

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held August 8, 2017 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

Reeve Robert Willing
Councillors Veronica Bliska
Sandra Eastman
George Brightwell
Janice Reyda

Attending

C.A.O. Lyle McKen
Recording Secretary Barbara Johnson
Press Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News @ 1:10 p.m.

Call to Order

Reeve Willing called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the agenda for the August 8, 2017 regular
215/17 meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
Carried

Approval of Minutes

3.1. July 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council
216/17 held on July 11, 2017 be approved as presented.
Carried

Business Arising Out of Minutes

4.1. Town of Peace River

Council accepted for information only the email received from the Town of Peace River notifying of the awarding of the IDP contract to the V3/MMSA/GSA Consortium.

4.2. Draft North Western Alberta Joint Uniform Quality Management Plan

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council would support moving forward with the
217/17 formation of a regional Safety Codes Service Board and contracting out safety codes services.

Carried

Appointments

5.1. Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman

Barry Denison joined the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

a) Public Works Foreman's Report

Barry Denison reviewed his written report.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the Public Works Foreman's Report be accepted
218/17 as presented.

Carried

b) Road Widening Request

Council requested that an estimate of costs for surveying, road widening and fence removal and replacement be determined and brought to Council for a decision.

Barry Denison excused himself from the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Business Arising Out of Minutes Continued

4.3. Alberta Environment and Parks

- Possible Groundwater Contamination at SE30-83-23-W5

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Owen Cook, Compliance Manager at the Peace River
219/17 office of Alberta Environment and Parks, be invited to an upcoming Council meeting in order to discuss the investigation of the possible groundwater contamination at SE30-83-23-W5.

Carried

Reports

6.1. Financial Report

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the July 31, 2017 Financial
220/17 Report as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

6.2. Accounts for Payment

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that 38 electronic fund transfers and cheque #10146 to 221/17 cheque #10206, in the amount of \$374,058.50, be approved for payment.

Carried

6.3. Administrator's Report

Lyle McKen reviewed his written report with Council.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the Administrator's report be accepted for information, 222/17 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

6.4. Councillors' Reports

Veronica Bliska reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Autumn Lodge Public meeting in Berwyn on July 27 and survey of Lodge residents on August 4
- Grimshaw Regional Health Care Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting in Grimshaw on August 3

Janice Reyda reported on the following meetings she attended:

- ASB Summer Tour in the Olds area July 11-13
- Agriculture Service Board meeting with Alberta Agriculture in Berwyn on July 20
- Autumn Lodge Public meeting in Berwyn on July 27
- Berwyn Viability Review Councillor meeting on August 1
- Grimshaw Regional Health Care Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting in Grimshaw on August 3

Appointments Continued

5.2. Nasar Iqbal, Agricultural Fieldman

Nasar Iqbal joined the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

a) Manager of Agricultural Services Report

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the August 8, 2017 Manager of Ag Services 223/17 report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Nasar Iqbal excused himself from the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Reports Continued

George Brightwell reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Autumn Lodge Public meeting in Berwyn on July 27
- Berwyn Viability Review Councillor meeting on August 1

Sandra Eastman reported on the following meetings she attended:

- ASB Summer Tour in Olds area July 11-13
- Agricultural Service Board meeting with Alberta Agriculture in Berwyn on July 20
- Autumn Lodge Public meeting in Berwyn on July 27
- Berwyn Viability Review Councillor meeting on August 1

Robert Willing reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Peace River Bridge announcement in Peace River on July 7
- Zone Reeves and CAOs meeting in High Prairie on July 7
- Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation & Tourism Society meeting in Fairview on July 13
- Autumn Lodge Public meeting in Berwyn on July 27

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented. 224/17

Carried

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**Land Use/Planning/
Subdivisions****7.1. Subdivision Application 17MK024****- A & L Pahl: NW33-83-22-W5**

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council recommend approval of the Arlen and
225/17 Laurel Pahl subdivision application, subject to:

- the payment of any outstanding property taxes on the land proposed to be subdivided,
- the provision of access to the subdivision and the balance of the parcel by the applicant/landowner.

Carried

Correspondence**8.1. Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency****- Land Use Planning Municipal Internship**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council authorize the Municipal District of Peace
226/17 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

8.2. Town of Peace River**- Peace River Regional Recreation Centre Sod Turning**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from the Town of Peace River thanking Council members for attending the sod turning and apologizing for the media errors which omitted M.D. Council in the photo and omitted in the media's article the M.D.'s role in the Peace River Regional Recreation Centre venture.

8.3. Town of Peace River**- Fire Services Contract**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from the Town of Peace River regarding the extension of the Emergency Services Response Agreement (Fire Services Contract).

8.4. Town of Peace River**- Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace extend the renegotiation
227/17 period of the current Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Peace River to July 31, 2018, for the purpose of incorporating the existing Agreement into the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

Carried

8.5. Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board**- Invitation to Meet With Assistant Deputy Minister**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Sandra Eastman, Janice Reyda and Veronica Bliska
228/17 be authorized to attend a Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board meeting in Grimshaw on August 9, 2017 in order to meet with Cynthia Farmer, the Assistant Deputy Minister for Regional Development with Alberta Economic Development and Trade.

Carried

8.6. County of Stettler No. 6**- Request for Support**

Janice Reyda: MOVED that this item be tabled until the next Council
229/17 meeting in order to research what the results of A.A.M.D.C.'s advocacy are on the issue.

Carried

**8.7. Water North Coalition
- Request for Annual Membership Fee**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace support an annual membership fee of \$100 to Water North Coalition and further, that membership fees should apply to both voting and non-voting members.
230/17
Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 12:56 p.m. with all Councillors, Lyle McKen and Barbara Johnson present.

New Business

**9.1. The Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation and Tourism Society
- Request for Additional Financial Contribution**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council agree to pay an additional \$1,500 to cover the cost of boat launch expenses and to provide operating funds for 2017.
231/17
Carried

9.2. Municipal Climate Change Action Centre & All One Sky Foundation
Council accepted for information only the notice of the Climate Adaptation Planning Opportunity available for 2017 through Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.

**Appointments
Continued**

**5.3. Melissa Davies
- Animal Control Complaint**

Melissa Davies joined the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

She described the animal control problems she is encountering in the Hamlet of Brownvale and provided some suggestions that the M.D. of Peace could consider in order to improve the control methods.

Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News, joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Melissa also requested if further signage is possible when rentals take place at the Brownvale Recreation Centre in order that her driveway is not used as a possible access point to the Recreation Centre for people unfamiliar with the region.

Melissa Davies excused herself from the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

**New Business
Continued**

9.3. Municipal District of Greenview No. 16
Council accepted for information only the invitation received from the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 for a George Cuff Council Orientation workshop.

9.4. Draft Regulations

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that the following regulations be tabled to the September Council meeting:
232/17

- 9.4. a) Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Regulation
- 9.4. a) Council and Council Committee Meetings Regulation
- 9.4. a) Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Regulation
- 9.4. b) Off-site Levies Regulation
- 9.4. b) Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Regulation
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Carried

5.4. Glenda Farnden, STARS

Glenda Farnden, STARS, joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Veronica Bliska excused herself from the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Glenda provided a power point presentation on STARS annual activity in the area.

Veronica Bliska returned to the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Glenda excused herself from the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**New Business
Continued**

9.5. Policy ADM-26

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that ADM-26 Protection of Workers from Harassment
233/17 and Violence in the Workplace Policy be approved as presented.
Carried

9.6. Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties

- Feedback on Proposed Changes to Brownfield Remediation Certificates

Council accepted for information only the Remediation Certificate Review and the summary prepared by AAMDC and AUMA of the proposed changes to the Remediation Certificate Regulation.

9.7. Appointment of Auditor

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Sylvain & Company be appointed as auditors for the
234/17 Municipal District of Peace No. 135 for the years 2017 and 2018.
Carried

9.8. Alberta Municipal Affairs

- Alberta Emergency Management Agency

Robert Willing excused himself from the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Robert Willing returned to the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council would support the use of drones to enhance
235/17 communications in isolated areas and would request further
information be provided to A.A.M.D.C.

Carried

9.9. M.D. Email Situation

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that further information on using Office 365 email be
236/17 brought to the September Council meeting.

Carried

**Information
Items**

Council discussed the information items.

Round Table

Nothing

Question Period

Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News, asked for up to date information on the Autumn Lodge situation.

Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News, excused himself from the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

**Confidential
Items**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council go in-camera at 3:05 p.m. to discuss the
237/17 following items:

- 13.1. Personnel
- 13.2. Peace Regional Medical Clinic
- 13.3. Legal Matter

Carried

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council revert to an open meeting at 3:30 p.m.
238/17 Carried

13.1. Personnel

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Lyle McKen's letter of resignation, effective April 30,
239/17 2018, be accepted with regret.
Carried

13.2. Peace Regional Medical Clinic

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that further information be provided regarding
240/17 the cost and funding formula that would be required for
municipalities to fund the building of a medical clinic in Peace River.
Carried

Adjournment

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

These minutes approved this 12th day of September, 2017.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer