MINUTES
REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE (REC)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 AT 2:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MD OF PEACE, VILLAGE OF BERWYN

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Present:

Terry Ungarian (Chair)	Reeve, County of Northern Lights (virtual)
Gerhard Stickling	CAO, County of Northern Lights (virtual)
Teresa Tupper	Executive Assistant, County of Northern Lights (Admin Support) (virtual)
Bob Willing (Vice Chair)	Reeve, MD of Peace
Sandra Eastman	Deputy Reeve, MD of Peace (virtual)
Margaret McClarity	CAO, MD of Peace
Corinna Williams	Reeve, Northern Sunrise County (virtual)
Cindy Millar	CAO, Northern Sunrise County (virtual)
Wendy Wald	Mayor, Town of Grimshaw (virtual)
Stacey Messner	Deputy Mayor, Town of Grimshaw (virtual)
Brian Allen	CAO, Town of Grimshaw
Elaine Manzer	Mayor, Town of Peace River (virtual)
Shelly Shannon	Councillor, Town of Peace River (virtual)
Barb Miller	CAO, Town of Peace River (virtual)

Guests:

Scott Henuset	CEO & President of Energy Alberta (virtual at 2:45 p.m.)

Regrets:

Art Laurin	Deputy Reeve, Northern Sunrise County
Brenda Yasinski	Deputy Reeve, County of Northern Lights

1. Call to Order

Chair Ungarian called the Thursday, January 16, 2025 Regional Energy Committee Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

By consensus, the committee adopted the Thursday, January 16th, 2025 agenda as presented.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes
   a) *Thursday, December 12, 2024*

By consensus, the committee adopted the Thursday, December 12, 2024 Regional Energy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

4. Updates from Old Business
   a) Payment of CANHC Membership – see REC Financial Balance Sheet

The committee was able to view that the CANHC membership for 2025 was paid. Any informal/information type emails received by Admin Support are to be forwarded directly to the committee.

Stacey Messner, Deputy Mayor, Town of Grimshaw moved to accept the Financial Statement as presented.

5. New Business
   a) Scott Henuset – Update on Initial Project Description (IPD) and Engagement Sessions (January 29, 2025)

An initial engagement session for Municipalities and Organizations such as Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development will be held on Wednesday, January 29th, 2025. Energy Alberta will send out invitations. The REC is asked to attend the last slot of the day. Time and location to be determined.

Public Open Houses will hopefully begin in March.

Formal IPD hopefully up on website end of February first of March. Timeframe hinges on Indigenous consultation. (Beaver First Nation, Duncan's First Nation, Lubicon Lake Ban, Woodland Cree First Nation)

People may see drilling units up in the CNL area - testing in February.

Energy Alberta's primary focus: educating the public, steps to building up resources such as: training, trades, high school/secondary student involvement and identifying and managing effects on the public like more traffic on the roads.

Also, Energy Alberta's focus is to see the Province of Alberta be licensed to build a nuclear reactor. Money requests/ guarantees or signed energy purchase agreements are not the current priority.

Scott Henuset exited the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

b) Meeting with Minister Neudorf

Reminder that the virtual meeting with Minister Neudorf is Monday, January 27th at 4:00 p.m. If the committee gets a chance, speak on the economic benefits (all benefits) that a project like this will bring the region.

c) CANHC AGM & Reception Invitation

Chair Ungarian would like to attend the CANHC AGM virtually. Admin support will look into costs and options with attending virtually.

d) SMR Canada 2025 Summit

Reeve Williams, NSC, moves to have REC register and pay for the registration of the Chair and Vice Chair to attend the SMR Canada 2025 Summit at the Community Centre and County Hall, Sherwood Park. March 4-5, 2025.

g) CANHC Info: Sustainable Funding Correspondence, Municipality of Clarington's Submission re: construction of one BWRX-300 reactor at Darlington.

Correspondence from CANHC will now be forwarded directly to members when received. Admin Support to craft ideas for a working logo in case required by CANHC.

6. Round Table

Elaine Manzer, Mayor, Town of Peace River conveyed that the Town was successful in receiving the Housing Grant that they applied for.

Deputy Reeve Sandra Eastman will be unable to attend the meeting with the Minister.

Admin Support to draft a Host Rotation List to be kept for REC meetings.

Conflict with Mighty Peace Watershed on meeting dates.

7. Action Item List – Outstanding items
   - Ask CANHC what the REC should be asking for/looking at during the IPD process. (Chair)

Wait until after the virtual meeting with Minister Neudorf.

8. Next Steps
   a) Host for next Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025

The MD of Peace will host the Thursday, February 13th meeting at 4:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Thursday, January 16, 2025 Regional Energy Committee meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Chair, Reeve Terry Ungarian, CNL

Feb 13/25
Date Signed