

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Reeve Shepherd at 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 2021 in the Council Chamber of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Present

Present: Reeve B. Shepherd; Deputy Reeve, J. Ireland, Councillors, B. Knight, D. Kreil, K. Weenink, D. West and A. Wilson; County Manager, T. Timmons; Director of Operations, B. Cade; Director of Corporate Services, M. Minchin; Director of Community Services, K. Boras; Director of Planning, D. Freitag; Manager of Agriculture & Environmental Services, D. Burlock; Manager of IT Services, M. Kartusch; County Fire Chief, D. Bussiere and Administrative Executive Coordinator, L. Turnbull.

9:05 a.m. Cajun Paradis entered the meeting.

Introduction

Ms. Shepherd introduced herself and those present introduced themselves. Ms. Shepherd reviewed the procedures for holding and attending a virtual meeting.

Remembrance Day

Council observed a moment of silence in honor of Remembrance Day.

**C/722/21
Agenda**

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were three additions to the agenda:

5.2A Planning Services Update
5.9 RCMP Meeting – RMA
14.1 FOIP - Section 24(1)

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/723/21
Minutes**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Bussiere reviewed the update on the latest COVID-19 restrictions and the current status of cases and vaccine statistics. Mr. Bussiere addressed questions of Council regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the presentation with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

9:10 a.m. Mr. Bussiere withdrew from the meeting.

**C/724/21
Long Range Planning
Program**

Mr. Freitag provided an overview of the Long Range Planning Program 2022 to 2024 for Council's consideration. Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Long Range Planning Program 2022 to 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/725/21
Planning Services
Update**

Ms. Paradis presented the Planning Services Update for October 2021.

Moved by Mr. West that the Planning Services Update for October 2021 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/726/21
Tax Payment
Penalties
Cancellation Request**

Mr. Minchin advised that AltaLink Management Ltd. is requesting that Lacombe County cancel late payment penalties levied on the company's 2021 outstanding tax balance on several linear and industrial properties in Lacombe County. The late payment penalties are in the amount of \$ 44,492.31. Council was provided with an overview of the circumstances resulting in the non-payment of this tax account by the tax payment deadlines.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Lacombe County cancel the \$ 44,492.31 late payment penalties levied on the following tax accounts:

#0000448903
#3825316021
#3903162003
#3926022002
#4027012002
#4126012003
#4126013002

Motion Lost.

**C/727/21
Tax Payment Penalty
Cancellation Request**

Mr. Minchin presented a request from 1829842 Alberta Ltd (operating as Bizi Transport) that Lacombe County cancel the late payment penalty levied on the company's 2021 outstanding tax balance for its industrial property in Lacombe County. The late payment penalty is in the amount of \$ 1,306.01. Council was provided with an overview of the circumstances resulting in the non-payment of this tax account by the tax payment deadlines.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that Lacombe County cancel the \$ 1,306.01 late payment penalty levied on tax account #3927232040.

Motion Lost.

**Pecuniary Interest
Declared**

Mr. Ireland declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Lynx Energy request and withdrew from the meeting.
Time: 9:40 a.m.

**C/728/21
Tax Payment
Penalties
Cancellation Request**

Mr. Minchin advised that Lynx Energy is requesting that Lacombe County cancel late payment penalties levied on the company's 2020 outstanding tax balance for its oil and gas properties in Lacombe County. The late payment penalties are in the amount of \$ 57,350.15. Council was provided with an overview of the circumstances resulting in the non-payment of this tax account by the tax payment deadlines.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that Lacombe County cancel the \$ 57,350.15 late payment penalties levied on properties owned by Lynx Energy.

Motion Lost.

9:45 a.m. Mr. Ireland entered the meeting.

**C/729/21
SLRWWC
Budget 2022**

Mr. Minchin advised that as Lacombe County is a member of the Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission the County is given the opportunity to comment on the operating and capital budgets of the Commission. Mr. Minchin presented the highlights of the 2022 operating budget and the Commission's 3-year operating plan. The budget will be considered for adoption by the Commission at its December 13, 2021 meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission budget for 2022 and the 3-year operating plan be received for information; and further, that a letter be forwarded to the Commission stating that Lacombe County has no comments or questions regarding the proposed budget.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/730/21
RMA Convention
Resolutions**

Council reviewed the proposed RMA Fall Convention resolutions. The Convention will be held in Edmonton from November 22 to 26, 2021.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the RMA Spring Convention resolutions be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

10:25 a.m. Greg Lunn, President of Lacombe Fish & Game Association and Alan Henderson, Vice President of the Association entered the meeting.

**C/731/21
RMA – Minister of
Municipal Affairs
Meeting**

Mr. Timmons advised that Council will meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver on November 23, 2021 at 4:25 p.m. during the RMA Fall Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the information on the meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver on November 23, 2021 at 4:25 p.m. be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/732/21
Public Hearing
Lacombe Fish &
Game Assoc. Lease**

Mr. West declared a pecuniary interest in the public hearing regarding the Lacombe Fish and Game Association's proposal to lease Lacombe County Municipal Reserve described as Plan 802 1368 Block 1 Lot 2 MR and Plan 912 2491, Block 1, Lot 3 MR (Burbank Campground) for a 20-year term and withdrew from the meeting.

Time: 10:33 a.m.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the meeting recess in order to conduct a public hearing regarding the Lacombe Fish and Game Association's proposal to lease Lacombe County Municipal Reserve described as Plan 802 1368, Block 1, Lot 2 MR and Plan 912 2491, Block 1, Lot 3 MR (Burbank Campground) for a 20-year term.

Time: 10:34 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

The public hearing process is intended to allow all interested parties to address Council on the proposed lease.

Council gave approval to hold a public hearing regarding the lease at the October 14, 2021 Council meeting.

Overview

Mr. Burlock advised that the Lacombe Fish and Game Association (LFGA) currently leases two County municipal reserves at Burbank Campground:

- Lot 2MR, Block 1, Plan 8021368 – 2.10 acres
- Lot 3MR, Block 1, Plan 9122491 – 2.99 acres

On October 14, 2021, Council approved for the LFGA to add up to 10 energized camping sites on Lot 2MR. These energized sites are a solution to noise complaints from the use of generators at the campground. Signing a new 20-year lease agreement will provide the LFGA with security on their investment into the site and provides the opportunity to update and strengthen the lease agreement. Lot 3MR will become a day-use area only.

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were questions by Council.

Council Questions

Mr. Ireland inquired if the area above the MR is just a buffer. Mr. Burlock advised that area is private property. Mr. Burlock commented that on the north side of Lot 3MR three rows of seedlings have been planted to mitigate noise.

Mr. Ireland inquired if there is parking for LOT 3MR. Mr. Burlock advised that there is parking provided in the northeast corner.

Ms. Shepherd inquired if access to Lot 3MR (day use area) will be at the corner. Mr. Burlock advised there are two access points with the main access being on the south area.

Mr. Burlock commented that there are two amendments to the current lease. There will be a payment of \$ 1.00 by the LFGA to the County and Clause 16 shall read 45 days for negotiations between parties.

Mr. Ireland inquired where the energized sites are proposed to be installed. Mr. Lunn advised that on Lot 2MR along the riverbank the sites will start right on the property line of the Lot 2MR and go as far as the camp kitchen.

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were verbal submissions by government agencies. There were no verbal submissions from government agencies.

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were verbal submissions by municipal agencies. There were no verbal submissions from municipal agencies.

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were verbal submissions by the public. There were no verbal submissions from the public.

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were written submissions from government or municipal agencies. There were no written submissions received from government or municipal agencies.

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were written submissions from the public. There were no written submissions from the public.

Mr. Lunn commented on the improvements to the Burbank Campground and thanked Council for considering their proposals.

Ms. Shepherd advised that if Council is satisfied that everyone has had an opportunity to make a presentation and that further information is not required it would be appropriate to close the public hearing.

**C/733/21
Public Hearing
Adjourn**

**Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the public hearing adjourn.
Time: 10:48 a.m.**

Carried Unanimously.

**C/734/21
Lacombe Fish &
Game Assoc. Lease
Approval**

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the County Manager be authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the Lacombe Fish and Game Association for Lot 2MR, Block 1, Plan 802 1368 and Lot 3MR, Block 1, Plan 912 2491 for the period of November 11, 2021 to November 10, 2041.

Carried Unanimously.

10:49 a.m. Mr. Lunn and Mr. Henderson withdrew from the meeting. Mr. West entered the meeting.

RMA RMCP Meeting

Mr. Timmons advised that Council will meet with Senior representatives of the RCMP on November 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. during the RMA Fall Convention.

**C/735/21
Financial Reports**

Moved by Mr. Wilson that the following reports be received for information:

- **Budget to Actual Report as at September 30, 2021**
- **Investment Report as at September 30, 2021**
- **Capital Expenditure Report as at September 30, 2021**

Carried Unanimously.

**C/736/21
Agenda Item
Follow-up**

Moved by Mr. Wilson that the Agenda Item Follow-up for October 28, 2021 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Reports

Mrs. Kreil reported on the following:

- Central RMA Zone Meeting
- Eckville Municipal Library
- Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission
- Eckville Remembrance Day Service
- Medicine River Watershed Society
- Medicine River Crime Watch Society
- RMRF Orientation Workshop
- In-House Orientation Meeting
- Salary and Wage Meeting

Mrs. Knight reported on the following:

- Central RMA Zone Meeting
- Salary and Wage Meeting
- RMRF Orientation Workshop
- In-House Orientation Meeting
- Organizational Meeting
- Mirror Community Library
- Agriculture Service Board Regional Meeting

Mr. Ireland reported on the following:

- Central Zone RMA
- RDMUG
- Alix Chamber of Commerce
- Sargent Community Society

11:20 a.m. Mr. Timmons withdrew from the meeting, Mr. Boras assumed Mr. Timmons duties.

11:20 a.m. Mary Kuchle, President and Austin Weaver, Executive Director of Lacombe Regional Tourism entered the meeting.

Mr. West reported on the following:

- All Council Meetings
- Lacombe Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Mr. Weenink reported on the following:

- All Council Meetings

Mr. Wilson reported on the following:

- All Council Meetings
- ASB Meeting
- Bentley Library AGM
- Mayor Of Bentley – Advised of No Remembrance Service

Ms. Shepherd reported on the following:

- Rural Crime Watch Zone Meeting
- Blackfalds Parks, Recreation & Culture Board
- Remembrance Day Ceremony

**C/737/21
Councillor Reports**

Moved by Mr. Weenink that the Council reports be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/738/21
Lacombe Regional
Tourism Presentation**

Ms. Kuchle and Mr. Weaver provided a presentation on the activities and initiatives Lacombe Regional Tourism highlighting the following:

- Industry Introduction
- Tourism = Visitor Economy
- Presidents Message
- Brief Overview of 2021 Activities
- Changes for 2022
- Funding Request for 2022

Council was also provided with the 2020 Lacombe Regional Tourism budget and the 2020 audited financial statements. Ms. Kuchle and Mr. Weaver addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Weenink that the Lacombe Regional Tourism presentation, the 2020 Lacombe Regional Tourism budget and 2020 audited financial statements be received for information; and further, that the RC(10) funding application be considered at the November 30, 2021 Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting reconvened following lunch with all Councillors, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Boras, Mr. Freitag and Mrs. Turnbull present.
Time: 1:00 p.m.

**C/739/21
Consent Agenda**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/740/21
Central Regional ASB
Conference**

Ms. Shepherd commented that all Councillors are invited to chair future Committee of the Whole meetings. This would provide an opportunity for Councillors to gain experience in chairing a Council meeting.

Mrs. Kreil commented that a local producer has concerns with the seeding of hail clouds. Planes seeded clouds in the Eckville area, and three storms occurred in the next four days. Mrs. Kreil inquired if there is anything the ASB can do

about this matter. Mr. Boras commented that he is not sure if this program still runs as the County has had no official notice. Mr. Burlock advised he will look into this matter and bring information back to Council.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Mrs. Knight be authorized for attendance at the Camrose Central Regional ASB Conference on November 3, 2021 as the alternate representative of the Provincial ASB Committee.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/741/21
In-camera***

Mrs. Knight referred to the success of the rain barrel program and inquired if the County could do a tree program. Mr. Burlock commented this could be added to the list of environmental projects.

Ms. Shepherd advised that the Blackfalds RCMP detachment Commander Dan Martin wishes to attend Council meetings periodically to provide an update to Council, perhaps on a quarterly basis. Council agreed that Commander Martin will be invited to attend a Council meeting in the New Year and following that other Commanders will be invited to attend Council. All detachments will continue to be invited to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting together.

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for the purpose of discussing an issue under Section 28(a) of FOIP.
Time: 1:21 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

***C/742/21
Reconvene***

***Moved by Mr. Weenink that the meeting reconvene.
Time: 1:55 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

***C/743/21
Adjourn***

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting adjourn.
Time: 1:58 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

Reeve

County Manager