

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Reeve Shepherd at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2022 in the Council Chamber of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Present

Present: Reeve B. Shepherd; 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 Planning, D. Freitag; Director of Community Services, D. Burlock; IT Application Coordinator, A. Guse; County Fire Chief, D. Bussiere; and Administrative Executive Coordinator, L. Turnbull.

Deputy Reeve Ireland attended the meeting virtually.

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

**C/106/22  
Agenda**

Ms. Shepherd inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one deletion and two additions to the agenda.

5.2 Group Photo – Deleted  
5.9 RMA Spring Convention Resolutions - Addition  
5.10 April 5, 2022 Committee of the Whole - Addition

***Moved by Mr. Wilson that the agenda be approved.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/107/22  
Minutes**

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/108/22  
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. West that the presentation with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

9:10 a.m.  
meeting.

Mr. Bussiere withdrew from the meeting. Mark Sproule entered the

**C/109/22  
Nurse Practitioner  
Program Report**

Mr. Timmons referred to the January 26, 2022 meeting attended by Reeve Shepherd, Councillor Kreil and the County Manager and representatives of the Town of Eckville to discuss the Town's proposal to establish a Nurse Practitioner program through the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network.

Jaime LaLiberte of the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network provided a presentation virtually, at the February 28, 2022 Council meeting regarding the Nurse Practitioner Program and the logistics of its implementation into the Town of Eckville. Town of Eckville elected officials and staff, as well as members of the Eckville Health Resources Committee attended the meeting, in-person and virtually. Council discussion took place.

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting regarding Lacombe County's participation in the Nurse Practitioner program proposed by the Town of Eckville.***

***Carried.***

**C/110/22  
RCMP Annual  
Performance Plans  
Areas of Priority**

Mr. Sproule advised that as part of their Annual Performance Plans (APP's) the RCMP Detachment Commanders in Blackfalds, Rimbey and Sylvan Lake have requested that Lacombe County submit three main areas of concern for consideration for inclusion in their Plans. As the Plans are released in April the information is requested by March 15, 2022. Council discussed areas of concern.

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the following three policing priorities be forwarded to the Blackfalds, Rimbey and Sylvan Lake RCMP Detachments for consideration of inclusion in their respective Annual Performance Plans:***

- **Communication with Public**
- **Cooperation/Communication with Lacombe County Community Peace Officers**
- **Movement of Organized Crime into Rural Areas**

**Carried Unanimously.**

**C/111/22  
Bylaw No. 1237/17  
First Reading**

Ms. Paradis advised that 194561 Alberta Ltd.(landowners Bill and Carla MacLean) are seeking to redesignate approximately 61.95 hectares (153.07 acres) of land on Pt. NW 21-39-03 W5M from Agricultural "A" District to Recreation "PR" District.

The development proposal includes a 9-hole golf course, 100 recreational vehicle seasonal campsites, two washrooms, 104 vehicle parking spaces and fenced storage shed. A playground, small pool, pickleball courts and a trail to a water feature are other proposed amenities. Ms. Paradis addressed questions of Council.

**Moved by Mrs. Kreil that Bylaw No. 1368/22, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17, to change the zoning of approximately 61.95 hectares (153.07 acres) on Pt. NW 21-39-03 W5M, from Agricultural 'A' District to Recreation "PR" District.**

**Be now read a first time.**

**Carried Unanimously.**

**C/112/22  
Public Hearing**

**Moved by Mrs. Knight that in the matter of Bylaw No. 1368/22:**

- 1) **A public hearing be held on April 14, 2022 commencing at 9:00 a.m.**
- 2) **Any person present at the public hearing will be heard upon recognition of the Chair; and**
- 3) **The publication of the notice of the public hearing be advertised in local papers.**

**Carried Unanimously.**

**C/113/22  
Bylaw No. 1367/22  
First Reading**

Ms. Paradis advised that in 2011, Qualico Communities received approval to redesignate approximately 38.69 hectares (95.61 acres) on W½ 34-39-02-W5M into a 59-lot Residential Conservation Cluster 'R-RCC' District development, known as Palm Cove.

Qualico Communities is now seeking permission to slightly revise the original approval, in Stage 1 of the development. The subdivision lot count in Stage 1 remains at 59 lots in the revised concept, but the location of some lots has changed. The lot sizing has been reduced from an average size of 0.40 acres to 0.25 acres.

To accommodate the proposed revision to the lot layout, approximately 3.65 hectares (9.04 acres) of W½ 34-39-02-W5M land must be rezoned from Agricultural 'A' District to Residential Conservation Cluster 'R-RCC' District. Ms. Paradis addressed questions of Council.

**Moved by Mr. West that Bylaw No. 1367/22, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17, to change the zoning of approximately 3.65 hectares (9.04 acres) on W1/2 34-39-02 W5M, from Agricultural 'A' District to Residential Conservation Cluster "R-RCC" District.**

**Be now read a first time.**

**Carried Unanimously.**

**C/114/22  
Bylaw No. 1367/22  
Public Hearing**

**Moved by Mrs. Knight that in the matter of Bylaw No. 1367/22:**

- 1) **A public hearing be held on April 14, 2022 commencing at 9:15 a.m.**
- 2) **Any person present at the public hearing will be heard upon recognition of the Chair; and**
- 3) **The publication of the notice of the public hearing be advertised in local papers.**

**Carried Unanimously.**

**C/115/22  
CPAA Conference  
Authorization**

Mr. Timmons advised that the Community Planning Association of Alberta's annual conference will be held from May 2 to 4, 2022 in Leduc.

**Moved by Mr. Ireland that Council be authorized to attend the Community Planning Association of Alberta's annual conference from May 2 to 4, 2022 in Leduc.**

**Carried Unanimously.**

MDP/LUB Review

Ms. Paradis advised that the County's *Municipal Development Plan* (MDP) and *Land Use Bylaw* (LUB) were adopted in July 2017. Policy MUNI 8.3.2 requires an annual review and report based on the findings of the Monitoring Matrix of the MDP. The matrix was created to evaluate the success or failure of the policies within the plans and to indicate if the policies are meeting the plan's objectives.

Ms. Paradis presented the *Municipal Development Plan & Land Use Bylaw 2019 Review - Annual Report & Monitoring Matrix* for Council's consideration. This review has identified some areas for improvement in the plans, to which amendments are proposed. Bylaw 1365/22 proposes a number of amendments to the MDP, and Bylaw 1366/22 proposes a number of amendments to the LUB.

Ms. Paradis referred to a request from Belterra Land Co., requesting the addition of 'dwelling, single detached' as a use in the Higher Density Residential 'R-HDR' District, specifically for Lots 13 through 16 within The Slopes on Sylvan Lake in the LUB.

Chris Aribello, President of Belterra Land Co. spoke to the request regarding the addition of 'dwelling, single detached' as a use in the Higher Density Residential 'R-HDR' District, specifically for Lots 13 through 16 within The Slopes on Sylvan Lake in the LUB.

Mr. Aribello, Ms. Paradis and Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

Deferred

**Moved by Mrs. Knight that Bylaw No. 1366/22 be amended to include the reduction of minimum lot size in the Residential Conservation Cluster District "R-RCC" from 0.25 to 0.15 acres.**

Council agreed to defer the consideration of Mrs. Knight's motion and Bylaw Nos. 1365/22 and 1366/22 to later in the meeting.

11:10 a.m. Chris Artibello withdrew from the meeting.

Ms. Paradis continued her presentation referring to a second request to amend the LUB from Kevin Kallis, Kountry Kamping requesting 'campground, major' be listed as a use in the Agricultural 'A' District. Ms. Paradis provided a detailed review of the request.

Ms. Paradis reviewed the proposed amendments to the MDP and LUB. Ms. Paradis addressed questions of Council. Due to a scheduled appointment Ms. Paradis continued her presentation later in the meeting.

11:35 a.m. Karen Popplestone, Manager, Policing Oversight and Contract Policing, entered the meeting virtually.

**C/116/22  
Policing Oversight  
and Contract Policing  
and Police Advisory  
Committees  
Presentation**

Ms. Popplestone attended the meeting in order to discuss Police Advisory Committees with Council. Red Deer County and the Blackfalds RCMP have created a Police Advisory Committee and Lacombe County Council is investigating the criteria/benefits of joining the Committee.

Ms. Popplestone provided an overview of various components of Alberta Justice regarding Provincial policing:

- Key Principles of Alberta's Overall Policing Strategy
- Equitable Policing
- Provincial Leadership
- Legislative Framework – Police Act, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act
- Civilian Oversight
- Roles & Responsibilities of Minister/Municipalities for Police Services
- Contract Management Committee
- RCMP Services
- Roles & Responsibilities – Police Committees (in collaboration with Police Services)
- Oversight of Policing - Independent Civilian Bodies i.e., Police Advisory Committee (PAC)

- Oversight provides – independence, accountability, transparency, public trust
- Role of Policing Committees
- Expectations of Committees

Ms. Popplestone addressed questions of Council.

***Moved by Mr. Weenink that the presentation on Policing Oversight and Contract Policing and Police Advisory Committees be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

12:05 a.p.m. Ms. Popplestone withdrew from the meeting.

***C/117/22  
Police Advisory  
Committee Report  
Preparation***

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report to be presented at a future Council meeting regarding Lacombe County appointing a representative to the Blackfalds RCMP/Red Deer County Police Advisory Committee.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/118/22  
MCP***

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting recess in order to conduct a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.  
Time: 1:00 p.m.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/119/22  
Reconvene***

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that the meeting reconvene.  
Time: 1:40 p.m.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

1:18 p.m. Eric Burton, Factor5 Group entered the meeting.

Lacombe Economic  
Development Strategy  
Consultant  
Presentations

Mr. Burton provided a presentation regarding Factor5 Group's proposal to undertake the development of the Lacombe Economic Development Strategy highlighting the following:

- Our Understanding
- Company Profile
- Project Team
- Experience in the Region
- Methodology
- Budget
- A Unique Strategy for the County
- Product Samples

Mr. Burton addressed questions of Council.

2:10 p.m. Mr. Burton withdrew from the meeting.

2:15 p.m. Paul Blais, Jordon Tidey, Schaun Goodeve, MDB Insight entered the meeting virtually.

Mr. Blais, Mr. Tidey and Mr. Goodeve provided a presentation regarding MDB Insight's proposal to undertake the development of the Lacombe Economic Development Strategy highlighting the following:

- Introduction to MDB Insight Inc.
- Strategical Importance of an EDS
- Methodology and Process
- Economic Development Strategies Completed
- Investment Readiness
- Business Retention & Expansion
- Why MDG Insight?

2:40 p.m. Mr. Blais, Mr. Tidey and Mr. Goodeve addressed questions of Council.  
Mr. Blais, Mr. Tidey and Mr. Goodeve withdrew from the meeting.

2:45 p.m. Nancy Johnston of McSweeney & Associates entered the meeting virtually.

Ms. Johnston provided a presentation regarding McSweeney & Associates' proposal to undertake the development of the Lacombe Economic Development Strategy highlighting the following:

- Who Are We – Team Introduction
- Our Approach
- Strategy Needs to be a True Reflection of Lacombe County
- How do we Ensure This is Uniquely Lacombe County?
- We Build Positive Relationships
- Overview of Process
- Phase 1 – Background Research
- Phase 2 – Engaging Lacombe County
- Phase 3 – Five-year Strategy
- Overview of the Final Strategy

Ms. Johnston addressed questions of Council.

3:00 p.m. Ms. Johnston withdrew from the meeting.

**C/120/22  
In-camera**

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for purpose of discussing the proposals for the development of the Lacombe County Economic Development Strategy as per FOIP Section 16(1).  
Time: 3:15 p.m.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/121/22  
Reconvene**

***Moved by Mr. West that the meeting reconvene.  
Time: 3:25 p.m.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/122/22  
Lacombe County  
Economic  
Development  
Strategy Consultant**

***Moved by Mr. Weenink that Factor5Group be selected to undertake the development of the Lacombe County Economic Development Strategy.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/123/22  
Recycling of Alberta  
Conference**

Ms. Shepherd advised the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) annual conference will be held from June 2 to 5, 2022 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Council agreed to discuss at the March 24, 2022 Council meeting.

Mr. Timmons advised that the Recycling Council of Alberta will be holding their annual conference from October 19 to 21, 2022 in Jasper.

***Moved by Mr. Ireland that Council be authorized to attend the Recycling Council of Alberta annual conference from October 19 to 21, 2022 in Jasper.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/124/22  
Lacombe County  
Road Tour 2022**

Mr. Timmons advised Council that the annual Lacombe County School Safety Day is being held on June 16, 2022. As the provincial COVID restrictions have been lifted a BBQ will be held for the participants. In past years Council has assisted in cooking at the BBQ. As the Road Tour is scheduled for June 15 and 16, 2022 the Tour would have to be rescheduled if that is the wish of Council.

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that Lacombe County Road Tour be rescheduled to June 14 and 15, 2022.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

Council reviewed the proposed RMA Spring Convention resolutions. The Convention will be held in Edmonton from March 14 to 16, 2022.

**C/125/22  
RMA Convention**

***Moved by Mr. West that the resolutions to be presented at the RMA Spring Convention in March 2022 be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/126/22  
Past 4:00 p.m.**

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that the meeting go past 4:00 p.m.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

3:25 p.m. Cajun Paradis entered the meeting

**C/127/22  
MDP/LUB  
Cluster District  
Reduction  
Motion Lost**

Ms. Paradis continued her presentation with regard to the proposed amendments to the MDP and LUB. Ms. Paradis provided a detailed review of the request from Belterra Land Co. requesting the addition of 'dwelling, single detached' as a use in the Higher Density Residential 'R-HDR' District, specifically for Lots 13 through 16 within The Slopes on Sylvan Lake in the LUB. Ms. Paradis and Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

Ms. Shepherd now called the question on Mrs. Knight's deferred motion which reads as follows:

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that Bylaw No. 1366/22 be amended to include the reduction of minimum lot size in the Residential Conservation Cluster District "R-RCC" from 0.25 to 0.15 acres.***

***Motion Lost.***

**C/128/22  
Annual Report &  
Monitoring Matrix  
Review**

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Municipal Development Plan & Land Use Bylaws 2021 Review - Annual Report & Monitoring Matrix be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/129/22  
Bylaw No. 1365/22  
First Reading**

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that Bylaw No. 1365/22, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Lacombe County Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 1238/17 as it relates to general regulations and district requirements***

***now be read a first time.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/130/22  
Bylaw No. 1366/22  
First Reading**

***Moved by Mr. West that Bylaw No. 1366/22, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17 as it relates to general regulations and district requirements***

***now be read a first time.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/131/22  
Bylaw Nos. 1365/22  
& 1366/22  
Public Hearing**

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that in the matter of Bylaw Nos. 1365/22 and 1366/22:***

- 1) that a public hearing be held on April 14, 2022 commencing at 9:30 a.m. at the Lacombe County Administration office;***
- 2) any person present at the public hearing will be heard upon recognition of the Chair; and***
- 3) the publication of the notice of the public hearing be advertised in local papers.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

4.25 p.m. Cajun Paradis withdrew from the meeting.

**C/132/22  
Agenda Item  
Follow-up**

***Moved by Mr. West that the Agenda Item Follow-up for February 24, 2022 be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/133/22  
Council Reports**

Mrs. Knight advised that Stettler County will be talking to the Summer Villages of Rochon Sands and White Sands with regard to the Red Willow lagoon no longer accepting sewage. The Erskine lagoon will be the only lagoon accepting sewage.

Ms. Shepherd advised that the new Eagles Builders Centre in Blackfalds has required the Town of Blackfalds to install baffling at a cost of approximately \$ 170,000. Due to this extra expenditure, the Town will forego the purchase of flooring for installation on top of the ice surface for special non-ice events.

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

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/134/22  
Consent Agenda**

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

**Carried Unanimously.**

## Notice of Motion

Mrs. Kreil advised of a notice of motion that she will be bringing forward at the March 24, 2022 Council meeting regarding the implementation of parking fees by Lacombe County for the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch, the Sandy Point boat launch and the Sandy Point Beach.

## Committee of the Whole – Agenda Items

Committee of the Whole Future Agenda Items:

Truth and Reconciliation – Ms. Shepherd

## Council Inquiries

Mr. West referred to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference and inquired if Lacombe County is a member. Mr. Timmons advised that Lacombe County pays an annual membership fee of \$ 2,600. Mr. Timmons commented that the FCM is a national advocate for municipal issues and has benefitted municipalities across the country through their lobbying for grants, etc.

Mr. Wilson advised that a ratepayer from Kuusamo Krest has commented that the County reserve land has become a dumping site. Mr. Timmons advised that Kuusamo Krest has a significant reserve area, and the County does allow community members to store items on the reserve. Mr. Timmons advised that the County will look into the matter.

Mr. Wilson advised Council that the ball diamonds have been improved at the Lockhart Hall, but the local hall board is planning to take the hall down in the future.

Mr. Wilson inquired if the ALUS Program will be promoted in the County News. Mr. Burlock advised that the County Agriculture department will be in contact with ALUS and if they provide information it will be placed in the County News. Mr. Burlock advised that the County continues to support the program through the provision of information to ALUS.

Mr. Wilson inquired if the matter of fire calls being billed through individuals' insurance has been advertised in the County News. Mr. Burlock advised that an article has been scheduled to be placed in the County News closer to fire season.

Mrs. Knight commented that ratepayers have advised that the notice regarding Fire Permit season has been placed in the County News but is difficult to find. Mrs. Knight requested that the articles be made more visible in the paper. Mr. Burlock advised he will note this request for next season. Mr. Timmons advised that this notice is advertised on page one of the County News in the legend.

Mrs. Knight inquired if the County has received the Alberta Government article regarding the placing of mooring structures on water bodies. Mrs. Knight commented that when received the article should be shared with the public.

Mrs. Knight requested that Council consider changing Council reports given to only expand on pertinent issues.

Mrs. Knight inquired if the barrel racing has stopped on the ball diamonds in the Hamlet of Mirror. Mr. Cade advised that no one has been seen riding a horse in the area, but staff will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr. Weenink noted that the boat launch at Aspen Beach is being dredged and inquired if the County will do Wilson Beach boat launch. Mr. Timmons advised that new lake lot owners contribute to a Lake Access Reserve which is used for new construction for lake access not boat launch upkeep. Mr. Timmons commented that the Lacombe Fish and Game Society manage the boat launch at Wilson Beach. Mr. Cade commented that the boat launch at Aspen Beach is being upgraded and this is through the Province. Mr. Cade added that the License of Occupation for the Wilson Beach boat launch with the Lacombe Fish and Game Association. Mr. Weenink commented he feels it should be the County's responsibility as the County collects the access levy from new homeowners.

Mr. Weenink inquired if the Sandy Point boat launch needs dredging. Mr. Timmons advised the County is in discussions with the Sandy Point developers regarding cost sharing this project.

Mrs. Kreil inquired if Red Deer Restorative Justice could share Lacombe County's booth at the Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce trade show to hand out pamphlets. Council agreed that Restorative Justice is welcome to share.

**C/135/21  
Adjourn**

***Moved by Mr. Weenink that the meeting adjourn.  
Time: 5:05 p.m. Carried Unanimously.***

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Reeve

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County Manager