

MINUTES

Council Meeting Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 January 30, 2019 MD Administration Building, Slave Lake, Alberta

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Commins - Division 2
Brian Rosche - Division 2

IN ATTENDANCE

Allan Winarski - Chief Administrative Officer, MD LSR
Lana Spencer - Recording Secretary, MD LSR
Jamie Coutts - Regional Fire Chief
Joe McWilliams - Lakeside Leader

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 023-19

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

- 2018 Audit Planning Letter
- Alberta Care Conference
- Athabasca Watershed Council (Partial Closed Session)

CARRIED (5-0)

DELEGATIONS

REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE

Fire Chief, Jamie Coutts was in attendance to provide Council with an update on the regional fire service activities:

- January 2019 Vanderwell fire
- January motor vehicle accidents
- Mental Health Program being provided for firefighters and/or spouses (partnering with Edmonton & Calgary Fire Depts)
- Reported on stats (firefighter numbers) for each Hall
- Mitsue Firehall (industrial users, levels of service)
- Highway winter conditions – setting up meeting with AB Transportation to discuss maintenance (cameras, sensors)
- Charging for Fire Service responses to motor vehicle accidents

Council discussed potential lobby efforts at Pembina Zone and RMA for increased funding for fire service responses and for highway maintenance, increased cameras, increase in updating traffic reports, and sensors for highways in the Lesser Slave River region.

MOTION 024-19

Moved by Councillor Esau to accept the *Regional Fire Service* delegation as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 025-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the *January 9, 2019 Council Minutes* as amended.

CARRIED (5-0)

ADMINISTRATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH PLAN POLICY A.12

Council was provided with draft Policy A.12 which outlines principles that the Municipal District (Council and Administration) will do to do its part to foster economic growth community identity, mission, vision and values.

MOTION 026-19

Moved by Councillor Peiffer to adopt *Policy A.12 Economic Development Growth Plan*.
CARRIED (5-0)

FIRESMART UPDATE

Administration provided a FireSmart Update highlighting:

- Successes (mitigation strategies, training, engagement)
- Educational activities
- FireSmart Committee going forward

MOTION 027-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *FireSmart Update* as information.
CARRIED (5-0)

BYLAW 2019-01 REPEALING NON-CURRENT AND/OR OUTDATED BYLAWS

Bylaw 2019-01 was drafted for the purpose of repealing non-current and or outdated bylaws. These included:

- 95-11 Declaration of Hospital Wards for I.D. 17 (East)
- 95-14 Debenture Borrowing for the Installation of W/S Treatment and Distribution – Flatbush
- 95-38 Establish Rates for Licenses of Occupation Issued in Accordance with the Tax Recovery Act on Lands in the Improvement District
- 95-53 Appoint Members to the Conservation and Reclamation Council
- 97-09 Cost Shared Maintenance of the Erosion Control Project at Marten Beach
- 99-13 Local Improvement Tax for Certain Lots within Marten Beach
- 2003-02 Slave Lake Air/Ground Ambulance
- 2011-04 Borrowing Bylaw
- 2012-01 Record the Assessed Person of Emergency Temporary Manufactured Homes

MOTION 028-19

Moved by Councillor Melzer to give first reading of Bylaw 2019-01.
CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 029-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to give second reading of Bylaw 2019-01.
CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 030-19

Moved by Councillor Esau to give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 2019-01.
CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 031-19

Moved by Councillor Peiffer to give third reading of Bylaw 2019-01.
CARRIED (5-0)

RESCINDING POLICIES

Administration reviewed with Council the following non-current and/or outdated policies:

Smoking in the Workplace B-19

- Policy is obsolete with provincial legislation in place on this matter. (Alberta Regulation 240/2007 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Regulation)

Volunteer Fire Department Grants Policy D-1

- Provisions for fire department recognition is provided for in the MD's annual base budget as "Appreciation Events".

Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant G-1

- Seniors transportation assistance can be applied through the Community Assistance Board grant process
- Some community organizations listed are no longer active
- Snowplow flags for seniors are offered to seniors at a 50% discount
- The shuttle bus purchased through the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Recovery Plan and managed by the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Housing Authority provides services in the Municipal District Hamlets

MOTION 032-19

Moved by Councillor Melzer to rescind policies B-19 Smoking in the Workplace, D-1 Volunteer Fire Department Grants Policy, G-1 Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant.

CARRIED (5-0)

ALBERTA CARE CONFERENCE

Councillor Esau and Pearson requested to attend the Alberta Care Conference being held in High River from February 27th to March 1st.

MOTION 033-19

Moved by Councillor Melzer that Council approve Councillor's Esau and Pearson to attend the Alberta Care Conference in High River from February 27th to March 1st.

CARRIED (5-0)

2018 AUDIT PLANNING LETTER

Administration reviewed with Council the 2018 Audit Planning Letter provided by the MD auditors, Matrix Group LLP.

MOTION 034-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *2018 Audit Planning Letter* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

FINANCE

CHEQUE REGISTERS

MOTION 035-19

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

CARRIED (5-0)

BOARD REPORTS

Agriculture Service Board

- Attending ASB grant program review Feb 10th Barrhead (S. Melzer, R. Esau)
- Update on ASB Conference – revised Canada Food Guide, GMO, promoting producers, generation gap with farm life, alternative proteins
- Recycling program – i.e.: agricultural plastics

Athabasca Watershed

- \$5 membership fee
- Requesting \$500 per participating municipality for support

Community Education Committee

- Workshops anticipated for this year (i.e.: Basic Budgeting Workshop)
- Programs (i.e.: 100 km in 100 days)

Lesser Slave Regional Housing Authority

- Renewing Policies
- Social Housing RFP advertised for project management (closed with 3 proposals received)

Lesser Slave Regional Waste Management Commission

- Preliminary Budget presented, requisitions will not change
- Operations report – concrete crushing quote, break-ins, staffing, etc.

Regional Library Board

- Homeless issues on Slave Lake library premises
- Legacy Scholarship fund

Pembina Zone

- No report as all were in attendance

Northern Alberta Elected Leaders

- Requests for MLA, Danielle Larivee to attend - unresponsive
- Year-end modifiers – timeline request
- AB Environment – Parks Plan

Community Futures Slave Lake Region

- Loans update
- Contract greeting services at VIC
- Moving out of VIC at the end of May into the town of Slave Lake

MOTION 036-19

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

CARRIED (5-0)

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 037-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to move to closed session at 12:33 p.m. as per Section 21 of the FOIP Act with Allan Winarski in attendance.

CARRIED (5-0)

OPEN SESSION

MOTION 038-19

Moved by Councillor Esau to return to open meeting at 12:38 p.m.

CARRIED (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 039-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

CARRIED (5-0)


Chief Administrative Officer


Reeve