

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135 Province of Alberta, held October 14, 2014 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

**Present**

Reeve  
Councillors  
Veronica Bliska  
Robert Willing  
George Brightwell  
Orwell Bettenson  
Sandra Eastman

**Attending**

C.A.O. Lyle McKen  
Recording Secretary Barbara Johnson  
Mile Zero News Justine Kimoden

**Call to Order**

Reeve Bliska called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the agenda for the October 14, 2014 regular meeting of Council be adopted with the addition of the following:

G.7. Town of Peace River re: Baytex Energy Centre  
Carried

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. September 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council 346/14 held on September 9, 2014 be approved as circulated.  
Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes**

**1. Northern Alberta Development Council  
- Response to May 2014 Roundtable Discussions**

Council accepted for information the letters received from Northern Alberta Development Council regarding the May 2014 Roundtable Discussions.

**2. A.A.M.D.C. Councillor Pension Plan**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace No. 135 participate in the 347/14 A.A.M.D.C. Councillor Pension Plan effective January 1, 2015.  
Carried

**Appointments**

**1. Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman**  
Barry Denison joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**a) Public Works Foreman's Report**  
Barry Denison reviewed his written report.

Robert Willing: MOVED that the Public Works Foreman's Report be accepted as presented.  
Carried

**b) Request from Joe Webber to widen approaches**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council ratify Joe Webber's approach 349/14 widening requests on NE 33 and NW34-82-24W5 as per policy.  
Carried

**c) Request from Nigel Thorne to widen an approach**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council ratify Nigel Thorne's approach 350/14 widening request on NW23-82-24W5 as per policy.  
Carried

**d) Request from Wendlin & Anne Gerk for brushing along RR261**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council approve the ½ mile brushing 351/14 request along RR261 south from TWP RD 814.  
Carried

**e) Requests from Tor Natterqvist to construct an approach and to lower ditch**

Orwell Bettenson: 352/14 MOVED that Council approve the request from Tor Natterqvist to install an approach to SE2-81-26-W5 as per policy and further, that Council authorize the ditch to be lowered along the E ½ 34-80-26W to allow for proper drainage.

Carried

Council discussed Wendell Whittleton's concerns with Barry Denison.

Barry excused himself from the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

**Land Use/Planning/  
Subdivisions**

**1. Subdivision Application**

**- Larry Giesbrecht: Pt. NW35-83-22-W5**

Kate Churchill, Planner, and Karen Diebert, Manager, of Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

It was noted that the Town of Peace River's concerns are regarding future subdivisions in this area and that they would like to have the Inter-Municipal Development Plan reviewed before any further subdivisions in this area are considered.

Kate Churchill and Karen Diebert excused themselves from the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Robert Willing: 353/14 MOVED that Council recommend approval of the Larry Giesbrecht subdivision application, subject to:

- the payment of any outstanding property taxes on the land proposed to be subdivided
- applicant/developer must enter into a developer's agreement which may contain, but is not limited to:
  - a) provision and construction of the internal road system
  - b) provision of servicing and utilities
  - c) provision of a drainage and grading plan
- negotiations for utility easements/right of ways if required by the utility companies
- the payment of money in lieu of municipal reserve at \$4,000./acre.

Carried

**2. Subdivision Application**

**- Pine River Developments Ltd.: Pt. NW28-83-22-W5**

Sandra Eastman: 354/14 MOVED that Council recommend approval of the Pine River Developments Ltd. subdivision application, subject to:

- the payment of any outstanding property taxes on the land proposed to be subdivided
- applicant/developer must enter into a developer's agreement which may contain, but is not limited to:
  - a) provision and construction of the internal road system
  - b) provision of servicing and utilities
  - c) provision of a drainage and grading plan
- negotiations for utility easements/right of ways if required by the utility companies
- a review of the designated municipal reserve lands and the payment of money in lieu of municipal reserve at \$5,000./acre.

Carried

**Reports**

**1. Financial Statement**

**- For the Month Ending September 30, 2014**

George Brightwell: 355/14 MOVED that Council accept the September 30, 2014 Financial Statement as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes

Carried

**2. Nasar Iqbal, Agricultural Fieldman**

Nasar Iqbal joined the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

**a) Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the October 14, 2014 Agricultural Fieldman's  
356/14 report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Nasar Iqbal excused himself from the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

**Reports  
Continued**

**2. Accounts for Payment**

George Brightwell: MOVED that 27 electronic fund transfers and cheque #7218 to  
357/14 cheque #7328 in the total amount of \$704,242.30 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,  
358/14 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

**4. Councillors' Reports**

George Brightwell had nothing to report.

Sandra Eastman reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Mighty Peace Tourist Association meeting in Berwyn September 15
- Grand re-opening of County of Grande Prairie's Administration building Sept. 19

Robert Willing reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board meetings September 15 & 21
- Peace Regional RCMP Community Advisory Committee meeting September 24
- Municipal Governance course in Edmonton October 7 & 8

Orwell Bettenson reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant meeting in Grimshaw September 8
- Municipal Library Board meeting in Brownvale September 17<sup>th</sup>

Veronica Bliska reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Peace River Clinic Committee meeting in Peace River September 17
- Doctor Recruitment & Retention meeting in Grimshaw September 18
- Peace Library System Board meeting in High Prairie September 20
- Rural Libraries Conference in Grande Prairie September 24-26
- Municipal Governance course in Edmonton October 7 & 8
- Ron Rauckmann's retirement from M.M.S.A. in Berwyn October 10

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented.  
359/14

Carried

**Correspondence**

**1. The Peace Country Historical Society  
- Request for funding**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace grant \$2,500. in 2014 and  
360/14 budget another \$2,500. grant in 2015 towards creating a historical  
database on settlers who applied for homesteads in the Peace River  
country between 1915 and 1930.

Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:05 p.m. with all Councillors, Lyle McKen, Justine  
Kimoden and Barbara Johnson present.

**2. Peace Regional Air Show Association**  
**- Request for donation for ongoing support and costs of planning**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the Peace Regional Air Show Association apply for  
361/14 grant funding through the M.D.'s Grants, Donations & Funding  
Policy.

Carried

**3. Gas Tax Fund Allocation**

Council accepted the letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Gas Tax Fund Allocation as information only.

**4. Canadian Union of Postal Workers**  
**- Request to pass a resolution**

Council accepted the letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding Canada Post's plan to change public postal service as information only.

**5. Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance**  
**- Community Meetings**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Orwell Bettenson and George Brightwell  
362/14 be authorized to attend one of the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance  
Community meetings.

Carried

**6. Elbow River Marketing Ltd.**  
**- Surrender of Road Use Agreement**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace accept the surrender of the  
363/14 Elbow River Marketing Ltd. Road Use Agreement.

Carried

**7. Town of Peace River**  
**- Baytex Energy Centre**

Veronica Bliska advised that she would be able to attend a day meeting between October 27 and 31<sup>st</sup> or an evening meeting October 29 or 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

**1. Mighty Peace Tourist Association**  
**- Donation towards the Investment Opportunity Project**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council ratify the donation of \$500.  
364/14 to the Mighty Peace Tourist Association Investment  
Opportunity Project.

Carried

**New Business  
Continued**

**2. Purchase of John Deere 650K Crawler Dozer**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council purchase the 2013 John  
365/14 Deere 650K crawler dozer for \$172,600. less the 4 months  
rental which has already been paid.

Carried

**3. Grimshaw Regional Health Care Recruitment and Retention Committee**  
**- Bursary Program**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace commit \$2,775.  
366/14 per year commencing in 2015 towards creating a future  
local bursary for recruiting doctors to the area.

Carried

**4. Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency  
- "The Land Use Bylaw – What It Does For You" Seminar**

Orwell Bettenson: 367/14 MOVED that Veronica Bliska, George Brightwell, Sandra Eastman and staff be authorized to attend "The Land Use Bylaw – What It Does For You" seminar on November 26<sup>th</sup> in Peace River.

Carried

**5. MoveUp Magazine**

The request to advertize in the next issue of the MoveUp Magazine was accepted by Council for information only.

**6. Set Date for 2015 Preliminary Budget Meeting**

Sandra Eastman: 368/14 MOVED that the preliminary 2015 Budget meeting be held Thursday, November 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

**7. Christmas Party**

Council was quite flexible with dates for a Christmas Party so Administration was advised to choose a location and date and proceed with planning.

**Appointments  
Continued**

**3. Mighty Peace Tourist Association  
- Introduction to Melanie Bekevich-Joos, Executive Director**

Melanie Bekevich-Joos joined the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Melanie outlined the structure and recent activities of the Mighty Peace Tourist Association and her role in the organization.

Melanie Bekevich-Joos excused herself from the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**New Business  
Continued**

**8. Regional Water/Wastewater System Expansion  
- Extension of system from the Town of Peace River west to the Peace River Airport**

Sandra Eastman: 369/14 MOVED that Council authorize Administration to apply for an intermunicipal collaboration grant under the Alberta Community Partnership Program with the Town of Peace River for the engineering component of water and wastewater servicing from the Town of Peace River west to the Peace River Airport.

Carried

**9. Petrus Resources Ltd.**

- Notification of three wells to be drilled from an existing surface location: 16-17-81-25-W5
- Consent to use existing approach to the NE17-81-25-W5

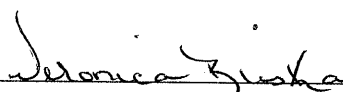
Sandra Eastman: 370/14 MOVED that the M.D. of Peace accept the notification of the three wells to be drilled from 16-17-81-25-W5 and further, that the M.D. consent to allow Petrus Resources Ltd. to utilize the existing approach to access the NE17-81-25-W5.

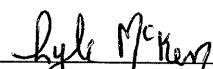
Carried

**Adjournment**

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

These minutes approved this 12th day of November, 2014.

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer