MINUTES

Council Meeting
Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124
December 11, 2019
MD Administration Building, Slave Lake, AB

MEMBERS PRESENT	Murray Kerik	- Reeve
	Robert Esau	- Division 1
	Sandra Melzer	- Division 1
	Brian Rosche	- Division 2
	Brad Pearson	- Division 2
MEMBERS ABSENT	Becky Peiffer	- Division 1
IN ATTENDANCE	Allan Winarski	- Chief Administrative Officer, MD LSR
	Lana Spencer	- Recording Secretary, MD LSR
	Pat Sibilleau	- Director of Finance, MD LSR
	Peggy Laing	- FCSS Coordinator, MD LSR
	Diana Thomas	- Wellness Councillor, Smith School
	Kaitlin Chernish	- Principal, Smith School
	Joe McWilliams	- Lakeside Leader

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 425-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the Agenda with the following additions:
- Proceeding with Intermunicipal Development Plans with neighbouring municipalities
- Southshore Sewer Installations

CARRIED (5-0)

DELEGATION

SMITH SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM

Ms Thomas and Ms Chernish were in attendance to provide an overview of the Smith School Liaison Program for 2019:
- Attended the Dream Catcher conference and advised that there is a need for increased focus on the aboriginal students within the School Liaison Program
- Held the Parenting Program, Leadership Program and Summer Camps

A request for funding the program will be provided in an FCSS application later in the meeting.

Council commented how proud they are of the Smith school's staff and students.

MOTION 426-19

Moved by Councillor Melzer to accept the *Smith School Liaison Program Delegation* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 427-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the *November 20, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes* as presented.

CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 428-19

Moved by Councillor Rosche to adopt the *November 20, 2019 Community Assistance Board Meeting Minutes* as presented.

CARRIED (5-0)

ADMINISTRATION

INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF) BYLAW – NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

The MD and Northern Sunrise County have created a draft bylaw including an ICF Agreement (Appendix "A"). The agreement outlines respective services provided by each municipality and the means for collaborating in the future.

MOTION 429-19
Moved by Councillor Rosche to give first reading to *Bylaw 2019-07 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Northern Sunrise County.*

CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 430-19
Moved by Councillor Melzer to give second reading to *Bylaw 2019-07 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Northern Sunrise County.*

CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 431-19
Moved by Councillor Esau to proceed to third reading to *Bylaw 2019-07 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Northern Sunrise County.*

CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 432-19
Moved by Councillor Pearson to give third reading to *Bylaw 2019-07 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Northern Sunrise County.*

CARRIED (5-0)

PROCEEDING WITH INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) WITH NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES

Changes to the Municipal Government Act require that all municipalities within the province with a shared boundary must complete and IDP unless both municipalities are part of a growth region or have a mutual agreement for an IDP exemption.

Administration discussed with Council the value of completing an Intermunicipal Development Plans with Athabasca County and Westlock County.

Administration advised Council of the benefits of developing an IDP with Big Lakes County as there may be lakeshore development, road use issues and subdivision development along the boundary.

MOTION 433-19
Moved by Councillor Esau to proceed with drafting Intermunicipal Development Plans with Athabasca County and Westlock County.

DEFEATED (0-5)

SOUTHSHORE SEWER CONNECTIONS

Councillor Pearson advised that there continues to be properties in the Southshore area that are not tied into the sewer system and are in contravention of MD policy. He requested an update from Administration.

Administration advised that there are nineteen properties in contravention. Letters and follow-up have been provided to these residents by the Municipal District. Administration commented that there are limited contractors in the area that complete this type of service.

MOTION 434-19
Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *Southshore Sewer Connections* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

FINANCE

2020 OPERATING & CAPITAL PRELIMINARY BUDGETS

Budget meetings with Council and Department Leads were held in December to review the 2020 proposed base operating budget as well as the capital and operational decision papers brought forward by the various departments.

Administration provided Council with the complete list of decision papers with the following eight carried forward projects to be approved at this meeting:
- Old Smith Highway Realighnment $3,141,638
- Gravel Crushing $400,000
- Engineering – Marten Beach/Eating Creek $100,000
- Shoulder Pull – West Fawcett, Old Smith Highway, East Fawcett $300,000
- Extra Bridge Maintenance $55,000
- Gravel Exploration $19,000
- UV Reactor – Southshore $85,000
- Lift Station Generator – Widewater $97,970

All other Decision Papers will be reviewed with Council in January 2020 to determine which ones will be approved, tentative or conditional on funding.

MOTION 435-19
Moved by Councillor Rosche to approve the 2020 Operating Preliminary Base Budget with revenues of $20,402,766 and expenses of $18,964,054..

CARRIED (5-0)

MOTION 436-19
Moved by Councillor Rosche to approve the carried forward decision papers totaling $4,198,608 which are to be funded by 2019 operating revenues, grants and/or reserves.

CARRIED (5-0)

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12:24 p.m.

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1:13 p.m.

CHEQUE REGISTERS

MOTION 437-19
Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *Cheque Registers* as information.

CARRIED (5-0)

RURAL SERVICES

FCSS GRANT APPLICATIONS - 2019

Council reviewed the FCSS Report of Revenue Expenditures for 2019.

Three FCSS Grant Applications were reviewed:

Gentle Ben Care Society Operating Grant: Additional $4,300

MOTION 438-19
Moved by Councillor Rosche to approve FCSS funding to Gentle Ben Care Society for $4,300.

CARRIED (5-0)

Flatbush Nursery School Special Project Grant: New years Eve Day Celebration: $2,600.

MOTION 439-19
Moved by Councillor Melzer to approve FCSS funding to the Flatbush Nursery School for $2,600.

CARRIED (5-0)

Smith School Junior High Leadership League Special Project Grant: Community Christmas Carnival $2,500.

MOTION 440-19
Moved by Councillor Melzer to approve FCSS funding to the Smith School Junior High Leadership League for $2,500.

CARRIED (5-0)

Administration advised Council of their efforts with community groups in the west end of the MD's to provide FCSS programs/services to this area.

FCSS GRANT APPLICATIONS - 2020

Council reviewed the FCSS Report of Revenue Expenditures for 2020

Two FCSS Grant Applications were reviewed:

Smith School 2020 Operating Grant: Family School Liaison Program: $24,763.05.

MOTION 441-19
Moved by Councillor Melzer to approve 2020 FCSS funding to Smith School Family School Liaison Program for $24,763.05.

CARRIED (5-0)

Canyon Creek Recreation Association: Four Special Project Grants: Two Family Day Events, Volunteer Appreciation Supper and Canada Day Celebration: $3,850.

MOTION 442-19
Moved by Councillor Pearson to approve 2020 FCSS funding to the Canyon Creek Recreation Association for $3,850.

CARRIED (5-0)

Councillor Rosche left the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS

Community Futures (CF) Tawatinaw
- Financial Information provided via email to Councillor Melzer

MOTION 443-19
Moved by Councillor Melzer to direct Administration to request current Audited Financial Statements from Community Futures Tawatinaw and Community Futures Slave Lake.

CARRIED (4-0)

Chamber of Commerce
- Limited interest in new memberships and lack of generating new ideas

Athabasca Regional Waste Management Commission (ARWMSC)
- Increased rate to requisition fee ($1.4306 to $1.45)
- ARWMSC has expressed interest in Transfer Station (Smith & Flatbush) bin transport
- Roll off truck for sale
- CARE Conference in Westlock

MOTION 444-19
Moved by Councillor Melzer to approve Councillor Esau and Councillor Pearson to attend the Alberta Care Conference being held in Westlock from February 26th to 28th.

CARRIED (4-0)

Inter-Municipal Committee
- Airport Fencing
- Legacy Centre Financials

Lesser Slave Lake Regional Waste Management Services Commission
- Estimate a deficit of $295,000 for 2019
- 2020 anticipations, efficiencies being researched
- No MD management fees have been charged back to the Commission for services provided

Peace Library System
- Reviewed Operating and Capital Budget
- Linda Duplessis retiring and provided her resignation letter effective July 2020
- Statistics provided for services in libraries and schools
- Continue availability of indigenous funding

Athabasca Watershed
- A shortfall of funding from the Government

Homeland Housing
- Three (3%) requisition increase to the MD
- The new facility in Gibbons is looking into brain injury units

Legacy Centre
- Financials - Deficit
- Presenting budget at next Intermunicipal
- Endowment fund allocations
- Daycare, WJS Lease – proposing 2% rental increase per year

MOTION 445-19

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

CARRIED (4-0)

The Agricultural Service Board will provide a a recommendation to Council on including bees in Veterinary services.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 446-19

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

CARRIED (4-0)

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Reeve