

# *MINUTES*

## Regular Meeting of Council Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 August 14, 2024 Council Chambers

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Murray Kerik	- Reeve
Lana McCann	- Deputy Reeve Division 2
Darren Fulmore	- Division 1
Sandra Melzer	- Division 1
Nancy Sand	- Division 1
Brad Pearson	- Division 2
Norm Seatter	- Division 2

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Barry Kolenosky	- CAO, MDLSR
Sandra Rendle	- Associate Director, Legislative Services, MDLSR
Rudolf Liebenberg	- Director, P&D, Protective Services & Utilities, MDLSR
Jeremy Dumaresque	- Assistant Director of Utilities, MDLSR
Ann Holden	- Planning & Development Officer, MDLSR
Holly Omelchuk	- Director, Finance, MDLSR
Shari Spencer	- Assistant Director, Field Services, MDLSR
Doug Baird	- MD Contractor
Brian Vance	- MD Contractor
Marilyn Gladue	- Recording Secretary, MDLSR
Joe McWilliams	- Reporter, Lakeside Leader (Teams)

**CALL TO ORDER** Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

**August 14, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda**

**MOTION 376-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the August 14, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda as amended:

Add:

- 7.2 Closed Session Item
- 11.3 Southshore Water Meter
- 11.4 Marten Beach Flood
- 11.5 Smith Hamlet Road
- 11.6 Flood Infrastructure/Mitigation proposal

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**July 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes**

**MOTION 377-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to adopt the July 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes as amended:

- Record Members Absent separately
- Add "Amendment & #" to each schedule

**CARRIED**

Holden/Liebenberg entered at 10:10 a.m.  
Holden/Liebenberg exited at 10:35 a.m.

**BYLAW**

**Bylaw 2024-05 Land Use Bylaw Amendment #14 Third Reading**

**MOTION 378-24**

Moved by Councillor Melzer to give 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to Bylaw 2024-05 to change the land use district of part of NW-8-66-1-W5 from Agricultural (A) to Residential Un-Serviced (RUS) District, Land Use Bylaw 2021 -17 Amendment No. 14 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Bylaw 2014-14 Land Use Bylaw Amendment #18**

**MOTION 379-24**

Moved by Reeve Kerik to recess Regular Meeting of Council to hold the Public Hearing at 10:19 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 380-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann to reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:28 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

**Bylaw 2024-14 Land Use Bylaw Amendment #18 Second Reading**

**MOTION 381-24**

Moved by Councillor Sand that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 2024-14 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment #18 to redesignate the portion of land of the parcel legally described as NE-32-67-W5 from Agricultural (A) to Rural Un-Serviced (RUS) District.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION 382-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann to go into Closed Session at 10:35 a.m. as per the following Sections of the FOIP Act with CAO, Kolenosky, Rendle, Associate Director, Legislative Services, and Recording Secretary, Gladue in attendance.

Section 16 – Disclosure harmful to a business of a third party  
Section 19 – Confidential Evaluation

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

Traildusters  
HUB International Insurance Brokers  
Canoe Benefits

Councillor Sand exited at 11:46 a.m.  
Councillor Sand returned at 11:48 a.m.  
Councillor Melzer exited at 11:46 a.m.  
Councillor Melzer returned at 11:49 a.m.  
Omelchuk entered at 11:49 a.m.  
Councillor Fulmore exited at 11:56 a.m.  
Councillor Fulmore returned at 11:59 a.m.  
Councillor Pearson exited at 11:59 a.m.  
Councillor Pearson returned at 12:01 p.m.  
Councillor Seatter exited at 12:15 p.m.  
Councillor Seatter returned at 12:17 p.m.  
Kolenosky exited at 12:16 p.m.  
Kolenosky returned at 12:18 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION 383-24**

Moved by Councillor Melzer to return to Open Session at 1:43 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 384-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann to direct Administration to prepare a draft Memo of Understanding with Traildusters and bring back to August 28, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 385-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to direct Administration to conduct further research on both HUB & CANOE Benefit Brokers and bring back recommendation on a possible MD Broker for MD benefits for 2025.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 386-24**

Moved by Councillor Melzer to direct Administration to have the Bylaw Officer inspect the conditions at the property on Main Street in Smith and report back.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE  
BOARD**

Community Assistance Board Meeting at 1:48 p.m.

**MOTION 387-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to recess Regular Meeting of Council to hold the Community Assistance Board Meeting at 1:48 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 388-24**

Moved by Reeve Kerik to reconvene Regular Meeting of Council at 2:18 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**REQUEST FOR  
DECISION**

**Asset Disposal**

**MOTION 389-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann that Council approve the disposal of assets LT10, LT11, P8915, P9317, P9517, P9918 AND TR1008 through a licensed auction mart.

**CARRIED**

**Operational Cost Approval – Mitsue Ponds Dredging (3 Ponds - \$135K) Project  
Completion 30 September 2024**

**MOTION 390-24**

Moved by Councillor Seatter that Council approves the operational contractor costs of dredging the Mitsue Ponds at a cost of \$44,736K each plus GST and the monies be paid from the General Capital Emergency Reserve account (6-97-00-00-760).

**CARRIED**

Councillor Pearson exited at 2:39 p.m.  
Councillor Pearson returned at 2:40 p.m.  
Reeve Kerik exited at 2:39 p.m.  
Reeve Kerik returned at 2:42 p.m.

**Lawrence Lake Subdivision – Road Names**

**MOTION 391-24**

Moved by Councillor Sand that the Council for the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124, with respect to the proposed Lawrence Lake Subdivision endorse the names McCray Way for the north south running road on SW-24-69-25-W4, Sterling Lane for the internal subdivision road on NW-24-69-25-WE4, and Silver Bay for the cul-de-sac/dead end intersecting with Sterling Lane.

**CARRIED**

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**Canyon Creek WTP Future Upgrade Plans**

**MOTION 392-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson that Council directs administration to proceed with applying for a grant for 75% of the total project cost of \$975,000 under the Alberta Water and Wastewater Partnership grant to upgrade the Canyon Creek Water Treatment Plant conventional treatment train with the understanding that this new system will replace the existing membrane filtration package.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 393-24**

Moved by Councillor Seatter to approve the funding for the MDLSR portion of 25% (\$243,750) will be from MDLSR reserves for a project total cost of \$975,000, in a future budget year.

**CARRIED**

**Smith WTP Future Upgrade Plans**

**MOTION 394-24**

Moved by Councillor Fulmore that Council directs administration to proceed with the project of the Smith Water Treatment Plant upgrade by implementing a conventional package plant with the understanding that this new system will replace the membrane filtration package. Engineering to proceed in the 2024 with construction following in 2025, for a total combined project cost of \$4,293,000.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 395-24**

Moved by Councillor Sand to approve the Funding that will be 75% from the Alberta Water and Wastewater Partnership (AWWP) grant and 25% (\$793,000) from MDLSR working Capital General Account #6-00-00-00-711, for a total of \$4,293,000. The 75% grant funding of \$3,500,000 has already been approved by AWWP and received by the MDLSR.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Seatter exited at 3:19 p.m.  
Councillor Seatter returned at 3:21 p.m.

**Request for Penalties to be waived**

**MOTION 396-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann that Council approves the cancellation of the penalty on the 2024 tax levy in the amount \$97.01 for tax roll #324760

**CARRIED**

**Letter of Support – Smith Half Century Plus Association**

**MOTION 397-24**

Moved by Councillor Seatter that Council ratifies the email approval to provide a letter of support to the Smith Half Century Plus Association to accompany their application for the New Horizons for Senior Program Grant.

**CARRIED**

**2024 Rugged & Real Post-Secondary Scholarship Deadline Extension**

**MOTION 398-24**

Moved by Councillor Melzer that Council extends the deadline to receive the 2024 Rugged & Real Post-Secondary Scholarship application to September 16, 2024.

**CARRIED**

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**REPORTS**

**2024 MD Census Update**

**MOTION 399-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann that Council accepts the 2024 Municipal Census update as information.

**CARRIED**

**Disaster Recovery Program 2023**

**MOTION 400-24**

Moved by Councillor Seatter to accept the Disaster Recovery Program Payment report as information.

**CARRIED**

**Old Smith Highway Project**

**MOTION 401-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann that Council accepts the Old Smith Highway update briefing as information

**CARRIED**

**Council Board Reports – Postponed till next Regular Meeting of Council**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Convention**

**MOTION 402-24**

Moved by to accept the 2024 Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Convention discussion as information and to schedule meetings with the following Ministers:

- Municipal Affairs
- Minister of Education
- Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors
- Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services
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**CARRIED**

**Upcoming Events**

- Staff Training Day – August 29, 2024
- Smith Fall Fair – August 31, 2024
- MD Road Tours – September 16 & 20, 2024
- Committee of the Whole – October 8, 2024

**MOTION 403-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to direct Administration to contact the Southshore property owner and analyze the meter readings.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 404-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the Upcoming Events discussion as information.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 405-24**

Moved by Councillor Sand to continue the Regular Meeting of Council after 4:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 406-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann to have a letter sent to Minister Schulz, Environment & Protected Areas thanking her for the visit and the items discussed (Lengthening Environmental Work Permits, Monitoring of water flow-meters in rivers and streams, Trash/Debris removal mitigation) during the visit to the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No.124.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 407-24**

Moved by Councillor Seatter to direct Administration to prepare a draft Flood Mitigation Plan and bring back to Council, during 2025 budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 408-24**

Moved by Councillor Pearson to have Administration inspect the Smith Hamlet Roads for culvert frost heaving and report back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 409-24**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McCann to postpone the Board reports till a future Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 410-24**

Moved by Councillor Fulmore to adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Original Signed  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Reeve