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February 11, 2014

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held February 11, 2014 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

Reeve
Councillors
Veronica Bliska
Orwell Bettenson
George Brightwell
Sandra Friesen via skype
Robert Willing

Attending

C.A.O. Lyle McKen
Recording Secretary Barbara Johnson
Mile Zero News Shawn McGuire

Call to Order

Reeve Bliska called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the agenda for the February 11, 2014 regular meeting of Council be adopted with the following additions:

- G.8. Northern Sunrise County
 - Request for letter of support
- H.9. Alberta Pond Hockey Association
 - Request for use of rental tent

Carried

Approval of Minutes

1. January 15, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

George Brightwell: MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 15, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Carried

Business Arising Out of Minutes

1. Shaftesbury Trail Study

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council approve the Shaftesbury Trail Study, with the January 2014 draft of the Gravel Pit Section, as amended.

Carried

George Brightwell: MOVED that the gravel pit operators be invited to the April C.A.O. Planning Session.

Carried

Appointments

1. Les Ford, Public Works Foreman

Les Ford joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Council discussed current road conditions with Les.

Les excused himself from the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Business Arising Out of Minutes Continued

2. Acquisition of CN Property in Brownvale

Robert Willing: MOVED that Administration investigate the possibility of purchasing other properties to be used for residential development in Brownvale and further, that we notify the North Western Right of Way Acquisition Committee of our decision regarding the acquisition of the CN property in Brownvale.

Carried

3. MGA Consultation Session

George Brightwell: MOVED that Veronica Bliska, Orwell Bettenson and George Brightwell be authorized to attend the MGA Consultation Session in Peace River on April 25, 2014 and further, that Robert Willing and Sandra Friesen be authorized to attend the session in Grande Prairie on April 4, 2014.

Carried

1. Financial Statement

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the January 31, 2014 Financial
36/14 Statement as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.
Carried

2. Accounts for Payment

Robert Willing: MOVED that 16 electronic fund transfers and cheque #6620 to
37/14 cheque #6674 in the total amount of \$165,815.83 be approved for
payment.
Carried

3. Administrator's Report

Lyle McKen reviewed his written report with Council.

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the Administrator's report be accepted for information,
38/14 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.
Carried

4. Councillors' Reports

Sandra Friesen reported on the following meeting she attended via skype:

- North Peace Housing Foundation meeting

George Brightwell reported on the following meetings he attended:

- North Peace Protocol meeting in Grimshaw February 3
- Geotechnical and Environmental Assessments Seminar in Peace River February 4

Administration was directed to request some information from the M.D. of Smoky
River Development Officer regarding their road use agreement policy/guidelines.

Robert Willing reported on the following meeting he attended:

- Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board meeting in Grimshaw
February 3

Orwell Bettenson reported on the following meetings he attended:

- PREDA meeting in Triangle January 17
- Mighty Peace Tourism meetings in Peace River Jan. 22 & in Berwyn Jan.29
- Grimshaw Seed Cleaning Plant meeting in Grimshaw January 29 & tour of Fairview
Seed Cleaning Plant
- Peace Valley Conservation, Tourism & Recreation Society meeting on February 10

Veronica Bliska reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency luncheon in Berwyn on January 17
- North Peace Protocol meeting in Grimshaw February 3
- Shell presentation luncheon in Grimshaw February 4
- teleconference call with NCDC
- MGA Review Committee meeting in Grande Prairie February 7

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented.
39/14 Carried

**Appointments
Continued**

2. Nasar Iqbal, Agricultural Fieldman

Nasar joined the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

a) Agricultural Fieldman's Report

Nasar reviewed his written report with Council.

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the Agricultural Fieldman's report be accepted
40/14 as presented.

Carried

Nasar excused himself from the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

**Land Use/Planning/
Subdivisions**

1. Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012

- Rural Industrial: Petroleum Facility District (RI-PF)

Reeve Bliska called the Public Hearing to order at 11:00 a.m. Dan and Huguette Ropchan were in attendance for the Public Hearing.

Reeve Bliska noted that Bylaw No. 11/2013 provides for the addition of a new section to "Part Five - Land Use District Regulations" of Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012.

Huguette and Dan Ropchan voiced their comments and concerns with regards to the procedures of amending the Land Use Bylaw. They also requested various changes to the wording in the new section that is proposed to be added to the Land Use Bylaw. They also asked that random inspections by arms length personnel at the owner's cost be added to the section, as well as the required cleaning and/or reclamation of sites. Huguette Ropchan will provide a summary of their comments in written form.

Dan and Huguette Ropchan excused themselves from the Public Hearing at 11:25 a.m.

Council reviewed a written submission received from Joe Webber.

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
41/14 Carried

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Council table consideration of second reading of
42/14 Bylaw No. 11/2013 until the C.A.O. has reviewed Mr. & Mrs. Ropchan's suggested changes with Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency.
Carried

2. Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012

- Don Freeland: Bylaw No. 1/2014

Robert Willing: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 1/2014.
43/14 Carried

3. Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012

- Arlen Pahl: Bylaw No. 2/2014

George Brightwell: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 2/2014.
44/14 Carried

4. Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012

- Rick Rowan: Bylaw No. 3/2014

George Brightwell: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 3/2014.
45/14 Carried

5. Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012

- Robert & Carrie Dickson: Bylaw No. 4/2014

Robert Willing: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 4/2014.
46/14 Carried

6. Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012

- Cargill Limited

Robert Willing: MOVED that this item be tabled until Bylaw No. 11/2013 has been
47/14 passed.
Carried

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Correspondence

1. Town of Peace River

a) Peace River Airport

Sandra Friesen: 48/14 MOVED that Robert Willing be appointed as the representative, with Veronica Bliska the alternate, on a committee regarding future operation and governance of the Peace River Airport.
Carried

b) Standby Fire Services Agreement

Sandra Friesen: 49/14 MOVED that the M.D. of Peace consider negotiations with the Town of Peace River regarding a Standby Fire Services Agreement once the existing Emergency Response Services Agreement expires on July 5, 2016.
Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 12:50 p.m. with all Councillors, Lyle McKen and Barbara Johnson present.

Shaw McGuire rejoined the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Correspondence Continued

c) Fire Services

Sandra Friesen: 50/14 MOVED that Robert Willing, Veronica Bliska and Lyle McKen be authorized to attend the next Joint Fire Services Committee meeting with the Town of Peace River and the County of Northern Lights.
Carried

d) Regional Recreation Needs Assessment

Robert Willing: 51/14 MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 support the concept of a joint Regional Recreation Needs Assessment.
Carried

e) Shaftesbury Water Line Extension

The letter received from the Town of Peace River regarding the extension of the Shaftesbury Water Line was accepted for information.

f) Regional Water System

George Brightwell: 52/14 MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 support the concept of exploring the benefits of a Regional Water System with the Town of Peace River and the County of Northern Lights.
Carried

g) Regional Economic Development

George Brightwell: 53/14 MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 write a letter in support of considering the benefits of the Town of Peace River becoming a member of the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board and further, that the letter be copied to the Chairman of the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board.
Carried

h) Medical Facility and Services

Sandra Friesen: 54/14 MOVED that a letter be written to the Town of Peace River indicating that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 acknowledges the discussions being undertaken and will wait for further direction.
Carried

i) Required Pool Upgrades

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace support having a joint discussion
55/14 with the Town of Peace River, Northern Sunrise County and County
 of Northern Lights in order to gather further information regarding
 the required pool upgrades.

Carried

**2. Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency
- M.M.S.A. Progress Report**

Council accepted the letter received from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency regarding the 2013 summary of activities provided by M.M.S.A. as information only.

**3. North Peace Housing Foundation
- 2014 Requisition**

Council accepted the letter received from North Peace Housing Foundation regarding the 2014 requisition as information only.

**4. North Peace Multiple Sclerosis Chapter
- Request for use of rental tent**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the M.D. rental tent be provided to the North Peace MS
56/14 Chapter for the weekend of June 13-15, 2014 at no charge.

Carried

**5. V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.
- Fourth Quarter Claims
- 2014 Requisition**

Council accept the notice of the 2014 V.S.I. requisition and the 2013 fourth quarter report as information only.

6. Village of Berwyn FCSS Program Review

Council accepted the Village of Berwyn 2013 FCSS Program Review as information only.

**7. Alberta Human Services
- Family and Community Engagement Councils**

The letter received from Alberta Human Services regarding Family and Community Engagement Councils was accepted for information only.

**8. Northern Sunrise County
- Request for letter of support**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize the M.D. of Peace No. 135 to
57/14 participate in an application for the Peace River Regional Recreation
 Study project, submitted by Northern Sunrise County under the
 Regional Collaboration component of the Regional Collaboration
 Program.

Carried

New Business

1. Transportation Strategy for Alberta

Robert Willing: MOVED that George Brightwell, Robert Willing and Veronica
58/14 Bliska be authorized to attend the Transportation Strategy for Alberta
 Community-Led Discussion in Peace River on February 11th
 from 6-9 p.m.

Carried

**2. 2014 A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention
- Convention Program**

All Councillors will be attending the convention except for Veronica Bliska.
Council accepted the A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention Program as information only.

- Meeting with Alberta Transportation

It was decided that the Municipal District request a meeting with Alberta Transportation to discuss the following:

- Alberta Transportation's opinion of the Cargill Traffic Impact Assessment
- the status of the climbing lane on the West Hill
- the condition of Highway 986 by DMI

- EOEP Course - A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention

George Brightwell: MOVED that Orwell Bettenson and Sandra Friesen be registered for
59/14 the EOEP Finance course being held Monday, March 17, 2014.
Carried

3. Leading the North Conference

Robert Willing: MOVED that Orwell Bettenson, Veronica Bliska, George Brightwell
60/14 and Lyle McKen be authorized to attend the Leading the North
Conference in Fort McMurray May 26-28, 2014.
Carried

**4. Peace River Museum
- Historic Tours Initiative**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No.135 contribute \$1,500. to the
61/14 Heritage Interpreter Proposal subject to the Young Canada Works
grant application being approved.
Carried

- Heritage Celebrations Initiative

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 would participate
62/14 in a collaboration of heritage celebrations, subject to
the Alberta Culture and Heritage Canada grants being approved.
Carried

**5. PREDA Municipal Project Fund
- Proposed Application**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 apply for a grant through
63/14 the PREDA Municipal Project Fund to pay for a full page
advertisement in "Move Up" magazine.
Carried

6. Fort McMurray - Peace River Transportation and Utility Corridor

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 support the concept
64/14 of the Fort McMurray - Peace River Transportation and Utility
Corridor, linking the two regions.
Carried

**7. Scott Telecom Services Inc.
- Request for consent to construct an approach: SE35-82-25-W5**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 consent to allow TM
65/14 Mobile to construct an approach to the SE35-82-25-W5.
Carried

8. Budget Meeting

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the budget meeting be held March 26, 2014 at
66/14 7:00 p.m.

Carried

**9. Alberta Pond Hockey Association
- Request to rent M.D. tent February 14-16, 2014**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. rental tent be provided to the Alberta Pond
67/14 Hockey Association February 14-16, 2014 at no charge.

Carried

Shawn McGuire excused himself from the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**Confidential
Items**

Robert Willing: MOVED that Council go in-camera at 2:07 p.m. to discuss the
68/14 following item:

K.1. Salary Grid

Carried

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the Council meeting return to an open meeting at
69/14 2:29 p.m.


Carried

Robert Willing: MOVED that the 2014 Salary Grid be approved.
70/14 Carried

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

These minutes approved this 11th day of March, 2014.



Robert Willing, Deputy Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer

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