

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held March 14, 2017 at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present
Reeve
Councillors
Robert Willing
Sandra Eastman
Veronica Bliska @ 9:10 a.m.
George Brightwell
Janice Reyda

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

Call to Order
Reeve Willing called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda
Sandra Eastman: 59/17
MOVED that the agenda for the March 14, 2017 regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
Carried

Approval of Minutes
3.1. February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
Janice Reyda: 60/17
MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 14, 2017 be approved as amended.
Carried

Business Arising Out of Minutes
4.1. A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention - Convention Program
Veronica Bliska joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.
Council accepted for information only the A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention Program.
- Resolutions
Council reviewed the Spring 2017 A.A.M.D.C. resolutions.

Appointments
5.1. Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman
Barry Denison joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.
a) Public Works Foreman's Report
Veronica Bliska: 61/17
MOVED that the Public Works Foreman's Report be accepted as presented.
Carried
b) Request From Dwayne Lee to Install Texas Gates on RR262
George Brightwell: 62/17
MOVED that Council authorize Dwayne Lee to install two Texas gates on RR262 and fencing on the north side of the road allowance at his own cost.
Carried
c) Brushing Request Along SE9-81-26-W5
Janice Reyda: 63/17
MOVED that Council approve the brushing request along RR263 as requested by Troels Hansen.
Carried
d) Request to Install a Second Approach
Veronica Bliska: 64/17
MOVED that Council approve the installation of a second approach to NW24-83-25-W5 at the owner's cost.
Carried

Barry Denison excused himself from the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

- 2017 Board Governance Review Committee

Council reviewed the Board Governance Review Committee recommendations.

**4.2. Peace Regional Healthcare Attraction and Retention Committee
- Ratify Amended Terms of Reference**

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council ratify the amended Terms of Reference
65/17 for the Peace Regional Healthcare Attraction and Retention
Committee.

Carried

4.3. Project Services Agreement

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council authorize the signing of the Value Added
66/17 Oat and Grains Processing Project Services Agreement with Keating
Business Strategies Ltd.

Carried

**Appointments
Continued**

5.2. Nasar Iqbal, Manager of Agricultural Services

Nasar Iqbal was unavailable to join the meeting.

a) Manager of Ag Services Report

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that the March 14, 2017 Manager of Ag Services
67/17 Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

b) Approval of November 7, 2016 ASB Minutes

Janice Reyda: MOVED that the minutes of the November 7, 2016 ASB
68/17 meeting be approved by Council.

Carried

c) Acceptance of February 15, 2017 ASB Minutes for Information

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council accept the February 15, 2017 ASB minutes
69/17 as information only until the Agricultural Service Board has
approved them.

Carried

Reports

6.1. Financial Report

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council accept the February 28, 2017 Financial
70/17 Report as presented, a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

6.2. Accounts for Payment

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that 24 electronic fund transfers and cheque #9802 to
71/17 cheque #9849, with the exception of cheque #9830, in the total
amount of \$191,253.64 be approved for payment.

Carried

6.3. Administrator's Report

Lyle McKen reviewed his written report with Council.

George Brightwell: MOVED that the Administrator's report be accepted for information,
72/17 a copy of which forms part of these minutes.

Carried

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8.2. Alberta Municipal Affairs

- 16th Annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the opportunity to make submissions for the 16th annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.

8.3. North West Regional Skills Canada Competition

Council accepted for information only the letter received from the North West Regional Skills Canada Coordinator requesting sponsorship of the North West Regional Skills Canada Competition to be held in Fairview on April 27 and 28, 2017.

8.4. North Peace Multiple Sclerosis Chapter

George Brightwell: MOVED that the M.D. rental tent be provided to the North Peace MS 77/17 Chapter for the weekend of June 16-18, 2017 at no charge.
Carried

8.5. Fairview & District Chamber of Commerce

Council accepted for information only the letter received from the Fairview & District Chamber of Commerce requesting sponsorship of the "Highway To A Better Business" conference to be held in Fairview April 26, 2017.

8.6. ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that two Councillors be authorized to attend the Wetland 78/17 Assets workshop in Grande Prairie on March 29, 2017.
Carried

8.7. Mackenzie Regional Radio Club

- Request to Attach Repeater to Internet Tower by M.D. Office

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council authorize Mackenzie Regional Radio Club 79/17 to locate their repeater system on the internet tower located on the north side of the new M.D. administration building.
Carried

8.8. Peace River High School League of Leadership

Council accepted for information only the invitation received from the Peace River High School League of Leadership to attend a Diversity Dinner on March 25, 2017 in Peace River.

8.9. Arnold Viersen, MP, Peace River - Westlock

- Alberta Jobs Taskforce Report

Council accepted for information only the letter received from Arnold Viersen advising of the release of the Alberta Jobs Taskforce Report.

8.10. PeaceFest

- Request for Funding

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council recommend to PeaceFest organizers that 80/17 they apply for funding through the M.D.'s Grants, Donations and Funding Program before May 31, 2017.
Carried

New Business

9.1. Gender Based Analysis+ Training

Veronica Bliska: MOVED that Council authorize Sandra Eastman and Barbara 81/17 Johnson to attend the Gender Based Analysis+ Training to be held in Peace River on March 16, 2017.
Carried

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9.2. Energizing the North Seminar

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Veronica Bliska and George Brightwell be
82/17 authorized to attend the Energizing the North Seminar to be held
in Peace River on March 30.

Carried

George Brightwell excused himself from the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

9.3. A.A.M.D.C. Species at Risk Act Municipal Submissions

Council accepted for information only the Government of Canada Species at Risk Act Policies.

9.4. Gravel Crushing Tenders

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council approve 50,000 tonnes of gravel crushing at
83/17 the Grimshaw Pit by Grimshaw Gravel Sales Ltd. at a cost of
\$3.40/tonne and further, that they be authorized to purchase the
eliminated fines from the M.D. at \$3.00/tonne.

Carried

9.5. Budget Meeting Date

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the budget meeting be held March 27, 2017 at 7:00
84/17 p.m.

Carried

9.6. Grants, Donations & Funding Policy

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the following Request for Funding Applications be
85/17 approved:

Alberta High School Rodeo	
- Host High School Rodeo	\$1,000
Berwyn Municipal Library	
- Summer Reading Program Staff Hire	\$ 500
Grimshaw Municipal Library	
- Enhancing Library Collections	\$ 500
Lac Cardinal Barrel Series	
- 7 th Annual Barrel Series Sponsorship	\$1,000
Peace Reg. RCMP Comm. Advisory Committee	
- P.A.R.T.Y. Program	\$ 250
Peace Region Dance Society	
- Peace River Dance Festival	\$ 250
Peace River Region Restorative Justice Assoc.	
- Program Start-up Costs	\$ 500
	Carried

9.7. PREDA Municipal Project Fund Requests for Grants

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council authorize Administration to submit
86/17 applications to the PREDA Municipal Project Fund for the Mighty
Peace Digital Assets project and the Truck Stop Business Case
project.

Carried

9.8. Media Release - Help Shape Farm and Ranch Labour Legislation

Council accepted for information only the opportunity to provide input on how provincial labour laws could apply to farms and ranches.

Information Items

Council discussed/reviewed the information items.

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Question Period Geoffrey Jackson had no questions.

Geoffrey Jackson, Mile Zero News, excused himself from the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Council reconvened from lunch at 1:08 p.m. with Robert Willing, Janice Reyda, Sandra Eastman, George Brightwell, Lyle McKen and Barbara Johnson present.

Roundtable Janice Reyda commented on the upcoming municipal elections.

George Brightwell mentioned that Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation and Tourism Society would like to acquire an up to date map of the river if they are able to get funding for this project.

Confidential Items **13.1. Merit Based Salary Adjustments**

George Brightwell: MOVED that Council go in-camera at 1:23 p.m. to discuss the following item:

13.1. Merit Based Salary Adjustments
Carried

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council revert to an open meeting at 1:28 p.m.
88/17 Carried

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that Council ratify the following performance based salary increases for the following employees, effective April 1, 2017:

Coleen Bak	1.00%
Barry Denison	1.00%
Nasar Iqbal	2.50%
Barbara Johnson	0.50%

Carried

Appointments Continued **5.3. 2017 Pre-Fire Season Meeting**

Todd Lynch and Crystal Burrows, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, joined the meeting at 1:47 p.m.


Todd Lynch discussed FireSmart Community grants, smoke management in the M.D., fires on crown land, cross training opportunities with volunteer fire departments, wildfire updates and the 2017 Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan.

Todd Lynch and Crystal Burrows excused themselves from the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

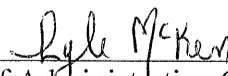
Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council authorize the signing of the amended Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan – 2017.
90/17 Carried

Adjournment Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

These minutes approved this 11 day of April, 2017.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer