

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Deputy Reeve Ireland at 9:00 a.m. on March 24, 2022 in the Council Chamber of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Present Present: Reeve, B. Shepherd, Deputy Reeve, J. Ireland; Councillors, 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; Communications Coordinator, N. Plewis and Administrative Executive Coordinator, L. Turnbull.

Reeve Shepherd attended the meeting virtually. As Ms. Shepherd attended virtually Deputy Reeve Ireland chaired the meeting.

Mr. Ireland introduced himself and those present introduced themselves.

**C/136/22
Agenda**

Mr. Ireland inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Moved by Mr. Wilson that the agenda be approved.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/137/22
Minutes**

Moved by Mr. West that the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/138/22
Administrative
Report**

Mr. Timmons, Mr. Cade, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Burlock and Mr. Freitag provided an overview of their department activities as presented in the Administrative Report.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Administrative Report as at March 24, 2022 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/139/22
Monthly Statement**

Moved by Mr. West that the Monthly Statement as at February 28, 2022 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/140/22
Agenda Item
Follow-up**

Moved by Mr. Weenink that the Agenda Item Follow-up for March 20, 2022 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/141/22
Nurse Practitioner
Program – Town of
Eckville**

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.

At the March 10, 2022 Council meeting the County Manager was 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.

Mr. Timmons provided an overview of the proposed program and the request from the Town of Eckville which would provide for an annual funding contribution from Lacombe County in the amount of \$ 33,500 for a three-year term. Council discussion took place.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that Lacombe County participate in the Nurse Practitioner Program proposed by the Town of Eckville and contribute \$ 10,000 in annual funding for the program for a three-year period and that no further funding be provided beyond that period.

Motion Lost.

**C/142/22
RC(1) City of
Lacombe Capital
Projects**

Mr. Minchin advised that the City of Lacombe has submitted an application under Policy RC(1) Capital Support of Recreation & Cultural Facilities for its 2021 and 2022 recreation facility projects. Mr. Minchin presented a summary of the proposed projects; the project cost and the County's estimated share which is \$ 175,388.

Mr. Minchin advised that under Policy AD(30) Financial Reserves Policy funding for cemetery capital projects is provided. Under this Policy 50% in matching funding is provided. The City is requesting funding for the expansion of the columbarium at the Lacombe Cemetery. Based on a 50% contribution the County would provide \$ 20,000 in funding. As such, the total funding request from the City is \$ 195,388.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Lacombe County contribute up to \$175,388 to the City of Lacombe's annual capital projects at the Lacombe Memorial Centre, Kinsmen Aquatic Centre, and Gary Moe Sports Arena; and further, that this contribution be funded from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/143/22
City of Lacombe
Columbarium
Expansion Funding**

Moved by Mr. Weenink that Lacombe County contribute up to \$20,000 toward the City of Lacombe's Columbarium expansion at the Lacombe Fairview Cemetery; and further, that this contribution be funded from the Cemetery Capital Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

10:55 a.m. Josee Methot, Executive Director and Rosemarie Ferjuc, Engagement & Communications Manager, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) entered the meeting virtually.

**C/144/22
Red Deer River
Watershed Alliance**

Ms. Methot provided a presentation on Watershed Management in the Red Deer River Basin as follows:

- The Red Deer River Watershed (Area, Population, etc.)
- About the RDRWA
- Collaboration is Key
- Watershed Management Milestones
- Municipalities & Water
- Awareness & Education
- Watershed Planning & Policy
- Flood & Drought Priority Areas
- Project Spotlight: Natural Assets & Riparian Areas
- Natural Asset Management
- Riparian Areas as Natural Assets
- Riparian Intactness Project (What is Intactness?)
- Benefits to Lacombe County
- The Big Picture

Ms. Methot addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Wilson that the presentation by the RDRWA on the Watershed Management in the Red Deer River Basin be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

11:25 a.m. Ms. Methot and Ms. Ferjuc withdrew from the meeting.

11:25 a.m. Darren Boyer, CEO of Lightcatch entered the meeting virtually. Mark Sproule and Ken Wigmore entered the meeting.

**C/145/22
Lightcatch
Presentation**

Mr. Boyer provided a presentation on how the Lightcatch App operates highlighting the following:

- Rural Crime Rates – Rebounding
- How Lightcatch Works
- Reach Every App User Nearby
- Updates Reach a New Group of App Users
- Safety of Lightcatch

- Risk Management
- Thefts Reported
- How to Create an Alert
- Creating an Update
- Typical Crime Victim
- Recent Crime Cases
- Crime Prevention
- Action – Improve Ratepayer Safety
- Programs That Can Accelerate Ratepayer Safety

Mr. Boyer addressed questions of Council.

12:08 p.m. Mr. Boyer withdrew from the meeting.

Council discussion took place.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the presentation regarding the Lightcatch App be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report for presentation at a future Council meeting with regard to the Lightcatch App.

Carried Unanimously.

12:14 p.m. Mr. Sproule and Mr. Wigmore withdrew from the meeting.

The meeting reconvened following lunch with all Councillors, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Cade, Mr. Burlock, Mrs. Plewis, Mr. Maier and Mrs. Turnbull present. Time: 1:00 p.m.

***C/146/22
Lacombe County
Strategic Plan***

Mr. Timmons referred to the recent strategic planning workshop held March 8 and 9, 2022. Kelly Rudyk, of “It’s Logical” was engaged to facilitate the workshop and develop a new strategic plan for the four-year period of 2022-2025.

With the completion of the workshop on March 8 and 9, 2022, Mr. Rudyk has now compiled the Draft Vision, Goals and Results developed from the thoughts, ideas and input of Council from the workshop. Mr. Timmons advised he and the Department Directors have reviewed the Draft Vision, Goals and Results and the finalized document had been provided prior to the meeting for Council’s consideration. Council reviewed and discussed the Draft Vision, Goals and Results.

Moved by Mr. Weenink that the Draft Vision, Goals and Results be approved as revised; and further, that the County Manager be directed to move forward with the development of the Lacombe County Strategic Plan.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/147/22
Blackfalds RCMP
Police Advisory
Committee***

Mr. Timmons referred to the establishment by the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment and Red Deer County of a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) in 2014. The purpose of the Committee is to formalize the process for receiving input from the partnership between the community, the RCMP and local government.

After several discussions regarding Council investigating the process for Lacombe County to become a member of the PAC, Karen Popplestone, Manager of the Policing Oversight and Contract Policing, Public Security Division, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Department, made a presentation to Council on March 10, 2022 regarding Police Advisory Committees.

Following Ms. Popplestone’s presentation on March 10, 2022 the County Manager was 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.

Mr. Timmons advised that Red Deer County, working in conjunction with the Blackfalds Detachment Commander, has now revised the Terms of Reference for the PAC to allow for representatives from all the municipalities located within the Blackfalds RCMP Detachment area to participate.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that Lacombe County become a member of the Blackfalds RCMP/Red Deer County Police Advisory Committee; and further, that Ms. Shepherd be appointed as the Lacombe County representative for the Committee and Mr. West be appointed as the alternate representative

Carried Unanimously.

C/148/22
Ratepayer Seasonal
Parking Passes
Installation of
Terminals
Motion Lost

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that a provision be included in the fee schedule for parking and launching at the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point Beach and boat launch, that County citizens be exempt from paid parking by providing ratepayers with five free seasonal parking passes; and further, that one terminal be installed at the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and at Sandy Point beach and boat launch to provide for people who cannot pay for parking with a cell phone.

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to Mrs. Kreil's motion.

Mr. Ireland called the question on Mrs. Kreil's motion.

Motion Lost.

C/149/22
Annual Parking
Passes
Carried

Moved by Mr. Weenink that annual parking passes for the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point beach and boat launch be implemented as follows:

Beach Parking Fees \$ 120
Boat Launch & Parking Fees \$ 160
Boat Launch Fees - \$ 80

Mrs. Kreil requested a recorded vote.

For	Against
Mr. Ireland	Mrs. Kreil
Mrs. Knight	
Mr. Weenink	
Mr. West	
Mr. Wilson	
Ms. Shepherd	

Carried.

C/150/22
Parking Pass
Ratepayer Exemption

Moved by Mr. Wilson that an exemption be offered for County ratepayers to allow for a free parking/launching pass at the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point Beach and boat launch for up to two licence plates per ratepayer.

C/151/22
Motion Amended
Motion Lost

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Mr. Wilson's motion be amended to read that an exemption be offered for County ratepayers to allow for free parking/launching passes at the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point beach and boat launch based on one license plate per taxable residence.

Motion Lost.

Mr. Ireland called the question on the original motion which reads:

C/150/22
Parking Pass
Ratepayer Exemption
Motion Lost

Moved by Mr. Wilson that an exemption be offered for County ratepayers to allow for a free parking/launching pass at the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch and Sandy Point Beach and boat launch for up to two licence plates per ratepayer.

Motion Lost.

2:15 p.m.

Mr. Maier withdrew from the meeting.

C/151/22
FCM Convention
Authorization

Mr. Timmons advised that the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference will be held June 2 to 6, 2022 in Regina.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Mrs. Kreil, Mr. Weenink and Mrs. Knight be authorized to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference being held June 2 to 6, 2022 in Regina.

Carried Unanimously.

C/152/22
Bylaw No. 1364/22
First Reading

Mr. Minchin presented Bylaw No. 1364/22, a bylaw of Lacombe County to regulate the connections and operations of communal sanitary sewage collection systems in the Blissful Beach, Kuusamo Krest, Palm Bay, Yuill and Westside Country Estates Subdivisions.

Mr. Minchin advised that Bylaw No. 1364/22 proposed changes with regard to the rate for Blissful Beach customers due to the new regional volumetric rate and to incorporate the utility operator of the Slopes subdivision into the County's utility bylaw and establish a rate for the collection of wastewater. Mr. Minchin reviewed the proposed changes.

Moved by Mr. West that Bylaw No. 1364/22, a bylaw of Lacombe County to regulate the connections and operations of communal sanitary sewage collection systems in the Blissful Beach, Kuusamo Krest, Palm Bay, Yuill, Westside Country Estates Subdivisions and the Slopes Subdivisions

be now read for a first time.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/153/22
Bylaw No. 1364/22
Second Reading**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that Bylaw No. 1364/22, having been read a first time, now be read a second time.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/154/22
Bylaw No. 1364/22
Present for Third**

Moved by Mr. Wilson that Bylaw No. 1364/22, having been read a first time and a second time, now be presented for third reading.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/155/22
Bylaw No. 1364/22
Third & Final Reading**

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Bylaw No. 1364/22, having been read a first time and a second time, now be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/156/22
Consent Agenda**

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

Carried Unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

Future Committee of the Whole agenda items:

- 1) Invite Darcy Allen, Farmers Advocate Officer to attend a future meeting (Mr. West)
- 2) Council reports (Ms. Shepherd)

Council Inquiries

Mrs. Kreil inquired if the County has plans to recognize Volunteers Week coming up from April 24 to 30, 2022. It was agreed the Public Relations Committee will meet before the next Council meeting to discuss this matter.

Mrs. Kreil inquired if the County could join forces with other local municipalities to draw Ukrainian families to this area i.e., attracting businesses to industrial parks to provide jobs for those families. Mr. Timmons advised that during discussions in the development of the County's Economic Development Strategy Council will be discussing attracting people to our communities although not specifically Ukrainian families. Mr. Timmons commented that information on the Federal Program for Ukrainian families could be published in the County News.

Mr. Weenink inquired if the summer camps for kids around Gull Lake could be advertised in the County News. Mr. Timmons advised that if Mr. Weenink provides Mrs. Plewis with the information it will be published in the County News.

Mr. Weenink commented that the new RCMP App has not been advertised in the County News. Mrs. Plewis advised that an article was published earlier in the year regarding the app, but another article can be published in the near future.

Mr. Wilson referred to the RDRWA presentation and inquired if the County has maps for the watershed. Mr. Burlock advised that the County does not have the data as yet, but the intent is to make it available for use in the future.

Mr. Wilson referred to the tree removal in the Lockhart area and inquired if only trees were removed in the County right-of-way. Mr. Cade advised that some landowners contracted tree removal, but the County will not go on private land and remove trees. Trees are removed in County right-of-way only as part of County projects, i.e., backsloping, sitelines, etc.

Mr. Wilson advised that he has an inquiry regarding the number of Peace Officers employed by the County. Mr. Timmons advised there are four in place and the fifth officer is currently being recruited. Mr. Burlock commented that as of April 24 the department should be at full compliment. Mr. Burlock advised that one Peace Officer is a School Resource Officer (SRO) during the school term.

Mr. Wilson inquired if the County is prepared for an influx of parking at Kuusamo Krest resulting from the implementation of paid parking at the Sunbreaker Cove boat launch. Mr. Timmons advised that this location has always been used as a boat launch though there is no constructed launch there. The County will continue its regular patrols of the area. The County did install a porta-potty last year following residents' complaints. Mr. Timmons added that the use of this area is not encouraged.

Mr. West referred to the issue of Nurse Practitioners and the management of Alberta Health Services (AHS). Mr. West inquired if there is an avenue to voice concerns regarding the management of AHS. It was agreed that MLA Ron Orr (Minister of Culture) will be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

**C/157/22
Adjourn**

***Moved by Mr. Weenink that the meeting adjourn.
Time: 2:50 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

Reeve

County Manager