

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held September 8, 2015 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

**Present**

Reeve  
Councillors

Veronica Bliska  
Robert Willing  
George Brightwell  
Sandra Eastman  
Orwell Bettenson

**Attending**

C.A.O. Lyle McKen  
Recording Secretary Barbara Johnson

**Call to Order**

Reeve Bliska called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the agenda for the September 8, 2015 regular meeting of Council be adopted with the addition of the following:

I.6. August 26 Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant Minutes  
I.7. Grimshaw Library Summer Reading Program Report  
Carried

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. August 11, 2015 Regular Council Meeting**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council 217/15 held on August 11, 2015 be approved as presented.  
Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes**

**1. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**  
**- August 19, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Council accepted for information the August 19, 2015 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting minutes.

**- Draft Program**  
Council reviewed the draft program and made several suggestions.

**Appointments**

**1. Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman**  
Barry Denison joined the meeting at 9:25 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 218/15 as presented.  
Carried

**b) Request from Myshelle Bryant to install approach**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council approve the Myshelle Bryant approach 219/15 installation request to River Lot 17 Shaftesbury at the owner's cost.  
Carried

**c) Motion to ratify purchase of the JD762 Elevating Scraper**

Robert Willing: MOVED that Council ratify the purchase of the John Deere 762 220/15 elevating scraper from Murphy Unlimited for \$40,000 plus GST.  
Carried

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

**Business Arising Out of Minutes Continued**

**2. 2015 Strategic Priorities Report**

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that Council adopt the 2015 Strategic Priorities Chart and 221/15 and Strategic Priorities Work Program for continuous reference at each Council meeting and further, that Council request the CAO to schedule an annual Priority Setting update session.  
Carried

### 3. Regional Assessment Review Board

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Robert Willing be registered for the courses required to  
222/15 qualify as M.D. of Peace Board member on the Regional Assessment  
Review Board.

Carried

### Reports

#### 1. Financial Statement - For the Month Ending August 31, 2015

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the August 31, 2015 Financial  
223/15 Statement as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

#### 2. Accounts for Payment

Robert Willing: MOVED that 40 electronic fund transfers and cheque #8204 to  
224/15 cheque #8261, with the exception of cheque #8254, in the total  
amount of \$368,829.99, be approved for payment.

Carried

Sandra Eastman abstained from discussions on cheque #8254 and excused herself from  
the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that cheque #8254 in the amount of \$1,496.25, payable to  
225/15 TSEastman Contractors Inc. be approved for payment.

Carried

Sandra Eastman returned to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

#### 3. Administrator's Report

Lyle McKen reviewed his written report with Council.

Council discussed the outstanding debt owed by Duncan's First Nation for 2014 fire  
fighting services and will give consideration to suspending fire fighting services if the  
invoice is not paid in a timely manner.

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the Administrator's report be accepted for information,  
226/15 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

#### 4. Councillors' Reports

George Brightwell reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Northern Zone AAMDC meeting at Chinook Valley Golf Course on Aug.14
- Fire Dept. Regionalization Study meeting in Berwyn on August 27

Sandra Eastman reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Northern Zone AAMDC meeting at Chinook Valley Golf Course on August 14
- Volunteered at Paddle the Peace at Strong Creek Park on August 16
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting August 19 in Berwyn
- Administration Building meeting with Workun Garrick in Berwyn on August 26
- Recreation Facility Committee meeting in Peace River on August 26
- Fire Dept. Regionalization Study meeting in Berwyn on August 27
- Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency meeting in St. Isidore on August 28
- End of Summer Street Party in Berwyn on August 29
- Rural Housing meeting with North Peace Housing Foundation on September 1
- North Peace Housing Foundation Board and Executive meetings on September 2

### Appointments Continued

#### 2. Nasar Iqbal, Agricultural Fieldman

Nasar Iqbal joined the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

**a) Agricultural Fieldman's Report**

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the September 8, 2015 Agricultural Fieldman's  
227/15 report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Nasar Iqbal excused himself from the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

**Land Use/Planning/  
Subdivisions**

**1. Application for Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw  
- David & Hilda McLaughlin: NE33-83-23-W5  
- Public Hearing: Bylaw No. 5/2015**

The applicants, David & Hilda McLaughlin, were not present for the Public Hearing.

Reeve Bliska called the Public Hearing to order at 11:02 a.m.

Reeve Bliska noted that Bylaw No. 5/2015 provides for the re-designation of part of the NE33-83-23-W5M from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR). The proposed amendment allows for the development of a residential subdivision.

Robert Willing: MOVED that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 11:04 a.m.  
228/15 Carried

George Brightwell: MOVED second reading of Bylaw No. 5/2015.  
229/15 Carried

Sandra Eastman: MOVED third reading of Bylaw No. 5/2015.  
230/15 Carried

**Reports  
Continued**

Robert Willing reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board meeting at Peace River Airport on August 17
- Peace River Airport meeting in Peace River on August 24
- Fairview College Open House on August 26
- Fire Dept. Regionalization Study meeting in Berwyn on August 27

Orwell Bettenson reported on the following meeting he attended:

- Fire Dept. Regionalization Study meeting in Berwyn on August 27

Veronica Bliska reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Big Lakes Golf Tourney in High Prairie on August 13
- Northern Zone AAMDC meeting at Chinook Valley Golf Course on Aug.14
- Peace Library System Executive meeting August 22 in Falher
- Peace River Airport meeting in Peace River on August 24
- Sustainable Rural Communities meeting in Grande Prairie on August 25
- Administration Building meeting with Workun Garrick in Berwyn on August 26
- Recreation Facility Committee meeting in Peace River on August 26
- Fire Dept. Regionalization Study meeting in Berwyn on August 27

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented.  
231/15 Carried

**Land Use/Planning/  
Subdivisions  
Continued**

**2. Application for Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw  
- Larry & Maureen Faulkner: SE7-83-23-W5  
- First Reading: Bylaw No. 7/2015**

Sandra Eastman abstained from discussions and excused herself from the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 7/2015.  
232/15 Carried

Sandra Eastman returned to the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

**1. Alberta Smart City Alliance**

Council accepted for information only the invitation received from the City of St. Albert regarding the Alberta Smart City Alliance.

**2. Stone Brook Open House/Ribbon Cutting**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that any Councillors and staff who are available be  
233/15 authorized to attend the Stone Brook Open House on September 11<sup>th</sup>  
in Grimshaw.

Carried

**3. Peace Regional Pool Photo Op**

George Brightwell: MOVED that one representative from Council be authorized to  
234/15 attend the Peace Regional Pool Photo Op on September 29<sup>th</sup> in Peace  
River.

Carried

**4. Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency  
- Land Use Planning Internship Program**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize the Municipal District of Peace  
235/15 No.135 to participate in an application for the Municipal Internship  
project, submitted by Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency  
under the Alberta Communities Partnership and further, that the  
Municipal District of Peace No. 135, a participant, agrees to abide  
by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the  
purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried

**New Business**

**1. AAMDC Fall Convention  
- Draft Agenda**

Council accepted the draft Agenda for the AAMDC Fall Convention as  
information only.

**- Banquet Tickets**

Council members advised who would attend the banquet.

**- EOEP Courses**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Sandra Eastman and George Brightwell be authorized  
236/15 to attend the November 16 Community Development Through  
Citizen Engagement EOEP course.

Carried

**2. 2018 Alberta Summer or Winter Games Application**

Robert Willing: MOVED that the Municipal District of Peace No. 135 agree to  
237/15 participate in submitting a bid for either the 2018 Alberta  
Summer or 2018 Alberta Winter Games if there is sufficient  
interest from the other municipalities in the region.

Carried

**3. Replacement of Brick's Hill Sign**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize the purchase of a replacement  
238/15 sign for Brick's Hill using Option 1 from Peace Sign & Graphics.

Carried

**4. Property Tax Write-Off**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council table this item.  
239/15

Carried

**5. Grants, Donations & Funding Policy**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the following Request for Funding Applications be approved:

Mighty Peace Golf Club	\$2,500
Berwyn Municipal Library	
- Children's Literacy Programming	\$1,000
Grimshaw Municipal Library	
- Collection Enhancement	\$1,000

Carried

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

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:00 p.m. with all Councillors, Lyle McKen and Barbara Johnson present.

**6. Draft Unsightly Premises Bylaw**

Council discussed the draft bylaw at length and suggested several changes.

**Appointments  
Continued**

**3. Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board**

**- Dan Dibbelt & Daryl Billings will present the new agreement and work plan**

Dan Dibbelt and Daryl Billings joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

They reviewed the new agreement and work plan for the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board.

Dan Dibbelt and Daryl Billings excused themselves from the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

**Information  
Items**

Council discussed the information items.

**Appointments  
Continued**

**4. Mighty Peace Golf Club**

Diane Johnson and Betty Kruse joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

They discussed the financial difficulties that Mighty Peace Golf Club has been experiencing and their request for financial assistance.

Diane Johnson and Betty Kruse excused themselves from the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**Confidential  
Items**

Orwell Bettenson: MOVED that Council go in-camera at 3:26 p.m. to discuss the following item:

1. Peace River Regional Airport Committee
- Carried

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

Carried

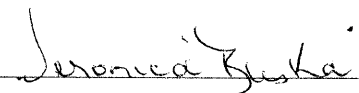
Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council approve the formation of the Peace River Regional Airport Society and further, that the Municipal District of Peace agrees to pay an annual contribution of 5% of the combined annual operating deficit and capital costs.

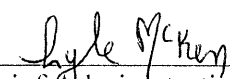
Carried

**Adjournment**

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

These minutes approved this 13th day of October, 2015.

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer