

**BYLAW 14-004
OF
LAC LA BICHE COUNTY**

A BYLAW OF LAC LA BICHE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE LAC LA BICHE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M 26, and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw in relation to the establishment and function of Council Committees, and the procedures and conduct of Council Committees;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Lac La Biche County has determined that it is in the best interests of the municipality to establish the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee;

NOW THEREFORE under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the said Municipal Act, and by virtue of all other enabling powers, the Council of Lac La Biche County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee is hereby established and for which function shall be in accordance with Schedule 'A' which is attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
2. The Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee shall consist of six (6) Members, appointed by resolution of Council, in accordance with the following structure:
 - a. Two (2) Members of Council; and
 - b. Four (4) Members at Large; and
 - c. One (1) non-voting Lac La Biche County Administration representative (the Environmental Coordinator or a designate assigned by the Lac La Biche County Administrative Officer).
3. Council may remove any Member from the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee at any time, as considered appropriate by Council.
4. Where a Member position is vacant for any reason, Council may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.
5. The Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee shall be provided with advice, research, information and additional support from the non-voting Lac La Biche County Administration representative, as designated by the Chief Administrative Officer.
6. The Chairman is a Council Member who will be selected at the Organizational Meeting of Council, or at an alternate Regular Council Meeting as considered appropriate by Council.
7. The Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee shall select a Vice-Chairman from amongst the Members, and in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall

exercise all the same powers, duties and responsibilities that the Chair would be entitled to exercise if present.

8. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have signing authority for the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee.
9. Four resident Members at Large shall be appointed to the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee.
10. The term for all Members at Large shall be three years. Furthermore, terms will start on April 1 of the year and end on March 31 of the fourth year, subject to Clause 13 below. The first term will start with final reading of the bylaw.
11. The selection of Members at Large will be based on the candidate's environmental interest, their environmental community involvement.
12. All Members at Large on the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee shall be appointed in such a manner that the terms are "staggered" so that a portion of the membership of the Committee comes up for review and/or renewal each year.
13. The Member's term of office on the Committee shall be a maximum of three consecutive appointments.
14. In January of each year, administration shall advertise for Members at Large to serve on the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee for the members' terms that are expiring at the end of the year. County Council shall, prior to the end of the year, appoint Members at Large to serve on the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee to fill the portion of the membership for which the term is expiring.
15. The member's term of office on the Committee shall be a maximum of three consecutive appointments.
16. County Council, notwithstanding Clause 11, in its sole discretion, may, by resolution, cancel the appointment of any member to the Committee at any time during the term.
17. Quorum of the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee shall be a simple majority of the Members.
18. The Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure, but in doing so, shall show due regard for the principles of procedural fairness.
19. The Administration representative shall ensure that accurate minutes are kept of the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee meetings.
20. The majority vote of those Members present and voting constitutes the decision of the Committee. All Members shall be required to vote on any matter before the Committee unless a conflict of interest is declared. In the event of a tie, the resolution is lost.

21. The proceedings and deliberations of the Committee must be conducted in public, except where the Committee deals with information protected from disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter F 25, and amendments thereto.
22. When a meeting is closed to the public, no resolution may be passed at the meeting, except a resolution to revert to a meeting held in public.
23. This Bylaw shall come into effect upon passing of the third reading.
24. The Lac La Biche County Bylaw 13-029 is hereby repealed.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR AUSTIN THAT BYLAW 14-004 BE GIVEN FIRST READING THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SIEBOLD THAT BYLAW 14-004 BE GIVEN SECOND READING THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAYMOUR THAT BYLAW 14-004 BE SUBMITTED FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR OLSON THAT BYLAW 14-004 BE GIVEN THIRD AND FINAL READING THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

“Original Signed”

Mayor

“Original Signed”

Chief Administrative Officer

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Schedule 'A'

The objectives of the Lac La Biche County Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will apply within the County in its entirety. The objectives of the Lac La Biche Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee include:

- 1) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will study and address ongoing environmental issues within Lac La Biche County by using current technology, public consultation, and other additional methods. The Committee will act as a cooperative link between citizens, industry and local government.
- 2) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will provide advice and make policy recommendations to Council on environmental stewardship and water quality issues.
- 3) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will identify environmental issues, provide leadership in developing environmental stewardship projects, and prioritize short-term, intermediate and long term environmental strategic initiatives.
- 4) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will review options for green municipal initiatives, sustainability plans and renewable energy strategies based on their technical, economic and environmental merit.
- 5) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will work to support Lac La Biche County as a model environmental community that will work to establish goals relating to ecological integrity.
- 6) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will work to enhance the quality of life in Lac La Biche County through effective environmental stewardship promotion.
- 7) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will increase public awareness and engagement of land stewardship by knowledge and information exchange on the impacts of land use/development practices and their impacts on water quality and habitat.
- 8) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will promote effective stewardship and management of public and privately owned land for improved water quality, ecosystem integrity and watershed health. This may be facilitated by establishing partnerships and coordinating County goals and objectives with other stewardship groups.
- 9) With regard to Crown lands in Lac La Biche County, where the resource management jurisdiction rests with the Province, the Committee will liaise with relevant government departments and work with their staff to harmonize efforts towards shared values, and to achieve common goals.

- 10) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will act as ambassadors to improve watershed and wetland health as well as protection.
- 11) The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee will review and update the communications plan annually.
- 12) Other objectives as decided by Council from time to time.