

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Reeve Shepherd at 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2022 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; Manager of Operations, B. Maier; 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.

Introductions

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

**C/79/22
Agenda**

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

5.8 RCMP Management Team Meeting – RMA Spring Convention
5.9 Track on 2 – Letter of Support

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

Carried Unanimously.

**C/80/22
Minutes – Joint
Meeting**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the minutes of the January 18, 2022 joint meeting with the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/81/22
Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the minutes of the January 31, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/82/22
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.

9:12 a.m. Mr. Bussiere withdrew from the meeting.

**C/83/22
Administrative
Report**

Mr. Timmons, Mr. Maier, 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 February 24, 2022 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

9:55 a.m. Mike Bates and Sharon Wiebe entered the meeting.

Environmental
Stewardship Award

Ms. Shepherd presented Ms. Wiebe with the Lacombe County Environmental Stewardship Award. This award is presented annually and recognizes a Lacombe County resident who practices environmental conservation and sustainability on their property.

10:05 a.m. Mr. Bates and Ms. Wiebe withdrew from the meeting.

**C/84/22
Nurse Practitioner
Program**

10:15 a.m. Jaime LaLiberte, representing the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network entered the meeting virtually. Representatives of the Town of Eckville and the Eckville Health Resource Committee attended the meeting in-person and virtually.

Mr. LaLiberte provided a presentation on the Nurse Practitioner Program highlighting the following:

- Overview of Care Provided
- What Communities Have Nurse Practitioners
- Overview of Funding Model
- Opportunity to Share with Bentley
- Timeline Requirements
- Who is the Agreement With?

Ms. LaLiberte addressed questions throughout the presentation.

Moved by Mr. Weenink that the presentation on the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network Nurse Practitioner Program be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

10:57 a.m. Ms. LaLiberte and the representatives of the Town of Eckville and the Eckville Health Resource Committee withdrew from the meeting.

**C/85/22
RCMP RMA Spring
Convention**

Mr. Timmons inquired if Council wishes to meet with the RCMP Management Team at the RMA Spring Convention. Council agreed that a meeting is not required at this time.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the invitation to meet with the RCMP Management Team at the RMA Spring Convention be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/86/22
2022 Policy RC(9)
Approvals**

Mr. Minchin advised that the deadline for Policy RC(9) funding applications is January 31st of each year. This policy provides County support for community programs, events, and activities. This year's applications have been received from all the urban communities within the County, including the Summer Villages. Mr. Minchin provided an overview of the 2022 applications.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that Council approve the 2022 Policy RC(9) applications as follows:

Lacombe County RC(9) Grant Program 2022			
Community	Applicant	Event	Recommended Amount
Alix	Village of Alix Recreation	July 1st Canada Day	
Bentley	Bentley Canada Day Committee	July 1st Canada Day	1,107
Blackfalds	Town of Blackfalds	Blackfalds Day	8,394
Eckville	Town of Eckville	Eckville Canada Day	1,107
Lacombe	City of Lacombe Arts Endowment Fund	Art in the Park	780
Lacombe	Lacombe Days Association	Lacombe Days	9,250
Lacombe	Lacombe Regional Tourism	Canada Day Celebrations	780
Lacombe	Echo Lacombe	Light up the Night	780
Lacombe County	Birch Bay Community Association	Family Day, July 1st fireworks, Beach Day BBQ	1,150
SV of Sunbreaker Cove	SV of Sunbreaker Cove	Sunbreaker Cove Regatta	554
SV of Half Moon Bay	SV of Half Moon Bay	July 1st Canada Day	554
			\$ 24,456

Carried Unanimously.

**C/87/22
Lacombe & District
Historical Society
Funding Approved**

Mr. Minchin advised that the Lacombe & District Historical Society has made application under County Policy RC(1) Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities for the creation of a new collection and archives facility.

The facility would be located at its existing location at the Flat Iron building and would relocate the Society's existing archives and collection from the Michener House to the new space at the Flat Iron Building. The Society is seeking funding from the County equivalent to funding approved by the City of Lacombe.

Moved by Mr. West that up to \$ 20,398 of funding towards the Lacombe and District Historical Society's Lacombe Museum Collection and Archives Facility project be approved; and further, that this contribution be funded from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Timmons presented the Committee of the Whole meeting notes from February 1, 2022. The following items were presented and discussed at that meeting.

**C/88/22
Energy Future Lab
Presentation**

A presentation was provided virtually by Dewly Nelson on the Energy Futures Lab. The Energy Futures Lab is an Alberta-based coalition of diverse innovators and organizations working to accelerate the transition to the energy system of the future. With stakeholder insights from across the energy system, they are collaboratively developing solutions for a low-emission and socially equitable energy future.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the presentation regarding the Energy Future Lab be received for information; and further, that this concept be incorporated in some form into Lacombe County's Economic Development Strategy.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/89/22
Alberta Provincial
Police Service
Transition Study**

Council discussed the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study with regard to Alberta transitioning from the RCMP to a provincial police service.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the discussion regarding the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study be received for information; and further, that Council revisit this issue when more concrete information has been received.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/90/22
Recycling Council
Clean Farms**

Council discussed recycling in Lacombe County, the various programs currently in place and future initiatives that could be developed.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the Recycling Council of Alberta and Clean Farms to be invited to attend a future Committee of the Whole meeting to provide presentations.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/91/22
Lobbying Highway
604**

Concerns and comments were expressed regarding the condition of the unpaved portion of Highway 604 from Highway 2 to Highway 792. Council discussion took place.

Moved by Mr. Wilson that the County Manager be directed to meet with the Ponoka County CAO to discuss potential joint lobbying of the Provincial Government regarding the reconstruction and paving of Highway 604.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/92/22
Economic
Development**

A Council discussion took place regarding the fast-tracking of economic development within Lacombe County, and future initiatives to be considered.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the information/discussion regarding fast-tracking economic development within Lacombe County be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/93/22
Highway 12/21
Interchange Project**

Council discussion took place with regard to the future plans for the Highway 2/12 interchange project.

Moved by Mr. Weenink that the proposed new Highway 2/12 Interchange project be discussed at the next meeting with Alberta Transportation officials.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/94/22
Committee of the
Whole Notes**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Committee of the Whole meeting notes for February 1, 2022 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/95/22
Policing Oversight &
Contract Policing
Questions for
Presenter**

Mr. Timmons advised that Karyn Popplestone, Manager of the Policing Oversight and Contract Policing, Public Security Division, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Department, will be making a presentation to Council regarding Police Advisory Committees. Ms. Popplestone has requested that Council provide her with a list of Council questions prior to the meeting.

The following inquiries will be forwarded to Ms. Popplestone:

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the questions as listed below be forwarded to Ms. Popplestone prior to the March 10, 2022 Council meeting

- ***What are the roles and responsibilities of the Police Advisory Committee?***
- ***What are the requirements/expectations of the person appointed to the Police Advisory Committee?***
- ***What power/authority does the Police Advisory Committee have?***
- ***What is the composition of the Committee?***

Carried Unanimously.

10:00 a.m. Mike Bates entered the meeting.

***C/96/22
Appointment of
Agricultural Fieldman***

Mr. Burlock advised that Lacombe County is recognized as a local authority and as such has been delegated by the Minister of Agriculture & Forestry to carry out the required duties of the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Act, within the geographical boundaries of Lacombe County.

The ASB Act requires that once a Council has established an Agricultural Service Board, that the Council, in consultation with the board, must appoint a qualified person as Agricultural Fieldman to implement agricultural policies and programs and to manage the agricultural resources of the municipality.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that Mike Bates be appointed to the position of Agricultural Fieldman for Lacombe County as per the Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act.

Carried Unanimously.

10:20 a.m. Mike Bates withdrew from the meeting.

***C/97/22
RMA Representatives
Council Attendance***

Mr. Timmons advised that the RMA has advised that they are now scheduling the 2022 member visits. Visits are scheduled on a three-year rotation and Lacombe County is on the rotation for 2022. There is an option for a one-hour standard meeting or a two to three hour longer meeting. The RMA is requesting that date availability and the type of meeting preferred be provided as soon as possible.

Moved by Mr. Wilson that Council meet with the RMA representatives for one hour at a future regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/98/22
Track on 2
Letter of Support***

Moved by Mrs. Knight that Lacombe County provide a letter of support for the Track on 2 in support of their appeal of the decision by the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulatory Services Division to deny their application for a Racing Entertainment Centre; and further, that the letter be copied to the MLA's and MP for Lacombe County.

Carried.

11:35 a.m. Mrs. Knight withdrew the meeting.

***C/99/22
Monthly Statement***

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the Monthly Statement as at January 31, 2022 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/100/22
Agenda Item
Follow-up***

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Agenda Item Follow-up for February 10, 2022 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/101/22
Consent Agenda***

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

Carried Unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

Committee of the Whole future agenda items:

- Social Media Training – Social Media Policy – Mr. Weenink

Councillor Inquiries

Mrs. Kreil referred to a recent LRSWA meeting where information regarding a tire recycling company looking for a place to locate in Central Alberta was presented. Mrs. Kreil inquired if the company could contact the County's EDO. Mr. Timmons commented that the company can contact Mr. Freitag directly.

Mrs. Kreil commented with regard to lobbying for the provision of the Nurse Practitioner Program in the Province and inquired if the County could take this as a motion to RMA? Ms. Shepherd commented perhaps the municipalities that are currently funding and participating in the Program could be contacted to see how it is working.

Mr. Weenink commented on Doefs Greenhouse and their ability to capture carbon. Mr. Weenink further commented that it would be informative if Council toured their facilities.

Mr. Weenink inquired who directs the truck routes for Highway 604. Mr. Freitag advised that the County does direct travel routes from some gravel pits in the County to Highway 604. Council previously made the decision to be less restrictive with truck routes from gravel pits. The County cannot direct gravel routes on provincial roads as we have no jurisdiction.

Mr. Weenink commented that at a recent Lacombe Regional Tourism meeting it was discussed that there is no tourist information booth in Lacombe at this time. Mr. Weenink inquired what the County should or can do regarding this matter. Mr. Timmons commented that this could be discussed as part of the Economic Development Strategy. Mr. West commented that when Lacombe Regional Tourism attended Council they advised that the booth was not busy, and they now have mobile vans in place that are a trade off for the booth.

Mr. Wilson inquired if there is support in place for Agricultural Societies such as grants. Mr. Timmons advised that the County supports Agricultural Societies that operate recreations facilities but do not provide operational funding for the societies' operation. As an example, the Blindman Valley Ag Centre which is operated by the Bentley & District Ag Society is provided with annual operational funding.

Mr. Wilson commented that the Lacombe Agricultural Society is very low on operational money at this time. Mr. Timmons advised that the Lacombe Agricultural Society had plans for improvements to their facilities and the County does support capital improvements. To date the Society has not contacted the County regarding their plans.

**C/102/22
In-camera**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the meeting recess in order to meet in-camera for the purpose of discussing a legal matter under Section 27(1)(a) of FOIP.
Time: 12:15 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/103/22
Reconvene**

Moved by Mr. West that the meeting reconvene.
Time: 12:22 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/104/22
Urban Dirt Works
Correspondence**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the correspondence from Urban Dirt Works Inc. be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/105/22
Adjourn**

Moved by Mr. Weenink that the meeting adjourn.
Time: 12:23 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Reeve

County Manager