

MINUTES

Council Meeting Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 January 24, 2018 MD Council Chambers, Slave Lake, Alberta

MEMBERS PRESENT	Murray Kerik - Reeve Becky Peiffer - Division 1 Robert Esau - Division 1 Brad Pearson - Division 2 Brian Rosche - Division 2
MEMBERS ABSENT	Sandra Melzer - Division 1 Jeff Commins - Division 2
IN ATTENDANCE	Allan Winarski - Chief Administrative Officer, MD LSR Lana Spencer - Recording Secretary, MD LSR Paul Mulholland - Peace Officer, MD LSR Jason Warawa - Director of Finance, MD LSR Peggy Laing - FCSS Coordinator, MD LSR Alanis Marleau - HR/Communication Coordinator, MD LSR S/Sgt. John Spaan - Slave Lake RCMP Detachment Joe McWilliams - Lakeside Leader
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<u>MOTION 021-18</u> Moved by Councillor Esau to adopt the Agenda with the following additions: Utilities: Waterline North Administration: Caribou Planning Meeting Date Confidential Item – Land CARRIED (5-0)
DELEGATION	SLAVE LAKE RCMP REPORT S/Sgt. Spaan was in attendance to provide Council with an overview of the 2017 crime activities (persons crimes, property crimes), statistics on collisions, common activities, and the detachment's staffing levels. He continued to provide the detachment's strategy for crime reduction for 2018/2019. <u>MOTION 022-18</u> Moved by Councillor Esau to accept the <i>Slave Lake RCMP Report</i> as information. CARRIED (5-0)
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<u>MOTION 023-18</u> Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the <i>January 10, 2018 Council Minutes</i> as presented. CARRIED (5-0)
ADMINISTRATION	RUGGED AND REAL SCHOLARSHIP POLICY A.10 Administration provided Council with a draft amended Rugged and Real Post-Secondary Policy and explained the additions/deletions that were made within the draft. Councillor Rosche stated that he was concerned with including seasonal/student staff applicants as it may deprive an MD resident of receiving a scholarship. <u>MOTION 024-18</u> Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the <i>Rugged and Real Post-Secondary Scholarship Policy A.10</i> . CARRIED (4-1)

MEETINGS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

As per legislation, before closing all or any part of a meeting to the public, a Council or Council Committee must pass a resolution approving the part of the meeting that is to be closed and indicate the exception to disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the FOIP Act. All resolutions have to be made in public session.

MOTION 025-18

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *Meetings Closed to the Public* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

UTILITIES

WATERLINE NORTH

Councillor Pearson questioned if the 4-inch waterline being installed for the joint project with the Town of Slave Lake in the Old Town area (Tamarack Road) is a sufficient size for fire suppression and provide insurance reductions for residences in the area.

It was discussed that the cost to upgrade the line is considerable and the Regional Fire Service has the capability with equipment to provide adequate protection.

MOTION 026-18

Moved by Councillor Rosche to reaffirm the *North Waterline Extension Project* resolution (323-17) approved in 2017.

CARRIED (5-0)

ADMINISTRATION

CARIBOU PLANNING MEETING

The Alberta Government will be consulting with Indigenous groups and other stakeholders as well hosting five public information sessions in February and March in Whitecourt, Edmonton, Cold Lake, Fort McMurray and High Level for phase two of the engagement process for the Draft Provincial Woodland Caribou Range Plan.

The Nipisi/Slave Lake caribou range is located in the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 which overlies significant natural and economic resources, mainly forestry and oil and gas. The plan identifies caribou restoration management processes that impacts these industries.

MOTION 027-18

Moved by Councillor Pearson to advocate to the Provincial Government for an information session be scheduled in Slave Lake to provide our local governments and industries the opportunity to be consulted and to provide their feedback on the plan.

CARRIED (5-0)

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ENFORCEMENT**

PEACE OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

Peace Officer Paul Mulholland provided Council with the 2017 Annual report outlining the general nature of services, operational practices and enforcement activities.

MOTION 028-18

Moved by Councillor Rosche to accept the *Peace Officer Annual Report* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

FINANCE

2017 AUDIT PLAN

Administration provided Council with Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP Audit Plan. The Plan outlines the responsibilities of the two parties, how the audit will proceed, the action dates, the fees being charged as well as discuss the importance of the communication between the Auditors and Council.

MOTION 029-18

Moved by Councillor Peiffer to accept the *2017 Audit Plan* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

TAXATION

CHEQUE REGISTERS

MOTION 030-18

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *Cheque Registers* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

OIL AND GAS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Council reviewed a letter received by Firenze Energy which requested property tax concessions from the MD.

Administration summarized the freezing of Assessment Year Modifiers by Alberta Municipal Affairs and by what methods the MD maintains modest levels in taxation.

MOTION 031-18

Moved by Councillor Rosche that the MD of Lesser Slave River believes in responsible taxation and the responsible delivery of services and is cognizant of the economy in which it operates and the costs that it must manage with economy to be effective and efficient and it takes concerns such as those raised by Firenze Energy under advisement.

CARRIED (5-0)

RURAL SERVICES

FCSS GRANTS TO GROUPS APPLICATIONS

Administration provided Council with the 2018 FCSS Report of Revenue and Expenditures to date.

FCSS Grant Applications presented:

SHARA: 3 Special Projects Grant Request for Volunteer Appreciation \$2,200
Family Day Activities, Spring Fling and July 1st Picnic

MOTION 032-18

Moved by Councillor Pearson that Council approves 2018 FCSS funding to SHARA in the amount of \$2,200 for three volunteer appreciation events.

CARRIED (5-0)

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMING IN SMITH

Administration provided Council with an update on the Alberta Health Services (AHS) program "On My Way" being held in Smith every Monday for a 2-3-hour duration.

The AHS leasing department has been working on changing the venue for the program from the Half Century building to the Smith Complex.

MOTION 033-18

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *Alberta Health Services Preschool Programming in Smith* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

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1:12 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS

Agricultural Service Board

- ASB Business Plan Review
- Members attended the ASB Conference held in Grande Prairie

Municipal Planning Commission

- Two subdivision extensions granted
- New member orientation with election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Regional Library Board

- Presented annual statistics for activities/in-attendance

Pembina Zone

- Organizational Meeting
- Al Kemmere, President AAMDC – presentation on Assessment Year modifiers
- “Perk” – Education Program
- Farm & Ranch Safety
- AUMA, Charlene Smylie - Priorities (replacement of MSI, police funding, federal infrastructure funding)

Northern Alberta Elected Leaders

- Assessment Year Modifiers
- Caribou Planning
- Carbon Tax
- Marijuana Regulations – Bylaws and Peace Officer Enforcement
- Broadband

Tri-Council Health Committee

- Solutions for 5 hour wait times at clinic
- Hiring three Nurse Practitioners
- Six doctors staffed with three more coming

FireSmart

- Trails and potential park at Visitor Information Centre
- January 30th – Strategic Planning Session
- FireSmart Committee needs to adopt a 2018 budget

MOTION 034-18

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

CARRIED (5-0)

CONFIDENTIAL
ITEMS

MOTION 035-18

Moved by Councillor Pearson that Council move to closed session to discuss land issues at 2:00 p.m. as per Section 16 of the FOIP Act.

CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 036-18

Moved by Councillor Pearson that Council return to open meeting at 2:13 p.m.

CARRIED (5-0)

ADJOURN

MOTION 037-18

Moved by Councillor Esau to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

CARRIED (5-0)


Chief Administrative Officer


Reeve