

MINUTES OF THE PEACE RIVER TOWN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON JANUARY 13, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Tarpey, Deputy Mayor Elaine Manzer, Councillors Tanin Behnke, Terry Sawchuk, Orren Ford, Rod Burr, Colin Needham

REGRETS:

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Bunn, CAO
Anna Aleksov, Executive Assistant

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tarpey called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

II ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. Additions: VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS (item 7.1)
VIII NEW BUSINESS (item 8.10)
2. Deletions:

Councillor Needham moved to accept the amended agenda as presented.

MOTION 14-01-019 MOTION CARRIED

III ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor Behnke moved that the minutes of the January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

MOTION 14-01-020 MOTION CARRIED

IV PUBLIC HEARINGS

V PRESENTATIONS

VI BYLAWS

VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Phillip J. Currie Museum - Amber Ball **(ADDITION)**

The Phillip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum is having a grand opening on August 9, 2014 and celebrating the event by having a ribbon cutting ceremony and a dinner and a gala. They invite the Town of Peace River representatives,

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the Mayor and Council, to attend the event.

Councillor Behnke moved that Council does not attend the Phillip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum's grand opening dinner and a gala on the August 9th, 2014 but to participate by contributing to the silent auction by donating an item not to exceed a dollar value of \$500, possibly a historic photograph of the Peace River area.

MOTION 14-01-021 MOTION CARRIED

VIII

NEW BUSINESS

1. MMSA - Invoice

Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) has issued an annual invoice which exceeds the CAO's authorized limit on the value.

Councillor Needham moved that Council authorize Administration to make a payment on the MMSA invoice for annual services contract.

MOTION 14-01-022 MOTION CARRIED

2. Water Bill Reduction Request

The Town of Peace River has received a letter from a Town resident requesting a dollar break in water bill charges. Resident's water meter was not accessible due to snow not being cleaned, as well as Public Works staffing limitations. Due to these reasons, resident claims that water leakage in the toilet room was not noticed.

Councillor Needham moved that Council decline the Town resident's request for dollar break in water bill charges, and instruct Administration to develop a payment plan for the resident in order to ease the financial burden.

MOTION 14-01-023 MOTION CARRIED

3. The Peace River & District Chamber of Commerce - Invitation to Present

The Peace River & District Chamber of Commerce invites Mayor and Council to give a presentation at the next Chamber general membership meeting, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

Councillor Sawchuk moved that due to budget not being finalized, the time of mid-March to mid-April would be preferred, as at that time Council is expected to have a more definitive budget to disclose, and to have Mayor call the Chamber of Commerce to inquire as to the purpose and intent of the presentation.

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MOTION 14-01-024

MOTION CARRIED

4. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) Resignation

Administration has received a letter from Deb Kalyn advising that Ms. Kalyn resigned from the Municipal Planning Commission, effective immediately.

Councillor Behnke moved that the Council accept Administration's recommendations that Council accept Ms. Kalyn's resignation from the Municipal Planning Commission and furthermore, that Ms. Kalyn receive a "Thank You" plaque and letter from the Mayor for her service on the Board.

MOTION 14-01-025

MOTION CARRIED

5. Community Services Board Membership

The Community Services Board would like to fill a vacancy for a member at large as per the Community Services Board Bylaw 1206. There is one vacancy and three (3) applications.

Councillor Burr moved that the Council accept the Community Services Board recommendation in that Town Council appoints Kelly Lauritsen to the Community Services Board as a Member at Large, as well as to extend the Board and Council's appreciation to the other applicants for their interest.

MOTION 14-01-026

MOTION CARRIED

6. Pat's Creek - Repairs

MPA Engineering has proposed work be done to the Pat's Creek culvert, as well as offered quotations.

Councillor Burr moved that Administration proceed in hiring MPA Engineering's services to provide engineering for the first 7 meters of Pat's Creek culvert, and to look into the remaining area in need of immediate work.

MOTION 14-01-027

MOTION CARRIED

7. AUMA - MGA Education Session

AUMA is offering one-day session regarding a general overview of the Municipal Government Act, concentrating primarily on portions of the Act that most impact municipal governance and decision-making.

Councillor Behnke moved that members of the Council be enabled to attend the AUMA's session regarding a general overview of the Municipal Government Act.

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MOTION 14-01-028 MOTION CARRIED

8. Meetings with adjacent municipalities

Administration is seeking Council's direction regarding meetings with adjacent municipalities regarding the following:

- Recreation
- Airport
- Fire
- Medical Clinic
- Water Service

Councillor Burr moved that the Town of Peace River enter into an agreement with the regional partners, County of Northern Sunrise, MD of Peace #135, County of Northern Lights, Town of Grimshaw, Village of Nampa, and Village of Berwyn, to develop a regional recreation assessment needs study to establish long term recreation needs.

MOTION 14-01-029 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Needham moved that Administration contact the Town of Grimshaw, MD of Peace #135, County of Northern Lights, and County of Northern Sunrise to find a suitable meeting date to all parties to meet and discuss future management model of our regional airport.

MOTION 14-01-030 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Ford moved that Administration send a letter to MD of Peace #135 asking that the Town of Peace River and MD of Peace #135 develop a stand-by agreement for Fire Services.

MOTION 14-01-031 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Ford moved that Administration invite MD of Peace #135 to attend a joint fire meeting between the Town of Peace River and County of Northern Lights Joint Fire Services Committee.

MOTION 14-01-032 MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Manzer moved that Administration extend an invitation to the County of Northern Sunrise, County of Northern Lights, MD of Peace #135, and the Town of Grimshaw, to meet with the Town of Peace River regarding the Medical Clinic and all medical needs, doctor recruitment, and retainment of medical staff.

MOTION 14-01-033 MOTION CARRIED

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Councillor Needham moved that Administration contact the MD of Peace #135 and Counties of Northern Lights and Northern Sunrise in respect to the cost of the Peace Regional Pool and present an argument of costs involved, particularly pertaining to the air exchanger among other items in need of repair, and ask for a contribution.

MOTION 14-01-034 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Burr moved to amend Councillor Needham's motion that Administration contact the MD of Peace #135 and Counties of Northern Lights and Northern Sunrise in respect to the cost of the Peace Regional Pool and present an argument of costs involved, particularly pertaining to the air exchanger among other items in need of repair, and ask for a contribution and instead include all costs involved.

MOTION RESCINDED

Councillor Sawchuk moved that Town of Peace River contact MD of Peace #135 to discuss Shaftesbury Trail Water Co-Op Extension.

MOTION 14-01-035 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Sawchuk moved that the Town of Peace River approach the MD of Peace #135 and County of Northern Lights to discuss future water extensions to the Peace Regional Airport and Weberville.

MOTION 14-01-036 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Needham moved that the Town of Peace River accepts the Lac Cardinal Regional Economical Group's, consisting of Village of Berwyn, Town of Grimshaw, and MD of Peace #135, invitation to hold a preliminary discussion regarding a joint regional economic development initiative.

MOTION 14-01-037 MOTION CARRIED

9. MMSA - Misery Mountain Urban Park Concept Design Project Direction

In April of 2013 Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency was directed by the Town of Peace River to begin a park design process for the Misery Mountain Urban Park and the 12 Foot Davis Events Park.

Councillor Needham moved that the Misery Mountain Urban Park Concept Design Project Direction item be tabled until the January 27, 2014

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MOTION 14-01-038

MOTION CARRIED

10. STARS Lottery Launch Initiation (ADDITION)

Mayor and Council have received an invitation to attend the 21st Annual STARS Lottery Launch set to take place on January 16, 2014 at 10:30 am in Grande Prairie.

Deputy Mayor Manzer moved that the Council accept Administrations option 2, do not attend the 21st STARS Lottery Launch set to take place on January 16, 2014 at 10:30 am in Grande Prairie.

MOTION 14-01-039

MOTION CARRIED

IX

REPORTS

1. Cheque Register to January 6, 2014
2. Cheque Register to January 8, 2014

Councillor Burr moved to approve the Cheque Registers to January 6, 2014 and January 8, 2014 for payment.

MOTION 14-01-040

MOTION CARRIED

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

1. - Councillor Behnke informed the Council that there will be a PREDA Executive meeting held on January 16, 2014 and a PREDA Board meeting on January 17, 2014, as well as Hospital Foundation and RCMP meetings, both to be held on January 15, 2014.
- Councillor Needham informed the Council that the Peace Region Waste Management meeting will be held on January 15, 2014 which he will not be able to attend.
- Councillor Sawchuk informed the Council that he will be attending a Museum Board meeting on January 16, 2014, as well as Planning Commission and Ski Hill on January 17, 2014.
- Councillor Ford informed that he will be attending the Ski Hill meeting on January 17, 2014.
- Council will attend a CN Dangerous Goods meeting on January 23, 2014.
- Councillor Burr updated the Council on BC Hydro's Site C presentation held at the Sawridge Inn on January 10 and 11, 2014.

BC Hydro held a formal hearing regarding Site C to the public on January 10 and January 11, 2014. A number of presenters were heard who had concerns regarding the site.

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Deputy Mayor Manzer moved that Administration forwards to Council copies of the Town of Peace River's submission to BC Hydro regarding Site C that had originally been sent to BC Hydro.

MOTION 14-01-041 MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Tarpey called a recess at 6:10 pm.

Mayor Tarpey resumed the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Councillor Ford moved that the Council meeting go in camera at 6:22 pm.

MOTION 14-01-042 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Behnke moved that the Council come out of camera at 9:25 pm.

MOTION 14-01-043 MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Ford moved that the Council directs Administration to arrange an anti-bullying course for all Town employees, management and Council.

MOTION 14-01-044 MOTION CARRIED

XI

INFORMATION

1. Peace Regional RCMP Detachment - Quarterly Report
2. Peace River & District Chamber of Commerce - Business Social
3. Travel Alberta - Growing Rural Tourism
4. Aboriginal Interagency Committee - "Thank You"
5. Alberta Association of Architects - Electronic Document Certification notification
6. Earth Day - Hometown Heroes Award Program
7. Peace River Child Care Association - Moving Out Notice
8. MMSA - 2013 MMSA Work Plan Accomplishments and 2014 MMSA Work Plan for the Town of Peace River
9. University of Alberta - The Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences

Councillor Behnke moved that items XI INFORMATION items 1 through 9 be accepted for information.

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MOTION 14-01-045 MOTION CARRIED

XII NOTICE OF MOTION

XIII IN CAMERA

1. Legal (1)
2. Personnel (2)


XIV KEY COMMUNICATION ITEMS

1. - Council continues budget talks within the Town as well as adjacent region
- Pat's Creek will continue repairs as stated in press release; public will be directed accordingly
- Council is actively engaging with neighbouring municipalities to move forward with regional initiatives
- Misery Mountain Urban Design Concept Plan has been deferred to January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council


XV ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Behnke moved the meeting to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

MOTION 14-01-046 MOTION CARRIED



Thomas Tarpey, Mayor



Kelly Bunn, CAO