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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135 Province of Alberta, held March 13, 2012 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

Reeve Councillors Veronica Bliska George Brightwell

Robert Willing Sandra Friesen

Attending

C.A.O.

Lyle McKen

Press

Miles Zero News - Kristin Feddema

Call to Order

Reeve Bliska called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Sandra Friesen:

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MOVED that the agenda for the March 13, 2012 regular meeting of Council be adopted with the following addition:

H.1. Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board
- Economic Development Training for Elected Officials

Carried

Approval of Minutes

# 1. February 14, 2012 Regular Council Meeting

Robert Willing:

MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council

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held on February 14, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes** 

## 1. A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention

- Convention Program

Council accepted the Convention Program as information only.

- Resolutions

Council accepted the resolutions order paper as information only.

- Meeting with the R.C.M.P.

Council confirmed that they would like to meet with the Commanding Officer at the Spring Convention.

- Meeting with Alberta Transportation

Council confirmed that they will meet with Alberta Transportation on March 21 at 10:30 a.m.

#### 2. Bulk Water Dispensing Systems

- email from Dan and Huguette Ropchan

Council discussed the email correspondence from Dan and Huguette Ropchan.

Sandra Friesen:

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MOVED that a letter be forwarded to Dan and Huguette Ropchan advising that their comments/concerns will be considered when

the operation of the bulk water dispensing system is reviewed

following at least one year's operation.

Carried

**Appointments** 

# 1. Les Ford, Public Works Foreman

Les joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

a) GPS Units

Council was in support of installing GPS units in 3 graders; however, it was suggested that GPS units and potential suppliers be researched further at the Spring Convention trade show.

Les excused himself from the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

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Reports

#### 3. Ambulance Service

Council accepted as information only the email response from Jill Thordarson regarding the use of GPS/MDT technology.

## 4. 2010 Alberta Summer Games

Council accepted the January 25, 2012 correspondence from the Peace Region Games Society as information only.

#### 1. Financial Report

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the February 29, 2012 Financial 60/12 Statement as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes

Carried

#### 2. Accounts for Payment

Robert Willing: MOVED that cheque #4565 to cheque #4645 in the total amount of

\$243,269.22 be approved for payment.

Carried

### 3. Administrator's Report

With respect to the potential crude oil loading facility at the SW21-83-22-W5, Council supported amending the definition of "Petroleum Facility" and adding "Petroleum Facility" as a discretionary use in the Joint Plan Agricultural District.

Council was advised the Hector Goudreau will be attending the March 27 C.A.O. Planning Session.

Sandra Friesen:

MOVED that the Administrator's Report be accepted for

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information, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

# 4. Councillors' Reports

George Brightwell reported on the February 22 and 23 Growing the North Conference held in Grande Prairie.

Sandra Friesen reported that the North Peace Housing Foundation Office in Grimshaw is being closed and will be consolidated with the existing Peace River Office.

Sandra Friesen reported on her attendance at the February 18 Multiplex Grand Opening.

Sandra Friesen briefly reported on a March 1 meeting with the Cleardale Community Enhancement Society. The Society would like the North Peace Housing Foundation to be involved in their proposed facility.

Sandra Friesen advised Council that Frank Oberle had presented a \$53,000. cheque to the North Peace Housing Foundation for lodge assistance.

Sandra Friesen requested that Council be provided with a quarterly report containing details on all fires in the M.D.

Robert Willing reported on a February 15 RCMP Community Advisory Committee meeting.

Veronica Bliska reported on the March 9 NAEL meeting in High Prairie. It was noted that the medevac service for northern communities issue is a major concern that must be addressed.

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## Reports Continued

Veronica Bliska suggested that a complaint/comment/suggestion form should be considered for internal use by the M.D. It was noted that Northern Sunrise County is successfully using such a form.

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented.

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Carried

# **Appointments Continued**

# 2. Meeting with Staff/Sgt. Brian Bohlken

Staff/Sgt. Bohlken joined the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Brian discussed the current staffing levels at Grimshaw and Peace River. There is a commitment to maintain at least 1 full time front counter staff person in Grimshaw.

Brian noted that the General Investigation unit has been a success.

Brian discussed the status of last year's annual performance priorities: organized crime, domestic violence, traffic (speeding/impaired driving).

It was suggested that increased visibility/patrols in rural areas would be useful; however, it may be difficult to document/measure. Increased licensed premise checks will also be incorporated into the annual performance priorities.

Brian noted that up to 70% of his officers' time is spent on paperwork/reports.

Brian excused himself from the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Lunch

Council recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 12:58 p.m. with everyone present.

# Land Use/ Planning/ Subdivisions

# 1. Shaftesbury Trail Study Steering Committee

Sandra Friesen:

MOVED that the following individuals be appointed to serve on

64/12 the Shaftesbury Trail Study Steering Committee:

Mike Parkin Karen Rumball Terry Woroniuk Lawrence Bjornson Robert Willing George Brightwell Veronica Bliska

Carried

#### 2. Carlene Gerk

- Proposed rezoning and subdivision: SE10-83-24-W5M

Council indicated that they would prefer an access easement as the means of providing access to the proposed subdivisions, and that they would also be prepared to consider a third subdivision between the 2 proposed driveways.

#### Correspondence

#### 1. Lac La Biche County

- Medevac service for northern communities

Council accepted the February 15, 2012 correspondence from Lac La Biche County as information only.

#### 2. Peace Regional Victim Services

- Request for 2012 Financial Support

Sandra Friesen:

MOVED that the Municipal District provide a \$2. per capita

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contribution to the Peace Regional Victim Services.

Carried



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#### 3. Peace Region Water Hauling Infrastructure Program

Council accepted for information only the February 16, 2012 correspondence regarding the second application intake for the Peace Region Water Hauling Infrastructure Program.

#### 4. Olds College

- Rural Land Use Planning Diploma Program

Lyle McKen advised Council that the information regarding the Diploma Program has been forwarded to M.M.S.A.

Council accepted the correspondence regarding the Rural Land Use Planning Program as information only.

#### 5. Elected Officials Education Program

Council requested that a link to www.eoep.ca be placed on the M.D.'s website and that some information about the EOEP be included in the M.D.'s newsletter.

#### 6. TransCanada Pipelines Limited

- Mainline Decommissioning Project

Council accepted the correspondence regarding the Peace River mainline decommissioning project as information only.

#### 7. North Peace Housing Foundation

- Conversion of Heritage Tower Apartments to Supportive Living

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Municipal District support the proposed 66/12 conversion of the Heritage Tower Apartments to supportive

living suites.

Carried

## 8. Peace Regional Fire Chiefs

- 2012 Northwest Fire Conference

Sandra Friesen: 67/12

MOVED that Council table further discussion of the request for a donation to the 2012 Northwest Fire Conference until further

information regarding registration fees is provided.

Carried

#### 9. Healthy Relationships Awards Ceremony and Feast

Veronica Bliska:

MOVED that Sandra Friesen be authorized to attend the March 17 Healthy Relationships Awards Ceremony and Feast at Duncan's

First Nation.

Carried

## **New Business**

## 1. Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board - Proposed Revised Agreement

Robert Willing:

MOVED that Council approve the revised Lac Cardinal Regional

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Economic Development Agreement.

Carried

# - Economic Development Training for Elected Officials

George Brightwell: MOVED that Veronica Bliska and Rick Keillor be authorized

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to attend the April 3 Economic Development Training for

elected officials.

Carried

