MINUTES
REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE (REC)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 AT 1:00 PM
SENIORS CENTER, HAMLET OF DIXONVILLE

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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 (virtual)

Guests:

Scott Henuset	CEO & President of Energy Alberta
Doug Chambers	Arcadis
Tim	WSP (Energy Alberta)
Amy Langhorne	Environmental Consultant (Energy Alberta)
Glenn MacIntyre	Regulatory Specialist – Resilience Energy, Arcadis

Regrets:

Shelly Shannon	Deputy Mayor, Town of Peace River
Margaret McClarity	CAO, MD of Peace
Art Laurin	Deputy Reeve, Northern Sunrise County

1. Call to Order

Chair Ungarian called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

By consensus, the Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Regional Energy Committee Meeting Agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- 5. d) Rural Development Network – Reeve Corinna Williams
- 5. e) From Action List: Neighbouring municipality video intro from Energy Alberta
- 5. f) Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) membership

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

   a) Thursday, September 12, 2024

By consensus, the Thursday, September 12, 2024 Regional Energy Committee Meeting Minutes were adopted.

4. Updates from Old Business

   a) Terms of Reference as per Action Step

The Terms of Reference were ratified to accept the additional wording under **Purpose** from the September 12, 2024 meeting and also includes an update from October 30, 2024 meeting under **Meetings**, section 2. To say, *'Adopted minutes shall be distributed to member councils within one week of the meeting whenever possible'.*

   b) Finance Update

All members have paid the membership fee. Account balance is $10,000. No debits have been incurred.

   c) Review of Action Items List

ACTION STEP: Deputy Mayor Stacey Messner is to reach out to 'Krista' to see if Alberta Municipalities would like an introduction/update from REC.

ACTION STEP: Admin Support to update Action List with comments from committee

5. New Business

   a) Email from Duncan's First Nation to Town of Grimshaw

CAO, Brian Allen updated committee on the Town of Grimshaw receiving an email from Duncan's First Nations.

ACTION STEP: Admin Support to send Duncan's First Nations the committee's introduction letter.

   b) Energy Alberta

At 1:36 p.m., Scott Henuset, Tim _____, WSP and Amy Langhorne, Environmental Consultant spoke to the committee.

Tim - will be handling engagement and outreach. The Early Engagement Phase consists of a broad-based initial concept of the project provided to stakeholders – over 14 municipalities, 7 Counties, 20 Indigenous Groups.

Scott – Initial Project Description (IPD) target date for submission is now December 2024. There will be a couple of rounds of review with the government before they post it. (on their website) This is the FIRST step of the process.

From here the Government will look at regulatory and jurisdiction authorities, (who does what) and Provincial Agency coordination. The specifics will get worked out during the first phase.

Initial Planning

Issue Identification Document } 3–5-year process

Impact Assessment

Municipalities will be contacted. This is where each municipality must review the first phase document – *Initial Project Description* and see if our concerns on any potential issues will be addressed and how.

For example: during the assessments and construction - construction worker housing, water & sewer, schooling, safety & policing, emergency response, infrastructure issues/concerns, environment issues/concerns, transmission lines, health services.

Attendees on behalf of Energy Alberta, virtually left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Coffee Break from 2:08 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.

c) *Arcadis (in-camera under FOIP section 16)*

Arcadis Attendees: Glenn MacIntyre and Doug Chambers

Reeve Corinna Williams moved by consensus, that the Wednesday, October 30, 2024 REC meeting go in camera for a delegation from Arcadis under FOIP section 16 at 2:13 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Sandra Eastman moved by consensus that the Wednesday, October 30, 2024 REC meeting come out of camera at 2:53 p.m.

d) *Rural Development Network – Reeve Corinna Williams*

The 2-year research project was brought forward to the committee. After much discussion, it was felt that the committee could support this research project if it was applied for by an

economic development association/committee/alliance in the region for the region, but the Regional Energy Committee would not be the champion to lead the project nor apply for it.

e) *Neighbouring Municipalities video intro from Energy Alberta*

ACTION STEP: Note as On-going and refer this back to Scott Henuset and follow up at the November 14th, 2024 REC meeting.

f) *Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities*

Reeve Corinna Williams moved by consensus to follow-up with CANHC on being a member and use the REC funds from membership fees to pay for the CANHC membership.

ACTION STEP: Reeve Terry Ungarian to contact CANHC.

6. Info Items

   a) *News Article – Google to buy nuclear power for AI datacenter's in 'world first' deal*
   b) *Email from Regional Environmental Action Committee (REAC). The chair will continue to forward emails received to the committee.*

7. Round Table

ACTION STEP: Chair Ungarian to contact Scott about suggested ideas of content for 'support letters' that are written by the organizations that REC have been visiting. Many have indicated they would like to provide a letter of support and want to know content ideas.

ACTION STEP: Chair Ungarian to ask CANHC about Arcadis as an Independent 3rd Party Watchdog.

8. Next Steps

   a) *Host for next Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024*

ACTION STEP: Town of Grimshaw will host the next REC meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Office on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

9. Adjournment

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Wednesday, October 30, 2024 REC meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Chair, Reeve Terry Ungarian

November 14/2024
Date Signed