

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135, Province of Alberta, held February 9, 2021 via Zoom at the Municipal Office, Berwyn, Alberta.

Present

Reeve
Councillors
Robert Willing
Sandra Eastman
Theresa Johnson
Janice Reyda
Ken Herlinveaux

Attending

CAO
Recording Secretary
Press
Barbara Johnson
Lelia Sumner
Kristin Dyck, Mile Zero-Banner Post News

Call to Order

Reeve Willing called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**Adoption
of Agenda**

Janice Reyda:
40/21
MOVED that the agenda for the February 9, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.
Carried

**Approval
of Minutes**

1. January 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Theresa Johnson:
41/21
MOVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 26, 2021 be approved as amended.
Carried

**Business Arising
Out of Minutes**

1. Draft Letter re: Development of Database for Economic Development

Janice Reyda:
42/21
MOVED to authorize administration to send out the letter to landowners adjacent to the rail line advising that the MD would like to develop a database of potential land for sale for economic development and further, that the letter be placed on the website.
Carried

Appointments

1. Barry Denison, Public Works Foreman

Barry Denison and Dwayne Lee joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

b) Dwayne Lee – BF70289 Debris Cleaning

Dwayne Lee excused himself from the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

c) Jeannette Robinson – Water Issue & Weed Control

Nasar Iqbal, Jeannette Robinson and David Wilson joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Nasar Iqbal, Jeannette Robinson and David Wilson excused themselves from the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

a) Public Works Foreman's Report

Sandra Eastman:
43/21
MOVED that the February 9, 2021 Public Works Foreman's Report and Work Program Follow Up be accepted as presented.

Carried

Barry Denison excused himself from the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**Business Arising
Out of Minutes
Continued**

**2. Rigstar Telecom
- Request for Letter of Support**

Janice Reyda:
44/21
MOVED to provide a letter of support to Rigstar Industrial Telecom (Rigstar) and ABnet's partner for their application to the CRTC Broadband Fund.

Carried

1. Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2021
a) 2021 Capital Projects Summary as at January 31, 2021
b) Council Operating Financial January 31, 2021

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council accept the January 31, 2021 Financial
45/21 Reports as presented.

Carried

2. Accounts for Payment

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that 30 electronic fund transfers and cheque #13032
46/21 to cheque #13082, with the exception of cheque #13077, in
the total amount of \$181,979.75 be approved for payment.

Carried

Sandra Eastman abstained from discussion on cheque #13077.

Theresa Johnson: MOVED that cheque #13077 in the amount of \$840.00 be
47/21 approved for payment.

Carried

3. CAO's Report

Barbara Johnson reviewed her written report with Council.

Theresa Johnson: MOVED that the CAO's Report be accepted for information.
48/21

Carried

**Appointments
Continued**

2. Nasar Iqbal, Manager of Agricultural Services
Nasar Iqbal joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

a) Manager of Agricultural Services Report

Sandra Eastman: MOVED that the February 2021 Manager of Ag Services
49/21 Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

b) Approval of November 27, 2020 Agricultural Service Board Minutes

Theresa Johnson: MOVED to approve the November 27, 2020 Agricultural
50/21 Service Board minutes as presented.

Carried

c) Acceptance of January 15, 2021 Agricultural Service Board Minutes

Theresa Johnson: MOVED that Council accept the January 15, 2021 ASB
51/21 Minutes as information.

Carried

Reeve Willing called for a short break at 10:48

Council reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**Land Use/Planning/
Subdivisions**

1. Bylaw No. 10/20

a) Public Hearing: Municipal Development Plan

Komiete Tetteh, MMSA joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Reeve Willing called the Public Hearing to order at 11:05 a.m.

The following attendees joined via Zoom:

Kristin Dyck, Press - Mile Zero Banner Post

Trevor Panas, Lehigh Hanson

Jessica Sabell, Lehigh Hanson

Dale Soetaert, Lehigh Hanson

Joe Hustler, Knelsen Sand & Gravel

Carley Dobko, NPA Ltd./ Ruel Brothers Contracting

Gayle Walton, Resident Shaftesbury Trail

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February 9, 2021

**Land Use/Planning/
Subdivisions
Continued**

Reeve Willing stated the purpose of the hearing, which is to provide an opportunity for public input and comment on proposed Bylaw No. 10/2020.

Dale Soetaert asked if the Town of Peace River's written submission could be read. Barbara Johnson read the submission.

Gayle Walton asked if the written submissions would be on the website soon; it was confirmed that staff would be adding them to the website as soon as possible.

Trevor Panas – Lehigh Hanson - provided the following comments:

- Lehigh Hanson purchased property 11 years ago and started rezoning process in 2014.
- Shaftesbury Trail Gravel Pit District was not in place and the MD was, at that time, receptive to a new district. Lehigh was instrumental in helping create new district and subsequently submitted their rezoning application. Lehigh spent approximately \$285,000 to satisfy all requirements.
- Shaftesbury Trail has some of the highest quality gravel in the MD. This bylaw would mean we're sterilizing natural resource.
- It will cost more for residents to access clean gravel and will drive up costs for businesses.
- Lehigh is environmentally responsible.
- Normally provide a number of good jobs with good benefits and pensions to employees.

Dale Soetaert – Lehigh Hanson - provided these additional comments:

- Other landowners on Shaftesbury Trail may also have aggregate on their properties and may want to take advantage of it.
- Next election could bring in new councillors in favour of projects.
- Most MD's in province not sterilizing aggregates and try to work around obstacles to allow aggregate development.

Jessica Sabell – Lehigh Hanson – also opposes sterilizing gravel on Shaftesbury Trail.

Joe Hustler – Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. comments:

- have a facility north of Grimshaw that operates year round.
- shutting down gravel pits will sterilize best gravel in MD, south side of river is already sterilized due to wildland park. Feels the north side of the river should have access to natural resource.
- dwindling supply of gravel resource.
- bylaw was poorly done – duplicates provincial regulations.
- AB Transportation has no intention of closing down their Shaftesbury Trail gravel pit.

Gayle Walton – Resident on Shaftesbury Trail

- Supports Council's direction of no further gravel pits on Shaftesbury Trail. She has spent about 15 years fighting gravel pits.
- No gravel pit development due to beauty and historical sites along trail. She would like to see the MD develop these more.
- Feels there is significant residential development on Trail, pits shouldn't be developed next to residences.
- Feels there is no sterilization because the resource will still be there.
- Asks why should more discussion on these bylaws – MD is saying they don't want gravel pits along Shaftesbury Trail.
- All work done up to this point was really led by previous Reeve and wasn't the residents' wishes.
- Lehigh and Ruel aren't great community members – don't see them contributing to the community as other local businesses do.

Carley Dobko – NPA/ Ruel Brothers

- Sterilization occurs by developing on top of natural resources.
- These bylaws definitely affect planning and development in the community.
- Their community involvement includes employment opportunities they offer to residents
- Provincial government regulations are very stringent regarding operations and reclamation.
- Would like to develop other land on Shaftesbury Trail and would take 2 years to mine the gravel there.

4. Bylaw No. 9/2020

Komiete Tetteh explained the amendments to the Bylaw.

Trevor Panas, Jessica Sabell and Dale Soetaert, Lehigh Hanson joined the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Council discussed the option of postponing 2nd and 3rd readings of Bylaws No. 10/2020 and 9/2020 until after the election in October 2021.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED to table further readings on Bylaws 9/2020 and
54/21 10/2021 until after the Municipal election in October 2021.

Opposed: Theresa Johnson
 Ken Herlinveaux
 Robert Willing

In favor: Janice Reyda
 Sandra Eastman

Motion Defeated

Robert Willing suggested that third reading be postponed until March 2021.

Theresa Johnson: MOVED second reading of Bylaw No. 9/2020.
55/21

Janice Reyda requested a recorded vote.

Opposed: Janice Reyda
 Sandra Eastman
In favor: Ken Herlinveaux
 Theresa Johnson
 Robert Willing

Carried

3. Bylaw No. 10/2020

Robert Willing suggested that third reading be postponed until March 2021.

Ken Herlinveaux: MOVED second reading of Bylaw No. 10/2020.
56/21

Janice Reyda requested a recorded vote.

Opposed: Janice Reyda
 Sandra Eastman
For: Ken Herlinveaux
 Theresa Johnson
 Robert Willing

Carried

Komiete Tetteh, Jessica Sabell, Trevor Panas and Dale Soetaert excused themselves from the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Council presented Coleen Bak with recognition for her extended work on Accounts Receivable.

**Appointments
Continued**

2. Nasar Iqbal, Manager of Agricultural Services

d) Beaver Control Policy ASB – 14

Nasar Iqbal rejoined the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Sandra Eastman: MOVED to accept the Beaver Control Policy ASB-14
57/21 as presented.

Carried

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2. Nasar Iqbal, Manager of Agricultural Services
e) Bylaw No. 1/2021
- Invasive Species Bylaw

Sandra Eastman: MOVED to table this item until it can be reviewed by
58/21 the Agricultural Service Board.

Carried

Nasar Iqbal excused himself from the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

**Reports
Continued**

4. Councillors' Reports

Theresa Johnson: MOVED that the Councillors' reports be accepted as
59/21 presented.

Carried

Correspondence

1. County of Stettler No. 6

- Letter re: Uncollectable Taxes & Seniors Housing Requisitions
Council accepted this item as information.

2. Gordon A. McIntosh

- Post-Election Workshop Services
Council accepted this item as information.

3. Municipal District of Bonnyville

- Need for a Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate
Council accepted this item as information.

4. Municipal District of Spirit River

- COVID Lockdowns
Council accepted this item as information.

5. Northern Woods & Water Highway Association

- 2021 Membership

Sandra Eastman: MOVED to renew membership to the Northern Woods &
60/21 Water Highway Association at a cost of \$500 for 2021.

Carried

**Correspondence
Continued**

6. Mackenzie County

- Reopening Recreational and Business Services
Council accepted this item as information.

7. Grimshaw Curling Club

- Capital Funding Request

Theresa Johnson: MOVED that the MD of Peace grant \$50,000 to the Grimshaw
61/21 Curling Club for the Ice Plant Capital Enhancement Project
and further, that the funds be taken from the recreation
reserve account.

Carried

8. Town of High River

- Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy
Council accepted this item as information.

New Business

1. Bylaw No. 2/2021

- Fees and Charges Bylaw

Sandra Eastman: MOVED first reading of Bylaw No. 2/2021 as amended.
62/21 Carried

Theresa Johnson: MOVED second reading of Bylaw No. 2/2021.
63/21 Carried

**1. Bylaw No. 2/2021
- Fees and Charges Bylaw**

Janice Reyda: MOVED to proceed to third reading of Bylaw No. 2/2021 at
64/21 this time.

Carried
Unanimously

Ken Herlinveaux: MOVED third reading of Bylaw No. 2/2021.
65/21 Carried

2. Request for Decision – Protective Shields

Theresa Johnson: MOVED that Council authorize the purchase of 10
66/21 Protective Shields Option 2 from Staples at a cost of \$79.99
each for Council chambers.

Carried

Information Items Council discussed the information items.

Question Period Kristin Dyck asked for clarification on Council's stance in stopping gravel pit
development on Shaftesbury Trail as compared to nuclear energy. Reeve Willing
felt that its not the same comparison but that more information needs to be
provided on small nuclear plants prior to development being allowed.

Kristin Dyck excused herself from the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Confidential Items 1. Personnel – FOIP Section 17

2. Intergovernmental Relations – Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework – FOIP
Section 21

Janice Reyda: MOVED that Council move to closed session to discuss
67/21 privileged information as per FOIP sections 17 and 21 at
3:23 p.m.

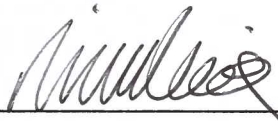
Carried

Theresa Johnson: MOVED that Council return to open meeting at 3:52 p.m.
68/21 Carried

3:52 p.m. meeting resumed with no public attending.

Adjournment Being that the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at
3:55 p.m.

These minutes approved this 23rd day of February, 2021.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer