

23.845 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the Tea Room-Conference Room Upgrade at a total cost of \$85,000 for Alternative 2.

For (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Paré, and Councillor Johnson
Opposed (2): Deputy Mayor Moore, and Councillor Stedman

CARRIED

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Chambers at 5:09 p.m. at the conclusion of the discussion and vote.

23.846 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2024 Budget the engineering for Hwy 36 - 91 Ave to 99 St - Water & Sewer Rehabilitation (840m) at a total budget of \$400,000 to be funded from the Water and Sewer Replacement reserves.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Pare departed the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

23.847 MOVED
To approve the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project for a total budget of \$1,500,000 with \$500,000 in 2024 to be funded from the Stabilization Reserve and \$1,000,000 in 2025 budget.

For (8): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Stedman, Councillor Tkachuk, and Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stedman departed the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

23.848 MOVED
To adjust the start time of the November 17, 2023 Special Council Meeting to 11:00 a.m.

For (6): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore, Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, and Councillor Tkachuk
Opposed (1): Councillor Johnson

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

23.849 **MOVED**
To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of November 16,
2023 at 5:25 p.m.

For (7): Mayor Reutov, Councillor Borgun, Deputy Mayor Moore,
Councillor Mondal, Councillor Beniuk, Councillor Tkachuk, and
Councillor Johnson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer