

# MINUTES

## Council Meeting Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 July 8, 2020 Zoom Video Meeting

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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Murray Kerik - Reeve Sandra Melzer - Division 1 Becky Peiffer - Division 1 Darcie Acton - Division 2 Brian Rosche - Division 2 Brad Pearson - Division 2 Robert Esau - Division 1
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Allan Winarski - CAO, MD LSR Lana Spencer - Recording Secretary, MD LSR Marvin Schneider - Transportation Foreman, MD LSR Russ Jassman - Director of Rural Services, MD LSR Trisha Green - Operations Assistant, MD LSR Ann Holden - Planning & Development Officer, MD LSR Kelly Anderson - Resident, Bayer Road Monica Butler - Resident, Canyon Creek Joe McWilliams - Lakeside Leader  <i>Note: This Council meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting. All attendees participated electronically by way of Zoom with Reeve Kerik, Deputy Reeve Rosche, Councillors Esau, Acton, Pearson and the CAO present in the Slave Lake Council Chambers and other MD Councillors Melzer and Councillor Peiffer 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 <a href="mailto:hq@mdlsr.ca">hq@mdlsr.ca</a> for access via Zoom.</i>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<b>MOTION 289-20</b> Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the Agenda with the following additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ditch Chemical Spray Policy</li><li>• Rugged and Real Scholarship</li><li>• Closed Session: Slave Lake Airport Commission - Fencing</li></ul> <b>CARRIED (7-0)</b>
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	<b>MOTION 290-20</b> Moved by Councillor Esau to adopt the June 24, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes as amended. <b>CARRIED (7-0)</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>BAYER ROAD – PARADOX ESTIMATE</b>  Administration provided Council with a cost estimate for completion of repairs on Bayer Road for \$565,500. This estimate includes mobilization, tough cell reinforced structure and demobilization costs.  Discussion by Council involved ensuring that ditching was completed before road repairs and the possibility of working with the Sawridge First Nation to jointly complete the work with MD crews, given Sawridge First Nation's experience with the Paradox product and the fact that the road is parallel and adjacent to Sawridge First Nation land.  <b>MOTION 291-20</b> Moved by Councillor Esau that the Municipal District move forward with drainage issues, provide a recommendation on reserves funding for the road repair, and seek collaboration with Sawridge First Nation for the road repairs. <b>CARRIED (7-0)</b>

ADMINISTRATION

CAO UPDATE

The CAO provided an update on the following:

- Minister of Transportation meeting
- Human Resources: Hired receptionist, Director of Transportation & Utilities coming end of July, interviews proceeding for Director of Finance
- Old Smith Highway: Right of Way negotiations ongoing, STIP funding allocation/ratio to this project provided to Council
- Year-end and audit (due October 2020)
- Facilities: Covid-19 restrictions, sewer tank/line issues at the Flatbush Complex
- Economic Development and future interest of the MD
- CAO Recruitment
- Fire hydrant repair/replacement

Transportation Ongoing Activities:

- Regravel, grading, calcium program, line painting

Council expressed their gratitude to the Transportation Department for their assistance to residents and preparation for potential flooding in Marten Beach.

**MOTION 292-20**

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

CARRIED (7-0)

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) BYLAW 2020-12**

Council was presented with an updated Chief Administrative Officer bylaw. The bylaw establishes the position of CAO and defines the duties, powers, and function of that position.

**MOTION 293-20**

Moved by Councillor Rosche to give first reading to *Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw 2020-12*.

CARRIED (7-0)

**MOTION 294-20**

Moved by Councillor Acton to give second reading to *Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw 2020-12*.

CARRIED (7-0)

**MOTION 295-20**

Moved by Councillor Esau to proceed to third reading to *Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw 2020-12*.

CARRIED (7-0)

**MOTION 296-20**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to give third reading to *Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw 2020-12*.

CARRIED (7-0)

RECESS

12:03 p.m.

RECONVENE

12:48 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

DITCH CHEMICAL SPRAY PROCEDURE

Councillor Pearson advised that he received a call from a concerned resident regarding ditch spraying of pesticide/herbicide in the Acres subdivision. He questioned the MD's procedure on notifying residents in areas of spraying and the type of chemical being used.

Administration advised that legislation does not require the MD to provide notice to neighbouring residents, and its procedure is in line with industry standards. However, the MD provides notification of its spray program on the newspaper page and website.

The MD applies Navious herbicide, which is used for broad-spectrum control of broadleaf weeds and encroaching brush. Navious is a selective, residual herbicide that allows grass to continue growing.

**MOTION 297-20**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the *Ditch Chemical Spray Procedure* as information.

CARRIED (7-0)

**2020 RUGGED AND REAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Administration reviewed with Council the applications received for the 2020 Rugged and Real Scholarship.

**MOTION 298-20**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to award the 2020 Rugged and Real Scholarship to Rachel Johnston for \$1000.

CARRIED (7-0)

**BYLAW  
ENFORCEMENT**

**ANIMAL/CAT CONTROL**

Administration provided Council with the Animal Control Bylaw 95-44 to review.

Council discussed the definition of a nuisance and the Municipal District's systems (i.e., complaint process) and resources to control the issue of roaming and feral cats.

**MOTION 299-20**

Moved by Councillor Acton that Council task Administration, under the Nuisance Bylaw, to complete an investigation and enforcement on roaming cats, find holding facility(s) for cats, including contacting the SPCA, and engage volunteer assistance offered, if appropriate.

CARRIED (7-0)

**NOISE COMPLAINT**

Council reviewed a letter received by Grant Gramiak regarding a complaint about trucks using their engine retarder brakes on Highway 88 between Muskeg Road and the Lesser Slave River bridge. He requested the MD's support to install signs.

Administration advised Council of Alberta Transportation's recommended practices regarding highway signage for engine retarder brakes. Alberta Transportation will be responsible for managing all activities associated with fabricating, supplying, installing and maintaining the signs, but all costs associated will be covered by the municipality requesting the sign.

**MOTION 300-20**

Moved by Councillor Rosche that Administration request Alberta Transportation and Infrastructure install an engine retarder brake sign on Highway 88 north of the Lesser Slave River bridge.

CARRIED (7-0)

**MOTION 301-20**

Moved by Councillor Acton that Administration forward the noise/nuisance complaint to the Alberta Motor Transportation Branch Sheriff/Peace Officer.

CARRIED (7-0)

**FINANCE**

**CHEQUE REGISTERS**

**MOTION 302-20**

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

CARRIED (7-0)

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 2020-13**

Administration presented a bylaw to close the public road allowance between SE-34-65-2-W5 and SW-35-65-2-W5 north of the southern intersection with 339LZ to public travel for the purpose of disposing of the road allowance subject to rights of access granted by other legislation.

**MOTION 303-20**

Moved by Councillor to give first reading to *Road Closure Bylaw 2020-13*.

Councillor Pearson requested a recorded vote:

For: Reeve Kerik, Councillors Peiffer, Rosche, Acton, Esau, Melzer

Against: Councillor Pearson

**CARRIED (6-1)**

The Planning and Development Officer gave a quick update on the community engagement for the Land Use Bylaw review.

**MOTION 304-20**

Moved by Councillor Acton to accept the overview of the Land Use Bylaw community engagement as information.

**CARRIED (7-0)**

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Lesser Slave Lake Regional Waste Management Services Commission**

- Reviewed financials
- Volumes down
- Need to review operations
- Projected deficit split \$121,000

**Slave Lake Airport Services Commission**

- Operating budget – revenues down
- Wrote off bad debt – \$2000
- A letter being forwarded to adjacent landowners regarding fencing (start/completion timeline)

**Homeland Housing**

- Corporate office – location still to be determined
- Essential family only allowed into facilities
- Residents can go out but must be screened when returning
- Covid-19 increased costs \$237,000

**Minister of Transportation Meeting in Slave Lake**

- Highway paving (where and when)
- Materials (photos) of deteriorating pavement provided to the Minister
- Marten Beach Flood Mitigation study provided to the Minister

**MOTION 305-20**

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

**CARRIED (7-0)**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION 306-20**

Moved by Councillor Esau to go into Closed Session at 3:35 p.m. as per Section 25 of the FOIP Act – Slave Lake Airport Fencing with the CAO in attendance.

**CARRIED (7-0)**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION 307-20**

Moved by Councillor Esau to return to Open Session at 4:33 p.m.

**CARRIED (7-0)**

**MOTION 308-20**

Moved by Councillor Melzer to accept the Slave Lake Airport Fencing – Closed Session as information.

**CARRIED (7-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 309-20

Moved by Councillor Pieffer to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

CARRIED (7-0)

  
Chief Administrative Officer

  
Reeve