

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124
August 27, 2026
MD Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT	Murray Kerik Norm Seatter Sandra Melzer Richard Colborne Lester Vanhill Thomas Snowden Brad Pearson	- Reeve - Deputy Reeve (via Teams) - Division 1 - Division 1 - Division 1 - Division 2 - Division 2
IN ATTENDANCE	Shari Spencer Kristen Schalin Cody Borris Lana McCann William Netherington Marilyn Gladue	- Acting Chief Administrative Officer, MDLSR - Director of Finance, MDLSR - Manager of Transportation, MDLSR - Municipal Clerk, MDLSR - Lakeside Leader - Recording Secretary, MDLSR
CALL TO ORDER	Reeve Kerik called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.	
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	August 27, 2026, Committee of the Whole Agenda MOTION COW 066-26 Moved by Councillor Snowden to accept the August 27, 2026, Committee of the Whole Agenda as amended: Add: - Transportation and Economic Corridor Invitation 8.2 Move: - Closed Session to 8.3 CARRIED	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	July 29, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes MOTION COW 067-26 Moved by Councillor Melzer to adopt the July 29, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED	
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FOR INFORMATION	August 12, 2026, Community Assistance Board MOTION COW 068-26 Moved by Councillor Pearson to accept the August 12, 2026, Community Assistance Board Minutes for information. CARRIED	
REQUEST FOR DECISION	Smith Road Closures MOTION COW 069-26 Moved by Councillor Melzer that the Committee of the Whole direct Administration to bring forward a recommendation to a future Regular Council meeting regarding advocacy opportunities (i.e., Pembina Zone 3) to streamline environmental permitting and engineering requirements for municipal bridge culvert and watercourse crossing projects.	

CARRIED

MOTION COW 070-26

Moved by Councillor Vanhill that the Committee of the Whole direct Administration to bring forward a recommendation to a future Regular Council meeting regarding options for a 2027 Culvert Maintenance Expansion pilot program, including anticipated staffing, permitting, equipment, and 2027 budget impacts.

CARRIED

Borris exited at 10:26
McCann entered at 10:27 a.m.

Joint Use and Planning Agreement – Aspen View Schools

MOTION COW 071-26

Moved by Councillor Colborne that Committee of the Whole refer the JUPA Agreement with Aspen View Schools to the Chief Administrative Officer for review and finalize the agreement on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED

McCann exited at 10:31 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to Economic Developers Alberta Training

MOTION COW 072-26

Moved by Councillor Pearson that the Committee of the Whole brings back the Invitation to Economic Developers Alberta Training to the next Regular Meeting with recommended staff to attend.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR
DECISION

Transportation & Economic Corridors Invitation

MOTION COW 073-26

Moved by Councillor Melzer that the Committee of the Whole directs Administration to respond to Transportation & Economic Corridor with the following topics regarding – sizing of bridge culverts, Smith Bridge & Local Highways.

CARRIED

Recess 10:45 a.m.
Reconvene 10:53 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

2026 Rugged & Real Scholarship Presentations to applicants:

- Morgan McClanaghan
- Christine McIntyre-Blake

Council presented Morgan and Christine with the 2026 Rugged & Real Scholarships and wished them success in their studies.

Netherington exited at 10:56 a.m.

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Closed Session

MOTION COW 074-26

Moved by Councillor Colborne to go into Closed Session at 10:56 a.m. as per Sections 19, 21, and 26 of the Access to Information Act (ATIA) with Acting CAO Spencer, Director of Finance Schalin and Recording Secretary Gladue in attendance.

- Section 19 – Disclosure harmful to a business interest or a third party
Section 21 – Disclosure harmful to individual or public safety
Section 26 – Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations

- Clean up files
- Smith Bridge
- Highway 88

Councillor Pearson exited at 11:27 a.m.
Councillor Pearson returned at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION COW 075-26
Moved by Councillor Pearson to return to Open Session at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED

MOTION COW 076-26
Moved by Councillor Pearson that the Committee of the Whole directs Administration to add Data Centers to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for future discussion.

CARRIED

MOTION COW 077-26
Moved by Councillor Vanhill that the Committee of the Whole authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter to Honorable Premiere Danielle Smith Thanking her for the August 26, 2026, meeting discussing the Smith Bridge.

CARRIED

MOTION COW 078-26
Moved by Councillor Snowden to postpone a response to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors regarding the Smith Bridge funding until a response is received from Honorable Premiere Danielle Smith, and to carbon copy the letter to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION COW 079-26
Moved by Councillor Melzer to at adjourn at 11:48 a.m.

CARRIED

Shari Spencer
Acting, Chief Administrative Office

Murray Kerik
Reeve