MINUTES
REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE (REC)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT 1:00 PM
TOWN OF GRIMSHAW ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84192145095

Present:

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

Guests:

Scott Henuset	CEO & President of Energy Alberta (virtual)
Isaac Werner	Senior Advisor, Government Relations, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (virtual)
Mike Law	Energy Alberta (virtual)
Kenneth Petrunik	Executive member, Energy Alberta (virtual)

Regrets:

Margaret McClarity	CAO, MD of Peace
Art Laurin	Deputy Reeve, Northern Sunrise County

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1. Call to Order

Chair Ungarian called the Tuesday, November 14, 2024 Regional Energy Committee Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda *(by consensus)*

By consensus, the committee adopted the Tuesday, November 14, 2024 Regional Energy Committee meeting agenda.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

    a) *Wednesday, October 30, 2024 REC Minutes*

By consensus, the committee adopted the Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Regional Energy Committee Meeting Minutes.

4. Updates from Old Business

    a) *Review of Action Items*

Action Items will, on future meetings be listed after any Delegations and therefore, later on the agenda.

    b) *CANHC Application*

ACTION STEP: Admin Support will fill out the application form on behalf of the committee and submit it to CANHC.

5. New Business

    a) *Presentation from Isaac Werner, Senior Advisor, Government Relations, Nuclear Waste Management Organization.*

Isaac gave a presentation on nuclear waste management and their mandate from government.

Highlights:

- *deep depositories will only be built and located in willing host communities*
- *waste stays at the plant site until it is cool enough to be transferred*
- *the Oakville Research Facility is open to tours*

Isaac exited the meeting virtually at 2:08 p.m.

By consensus, the committee had the Thursday, November 14, 2024 Regional Energy Committee meeting go in camera for the Energy Alberta Update under FOIP section 16 and 21 at 2:10 p.m.

    b) *Energy Alberta Update*

An update was given by Scott Henuset to the committee. Exited meeting virtually at 2:37 p.m.

The Thursday, November 14, 2024 Regional Energy Committee came out of camera at 2:37 p.m.

c) Enabling Housing Choice project

The Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board will be applying for the 'Enabling Housing Choice Project'. Town of Grimshaw Council moved to write a 'Letter of Support' at their last council meeting. A request for a letter of support will be on the Northern Sunrise Council's next agenda.

Discussion was held around the benefits of the Regional Energy Committee supporting such a project as it aligns with advocacy for regional economic growth.

6. Round Table

ACTION STEP: each Municipal Representative at the table is to take back to their council table a request for interest and possible dates for a Peace Area Council Meeting to discuss next steps of 'regional governance' regarding 1) Peace River Airport and 2) Bus Transportation. Suggesting dates in the new year and before final budgets.

7. Next Steps

a) Host for next Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024
Town of Peace River will host the next meeting at 10:30 a.m. Location to be determined.

8. Adjournment

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Regional Energy Committee Meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Chair, Reeve Terry Ungarian

Jan 9/24
Date Signed