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August 13, 2013

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held August 13, 2013 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

**Present**

Reeve Veronica Bliska  
Councillors George Brightwell  
Rick Keillor  
Sandra Friesen  
Robert Willing

**Attending**

C.A.O. Lyle McKen  
Recording Secretary Barbara Johnson  
Mile Zero News Shawn McGuire @ 9:08 a.m.

**Call to Order**

Reeve Bliska called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the agenda for the August 13, 2013 regular meeting of Council be adopted with the following addition:

H.7. Brownvale Development

Carried

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. July 9, 2013 Regular Council Meeting**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council 203/13 held on July 9, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes**

**1. Indian Head Tree Nursery and Shelterbelt Program**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada regarding the closure of the Indian Head Tree Nursery and Shelterbelt Program.

**2. Land Use Framework**

**- A Position Paper for the Upper Peace Region**

Council reviewed the draft document and requested that the reference to sand and gravel deposits on page 10 be revised and that the reclamation of gravel pits should be included in the Strategic Directions on page 12.

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that the Municipal District of Peace No. 135 endorse the final draft of the Land Use Framework: Upper Peace Region Position Paper.

Carried

**Appointments**

**1. Les Ford, Public Works Foreman**

Les joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

**a) 2013 Gravelling Program**

Council accepted the summary of the 2013 Gravelling Program as information only.

**b) Request from Brad Friesen**

**- Request for culvert and/or ditch work: SE23-82-26-W5**

Sandra Friesen excused herself from the meeting at 9:22 a.m. while the culvert/ditch work request was being discussed.

Robert Willing: MOVED that Council accept Alberta Environment's recommendations that the west road ditch be cleaned so that the water will run to the north along the SE23-82-26-W5, providing that CN will agree to a culvert being placed through the rail bed in order that water can flow to the north side of the rail bed before crossing to the east road ditch.

Carried

Sandra Friesen rejoined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

**c) Request from Darrel Osowetski  
- Widen existing approach: NE25-81-26-W5**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Council approve the Darrel Osowetski approach  
206/13 widening request at NE25-81-26-W5.  
Carried

**d) Request from Roxeanne Alexander  
- Road Construction**

Council requested that Administration research how other municipalities have dealt with situations in which a ratepayer requests local road construction to access a proposed development that doesn't yet exist.

Robert Willing: MOVED that Council table this item until further information,  
207/13 including an estimate of road construction cost, has been researched.  
Carried

Council would like to meet with Roxeanne Alexander, Shane MacElheren, Don and Myrna Alexander at a future meeting.

Les excused himself from the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

**2. Nasar Iqbal, Agricultural Fieldman**

Nasar joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

**a) Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

Council reviewed the written report provided by Nasar.

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Agricultural Fieldman's report be accepted  
208/13 as presented.  
Carried

Nasar excused himself from the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**Reports**

**1. Financial Statement**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the July 31, 2013 Financial  
209/13 Statement as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.  
Carried

**2. Accounts for Payment**

Robert Willing: MOVED that 25 electronic fund transfers and cheque #6106 to  
210/13 cheque #6183 in the total amount of \$745,614.03 be approved for  
payment.  
Carried

**3. Administrator's Report**

Lyle McKen reviewed his written report with Council.

**Land Use/  
Planning/  
Subdivisions**

**1. Application For Amendment To The Land Use Bylaw  
- Public Hearing: Bylaw No. 7/2013**

It was noted that neither the applicant, Michael Cuell, nor any members of the public were present for the Public Hearing.

Reeve Bliska called the Public Hearing to order at 11:00 a.m.

Reeve Bliska noted that Bylaw No. 7/2013 provides for the re-designation of part of the NW34-83-22-W5M from Joint Plan Agricultural District (JPAG) to Country Residential District (CR). The proposed re-designation will allow the creation of two residential lots.

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 11:03 a.m.  
211/13  
Carried

Sandra Friesen: 212/13 MOVED second reading of Bylaw No. 7/2013.  
Carried

Robert Willing: 213/13 MOVED third reading of Bylaw No. 7/2013.  
Carried

**Reports  
Continued**

Council requested that Administration discuss the feasibility of sharing the maintenance of Elk Island Park with the M.D. of Fairview No.136.

Rick Keillor: 214/13 MOVED that Sandra Friesen, Veronica Bliska, Coleen Bak and Barbara Johnson form a committee to research office finishings to bring to Council for approval.  
Carried

Rick Keillor: 215/13 MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No.135 purchase 1.469 acres from Leonard McKenzie at a cost of \$1,000. in order to construct an access road to SE28-82-23-W5 from TWP RD823B.  
Carried

Sandra Friesen: 216/13 MOVED that the Administrator's Report be accepted for information, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.  
Carried

**Appointments  
Continued**

**3. A.A.M.D.C. Member Visit**

Bob Barss, Kim Heyman and Tom Burton from A.A.M.D.C. joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The following items were discussed with the A.A.M.D.C. representatives:

- Shaftesbury Trail Study
- Viterra elevator development
- Request that "Project Brock" be placed on A.A.M.D.C. Convention agenda
- Linear assessment revenue sharing issue
- MGA review

**Lunch**

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

Council had lunch with the members of the A.A.M.D.C.

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:11 p.m. with all Councillors, Lyle McKen and Barbara Johnson present.

**Reports  
Continued**

**4. Councillors' Reports**

George Brightwell had nothing to report.

Sandra Friesen reported on the following meetings she attended:

- AHS Family Care Clinic proposal in Peace River July 31
- Northern A.A.M.D.C. Zone meeting in Fort Vermilion August 9

Sandra Friesen: 217/13 MOVED that a defibrillator be purchased for each of Brownvale and Berwyn fire departments, 3 schools in Grimshaw and Lloyd Garrison School if required.  
Carried

Robert Willing had nothing to report.

Rick Keillor reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Clear Hills County BBQ at George Lake July 12
- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Assoc. meeting August 1
- Meeting with Elbow River Marketing in Berwyn August 6
- Meeting with Alberta Environment regarding a water issue August 12
- Grimshaw Coop Seed Cleaning Plant meeting August 7

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**4. V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.  
- Second Quarter Report**

Council accepted the second quarter report from V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. as information only.

**5. County of Grande Prairie No. 1  
- Grand Opening of Sportsplex**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that all councillors be authorized to attend the  
224/13 Grand Opening of the County of Grande Prairie Sportsplex  
to be held September 8, 2013 in Clairmont.

Carried

**6. Northern Sunrise County  
- 10th Anniversary Celebration BBQ**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that all councillors be authorized to attend Northern Sunrise  
225/13 County's 10th Anniversary Celebration BBQ be to held on  
August 16, 2013.

Carried

**New Business**

**1. MGA Consultation Workshops**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Veronica Bliska, Sandra Friesen and George  
226/13 Brightwell be authorized to attend the August 20th MGA  
Consultation Workshop in Grimshaw.

Carried

**2. Cardboard Recycling**

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 contribute 50% per  
227/13 year (approximately \$3,080.) of the cost of cardboard recycling in the  
Village of Berwyn, which M.D. residents would then be able to  
access.

Carried

**3. Public Works Radio Tower**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No.135 authorize AB North.com  
228/13 Internet Services to replace the M.D.'s existing radio tower with a 96'  
heavy duty tower in the M.D. yard, with the only cost to the M.D.  
being the power supply to the tower and further, that AB North  
Internet Services be authorized to install their internet equipment on  
the tower.

Carried

**4. Draft Procedural Bylaw**

Council reviewed the draft Procedural Bylaw and requested a few changes be made to the bylaw.

**5. Request for Speed Limit Signs Within River Lot 33**

It was requested that Administration determine what requirements must be followed in order to change the speed limit on local municipal roads. Council requested that a bylaw which could apply to all internal multi-parcel subdivision roads be drafted for their review.

Robert Willing: MOVED that this item be tabled until further information is  
229/13 provided.

Carried

**6. Bad Debt**  
**- The Map Depot**

Sandra Friesen:      MOVED that Council authorize the writing off of the Accounts  
230/13                      Receivable debt of The Map Depot in the amount of \$87.50.  
Carried

**7. Brownvale Development**

Council discussed the issue of new developments in the Hamlet of Brownvale and conditions prescribed to development permits issued in accordance with the Land Use Bylaw. Council felt that current practices are satisfactory.

**Confidential  
Items**

Robert Willing:      MOVED that Council go in-camera at 3:16 p.m. to discuss the  
231/13                      following item:

K.1. Legal Matter

Carried

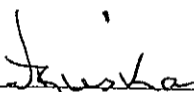
Rick Keillor:              MOVED that the Council meeting return to an open meeting at  
232/13                      3:19 p.m.

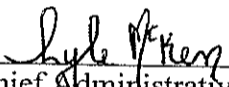
Carried

**Adjournment**

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

These minutes approved this 10th day of September, 2013.

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer