

MINUTES

Council Meeting Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 June 24, 2020 Zoom Video Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Murray Kerik - Reeve
Sandra Meizer - Division 1
Becky Peiffer - Division 1
Darcie Acton - Division 2
Brian Rosche - Division 2
Brad Pearson - Division 2
Robert Esau - Division 1

IN ATTENDANCE

Allan Winarski - CAO, MD LSR
Lana Spencer - Recording Secretary, MD LSR
Marvin Schneider - Transportation Foreman, MD LSR
Paul Mulholland - Peace Officer, MD LSR
Trisha Green - Operations Assistant, MD LSR
Russ Jassman - Directed of Rural Services, MD LSR
Barry Kolenosky - Director of Rural Service, MD LSR
Brian Vance - Utilities, MD LSR
Jeremy Dumaresque - Utilities Foreman, MD LSR
John Laycock - Paradox
Joe McWilliams - Lakeside Leader

Note: This Council meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting. All attendees participated electronically by way of Zoom with Reeve Kerik, Deputy Reeve Rosche, Councillor Esau, Councillor Acton and the CAO present in the Slave Lake Council Chambers and other MD Councillors attending from their homes. Staff and delegations participated through Zoom. Zoom access was provided to the press. The meeting was advertised on the MD website and Lakeside Leader that the public was invited to attend the meeting by contacting hq@mldr.ca for access via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 259-20

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

- Canyon Creek Beach Cleanup
- Southshore Drive Hot Oil Repairs
- Old Canyon Creek Campsite
- Closed Session: CAO Recruitment
- CAO Resignation/Retirement Letter
- Preparation for Minister of Transportation Meeting
- Closed Session: Slave Lake Airport Commission

CARRIED (7-0)

DELEGATIONS

PARADOX – BAYER ROAD ESTIMATE

John Laycock was in attendance to present "Creating a Sustainable Partnership with MD of Lesser Slave River" geared around the solution for Bayer Road considering long-term maintenance and stabilization.

He explained the main reason for road issues is increased population, heavier vehicles, age of road, original construction, water management issues, and the subgrade is pushing road structure outwards.

Mr. Laycock described methods to road design and construction (i.e., geotextiles, geogrids, geocells, etc.) The geotextile product is made from a honeycomb type of flexible nylon material. Sand is used to filling the structure which distributes road stresses.

Mr. Laycock confirmed that the products could be used in small stretches of roadway and usually designed for a 10-year life expectancy. He confirmed that there is no engineering required and product can be placed by staff in-house, local contractors or by Paradox.

He estimated that the geotextile product installed would run around \$26/sq. meter and product alone would average about \$17/sq. meter.

A copy of the presentation will be provided by Mr. Laycock to Administration.

MOTION 260-20

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *Paradox – Bayer Road Estimate Delegation* as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

UTILITIES

SOUTHSHORE SEWER PRESENTATION

Administration provided Council with a presentation of the Southshore Sewer system describing how the system flows from residential to lift stations and ending at the treatment plant and the designed pressure for the system to work properly (pipe size, maximum head required and velocity)

Administration described the design of the E-one sewer pumps and the design Liberty pump.

Cost Estimates

- Residents are being charged a maximum of \$1,500 for E-one pumps failures with typical cost to the MD being over \$2,000
- E-one rebuild pumps have a one year warranty. New pump cost is \$3,500
- Liberty pump package cost of \$3,100-3,800, five-year warranty period with a replacement of a new pump (no rebuilds).

Administration provided Council with possible payment options for residents.

MOTION 261-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche to accept the *Southshore Sewer Presentation* as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

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12:32 p.m.

RECONVENE

1:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF
MINUTES

MOTION 262-20

Moved by Councillor Esau to adopt the *June 10, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes* as presented.

CARRIED (7-0)

BYLAW
ENFORCEMENT

ANIMAL/CAT CONTROL

Administration provided Council with two examples of Cat Bylaws and requested direction.

Council discussed the MD's responsibility and ways to implement enforcement on straying/feral cats including contracting a cat catcher though there are no facilities in the MD or the town of Slave Lake that is equipped to house feral and/or stray cats. They concluded that the current Animal Control Bylaw 95-44 is outdated and needs to be reviewed.

MOTION 263-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche that the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River not enact a Cat Bylaw.

CARRIED (7-0)

ADMINISTRATION

MOTION 264-20

Moved by Councillor Acton that Council review the Animal Control Bylaw 95-44 at the next meeting.

CARRIED (7-0)

CAO UPDATE

The CAO provided the following update:

- CAO resignation/retirement letter provided to the Reeve with his last day of service will be September 30th.
- COVID-19 – guidelines developed for compliance with the Chief Medical Officer
- CAO Priorities: financials, review of agreements, legal matters

MOTION 265-20

Moved by Councillor Esau to accept the CAO Update as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

CANYON CREEK CAMPGROUND CLEANUP

Councillor Rosche advised that at the opening of the Jean Luc Deba park in 2012, the Minister of Parks and Recreation, at the time, agreed to assist the MD in the clean-up of the site. Council Rosche advised that the park is not suitable in its condition as a public beach, including the abandoned fish hatchery, spikes, etc.

Administration advised that they have pursued a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) with Alberta Environment and Parks.

Council noted that cleanup (timbers in the bed and shore) should not be an expense of the MD and should be remediated by Provincial and/or Federal bodies.

MOTION 266-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche to direct Administration to continue to seek provincial approvals for perpetual requests for cleaning up of Canyon Creek Jean Luc Deba beach.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 267-20

Moved by Councillor Pearson to direct Administration to seek clarification of ownership and who is responsible for cleanup of timbers, bed-shore and fish hatchery beside the Canyon Creek Jean Luc Deba Park.

CARRIED (7-0)

OLD CANYON CREEK CAMPSITE

Council advised Administration that even with it being posted that the old Canyon Creek campsite is closed, campers are ignoring the closure and using the site. They also questioned why no maintenance or work had been started in the campground.

Administration advised that summer crews have been tasked with mowing and maintenance at highest priority sites and scheduled for the campsite in the next couple of weeks. As the campground is still in the control of the province, Administration cannot complete any tree removal, etc.

MOTION 268-20

Moved by Councillor Pearson to direct Administration to provide Council with project scope and the timeline for remediation of old Canyon Creek Campsite.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 269-20

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the Old Canyon Creek Campsite update as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

CAO RESIGNATION

CAO advised that he provided notification to the Reeve CAO letter of resignation on June 18, 2020. His last day of service will be on September 30, 2020.

MOTION 270-20

Moved by Councillor Melzer that Council regrettably accepts the CAO's letter of resignation as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

PREPARATION FOR MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION MEETING

Council discussed culvert, bridge and highway paving issues to be brought forward at the meeting with the Honorable Minister McIver being held on June 26, 2020, at the Multi-Rec Centre in the Town of Slave Lake.

MOTION 271-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche to accept the *Preparation for Minister of Transportation Meeting* as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

AGRICULTURE

WEED CONTROL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM POLICY J.15

Administration presented Council with an amended Weed Control Partnership Program Policy J.15 to reflect the direction to cease the sale, vending and redistribution of herbicides to our producers. The following three sections have been removed:

- Handheld sprayers (canisters) will be available (with the applicable herbicide) to landholders free of charge.
- Bulk herbicides may be dispensed into a calibrated piece of herbicide application equipment for landholder use. This includes the Municipal District application equipment and landholder owned application equipment.
- Herbicides provided to the landholder by the Municipal District will be invoiced back to the landholder at our cost in the fourth quarter of the year.

Two additional amendments have been made to clarify the rebate payment process:

- To be eligible for the rebate program, the copy of the purchase invoice(s) must be in the landholders' name.
- To be eligible for the rebate program, landholders must submit their purchase invoice(s) to the Municipal District by the annual date of October 15th.

The remainder of the policy stays the same. The ASB has approved by motion to forward the amended policy to Council for approval. Both policies are attached for your reference.

MOTION 272-20

Moved by Councillor Melzer to adopt the *Weed Control Partnership Program Policy J.15*.

CARRIED (7-0)

FUSARIUM GRAMINEARUM MANAGEMENT POLICY J.5

Administration advised Council that *Fusarium graminearum* is no longer a declared pest under the Agricultural Pest Act, and Policy J.5 becomes redundant and can be rescinded.

The ASB has approved a motion to recommend that Council rescind the *Fusarium graminearum* Management Policy J.5.

MOTION 273-20

Moved by Councillor Pearson to rescind *Fusarium Graminearum Management Policy J.5*.

CARRIED (7-0)

FINANCE

CHEQUE REGISTERS

MOTION 274-20

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

CARRIED (7-0)

TRANSPORTATION

DRAINAGE ISSUES

Administration advised Council that due to an undeveloped road allowance that, every time it rains, it floods the property of 1850 Southshore Drive East and the two adjacent properties.

MOTION 275-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche that Administration create a 2021 Budgetary Decision Paper for consideration for engineering and remediation of ditching on an undeveloped road allowance behind the property of 1850 Southshore Drive East.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 276-20

Moved by Councillor Esau that Administration create a 2021 Budgetary Decision Paper for consideration for Rural Road Drainage.

CARRIED (7-0)

GRAVEL HAUL POLICY

Administration advised Council that the Municipal District follows Alberta Transportation specifications and has a three (3) year gravel program. It does not have an approved gravel haul policy.

MOTION 277-20

Moved by Councillor Esau that Council allow the Transportation Foreman to manage the application of gravel at his discretion for the 2020 gravel haul season.

CARRIED (7-0)

SOUTHSHORE DRIVE HOT OIL REPAIRS

Administration confirmed that the Southshore Drive hot oil is scheduled to be repaired by blading and applying MG 30 to the surface.

MOTION 278-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche to accept the *Southshore Drive Hot Oil Repairs* as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

RURAL SERVICES

FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL UPDATE

Administration provided Council with a facilities and recreation update highlighting on:

- Trails, boat launches, viewpoint and washrooms are open
- Completing core levels of maintenance
- Community playgrounds, beach areas and picnic areas opening June 20th under specific conditions
- Community complexes, libraries, arenas and equestrian grounds tentatively opening July 7th under specific conditions

MOTION 279-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche to approve the *Status of Reopening of Recreational Facilities* for information.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 280-20

Moved by Councillor Esau to approve the tentative reopening of Community Complexes, Arenas, Equestrian Grounds effective July 07, 2020, provided that the Alberta Health Advisories and Reopening Guidelines for the facilities are met.

CARRIED (7-0)

BOARD REPORTS

MOTION 281-20

Moved by Councillor Pearson to approve the Recreation Facilities Operational - COVID-19 Mitigation Policy 1.9 as amended.

CARRIED (7-0)

Agriculture Service Board

- GPS provided for summer students
- Operations Update
- Policy Review

Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission

- Approved Financial Statements
- Looking into a debit machine – No cash due to COVID-19

Community Futures – Tawatinaw

- Working with schools again
- No Lemonade Stand this year

Lesser Slave Regional Housing Authority

- No cases of Covid-19 in any facilities
- Restrictions and allowances in place for residences
- \$30,000 in increased costs for Covid-19 safety implementations

Community Futures- Slave Lake

- Determining differing criteria for funded (\$300,000) programs

Town requested a meeting on July 15th or 16th to discuss the future of Fire Service. Council decided that July 15th as being the best available date.

MOTION 282-20

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

CARRIED (7-0)

Council presented doctors Johnny Keaveny and Terry O'keefe with a memento and card for their years of service in the community.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 283-20

Moved by Councillor Esau to go into Closed Session at 4:17 p.m. as per:

- Section 16 of the FOIP Act – Canyon Creek Harbour Authority
- Section 19 of the FOIP Act – CAO Recruitment
- Section 19 of the FOIP Act - Confidential Evaluations
- Section 27 of the FOIP Act – Slave Lake Airport Services Commission

with Allan Winarski in attendance.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 284-20

Moved by Councillor Melzer to return to Open Session at 5:36 p.m.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 285-20

Moved by Councillor Rosche to proceed upon the advice from the Canyon Creek Harbour Authority and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on provincial and federal lease assumption for the Canyon Creek Harbour Authorities properties.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 286-20

Moved by Councillor Acton that after consideration of legal counsel, the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 has no objections to the Slave Lake Airport Services Commission proceeding with its decision on whether to fence the airport grounds.

CARRIED (7-0)

MOTION 287-20

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *CAO Recruitment* item as information.
CARRIED (7-0)

The Closed Session Item *Confidential Evaluations* were deferred to the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 288-20

Moved by Councillor Esau to adjourn the meeting at 5.38p.m.

CARRIED (7-0)


Chief Administrative Officer


Reeve