

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held June 13, 2017 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

**Present**

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

**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 9:05 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the agenda for the June 13, 2017 regular  
153/17 meeting of Council be adopted as presented.  
Carried

**Approval of Minutes**

**3.1. May 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**

George Brightwell: MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council  
154/17 held on May 9, 2017 be approved as presented.  
Carried

**Business Arising Out of Minutes**

**4.1. Village of Berwyn Viability Review**

Council accepted for information only the letters received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the viability process up to election time, as well as the notice of the public meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

**4.2. Peace Regional Recreation Facility**

- Sod Turning Ceremony: Tuesday, June 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

Council accepted for information only the notice of the change in date of the Sod Turning Ceremony for the Peace Regional Recreation Facility.

**4.3. Northern District AAMDC**

- Reeves & CAOs Meeting Date Change

- District Meeting – August 11, 2017

Council accepted for information only the notice of the change in date of the Reeves and CAOs meeting to July 7, 2017. Council suggested that the following be discussed as possible agenda items for the August 11, 2017 District meeting:

- Template for infrastructure audit
- Telus line installations which damage culverts and/or lines are run through culverts

**Appointments**

**5.1. Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman**

Barry Denison joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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

Barry Denison reviewed his written report.

A complaint was received that there's a pile of gravel on RR242 at the exit south of Highway 2. Also, there are trees in the Lac Cardinal camping area that are dangerous and should be removed. Complaints have also been received that roads are not being properly crowned and gravel not pulled in from the shoulders.

Barry discussed with Council the number of damaged culverts he has found that seem to have been damaged by sub-contractors when Telus lines have been installed.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the Public Works Foreman's Report be accepted  
155/17 as presented.

Carried

**b) Offer on 435 Cable Pull Scraper**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council accept the offer from William Peters in the amount of \$2,000 for the purchase of the 435 pull scraper.  
156/17  
Carried

**c) Cement Culvert Extension Project**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council accept the quote from Griffin Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$20,650 + GST for the extensions of the cement culverts on Rge Rd 245 & Twp Rd 822 and on Rge Rd 244 & Twp Rd 822.  
157/17  
Carried

**d) Approach Installation Request at NE4-83-23-W5**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council approve the William Veidt approach installation request to the NE4-83-23-W5 as per policy.  
158/17  
Carried

**e) Approach Installation Request at NW24-83-26-W5**

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council approve the Melvin Coates approach installation request to the NW24-83-26-W5 as per policy.  
159/17  
Carried

**f) Approach Installation Request at NE13-81-26-W5**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council ratify the Greg Felt approach installation request to the NE13-81-26-W5 as per policy.  
160/17  
Carried

**g) Approach Widening Request at NE8-81-25-W5**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council approve the Jacob Hiemstra approach widening request to the NE8-81-25-W5 as per policy.  
161/17  
Carried

Barry Denison excused himself from the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**Business Arising  
Out of Minutes  
Continued**

**4.4. Bylaw No. 3/2017 - GMO Alfalfa Bylaw**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry regarding the review of Bylaw No.3/2017.

**4.5. CARES Funding in Peace Region**

Council accepted for information only the reply received from Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, regarding the M.D.'s thank you letter for CARES funding in the Peace region.

**Reports**

**6.1. Financial Report**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the May 31, 2017 Financial Report as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.  
162/17  
Carried

**6.2. Accounts for Payment**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that 31 electronic fund transfers and cheque #9978 to cheque #10054, with the exception of cheque #10041, in the total amount of \$426,714.64, be approved for payment.  
163/17  
Carried

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Sandra Eastman abstained from discussion on cheque #10041 and excused herself from the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Janice Reyda: MOVED that cheque #10041 in the amount of \$4,819.50,  
164/17 payable to TSEastman Contractors Inc., be approved for payment.  
Carried

Sandra Eastman returned to the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

**6.3. Administrator's Report**

Lyle McKen reviewed his written report with Council.

Council also discussed the conditions of Development Permit # 4/17 that have been violated.

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that the Administrator's report be accepted for information,  
165/17 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.  
Carried

**Appointments**  
**Continued**

**5.2. Nasar Iqbal, Agricultural Fieldman**

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

**a) Manager of Agricultural Services Report**

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the June 13, 2017 Manager of Ag Services  
166/17 report be accepted as presented.  
Carried

**b) Agricultural Service Board 2017 - 2019 Grant Agreement**

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council authorize the signing of the  
167/17 Agricultural Service Board 2017 - 2019 Grant Agreement.  
Carried

Nasar Iqbal excused himself from the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

**Land Use/Planning**  
**Subdivisions**

**7.1. Bylaw No. 4/2017**

Alisha Mody, Planner, and Thomas Deming, Associate Planner, Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency, joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Alisha Mody reviewed the changes to be made to the Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012 through Bylaw No. 4/2017.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 4/2017.  
168/17 Carried

**7.2. Draft Birch Hills County Municipal Development Plan**

Thomas Deming briefly summarized the draft Birch Hills County Municipal Development Plan.

Council accepted for information only the draft Birch Hills County Municipal Development Plan.

Alisha Mody and Thomas Deming excused themselves from the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

**Reports**  
**Continued**

**6.4. Councillors' Reports**

George Brightwell had nothing to report.

Veronica Bliska excused herself from the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Janice Reyda reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Peace River School Division joint meeting in Berwyn on May 17
- Grimshaw Coop Seed Cleaning Plant in Grimshaw on May 18
- Mighty Peace Tourist Association meeting on May 29
- Berwyn & District Chamber of Commerce meeting in Berwyn on June 6
- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association meeting in Berwyn on June 9

Veronica Bliska returned to the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Veronica Bliska reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Peace Library System board meeting in Grande Prairie on May 13
- Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau meeting in Manning on May 15
- Peace Regional Medical Clinic Planning Committee meeting via telephone May 17
- Doctor Retention and Recruitment meeting in Grimshaw on May 25

Sandra Eastman reported on the following meetings she attended:

- Water North Coalition meeting in Cold Lake on May 11
- North Peace Housing Foundation meetings on May 17 and June 7 in Peace River
- Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Committee meeting in Berwyn on May 31
- Doctors' Mini Golf Meet and Greet in Peace River on June 8
- Library Board Basic Workshop in Peace River on June 10
- Berwyn Viability Review Committee meeting in Berwyn on June 12

Robert Willing reported on the following meetings he attended:

- Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board meeting in Grimshaw on May 15
- Peace Health Advisory Council meeting in Manning on May 16
- Peace River School Division joint meeting in Berwyn on May 17
- Peace Regional Healthcare Attraction and Retention meeting in Peace River on May 24
- Peace Regional RCMP Advisory Committee meeting in Peace River on May 25

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Councillors' Reports be accepted as presented.  
169/17 Carried

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

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:04 p.m. with all Councillors, Lyle McKen, Barbara Johnson and Geoffrey Jackson present.

**Correspondence**

**8.1. Alberta Municipal Affairs**

**- Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Amending Memorandum of Agreement**

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council ratify the signing of the MSI Amending  
170/17 Memorandum of Agreement.

Carried

**- 2017 MSI and Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGT) Grant Allocations**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 2017 allocations of the MSI and FGT funding for the M.D. of Peace No. 135.

**8.2. Mackenzie County, Town of High Level, Town of Rainbow Lake**

**- Mackenzie Regional Charity Golf Tournament**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Mackenzie County, and the Towns of High Level and Rainbow Lake regarding the Mackenzie Regional Charity Golf Tournament.

**8.3. Post-Election Councillor Training**

George Brightwell: MOVED that 5 Councillors be registered for the EOEP Munis 101: 171/17  
The Essentials of Municipal Governance course to be held in Grande Prairie on November 2 and 3, 2017.  
Carried

**8.4. Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties  
- Discussion on Boundaries of AAMDC Districts**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from AAMDC regarding the process to be followed by municipalities who are interested in switching districts.

**8.5. Alberta Indigenous Relations**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from the Minister of Indigenous Relations regarding the renewal of the Government of Alberta's Consultation Policy with First Nations on Land and Natural Resource Management, 2013 (Policy) and associated Guidelines, and the Enhanced Consultation Capacity Initiative (ECCI).

**8.6. Arnold Viersen, MP**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Arnold Viersen, MP, regarding the federal carbon tax.

**8.7. Alberta Recreation & Parks Association**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Alberta Recreation & Parks Association regarding the 2017 Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference and Energize Workshop "Challenges, Change and Opportunities".

**New Business**

**9.1. Wilderness Park  
- Request from Wayne & Sharon Spacil**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize a \$1,000 cap on the annual 172/17  
property tax invoice to Wayne & Sharon Spacil for the residential site at SW27-83-23-W5 on which they reside from May 1 to September 30 in order to serve as seasonal custodians at Wilderness Park.  
Carried

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

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the following Request for Funding Applications be 173/17  
approved:

Berwyn Elks Recreation Dev.Society	
- Front Step Replacement	\$2,000
Berwyn Municipal Library	
- Library Memberships	\$ 500
Peace Playland	
- Operational Support	\$ 500
PeaceFest	
- Hosting Costs	\$1,000
	Carried

**9.3. Fracking at SE29-82-23-W5**

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Bruce and Janice Vogel regarding their concerns about the sour gas well proposed for SE29-82-23-W5.

**9.4. Request From Melissa Davies/ATCO Electric**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council authorize ATCO Electric to 174/17  
install an underground power line across the back alley in order to service Lot 8, Block 12, Plan 122 0849 in the Hamlet of Brownvale.

Carried



**9.5. Gravel Loading and Hauling Tender**

George Brightwell and Sandra Eastman excused themselves from the meeting at 1:33 p.m. as they felt they each may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest.

Janice Reyda:            MOVED that Council award the 2017 gravel loading  
175/17                      and hauling tender to Grimshaw Gravel Sales Ltd. (\$.35 per tonne  
for loading and \$.33 per tonne mile for hauling).  
Carried

Sandra Eastman and George Brightwell returned to the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

**9.6. Trans Canada Trail**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize the Trans Canada Trail  
176/17                      Interim Roadway Route through the M.D. of Peace.  
Carried

**Information  
Items**

Council discussed the information items.

Janice Reyda:            MOVED that the M.D. of Peace write a letter to Alberta  
177/17                      Environment regarding the potential for contamination on  
SE30-83-23-W5 and further, that copies be sent to Alberta  
Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Health and the local MLAs.  
Carried

**Round Table**

Nothing

**Question Period**

Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News, asked if Council had heard the most recent news regarding the AHS RFP. He asked for a copy of the M.D.'s letter to the Premier.

Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News, excused himself from the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**Confidential  
Items**

Veronica Bliska:        MOVED that Council go in-camera at 2:21 p.m. to discuss the  
178/17                      following items:  
  
13.1. Brownvale Sewage Lagoon  
13.2. Greg Alexander Subdivision - Phase 2  
13.3. Keating Business Strategies  
Carried

Veronica Bliska:        MOVED that Council revert to an open meeting at 2:47 p.m.  
179/17                      Carried

**Greg Alexander Subdivision – Phase 2**

Sandra Eastman:        MOVED that Council authorize a mortgage proposal with  
180/17                      Greg Alexander for \$50,000 with the following conditions:  

- a \$5,000 contribution must be made from the sale of each of the first 10 lots that are sold
- any balance owing on the \$50,000 must be paid in full within 10 years of the mortgage being signed
- all interest owing must be paid at least annually
- the developer/landowner must be responsible for all costs associated with preparing, registering and discharging the mortgage.

Carried

**Adjournment**

Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

These minutes approved this 11 day of July, 2017.

  
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Chief Administrative Officer