MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA

PRESENT:
Cheryl Anderson                                   Ward One                        Weberville/ Stewart
Arie Loogman                                      Ward Two                        Warrensville/ Lac Cardinal
Brenda Yasinski                                   Ward Three                      Dixonville/ Chinook Valley
Brent Reese                                       Ward Four                        Deadwood/ Sunny Valley
Ed Kamieniecki                                    Ward Five                         North Star/ Breaking Point
Terry Ungarian                                    Ward Six                         Hotchkiss/ Hawk Hills

ABSENT:
Linda Halabisky                                    Ward Seven                     Keg River/ Carcajou

IN ATTENDANCE:
Theresa Van Oort- Chief Administrative Officer
Deb Pawluski- Executive Assistant/ Recorder
Kristen Dyck- Mile Zero/ Banner Post

01.0   Call to Order
Chief Elected Official Anderson called the regular meeting of February 11th, 2014 to order at 10:00 a.m.

02.0   Adoption of the Agenda

035/11/02/14     MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting of February 11, 2014 with the following additions/ changes:
06.2.3 B Fire Service Agreement
06.6.7 A North Peace Housing concerns
CARRIED

03.0   Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Regular or Special Meeting(s)

036/11/02/14     MOVED BY Councillor Loogman to adopt the minutes of the January 14th, 2014 regular meeting as presented.
CARRIED

05.0   Policies/ Bylaws

06.0   Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business
06.1   Government Services
06.1.1   Council/Legislative
1.   Memberships to the Family and Community Engagement Councils
Alta Human Services is seeking applications for memberships on the Family and Community Engagement Councils.

037/11/02/14     MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to accept the request for applications to the Family and Community Engagement Councils as information.
CARRIED

   B. Peace River Airport
The Town of Peace River would like to re-open discussions with neighboring municipalities on potential options regarding the Peace River Airport.

**038/11/02/14** MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have Reeve Anderson represent the County during discussions regarding the Peace River Airport.
CARRIED

**C. MGA Consultation**
The Municipal Government Act consultation will take place in Grande Prairie on April 2\(^{nd}\) to 4\(^{th}\), 2014.

-Allan Bly enters @ 10:11 a.m.

**039/11/02/14** MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have available Councillors attend the Municipal Government Act consultation in Grande Prairie on April 4\(^{th}\), 2014.
CARRIED

**D. Referral Partner Appreciation Mixer 2014**
Community Futures is hosting a referral partner appreciation mixer on February 26\(^{th}\), 2014 in Peace River at the Belle Petroleum Centre.

**040/11/02/14** MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to have Reeve Anderson attend the Community Futures Referral Partner Appreciation mixer on February 26\(^{th}\), 2014 at the Belle Petroleum Centre.
CARRIED

**E. National Dementia Strategy**
Claude Gravelle MP, Nickel Belt is requesting Council pass a resolution to support Bill C-356, an act requesting a National Strategy for Dementia.

**041/11/02/14** MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to pass a resolution supporting Bill-356 calling for a National Strategy for Dementia.
CARRIED

**F. Dr. Mary Jackson Request for Auction items**
Dr. Mary Jackson school is hosting a spaghetti dinner and ticket silent auction on March 27\(^{th}\), 2014 and is requesting an auction item donation.

**042/11/02/14** MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to donate two barbeque sets to the Dr. Mary Jackson school Spaghetti Dinner and Ticket silent auction.
CARRIED

**G. RMRF Northern Municipal Law Seminar**
Reynolds, Mirth, Richards, Farmer are hosting their annual Municipal Law Seminar on February 28\(^{th}\), 2014 in Grande Prairie.

**043/11/02/14** MOVED BY Councillor Loogman to have Reeve Anderson and Councillor Yasinski attend the Reynolds, Mirth, Richards, Farmer Municipal Law Seminar on February 28\(^{th}\), 2014 in Grande Prairie.
CARRIED

**H. Regional Recreation Needs Assessment**
The Town of Peace River and Northern Sunrise County are seeking support for a joint regional recreation needs assessment.
044/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to have administration write a letter to the Town of Peace River and Northern Sunrise County expressing Council’s concerns regarding a regional recreation study.  
CARRIED

I. Peace Country Regional Science Fair  
The annual Peace Country Regional Science Fair is seeking donations.

045/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Loogman to donate $500 to the Peace Country Regional Science Fair.  
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration  
A. CAO Report

046/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to accept Chief Administrative Officer Van Oort’s written report as information.  
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance  
A. Bank Reconciliation for December 2013

047/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Loogman to accept the December 2013 bank reconciliation as information.  
CARRIED

B. Alberta Capital Financing Authority Loan Agreement  
The Alberta Capital Financing Authority has introduced a new policy applicable to loan security as of January 1st, 2014.

048/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Loogman to approve and sign the master loan agreement with Alberta Capital Financing Authority for future borrowing.  
CARRIED

-Break @ 10:49 a.m.

-Reconvene @ 11:02 a.m.

04.0 Delegations  
A. Allan Bly @ 11:00 a.m.  
Mr. Bly as requested by Council brought forth a communications strategy for the County of Northern Lights.

-Reese exits @ 11:49 a.m.
-Reese reenters @ 11:51 a.m.
-CAO exits @ 11:51 a.m.
-CAO reenters @ 11:53 a.m.
-Break @ 12:23 p.m.
-Reconvene @ 12:34 p.m.
049/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to add Northern Communications Centre to the agenda under 06.5.3 A.  
CARRIED

06.1.6  Equipment/Supplies
06.1.7  Buildings/Properties
06.1.8  Personnel/Human Resources

06.2  Protective Services
06.2.1  Policing

06.2.3  Fire protection
A. Joint Fire Services Committee invitation to MD 135
   The Town of Peace River would like to extend an offer to the MD of Peace
to attend the Joint Fire Services Committee meeting.

050/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Reese to accept the Joint Fire Services Committee invitation to MD 135 as information.  
CARRIED

   B. Fire Service Agreement
   There were concerns with the new truck that was purchased but the Manning
   Fire Chief is hoping to clear up the issue with the automotive dealer. The issue
   with the boundaries needs to be discussed with the Regional Fire Chief.

051/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki  to have Regional Fire Chief Lance Bushie attend the next Council meet
ing to discuss highway response boundaries.  
CARRIED

06.2.4  Emergency Measures & Disaster Services
06.2.5  Ambulance/First Aid
06.2.6  By-law Enforcement

06.3  Transportation/Drainage/Public Works
06.3.1  Public Works
   A. DPW Report

   -Mr. Altman enters @ 12:49 p.m.

052/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Loogman to accept Acting Director of Public Works, Theresa Van Oort’s written report as information.  
CARRIED

06.3.2  Roads
   A. Transportation Strategy for Alberta
   Alberta Transportation is hosting a community meeting on February 11th in
   Peace River regarding the development of the Province’s Transportation
   Strategy.

053/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to have Reeve Anderson and Councillor Reese attend the Transportation Strategy for Alberta meeting on February 11th, 2014 in Peace River.  
CARRIED

Cheryl Anderson, Reeve__________ Theresa Van Oort, CAO__________
B. Bridge Funding
The County has received the attached letters from Wheatland County and Athabasca County requesting the Province reinstate bridge funding.

054/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to have administration write a letter of support to Woodland County for reinstating bridge funding. CARRIED

C. Fort McMurray Peace River Transportation & Utility Corridor
NADC undertook a study regarding the Fort McMurray - Peace River Transportation and Utility Corridor and is seeking support for this concept.

055/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian that the Fort McMurray Peace River Transportation and Utility Corridor as information. CARRIED

04.0 Delegations
B. Dale Altman, RE: Gravel Haul @ 1:00 p.m.
Mr. Altman came to Council to ask for an increase in the haul rate for the County from 18 cents to 30 cents. He reports that the haul scheduled to take place this year in Reinwood will average 1.5 hours which equates to $126 per hour while the average is $175 hour.

06.3.3 Airport
06.3.7 Drainage Ditches

06.4 Utilities/Public Works
06.4.1 Water
A. Water Issues
Administration reports on several water issues- a landowner who paid for his own water line boring, add on water services, repairs to PRV station, water to SW 23-91-23, water chambers for idle service fees and information on phase Five.

056/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to refund landowner $1200 of the $1700 that he paid for pre-installation of water in Phase IV. CARRIED

057/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to postpone the decision on water hookup add ons to the budget meeting. CARRIED

058/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki that Tri-Line be given approval to proceed with repairs to the PRV station and installation of a meter inside the station located at NE 23-91-23-W5M to assist with pressure issues in the area, and to provide the ability to track usage and locate losses, standard with other PVR stations in the water stations in the water system; and further that the costs for this work be forwarded to Stewart Weir Company Ltd. as it relates to a design flaw. CARRIED

059/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian that Tri-Line be given the approval to proceed with a water hookup at SW 26-91-23-W5M (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 102 4403) as the contractor will be doing repair work in the immediate area. CARRIED
060/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to postpone the decision on the water chamber meters to the March 11, 2014 meeting.  
CARRIED

061/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to accept the update on Phase V of the water line installation as information.  
CARRIED

B. Regional Water 
The Town of Peace River would like to explore the idea of a tri-party expanded water line with the County of Northern Lights and MD of Peace No. 135.

062/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to advise the Town of Peace River that the County is unwilling to expand the water project until our water plans are met.  
CARRIED

06.4.2  Sewage

06.4.3  Solid Waste

06.5  Public Health & Welfare 
06.5.1  General [Home Care/FCSS]

06.5.3  Alberta Health Services 
A. Medical Facility and Services 
The Town of Peace River and Northern Sunrise County would like to meet and discuss the medical needs of the town.

063/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to accept the invitation from the Town of Peace River to meet regarding medical needs as information.  
CARRIED

B. Northern Communications Centre 
The Honorable Fred Horne will be in Peace River to make an announcement regarding the Northern Communications Centre.

064/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have Deputy Reeve Ungarian attend the announcement regarding the Northern Communications Centre on February 14th, 2014 at the Peace River Hospital.  
CARRIED

06.6  Environmental Development 
06.6.1  Development [Planning/Zoning]

06.6.3  Community/Agricultural Services 
A. Leading the North 2014 
The Leading the North Conference will take place in Fort McMurray on May 26th to 28th.

065/11/02/14  MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to have Reeve Anderson and Councillor Halabisky if available attend the Leading the North Conference in Fort McMurray on May 26th to 28th, 2014.  
CARRIED

-Reese exits @ 2:47 p.m.
B. Growing Rural Tourism Conference
The Growing Rural Tourism Conference takes place March 3rd to 5th in Camrose.

066/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Loogman to have Reeve Anderson attend the Growing Rural Tourism Conference in Camrose on March 3rd to 5th.
CARRIED

- Reese reenters @ 2:48 p.m.

C. EDA 2014 Annual Professional Conference & AGM
The Economic Developers of Alberta conference and AGM will take place in Kananaskis on April 9th to 11th.

067/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to accept the Economic Developers of Alberta Conference and AGM as information.
CARRIED

06.6.5 Natural Resources
06.6.7 Housing/Seniors
A. North Peace Housing Concerns
Calls have been received from residents regarding issues with the North Peace Housing about where and who to contact regarding seniors housing.

068/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to accept the North Peace Housing concerns as information and Councillor Reese will bring these issues to the next board meeting.
CARRIED

06.6.8 Tourism

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

069/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to accept the ward and committee reports as information.
CARRIED

08.0 Info Items; February 11th, 2014

070/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to accept the items in the info package as information.
CARRIED

-Schamehorn enters @ 3:03 p.m.

D. ABP’s Wildlife Working Survey
The Alberta Beef Producers are conducting a working survey on the effects of wildlife on livestock.

-CAO exits @ 3:09 p.m.

071/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to accept the Alberta Beef Producers working survey as information.
CARRIED
Decisions on Delegations

072/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian that administration advise Mr. Bly that Council is awaiting the outcome of the Federal budget before making a decision on the communications strategy. CARRIED

073/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to send Mr. Altman a letter thanking him for bringing his concerns to Council however Council feels our rates are comparable to surrounding municipalities. CARRIED

09.0 Open Mic

Highlights to be released

- Beef Producers looking for participation in the Wildlife Survey and to contact Ag Fieldman for more information

B. In Camera- Personnel

000/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to have the regular meeting of February 11th, 2014 go in camera to discuss personnel issues at 3:30 p.m. CARRIED

000/11/02/14 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have the regular meeting of February 11th come out of camera at 4:20 p.m. CARRIED

10.0 Adjournment

Chief Elected Official Anderson adjourned the regular meeting of February 11th, 2014 at 4:25 p.m.