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January 10, 2012

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held January 10, 2012 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

Reeve
Councillors
Veronica Bliska (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)
George Brightwell
Robert Willing
Rick Keillor
Sandra Friesen

Attending

C.A.O.
Press
Lyle McKen
Miles Zero News - Kristin Feddema

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Rick Keillor: 1/12
MOVED that the agenda for the January 10, 2012 regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
Carried

Approval of Minutes

1. December 13, 2011 Regular Council Meeting
Robert Willing: 2/12
MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 13, 2011 be approved as circulated.
Carried

Business Arising Out of Minutes

1. Growing the North Conference
Robert Willing: 3/12
MOVED that George Brightwell and Rick Keillor be registered to attend the February 21-23, 2012 Growing the North Conference at the TEC Centre.
Carried

Reeve Veronica Bliska assumed the Chair.

2. Alberta Environment and Water

Council reviewed the December 14, 2011 correspondence from Randall Barrett, Acting Director, Northern Region, in response to the November 23 meeting at the A.A.M.D.C. Fall Convention.

Sandra Friesen: 4/12
MOVED that Council recommend to the Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association that the development of an updated Management Plan be considered as a potential project.
Carried

Appointments

1. Les Ford, Public Works Foreman

Les joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Les briefly discussed the current situation with respect to the freezing rain and icy roads.

It was reported that some complaints have been received regarding the supposed lack of service in certain areas of the M.D. Complaints have also been received with respect to the fact that some people feel that school bus routes are not being given a high enough priority.

Les excused himself from the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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Reports

1. Financial Report

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the December 31, 2011 Financial
5/12 Report as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.
Carried

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Council authorize the transfer of the following
6/12 amounts to the respective reserve accounts for the year ending
December 31, 2011:
Public Works - Roads (Golf Course Road) \$100,000.
Office Building \$500,000.
Environment \$ 35,000.
Carried

2. Accounts for Payment

George Brightwell: MOVED that cheque #4369 to cheque #4479 in the total amount of
7/12 \$255,698.55 be approved for payment.
Carried

3. Administrator's Report

All 5 Councillors indicated that they would attend the February 8th joint North Peace Protocol supper meeting. Council requested that an update on the acquisition of the rail line right-of-way be provided, if possible.

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Council authorize Lyle McKen to commence
8/12 discussions regarding the adjustment of the Fire Dept. coverage
areas as recommended by Council.
Carried

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that the Administrator's Report be accepted for
9/12 information, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.
Carried

4. Councillors' Reports

Robert Willing had nothing to report on other than the Jan. 3 C.A.O. Planning Session and the Jan. 5 & 6 Strategic Planning Session.

Rick Keillor briefly reported on a January 5 Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance meeting. Alberta Environment and Water have requested that the Watershed Alliance undertake a Water Management Plan for the Wapiti sub-basin.

Rick Keillor reported on the January 9 Property Rights Task Force Open House. Rick thought that the format was very good and that it was a useful exercise.

Sandra Friesen reported on the January 9 Property Rights Task Force Open House. She thought that the format was excellent and productive.

George Brightwell also reported on his attendance at the January 9 Property Rights Task Force Open House. George felt that there were several interesting/useful topics discussed.

Veronica Bliska briefly reviewed her written report with Council. Veronica's report included the ARPA Conference, Peace Library System, M.M.S.A., NCDC and the Health Care Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented.
10/12 Carried

Correspondence

1. Alberta Health Services

Council expressed concern with the fact that ambulances appear to be having difficulty finding rural locations.

Rick Keillor: MOVED that Jill Thordarson be invited to attend the February
11/12 14 Council meeting to discuss ambulance response issues.
Carried

**2. Regional EMS Foundation
- 12th Annual Wine Fair & Auction**

Council accepted the invitation to the 12th Annual Wine Fair & Auction as information only.

**3. Hudson Bay Route Association
- Port of Churchill**

Council accepted the correspondence regarding membership in the Hudson Bay Route Association as information only.

**4. Town of Grimshaw
- 2011 FCSS Program Review**

Council accepted the 2011 FCSS Program Review from the Town of Grimshaw as information only.

**5. Mighty Peace Tourist Association
- 2012 Municipal Membership**

Council accepted the December 22, 2011 correspondence regarding the 2012 municipal membership as information only.

- 2012 Vacation Planner & Activity Guide

Council briefly reviewed the draft write up for the Vacation Planner and Activity Guide.

Robert Willing: MOVED that Council approve the Vacation Planner and Activity
12/12 Guide write up as amended.
Carried

**6. Alberta Municipal Affairs
- 2010 Assessment Notice Package**

Council accepted, as information only, the correspondence advising that the M.D.'s Assessment Notice package has been deemed compliant with the Municipal Government Act.

**7. The Griffin Creek Ladies
- Storage Shed**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize Lyle McKen to purchase a
13/12 storage shed for the Griffin Creek Cemetery, as requested by The
Griffin Creek Ladies.
Carried

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

Rick Keillor: MOVED that the Municipal District donate the use of the rental
14/12 tent to the North Peace Multiple Sclerosis Chapter for their annual
trail ride to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012.
Carried

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New Business

**1. Community Planning Association of Alberta
- 2012 Planning Conference and Education Session**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Veronica Bliska and George Brightwell be
15/12 authorized to attend the 2012 CPAA Planning Conference and
 Education Session.

Carried

2. Fire Service Recognition

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that all eligible volunteer fire fighters be nominated for
16/12 the appropriate Provincial and/or Federal service medals.

Carried

**3. Bulk Water Dispensing Systems
- Installation of wireless modems**

Robert Willing: MOVED that Council authorize modems to be installed at the
17/12 Brownvale and McInnis bulk water dispensing system sites.

Carried

**4. Bellamont Exploration Ltd.
- Notification of Operations/Consents: 9-26-83-24-W5M**

Robert Willing: MOVED that Council accept the notification of operations
18/12 regarding Bellamont Exploration Ltd.'s proposal to drill ten
 additional wells from the 9-26-83-24-W5M multi-well pad site
 and provide the proximity, approach and abutment consents as
 requested.

Carried

- Notification of Pipeline Right-of-Way/Consents

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Council accept the notification of operations
19/12 regarding Bellamont Exploration Ltd.'s intention to construct a
 pipeline from 09-26-83-24-W5M to 13-19-83-23-W5M and provide
 the crossing, abutment and proximity consents as requested.

Carried

**5. Mighty Peace Golf & Country Club
- Application for Property Tax Exemption
- Request for Financial Assistance**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Council deny the request from the Mighty Peace
20/12 Golf & Country Club for a property tax exemption and approve a
 \$10,000. donation towards the Golf Course's pump and irrigation
 system replacement project.

Carried

6. 2012 A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention

Robert Willing: MOVED that Veronica Bliska, Sandra Friesen, George Brightwell,
21/12 Robert Willing, Lyle McKen and Les Ford be registered to attend
 the 2012 Spring Convention.

Carried

Lunch

Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:15 p.m. with everyone present except Kristin Feddema.

**New Business
Continued**

**7. Municipal Heritage Partnership Program
- Meeting at the Berwyn Elks Community Centre**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that George Brightwell be authorized to attend the
22/12 January 12th Municipal Heritage Partnership Program meeting
at the Berwyn Elks Community Centre.

Carried

**8. Tourism Workshop
- Wednesday, February 1 at the Sawridge Inn**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that George Brightwell be authorized to attend the
23/12 February 1st Tourism Marketing Workshop at the Sawridge Inn.

Carried

**9. A.A.M.D.C. Zone Meeting
- Friday, February 10 at the David Thompson Hall**

All 5 Councillors indicated that they will be attending the February 10th Zone meeting.

**10. C.A.O. Planning Session
- Next meeting date?**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that a C.A.O. Planning Session be held on Tuesday,
24/12 January 17, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

**Confidential
Items**

Sandra Friesen: MOVED that Council go in-camera at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the
25/12 following item:

1. Agricultural Fieldman Position Applications
- Carried

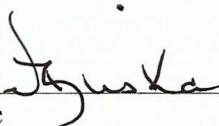
Robert Willing: MOVED that the Council meeting return to an open meeting at
26/12 1:55 p.m.

Carried

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

These minutes approved this 14th day of February, 2012.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer