

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held January 10, 2017 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

**Present**

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

**Attending**

C.A.O. Lyle McKen  
Recording Secretary Barbara Johnson  
Mile Zero News Geoffrey Jackson

**Call to Order**

Reeve Willing called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that the agenda for the January 10, 2017 regular meeting of Council be adopted with the addition of the following:  
1/17  
9.5. A.A.M.D.C. Climate Change Advisory Committee  
Carried

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting**  
Veronica Bliska: MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 13, 2016 be approved as presented.  
2/17  
Carried

**Appointments**

**5.1. Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman**  
Barry Denison joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

**a) Public Works Foreman's Report**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Public Works Foreman's Report be accepted  
3/17 as presented.  
Carried

Barry Denison excused himself from the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**Business Arising Out of Minutes**

**4.1. Town of Peace River  
- Extension of Emergency Response Services Agreement**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the existing Emergency Response Services Agreement with the Town of Peace River be extended to March 31, 2017.  
4/17  
Carried

**4.2. Brush Piles**

Council accepted for information that the brush piles had been removed from the road ditches along Range Road 255 and Township Road 832.

**4.3. Midwifery Update**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council authorize a letter of support to be provided for funding of midwifery services in the Peace region.  
5/17  
Carried

**Reports**

**6.1. Financial Report**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council accept the December 31, 2016 Financial Report as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.  
6/17  
Carried

**Reports  
Continued**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council authorize the transfer of any 2016 cash surplus  
7/17 to the following reserves:  
Office Equipment \$ 8,500  
ASB Equipment \$100,000  
PW Roads \$ 9,000  
and further, that any further surplus exceeding \$5,000 be transferred  
to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve for the year ending December  
31, 2016.

Carried

**6.2. Accounts for Payment**

George Brightwell: MOVED that 27 electronic fund transfers and cheque #9631 to  
8/17 cheque #9721, with the exception of cheque #9698, in the total  
amount of \$346,380.55 be approved for payment.

Carried

Sandra Eastman abstained from discussion on cheque #9698 and excused herself from the  
meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that cheque #9698 in the amount of \$598.50,  
9/17 payable to TSEastman Contractors Inc., be approved for payment.

Carried

Sandra Eastman returned to the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

**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,  
10/17 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

**6.4. Councillors' Reports**

Janice Reyda reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Joint M.D.s Christmas supper in Berwyn on December 13
- Facebook training in Berwyn on December 21

George Brightwell had nothing to report.

Sandra Eastman reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Facebook training in Berwyn on December 21
- Primary Care Consultation Team meeting in Peace River on January 9

Veronica Bliska reported on the following meeting she attended:

- Peace River Recreation Centre meeting on December 19 in Peace River

Robert Willing reported on the following meeting he attended:

- Northern Zone Reeves' and CAO's meeting in Fairview on January 6

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Councillors' reports be accepted as presented.  
11/17 Carried

**Correspondence**

**8.1. Town of Grimshaw  
- 2016 FCSS Review**

Council accepted for information only the 2016 FCSS Review received from the  
Town of Grimshaw.

**8.2. The Alberta Order of Excellence  
- Nominations Open for the Alberta Order of Excellence Award**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from the Alberta Order  
of Excellence regarding the Alberta Order of Excellence Award.

**8.3. Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission  
- Public Consultations on Re-aligning Electoral Boundaries**

Sandra Eastman: 12/17 MOVED that Veronica Bliska and George Brightwell be authorized to attend the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Public Hearing in Peace River on January 19.

Carried

**8.4. Alberta Municipal Affairs  
- Estimated Change to 2017 Tax Year Linear Property Assessment**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the estimated changes to 2017 tax year linear property assessment.

**8.5. Association of Alberta Registry Agents**

Council accepted for information only the letter and report received from the Association of Alberta Registry Agents regarding the sustainability of the Registry Agent Network.

**Appointments  
Continued**

**5.2. Nasar Iqbal, Manager of Agricultural Services**

Nasar Iqbal joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**a) Manager of Ag Services Report**

Sandra Eastman: 13/17 MOVED that the January 10, 2017 Manager of Ag Services Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**b) Funding Agreement with Peace Country Beef and Forage Association**

Janice Reyda: 14/17 MOVED that Council authorize Administration to sign the three year funding agreement with the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association along with other municipalities in which the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association serve.

Carried

Nasar Iqbal excused himself from the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

**Correspondence  
Continued**

**8.6. Arnold Viersen, MP, Peace River-Westlock**

Veronica Bliska requested that staff keep an in-house accounting of any carbon tax that is identifiable on any invoices paid by the Municipal District.

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Arnold Viersen, MP, Peace River-Westlock, regarding the implications of the carbon tax levy.

**Land Use/Planning/  
Subdivisions**

**7.1. Bylaw No. 12/2016**

- Road Closure Bylaw: Plan 5285MC, Pt.NE16-83-23-W5
- Public Hearing: Bylaw No. 12/2016

Egon and Edith Lorenscheit and Philip Rough, Municipal Planner, Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, were present for the Public Hearing.

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

Reeve Willing noted that Bylaw No.12/2016 provides for the closure of the portion of road located east and south of Lot B and Lot R in Plan 5285MC, excepting any portion of Highway Avenue.

Egon Lorenscheit requested clarification on the purpose of Bylaw No. 12/2016.

Sandra Eastman: 15/17 MOVED that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Carried

Egon and Edith Lorenscheit and Philip Rough excused themselves from the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**8.7. Alberta Pond Hockey  
- Sponsorship Request**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace donate \$5,000 towards  
16/17 the 2017 Alberta Pond Hockey Championships.  
Carried

**New Business**

**9.1. Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties  
- Board Governance Review**

Council completed the A.A.M.D.C. Board Governance Review Questions together.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:12 p.m. with all Councillors, Jacobus Bos, Lyle McKen, Barbara Johnson and Geoffrey Jackson present.

**New Business  
Continued**

**9.2. Town of Peace River  
- Request for Decision - ACP Grant**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the M.D. of Peace, as a partner participant, support  
17/17 the Town of Peace River's application for the Alberta Community  
Partnership Grant in the amount of \$80,000 to assist in the  
development of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework  
Agreement between the Town of Peace River, County of Northern  
Lights and the M.D. of Peace No. 135.  
Carried

**9.3. Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council request MPA Engineering Ltd. to prepare an  
18/17 application under the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program  
for the replacement of BF71960 using the culvert option.  
Carried

**9.4. Town of Peace River  
- Request Letter of Support for CFEP Grant Application**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council provide a general letter of support to  
19/17 the Town of Peace River for the submission of a grant application  
regarding the Peace Regional Recreation Centre project.  
Carried

**9.5. A.A.M.D.C. Climate Change Advisory Committee**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council authorize Veronica Bliska to submit an  
20/17 application to the Climate Change Advisory Committee and  
further, that Council fully supports her involvement in this  
Committee.  
Carried

**Information  
Items**

Council discussed/reviewed the information items.

**Appointments  
Continued**

**5.3. Peace River Restorative Justice Association**

China Sieger, Program Coordinator for Peace River Region Restorative Justice  
Association, joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

She provided a presentation on restorative justice, its benefits and the newly created Peace  
River Regional Restorative Justice Association.

China Sieger excused herself from the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

**Appointments  
Continued**

**5.4. Misery Mountain Ski Area**

Donald Lee, Treasurer, and Lynden Waites, President, Misery Mountain Ski Area, joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

They discussed the current financial situation of the Misery Mountain Ski Area and requested Council consider committing to an annual donation to the Misery Mountain Ski Area.

Donald Lee and Lynden Waites excused themselves from the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Robert Willing:      MOVED that the Municipal District of Peace commit to provide a  
21/17                      \$5,000 per year cash donation to Misery Mountain Ski Area for 5  
                                    years, commencing in 2017.

Carried

**Roundtable**

Sandra Eastman provided some peace region health statistics she had received from the Primary Care Consultation Team meeting.

**Question Period**

Geoffrey Jackson asked if the M.D. has any upcoming projects for the new year. The new Municipal Government Act may require changes and projects for the Municipality.

Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News, excused himself from the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

**Confidential**


None

**Adjournment**

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

These minutes approved this 14 day of February, 2017.

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer