

# *MINUTES*

## **Council Meeting Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 January 9, 2019 Visitor Information Centre, Slave Lake, Alberta**

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Murray Kerik - Reeve  
Becky Peiffer - Division 1  
Sandra Melzer - Division 1  
Robert Esau - Division 1  
Brad Pearson - Division 2  
Jeff Commins - Division 2

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Brian Rosche - Division 2

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Allan Winarski - Chief Administrative Officer, MD LSR  
Lana Spencer - Recording Secretary, MD LSR  
Russ Jassman - Director of Rural Services, MD LSR  
Bill Klassen - Director of Transportation & Infrastructure, MD LSR  
Natasha Albert - Slave Lake Gymnastics Association  
Marsha McDermott - Slave Lake Gymnastics Association  
Fred Laughy - Smith Hondo Association of Recreation & Culture (SHARA)  
Meghan Payne - Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Council  
Joe McWilliams - Lakeside Leader

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#### **MOTION 001-19**

Moved by Councillor Commins to adopt the Agenda with the following additions:

- Athabasca Watershed – Closed Session
- Rural Services and Infrastructure Update
- FireSmart
- Canyon Creek Harbour – Closed Session

**CARRIED (6-0)**

### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **SLAVE LAKE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION**

Natasha Albert and Marsha McDermott were in attendance to introduce to Council their initiative to start a non-profit gymnastics club in the area.

They explained that they anticipate needing \$50-\$75,000 financially to start-up which will consist mostly of purchasing certified apparatus. They explained that they also would like a permanent facility so that equipment can be permanent for day and evening use as well as facilitating other classes (i.e.: cheerleading, team building sessions). They plan to have a coach in place for September 2019.

Council commended the initiative and referenced the Municipal District's Community Assistance Board (CAB) funding source. Russ Jassman confirmed that we would work with the group to see if they would qualify under the CAB application criteria.

#### **MOTION 002-19**

Moved by Councillor Esau to accept the *Slave Lake Gymnastics Association* delegation as information.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

#### **SHARA**

Fred Laughy was in attendance to inquire of Council's position on renovations to the Smith Arena to accommodate an ice surface.

Council advised Mr. Laughy that the 2019 Budget does not reflect any major renovations to any of the recreation facilities and focuses on road maintenance and utility upgrades. They advised that SHARA provide Council with a Business Plan for the arena so that concepts can be discussed and deliberated on.

Administration did confirm that they would work with SHARA on searching of potential grant opportunities.

**MOTION 003-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to direct Administration to bring back a report with options/plans for the Smith Arena and to accept the *SHARA* delegation as information.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**MOTION 004-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the *December 12, 2018 Council Minutes* as presented.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**LESSER SLAVE INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (IWMP)  
REVIEW**

The final draft the IWMP was presented to Council. The plan provides specific recommendations for water quantity, riparian areas and wetlands, and biodiversity with integrated recommendations for stewardship.

The purpose of the plan is to harmonize the municipal development planning and authorizations with IWMP goals.

Megan Payne was in attendance to explain further any questions Council may have on the plan.

**MOTION 005-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson that the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 accept the *Lesser Slave Integrated Watershed Management Plan* as a reference document and planning tool for resource managers going forward.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF) – INTERMUNICIPAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) EXEMPTION – NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY**

As a result of amendments to the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal District is required to complete Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks and Intermunicipal Development Plans with neighbouring municipalities.

A Ministerial Order was issued in December 2018 (MSL:047/18) allowing municipalities to request an IDP exemption (from the Minister of Municipal Affairs) from the requirements if two or more Councils of municipalities that have common boundaries where the entire area along one or both sides of the common boundary is composed entirely of federal or provincial crown land.

It was advised that Administration received confirmation that Northern Sunrise County wishes to pursue the IDP exemption.

Once exemption is obtained, Northern Sunrise County and the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River can pursue the required ICF Bylaw and agreement that states that each municipality will continue to provide the required services to their residents independently.

**MOTION 006-19**

Moved by Councillor Melzer that Council direct Administration, based on Ministerial Order No. MSL: 047/18, to request an exemption from the Minister of Municipal Affairs from the requirements in Section 605 and 631 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for the municipalities of Northern Sunrise County and Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 to create an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) between the two parties, as the common boundaries between the two is composed entirely of provincial Crown Land.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**RESCINDING OF BYLAW 2003-02 SLAVE LAKE AIR/GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Bylaw 2003-02 was established to grant the Slave Lake Air/Ground Ambulance Society exclusive rights to provide ambulance services in part of the municipality.

On April 1, 2009 the Government of Alberta transferred funding and governance for emergency medical services (EMS) from municipalities in Alberta to Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Slave Lake Air/Ground Ambulance Society is defunct, and Bylaw 2003-02 is no longer valid.

**MOTION 007-19**

Moved by Councillor Commins to rescind first reading of Bylaw 2003-02. **CARRIED (6-0)**

**MOTION 008-19**

Moved by Councillor Melzer to rescind second reading of Bylaw 2003-02. **CARRIED (6-0)**

**MOTION 009-19**

Moved by Councillor Esau to give unanimous consent to proceed to rescinding of third reading of Bylaw 2003-02. **CARRIED (6-0)**

**MOTION 010-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to rescind third reading of Bylaw 2003-02. **CARRIED (6-0)**

**RECESS**

11:16 a.m.

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11:26 a.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SESSION FOLLOW-UP – JANUARY 7, 2019**

**MOTION 011-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to table the *Economic Development Session Follow-Up* to Closed Session later in the meeting under Section 21 of the FOIP Act. **CARRIED (6-0)**

**FIRESMART**

Administration advised that Mayor Warman of the Town of Slave Lake provided an email requesting information regarding the remaining FireSmart funding.

Administration recommended that Council review the FireSmart Project; how funding has been used, what projects are complete, what continues to need to be done, etc.

**MOTION 012-19**

Moved by Councillor Esau to direct Administration to provide Council with a report on the FireSmart Program detailing projects so Council can make an informed decision on use of remaining program funding. **CARRIED (6-0)**

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND RURAL SERVICES UPDATE**

**Canyon Creek Arena Update**

An update was provided to Council by Administration on the Canyon Creek Arena renovations. Administration confirmed that they met with the Canyon Creek Recreation Association (CCRA) and went through a list of deficiencies for the contractor to remedy.

R. Jassman confirmed that an agreement has been sent to CCRA on managing the facility.

B. Klassen provided an update on the following projects:

- Flatbush Complex Water Issues
- Widewater Complex Renovations - Complete
- Administration Building Renovations
- Estimate on Smith Boat Launch
- Regional Waterline Update

**MOTION 013-19**

Moved by Councillor Commins to accept the *Canyon Creek Arena Update* as information.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**FINANCE**

**CHEQUE REGISTERS**

**MOTION 014-19**

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

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**TAXATION**

**TAX CANCELLATION FOR THE PERC PROGRAM**

In September 2018, Council was presented with the background for cancellation of taxes on oil and gas properties in relation to the Provincial Education Requisition Credit available to municipalities. At that time, Council made a motion to cancel property taxes on oil and gas properties for the 2008 to 2017 tax years. The Province has set a deadline for program submission as January 15<sup>th</sup> and Administration proposes to include the 2018 arrears with the January 15<sup>th</sup> application as well.

For the school portion of the taxes to be eligible for the PERC Program, Council must write off the municipal portion of the eligible unpaid taxes as a bad debt by way of Council resolution. The application must also prove that the amounts written off are reflected in the MD's general ledger.

Council was provided with a summary of the 2018 oil and gas taxes owing totaling \$644,756.89.

**MOTION 015-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson that the 2018 property taxes in arrears in the amount of \$644,756.89 be cancelled from the properties as provided to Council in an Appendix A; and an application be made for these properties to the Provincial Education Refund Credit for Uncollected Property Taxes on Oil and Gas Properties programs.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**RECESS**

12:03 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

12:51 p.m.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Agricultural Service Board**

- Upcoming ASB Conference
- Fridge magnets mailed to residents - farmers distress line
- Smith and Fawcett – ASB Kids ATV program
- Orphaned Wells and Leases

**Lesser Slave Regional Housing Authority**

- Reviewed Policies and Updates
- Vacancies and waiting lists
- Raises to shuttle bus drivers

**Homeland Housing**

- 2019 Budget Approved
- Govt of Alberta providing Homeland Housing \$1.7 M on renovations at multiple facilities (Capital Maintenance Grant)

**Water North Coalition**

- Reeve Kerik advised that topics of interest to the municipality are being discussed at the next WNC meeting and requested that he be approved to attend.

**MOTION 016-19**

Moved by Councillor Esau to approve Reeve Kerik and Lyle Farris, Director of Utilities to attend the next Water North Coalition in Lac La Biche on January 24, 2019.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**MOTION 017-19**

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

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**RURAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM**

At the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Councillor Melzer requested to attend the Rural Education Symposium. After discussion, Council made the motion (441-18) that Councillor Peiffer request Nancy Sand, Aspen View Trustee to provide a report to Council from the Rural Education Symposium.

Councillor Melzer brought back to Council the request to attend the Rural Education Symposium advising that the Aspen View School Division offered to pay the registration of \$350.00. She would claim for honorarium, mileage/meals and hotel expenses to the Municipal District.

**MOTION 018-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to approve Councillor Melzer to attend the Rural Education Symposium being held in at the Fantasy Land Hotel from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Councillor Pearson requested a recorded vote:

- For: Reeve Kerik, Councillors Melzer, Commins, Peiffer and Esau
- Opposed: Councillor Pearson

**CARRIED (5-1)**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION 019-19**

Moved by Councillor Melzer to move to closed session at 1:18 p.m. as per Section 20 and Section 23 of the FOIP Act with Allan Winarski in attendance.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION 020-19**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to return to open meeting at 3:16 p.m.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**MOTION 021-19**

Moved by Councillor Esau to direct Administration to request RCMP Detachment Commanders (Westlock and Slave Lake) to the next meeting of Council on January 30, 2019.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 022-19**

Moved by Councillor Esau to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

**CARRIED (6-0)**

  
Chief Administrative Officer

  
Reeve