

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

Present

Present: Reeve P. Law; Deputy Reeve, K. Wigmore, Councillors, J. Ireland, B. Knight, D. Kreil, B. Shepherd and K. Stephenson; County Manager, T. Timmons; Director of Operations, B. Cade; Director of Community Services, K. Boras, Director of Planning, D. Freitag; Manager of IT Services, M. Kartusch; County Fire Chief, D. Bussiere; Shop Supervisor, D. Majerech and Administrative Executive Coordinator, L. Turnbull.

Introductions

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

**C/383/21
Agenda**

Mrs. Law inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one addition to the agenda:

5.9 RMA Convention – Meeting with RCMP

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/384/21
COVID-19 Update**

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. Wigmore that the presentation with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/385/21
2022 Capital
Equipment
Replacement Plan**

Mr. Cade advised that the 2022 Capital Equipment Replacement Plan includes four graders, one scraper, two dozers, one loader, two ½ ton trucks, one gravel trailer and one gravel converter. Most of the equipment for replacement is or will be off warranty in 2021. Mr. Cade provided an overview of the components and costs of the recommended replacement units. Mr. Cade and Mr. Majerech addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the County Manager be authorized to tender and award the purchase of the 2022 capital equipment replacement list as presented, for an estimated value of \$ 6,400,000 and to dispose of the existing units at an estimated trade-in or private sale value of \$ 1,851,000; and further, \$ 1,851,000; and further, that the difference between the purchase price of the new units and the sale price of the old units in the amount of \$ 4,549,000 be funded from the Capital Equipment Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

9:20 a.m.

Mr. Majerech withdrew from the meeting.

**C/386/21
County Fire Services
Capital Equipment
Purchases 2022**

Mr. Bussiere advised that the Lacombe County Fire Services is proposing three capital purchase of apparatus in 2022. These purchases are scheduled replacements and include the Alix Tender, the Bentley Tender and the Clive Rescue Unit. Advanced approval of these purchases will see them placed into service in 2022.

Mr. Bussiere provided the approximate cost of the units (\$1,150,000), trade-in values and estimated final costs. Mr. Bussiere and Mr. Boras addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the replacement of the Alix and Bentley Tender Units and the Clive Rescue Unit be approved; that the County Manager be authorized to dispose of the outgoing units; and further, that the replacement purchases be funded through the Fire Services Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

9:30 a.m.

Mr. Bussiere withdrew from the meeting.

**C/387/21
Wolf Creek School
Division Advisory
Committee
Appointment**

Mr. Timmons reported that the Wolf Creek School Division Board has engaged a consultant to review the new high school boundary in the Town of Blackfalds for the proposed construction of a high school in Blackfalds in the future. The consultants are currently developing a terms of reference for an Advisory Committee for the project. The Board has advised that they would like to have a representative from Lacombe County, the City of Lacombe and the Town of Blackfalds appointed to the Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that a member of Administration be appointed to the Wolf Creek School Division Advisory Committee for the future review of the new high school boundary and construction of the new high school in the Town of Blackfalds.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/388/21
Cervid Harvesting
Preserves**

Mr. Timmons referred to correspondence from the Alberta Fish & Game Association and the Alberta Elk Commission with regard to Cervid Harvesting Preserves. The Alberta Elk Commission is seeking the legalization of Cervid Harvesting Preserves in Alberta while Alberta Fish & Game is not supportive of such legislation. Both parties are requesting the support of rural municipalities in Alberta.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the correspondence from the Alberta Fish & Game Association and the Alberta Elk Commission regarding Cervid Harvesting Preserves be received for information; and further, that a letter be sent to the Association and the Commission encouraging them to contact their MLA's and the Province with regard to the legislation of Cervid Harvesting Preserves.

Carried.

**C/389/21
Budget Meeting
Rescheduled**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the November 26, 2021 budget meeting be rescheduled to December 3, 2021.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/390/21
Councillor Farewell**

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the Councillor farewell be held on November 18, 2021 commencing at 5:30 pm. at the Lacombe Memorial Centre.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/391/21
RMA Meeting with
RCMP**

Moved by Mrs. Shepherd that Council meet with Chief Superintendent, Darcy Fluery, District Officer of the RCMP at the RMA Convention being held from November 23 to 26, 2021.

Carried Unanimously.

Council Reports

Mr. Wigmore reported on the following:

- Starland County Grand Opening
- Pre-budget Meeting
- Fire Services Discussions

Mr. Stephenson reported on the following:

- Town of Bentley/Lacombe County IDP/ICF Committee
- Sylvan Lake Management Committee Final Meeting

Mr. Ireland reported on the following:

- Tour of Pleasant Valley Colony – Canola Processing Facility
- RDMUG
- Alix Parade and Rodeo
- Stettler Parade
- LRWSC

Ms. Shepherd reported on the following:

- Ellis Bird Farm
- Joe Young Funeral
- Haynes Hall Opening
- LRWSC

Mrs. Knight reported on the following:

- Village of Alix/Lacombe County IDP/ICF
- Highway 12/21 Water Services Commission
- CAEP
- Alix Parade and Rodeo
- Bashaw Parade
- Pre-budget Meeting

Mrs. Kreil reported on the following:

- Parkland Regional Library Grand Opening
- Medicine River Crime Watch
- Pre-budget Meeting
- SLRWWC
- Eckville Municipal Library
- Bentley Municipal Library

Mrs. Law reported on the following:

- Lacombe Regional Tourism
- Lacombe Days Parade
- City of Lacombe/Lacombe County IDP/ICF
- Starland County Grand Opening
- Parkland Regional Library Opening
- Central Zone Meeting - Directors
- Minister Ron Orr Meeting
- Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce

**C/392/21
Council Reports**

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

Carried Unanimously.

**C/393/21
Agenda Item
Follow-up**

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the Agenda Item Follow-up for August 26, 2021 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/394/21
Consent Agenda**

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Inquires

Mrs. Kreil inquired if it would be possible to see people on the screen that are attending the Council meetings virtually. Mr. Kartusch advised he will look into this request.

Mr. Ireland inquired as to the status of the dissolution of the Sargent Hall Board. Mr. Timmons will discuss this matter with Mr. Ireland following the meeting.

**C/395/21
Crime Prevention
Training Workshop**

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that Ms. Shepherd be authorized to attend the Crime Prevention Training Workshop being held in Red Deer on November 18 and 19, 2021.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/396/21
MPC**

***Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the meeting recess in order to conduct a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.
Time: 10:35 a.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

**C/397/21
Reconvene**

***Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the meeting reconvene.
Time: 10:55 a.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

11:00 a.m. Mike Damberger, Regional Director; Denette Leask, Grants Technologist and Stuart Richardson, Infrastructure Manager; Alberta Transportation entered the meeting.

**C/398/21
Alberta
Transportation
Presentation**

Mr. Damberger, Ms. Leask, Mr. Richardson, Council and Administration discussed Lacombe County's priority projects as follows:

- Highway 604 Base Course Paving
- Upgrading of Aspelund Road and Highway 20 Intersection
- Highway 792 (Lincoln Road) and Highway 12 Interchange
- Highway 2 and Highway 12 Interchange
- Widening of Highway 20 Between Sylvan Lake and Rimbey
- Highway 12 from Lacombe to Tees - Overlay
- Third Lane on QE II in Central Area
- Commercial Safety Rest Area – Wolf Creek
- Twinning of Highway 11
- Highway 12 and 20 Roundabout
- Milton Road and 2A Intersection
- Highway 792 and Milton Road Intersection

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the presentation by the representatives of Alberta Transportation be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

11:40 a.m. Mr. Damberger, Ms. Leask and Mr. Richardson withdrew from the meeting. Jay Adamson, Darren Berg and Jason Lunn, representing LAPA entered the meeting.

**C/399/21
LAPA Presentation**

Council was provided an overview of Lacombe Athletic Park Association's (LAPA) Phase 1 Expansion which included:

- The Field House
- Completed Building & Walk-way Access
- Additional Bathroom Space
- Additional Dressing Rooms

An overview of Phase 2 Expansion was provided which will include:

- Track & Field Facility
- Proposed Track with Key Features

Mr. Adamson advised that LAPA has submitted a CFIP Grant application which requires matching grant funding from the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County. A letter from each municipality is required that agrees that each municipality will provide \$ 500,000 in funding.

The delegation addressed questions of Council throughout the presentation.

12:15 p.m. Mr. Adamson, Mr. Berg and Mr. Lunn withdrew from the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all Councillors, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Boras, Mr. Cade, Mr. Freitag, Mr. Kartusch and Mrs. Turnbull present.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the presentation on the Lacombe Athletic Park Project be received for information; and further, that the City of Lacombe/Lacombe County IDP/ICF Committee members be directed to discuss the LAPA track project with the City of Lacombe ICF/IDP Committee members and provide comments at the September 23, 2021 Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Council agreed that the following topics will be submitted for discussion with Chief Superintendent Darcy Fleury at the upcoming RMA Convention in Edmonton:

1. RCMP Provincial Policing Priorities
2. Rural Crime Watch
 - a. What can rural crime watch groups do to assist the RCMP?
 - b. How can we get younger generations to become involved in rural crime watch groups and their initiatives?

**C/400/21
In-camera**

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for the purpose of discussing an issue under Section 24(1) of FOIP.
Time: 1:07 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

**C/401/21
Reconvene**

***Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the meeting reconvene.
Time: 1:49 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

**C/402/21
Gifting of Property
Sylvan Lake**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding Policy AD(37) Acceptance of Gifted Lands regarding the gifting of property adjacent to Sylvan Lake; and further, that a report regarding this matter be presented at a future Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/403/21
Adjourn**

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting adjourn.
Time: 1:52 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

Reeve

County Manager