

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held January 13, 2015 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

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

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

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

**Adoption of Agenda**  
Orwell Bettenson: 1/15  
MOVED that the agenda for the January 13, 2015 regular meeting of Council be adopted with the addition of the following:

G.8. Invitation to joint meeting with Peace River School Division  
I. 4. Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant Minutes  
Carried

**Approval of Minutes** 1. **December 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting**

George Brightwell: 2/15  
MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 9, 2014 be approved as circulated.  
Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes** 1. **Amisk Hydroelectric Project Update**  
The correspondence from Integrated Environments regarding the Amisk Hydroelectric Project was accepted by Council for information.

2. **Regional Shared Services Feasibility Review**  
- Next Steps  
- Press Release

Orwell Bettenson: 3/15  
MOVED that Council accept the Regional Shared Services Feasibility Review and further, that the M.D. of Peace proceed with implementation of the Next Steps recommendations.  
Carried

Robert Willing: 4/15  
MOVED that the Press Release, which is to be amended to include a quote from the elected officials, be advertised in the local newspaper and on the M.D.'s website.  
Carried

**Appointments** 1. **Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman**  
Barry Denison joined the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

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

Sandra Eastman: 5/15  
MOVED that the Public Works Foreman's Report be accepted as presented.  
Carried

Barry excused himself from the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**Business Arising Out of Minutes Continued**

3. **New Administration Building**  
The December 12, 2014 Meeting Report from The Workun Garrick Partnership was accepted by Council for information.

**4. Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation**

The Assessment Bulletin regarding the increase in well drilling equipment tax was accepted by Council for information.

**5. Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement  
- Amendment to Joint Benefitting Area**

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that Council approve the amendment to Schedule C adding  
6/15 the S ½ 32-83-22-W5 and the N ½ 29-83-22-W5 into the Joint Benefitting Area of the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement.  
Carried

**Reports**

**1. Financial Report**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize the transfer of any cash surplus  
7/15 exceeding \$5,000. to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve for the year ending December 31, 2014.  
Carried

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council accept the December 31, 2014 Financial  
8/15 Report as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.  
Carried

**2. Accounts for Payment**

Robert Willing: MOVED that 22 electronic fund transfers and cheque #7467-7469  
9/15 and #7503-7604 in the total amount of \$323,478.24 be approved for payment.  
Carried

**3. Administrator's Report**

Lyle McKen reviewed his written report with Council.

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Administrator's report be accepted for information,  
10/15 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.  
Carried

**4. Councillors' Reports**

Orwell Bettenson reported on the following meeting he attended:

- Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant meeting Dec. 10

Robert Willing reported on the following meeting he attended:

- Recreation Focus Group public session in Berwyn January 12th

**Appointments  
Continued**

**2. Nasar Iqbal, Agricultural Fieldman**

Nasar Iqbal joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

**a) Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the January 13, 2015 Agricultural Fieldman's  
11/15 report be accepted as presented.  
Carried

Nasar Iqbal excused himself from the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**Reports  
Continued**

Sandra Eastman had nothing to report.

**Land Use/Planning/  
Subdivisions**

**1. Application For Amendment To The Land Use Bylaw**

- Greg Alexander: Pt.NE27-83-23-W5
- Public Hearing: Bylaw No. 14/2014

The applicant, Greg Alexander, was not present for the Public Hearing.

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

Reeve Bliska noted that Bylaw No. 14/2014 provides for the re-designation of part of the NE27-83-23-W5M from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR). The proposed amendment allows for the development of a multi-parcel residential subdivision.

Robert Willing: MOVED that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 11:18 a.m.  
12/15 Carried

George Brightwell: MOVED second reading of Bylaw No. 14/2014.  
13/15 Carried

Sandra Eastman: MOVED third reading of Bylaw No. 14/2014.  
14/15 Carried

**Reports  
Continued**

George Brightwell had nothing to report.

Veronica Bliska reported on the following meeting she attended:

- NAEL meeting in Grande Prairie December 19

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented.  
15/15 Carried

**Land Use/Planning/  
Subdivisions  
Continued**

**2. Subdivision Application**

- Margaret Purcell: SW12-83-23-W5

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council recommend approval of the Margaret Purcell subdivision application, subject to:

- the payment of any outstanding property taxes on the land proposed to be subdivided
- an agreement being signed for the provision of a 12 metre access to the subdivision and the balance of the quarter by the applicant/developer prior to the subdivision being registered.

Carried

**3. Application for Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw**

- Pine River Developments Inc.: Pt. NW28-83-22-W5

Sandra Eastman: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 1/2015.  
17/15 Carried

**4. Subdivision Approval Extension Request: Bela Scheuring**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council grant an extension for the Bela Scheuring subdivision approval to June 30, 2015.  
18/15 Carried

**Correspondence**

**1. Peace Library System**

- 2015 Budget and Plan of Service

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that Council accept the Peace Library System 2015 Budget and Plan of Service as information only.  
19/15 Carried

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**2. North Peace Housing Foundation  
- 2015 Requisition**

George Brightwell : MOVED that Council and Administration be authorized to attend a  
20/15 members' group meeting of North Peace Housing Foundation on  
February 5, 2015 as proposed by the Town of Grimshaw.  
Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 12:16 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:03 p.m. with all Councillors, Lyle McKen, Justine Kimoden and Barbara Johnson present.

**3. Alberta Transportation  
- Correspondence from Danny Jung, Acting Regional Director**

The letter received from Alberta Transportation regarding the various issues previously discussed at a meeting in November 2014 was accepted for information.

**4. Elected Officials Education Program  
- Effective Planning and Strategy Webinar**

Council accepted the letter received regarding the EOEP webinar as information only.

**5. Community Futures Peace Country  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in the North Conference**

The letter from Community Futures Peace Country regarding sponsorship for the Women in the North Conference was accepted by Council as information.

**6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
- 2015-16 Membership**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace renew its membership  
21/15 with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2015-16.  
Carried

**7. Town of Grimshaw  
- 2014 FCSS Program Review**

Council accepted the 2014 FCSS Program Review from the Town of Grimshaw as information only.

**8. Peace River School Division No. 10  
- Joint Meeting with Municipal Elected Officials**

George Brightwell: MOVED that be Veronica Bliska, Robert Willing and George  
22/15 Brightwell be authorized to attend the joint meeting with Peace River  
School Division on May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Lloyd Garrison  
School, Berwyn.  
Carried

**Appointments  
Continued**

**3. David Johnson Sr.**

David Johnson Sr. joined the meeting at 1:24 p.m.  
He discussed his previous year's work on beaver and coyote control in the M.D. of Peace and his desire to continue working for the M.D.

David Johnson Sr. excused himself from the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

**New Business**

**1. Great-West Life Registered Pension Plan**

Council accept the email regarding the Great-West Life Registered Pension Plan as information only.

**2. M.D.'s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
- Establish an Organizing Committee**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that July 16, 2016 be set as the date for  
23/15 the M.D.'s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.  
Carried

Sandra Eastman, Orwell Bettenson and two staff members are to be part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Organizing Committee. Administration was also directed to place an advertisement in the M.D.'s quarter page ad in the Mile Zero News requesting individuals who would like to be part of the Organizing Committee to contact the M.D.

**- M.D. Logo**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Administration participate in an online logo contest  
24/15 to search for a new logo for the Municipality, cost not to exceed \$1,000.  
Carried

**3. Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board  
- Funding Request and Year End Report**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council approve the 2015 Lac Cardinal  
25/15 Regional Economic Development Board Funding Request in the amount of \$36,300 and further, that the 2014 Year End Report be accepted for information.  
Carried

**4. Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency  
- 2015-2019 Service Agreement**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize the 2015-2019 Mackenzie Municipa  
26/15 Services Agency Service Agreement to be signed.  
Carried

**5. V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.  
- 2015 V.S.I. Contract**

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that Council approve the 2015 V.S.I. Contract  
27/15 and authorize its signing.  
Carried

**6. Assessment Services Contract**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Administration request assessment services  
28/15 proposals from KCL Consulting Inc. and Northern Sunrise County.  
Carried

**7. Alberta Water Council Lake Management Project Team**

The email received from A.A.M.D.C. regarding nomination of members for a Lake Management Project Team was accepted by Council for information only.

**8. Extension of Water & Wastewater System to Peace River Airport  
- Preliminary Engineering**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace contribute \$13,850 towards  
29/15 the preliminary engineering for an extension of the Water & Wastewater System to Peace River Airport.  
Carried

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**9. Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee**

Sandra Eastman: 30/15 MOVED that the M.D. of Peace participate in the Peace River Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee with Robert Willing appointed to serve as the member with Orwell Bettenson serving as the alternate.

Carried

**10. Growing the North Conference**

George Brightwell: 31/15 MOVED that Veronica Bliska, George Brightwell, Orwell Bettenson and Sandra Eastman be authorized to attend the Growing the North Conference in Grande Prairie February 17-19, 2015.

Carried

**Roundtable**

No roundtable items.

Justine Kimoden excused herself from the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

**Confidential Item**

Orwell Bettenson: 32/15 MOVED that Council go in-camera at 2:54 p.m. to discuss the following item:

1. Personnel Item – Seed Cleaning Plant

Carried

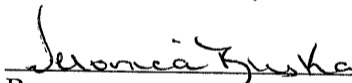
Robert Willing: 33/15 MOVED that the Council meeting return to an open meeting at 3:10 p.m.


Carried

**Adjournment**

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

These minutes approved this 10th day of February, 2015.

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer