

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 April 13, 2022 Council Chambers & Zoom Video Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT	Murray Kerik - Reeve Darren Fulmore - Division 1 Sandra Melzer - Division 1 Brad Pearson - Division 2 Norm Seatter - Division 2 (via Zoom) Lana Spencer - Deputy Reeve, Division 2
MEMBERS ABSENT	Nancy Sand - Division 1
IN ATTENDANCE	Barry Kolenosky - CAO, MD LSR Donna Cross - Utilities Manager, MD LSR Russ Jassman - Director of Rural Services, MD LSR (via Zoom) Shari Spencer - Transportation Coordinator, MD LSR Brandy Bolianatz - Recording Secretary, MD LSR
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<u>MOTION COW 036-22</u> Moved by Councillor Fulmore to adopt the April 13, 2022, Committee of the Whole Agenda as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	MARCH 30, 2022, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES <u>MOTION COW 037-22</u> Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the March 30, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS	HAMLET MAIL SUPER BOXES Highlights of the discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super boxes in Widewater, Canyon Creek and Wagner but residents of Poplar Lane, Bayer Road, Marten Beach and Devonshire Road need to access their mail at the main Post Office.• Main Post Office closes it's doors at 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and is not accessible on the weekends. <u>MOTION COW 038-22</u> Moved by Councillor Pearson to direct Administration to draft a letter to Canada Post advising of the affected hamlets – Poplar Lane, Bayer Road, Marten Beach and Devonshire Road – and desire to explore options for super boxes. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> FLEET ANALYSIS Highlights of the discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How many vehicles in the fleet, mileage for each vehicle, cost per vehicle and recommendations will be presented during 2022 Budget deliberations. <u>MOTION COW 039-22</u> Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the Fleet Analysis update as information. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

REPORTS AND
PRESENTATIONS

NEW MD UTILITY BILLS

Highlights of discussion included:

- New utility bills sent out at the beginning of April had a few glitches due to issues with Diamond billing system –
 - If there were two names on the account, two separate invoices printed but not all were caught at the time of mailing.
 - Data did not print on utility bills for the Southshore area.
 - Water and sewer were combined on bills for Southshore and Smith.
- Ratepayers can choose whether they receive their bill by email or in the mail.

MOTION COW 040-22

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the New MD Utility Bills update as information.

CARRIED

UPDATES TO K.5 CASUAL ILLNESS, MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND K.19 SPECIAL LEAVE POLICIES

MOTION COW 041-22

Moved by Councillor Melzer to accept K.5 Casual Illness, Medical Appointments and K.19 Special Leave policies as information.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES PROGRAM POLICY

MOTION COW 042-22

Moved by Councillor Pearson to bring the Community Sustainability Initiatives Program Policy to the next Regular Meeting of Council for deliberation and approval.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD REPORTS

All members of Council provided updates on recent board meetings attended as part of their Council Boards and Committees appointments. Highlights include:

Slave Lake Airport Services Commission

- Discussed budget.
- 2021 Financial Statements audited by Doyle & Co.
- \$70,000 surplus allocated to three reserve accounts.
- Purchasing custom-made runway liquid de-icer for \$40,000.
- Getting quotes for shoreline engineering. Shoreline currently 70m from runway (when water is high) –
 - Will be a multi-million dollar project.
 - Put Commission Manager in touch with Environment & Parks (contact who assisted with Canyon Creek Harbour).

Homeland Housing

- 2021 Financial Statements audited by Doyle & Co.
- Corporate office completed mid-May.
- Land transfer agreement with St. Albert for affordable housing.
- As of March 14, Pembina Lodge at 28% vacancy rate; 13.4% vacancy rate at other locations.

Agricultural Service Board

- 'Grazing school for women' in Wainwright.
- Administration has reached out to the province in regards to racoons:
 - Located in the south (via transport).
 - Non-game animal and can trap any time of the year.
 - Not currently listed as a pest.
 - Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Rural Development will monitor.
- Chosen to opt out of the wild boar bounty program.
- Pesticide container program:
 - Environmentally funded facilities; switching over next three years.
 - Take jugs back to where they were purchased.
 - Flatbush the first to be decommissioned; working on communications piece for mailout.

- Reviewed all bylaws and policies at the last meeting.

Alberta North Central Alliance

- Reeve Kerik and Councillor Melzer attended.
- All but three partner representatives in attendance.
- Received a grant for \$200,000; RFP to go out for strategic planning consultant.

MP Arnold Viersen and Premier Jason Kenney

- Reeve Kerik met MP and Premier for lunch.
- Sheila Willis also in attendance.
- Spoke about Smith Bridge and Marten Beach.
- Councillor Seatter also spoke with Premier while he visited Slave Lake about Highway 88. Premier was not aware.

Tri-Council Health

- Grant for \$3,000 towards recruitment and retention.
- Wait times up to 17-18 days.
- Nurse and nurse practitioners shortages
- One clinic in High Prairie shut down due to shortages.
- Long-term care an issue; over flow to acute care.

Slave Lake Regional Tourism Society

- Streamlined bylaw.
- Travel Alberta grant awarded.
- Incite spoke about economic development.

MOTION COW 043-22

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the Consent Agenda Board Reports as information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION COW 044-22

Moved by Councillor Melzer to adjourn at 3:13 p.m.

CARRIED


Chief Administrative Officer


Reeve