

Minutes of the **Organizational Meeting** of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta on October 13, 2015.

**Present**

Councillors Sandra Eastman  
George Brightwell  
Veronica Bliska  
Robert Willing

C.A.O. Lyle McKen

**Call to Order**

C.A.O. Lyle McKen called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Office of Reeve**

The C.A.O. called for nominations for the Office of Reeve, for a one year term.

Sandra Eastman nominated Veronica Bliska.  
Veronica Bliska accepted the nomination.

No further nominations.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that nominations for the Office of Reeve cease.  
275/15 Carried

Veronica Bliska was declared elected as Reeve.

Veronica Bliska took the Official Oath of Office for Reeve.

Reeve Veronica Bliska assumed the Chair.

**Office of Deputy Reeve**

Reeve Bliska called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Reeve.

George Brightwell nominated Robert Willing.  
Robert Willing accepted the nomination, however he noted that Council had previously agreed to rotate the position of Deputy Reeve.

No further nominations.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that nominations for the Office of Deputy Reeve  
276/15 cease.  
Carried

Robert Willing took the Official Oath of Office for Deputy Reeve.

**Signing Authority**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the signing authority for the Municipal District  
277/15 of Peace No. 135 be the C.A.O. with any one Councillor.  
Carried

**Regular Meeting Date**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the regular meeting date be the 2nd Tuesday of  
278/15 each month, commencing at 9:00 a.m.  
Carried

**Appointments**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the following appointments be made:  
279/15

**North Peace Housing Foundation**

That Sandra Eastman be appointed to serve on the North Peace Housing Foundation Board with George Brightwell to serve as alternate member.

**Agricultural Service Board**

That Councillor member appointments to the Agricultural Service Board be Veronica Bliska and Sandra Eastman with Reeve Bliska appointed as Chairman, and the member at large appointments to be Brian Grant, Nigel Thorne, Paul Kinnee, Bernadette Wearden, Rick Keillor and George Leger.

**Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency**

That Sandra Eastman be appointed as the member to the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency with the alternate member to be determined at a later date.

**V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.**

That Sandra Eastman be appointed to represent the Municipal District of Peace No.135 at the V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. annual meeting.

**Disaster Services Committee**

That Robert Willing be appointed the Chairman of the Disaster Services Committee with George Brightwell as alternate.

**Grimshaw Cooperative Seed Cleaning Plant Board**

That the Councillor to be appointed to serve as the member of the Grimshaw Cooperative Seed Cleaning Plant Board be appointed at a later date with Sandra Eastman to serve as alternate member.

**Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee**

That Veronica Bliska and George Brightwell be appointed to serve as the members of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee.

**Peace River Inter-Municipal Development Plan Committee**

That the members on the Peace River Inter-Municipal Development Plan Committee be Reeve Veronica Bliska, Deputy Reeve Robert Willing and Lyle McKen with any other Councillor to serve as alternate.

**Peace River Mutual Aid Committee**

That Robert Willing be the member appointed to the Peace River Mutual Aid Committee with the alternate to be determined at a later date.

**Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation & Tourism Society**

That George Brightwell & Robert Willing be the members appointed to the Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation & Tourism Society with the alternate member to be appointed at a later date.

**Vehicle Weights Committee**

That the Vehicle Weights Committee be the Reeve and any two Councillors.

**Mighty Peace Tourist Association**

That Sandra Eastman be the member appointed to the Mighty Peace Tourist Association with the alternate to be appointed at a later date.

**Subdivision and Development Appeal Board**

That the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board members be:  
Councillor Member - Robert Willing  
Alternate Member - George Brightwell  
Members at Large - Albert Dallaire  
- Albert Wald  
- Percy Jerrold  
- George Leger

**Municipal Cooperative Library Board**

That the members of the Municipal Cooperative Library Board be:  
Councillor Member - George Brightwell  
Alternate Councillor Member - Vacant  
Brownvale Library - Maureen Osowetski  
Berwyn Library - Carmen Geisser-Smith  
Grimshaw Library - George Leger  
Peace River Library - Sandra Willing

**Peace Library System**

That the member appointed to the Peace Library System be Veronica Bliska with the alternate member to be Sandra Eastman.

**Fire Chiefs**

That the Fire Chiefs be appointed as follows:  
Brownvale Volunteer Fire Dept. - Trevor Gerk  
Strong Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. - Vacant

**Weed Notice Appeal Committee, Pest Control Notice Appeal Committee**

That the Weed Notice and Pest Control Notice Appeal Committees be any three members of the M.D. of Fairview No. 136 Council or the Clear Hills County Council.

**Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association**

That George Brightwell be the member appointed to the Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association with the alternate member to be appointed at a later date.

**Lac Cardinal Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee**

That the members on the Lac Cardinal Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee be Reeve Veronica Bliska, Deputy Reeve Robert Willing and C.A.O. Lyle McKen with any other Councillor to serve as alternate.

**Peace Regional Economic Development Alliance**

That the member appointed to the Peace Regional Economic Development Alliance be George Brightwell with the alternate member to be appointed at a later date.

**Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board**

That Robert Willing be the member appointed to the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board with George Brightwell to serve as alternate member.

**Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board Selection Committee**

That George Brightwell be the member on the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board Selection Committee.

**Northern Transportation Advisory Council**

That Veronica Bliska be appointed to the Northern Transportation Advisory Council with George Brightwell to serve as the alternate.

**Rail Line Acquisition Committee**

That Sandra Eastman be appointed to the Rail Line Acquisition Committee with the alternate to be appointed at a later date.

**North Peace Protocol Steering Committee**

That Veronica Bliska be appointed to the North Peace Protocol Steering Committee with Sandra Eastman to serve as the alternate.

**Inter-Municipal Cooperation Committee (Town of Peace River)**

That Reeve Veronica Bliska, Deputy Reeve Robert Willing and C.A.O. Lyle McKen be appointed to the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Committee.

**Peace Regional RCMP Community Advisory Committee**

That Robert Willing be appointed as the member to the Peace Regional RCMP Community Advisory Committee with Sandra Eastman to serve as the alternate.

**Advisory Committee for Gravel Pit Operations**

That George Brightwell be appointed as the member to the Advisory Committee for Gravel Pit Operations with the alternate member to be appointed at a later date.

**Water North Coalition**

That Sandra Eastman be appointed to serve on the Water North Coalition.

**Regional Recreation Facility Committee**

That Veronica Bliska and Sandra Eastman be appointed to serve on the Regional Recreation Facility Committee.

**Peace River Regional Airport  
Airport Committee/Society**

That Robert Willing be appointed as the member to the Peace River Regional Airport Committee/Society with the alternate member to be Veronica Bliska.

Carried

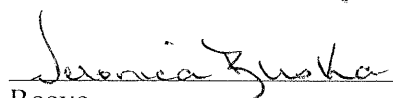
**Remuneration** George Brightwell: MOVED that the Councillor remuneration be left the same as 280/15 the previous year:

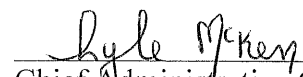
Regular Council Meeting \$225/ meeting (full or ½ day)  
Meal reimbursement \$20/ meal or cost of meal with receipt  
Committee Meetings \$225/ full day plus \$20/meal  
\$130/ ½ day plus \$20/meal  
\$130/ evening meeting  
Councillors Honorarium \$9,000/ annum(\$750/ month)  
Reeve's Honorarium \$12,000/ annum(\$1,000/ month)  
Mileage \$.53/ kilometer  
Telecommunications Allowance \$30/ month  
Hotel Accomodations Paid for on M.D. credit card  
(including parking) or reimbursement of actual cost  
Travel time for conventions held in Edmonton or south of  
Edmonton – maximum of 2 days @ \$225/day.

Carried

**Adjournment** Being that the agenda matters of the Organizational Meeting have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer