MINUTES
REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE (REC)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 AT 11:00AM
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY OFFICE

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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
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
Shelly Shannon	Deputy Mayor, Town of Peace River *(virtual)*
Barb Miller	CAO, Town of Peace River

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 Thursday, September 12, 2024, Regional Energy Committee to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda *(by consensus)*

By consensus, the committee adopted the meeting agenda with the following additions:

- 5. c) Invitation from Peace River Rotary Club

- 5. d) October 10th Change of Date Request
- 5. e) Round Table/Open Discussion

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

By consensus, the committee adopted the Friday, August 16, 2024 meeting minutes with the addition of Town of Fairview under Action Step concerning Energy Alberta hosting video presentations to neighbouring municipalities.

4. Updates from Old Business
   a) Finance Update

For clarification, no invoice will be sent out to municipalities for the membership fee.

5. New Business
   a) Public and Confidential Information Directive

Any information that is not for the public must be identified as **in camera** and if sent via email, should include **CONFIDENTIAL** in the subject line.

There must be a clear understanding of what is:

- **ONLY** for REC members
- For REC members and councils
- For REC members, councils and the public.

b) Terms of Reference Request from County of Northern Lights

Discussion took place around the County of Northern Lights councils' suggestion of including '*all forms of power to the region*' in the committee's terms of reference.

ACTION STEP: Committee will include the addition, noting that currently, the group is focused on nuclear power.

c) Invitation to the Peace River Rotary Club

Chair Ungarian had an invitation to the Rotary Club. They wished to know more about the Regional Energy Committee and what it was doing and who all were involved. As indicated in the Terms of Reference, the Chair and Vice Chair are the spokespersons for the committee. Discussion around having to receive permission from the committee before accepting an invitation to speak transpired ending with the consensus that the committee should be pro-active about sharing who they are and what they are promoting.

ACTION STEP: Chair and Vice Chair will attend the next Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024. Highlighting:

- Municipal Members
- That the committee is advocating together for a nuclear power plant in the Peace Region

- Advocating and gathering support for an economic project of this kind from Businesses, Organizations, other neighbouring municipalities, etc.
- That REC may in the future ask for letters of support for a nuclear project in the Region
- The committee is in support of economic growth in the north, and particularly the opportunity of having a nuclear power generating facility in the region.

The above discussion led to common communication coming from each member municipality.

ACTION STEP: Cindy Millar, CAO of Northern Sunrise County will draft a statement for members to post on their websites.

Discussion continued regarding embracing meeting with groups to bring awareness of this economic development opportunity, explain who we are as a committee, gather support in the region, to be a conduit for information sharing, and prepare organizations that a support letter request may be asked of them in the future.

ACTION STEP: Cindy Millar, CAO to draft a letter that Teresa Tupper will send out to the following Boards/Organizations introducing the committee and asking if they would like a verbal update from the committee spokespersons:

- Lac Cardinal Economic Development
- Grimshaw Chamber of Commerce
- Peace River Chamber of Commerce
- Manning Chamber of Commerce
- Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA)
- Northern Sunrise County Economic Development Committee
- Town of Peace River Economic Development Committee
- Northern Lakes College
- Grande Prairie/Northwestern Polytechnic

Recessed for lunch at 12:07 p.m.
Reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

d) October 10th Change of Date Request

Due to conflicting schedules, the committee will not have quorum for the October 10th meeting.

ACTION STEP: Date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 30th at 1:00 p.m**. at the Seniors Centre, Hamlet of Dixonville. Deputy Reeve Brenda Yasinski, CNL, will make the arrangements.

6. Round Table

ACTION STEP: Place discussion of membership to the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) on the next agenda.

Discussed grant funding for communications

ACTION STEP: CAO's will look at opportunities to apply for grants to assist with a communications person/plan.

7. Adjournment

Chair adjourned the September 12th, 2024 Regional Energy Committee Meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Chair, Terry Ungarian

Nov 1/24

Date Signed