

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ACADIA NO. 34.**  
**REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017.**

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The Regular Meeting of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 was held in the Municipal Office in Acadia Valley on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Councillors Vandelight, Neilson, Peers, Reeve Rafa, CAO Williams and Assistant Dillabough were present at the meeting. The Reeve then asked council to review the agenda for the February 14, 2017 meeting.

**008/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:**

That the Agenda for February 14, 2017 be accepted by Council as presented.

**CARRIED**

**009/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGHT:**

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**VISITORS:**

-Public Works coordinator James Park met with council at 9:30 a.m. to review his monthly activity report and discuss the quotes he has received on a new mower. James is waiting to hear back from Case to compare with the John Deer quote he received, he has also been working with Brent on getting a quote/finding a used loader. James spent a day at the Empress gravel pit with Tim Davey to explore how much gravel is remaining, their rough calculation is approximately 100,000 yards. Things have been busy in the shop getting the sanding box painted, picnic tables built and working on the old spray truck to have it ready for spring.

Ag Fieldman Stacy Scheuerman met with council at 10:35 a.m. to review her monthly report, Stacy and Willie attended ASB convention in Edmonton, lots of good information and speakers. Stacy has also been in contact with 2 different people from Fish and Wildlife to do with options for the dam, both say that the 2 kills in the last 7 years were weather related and adding oxygen would not have helped. James,Brad and Brent went to look at a used spray truck in Saskatchewan and will place an offer of \$6000.00 for the truck and sprayer.

**New Business:**

- Registration for AAMD&C Spring Convention: Mar 20-22<sup>nd</sup>
- Review of 2017 Ratepayer Survey Results
- Discussion and Motion on the following Municipal Policies:
  - Municipal Employee Code of Conduct
  - Municipal Purchasing Policy
- Discussion on Agricultural Equipment Upgrade: Truck with mounted sprayer
- Motion on 2017 CAO Evaluation
- Discussion on Excessive Speed Issues in the hamlet

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010/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 reviewed the Municipal Purchasing policy and accept it as amended

CARRIED

011/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 accept the CAO evaluation as prepared by Reeve Rafa.

CARRIED

012/2017 COUNCILLOR NEILSON:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 will have the Public works department put up 4 way stop signs on the corners of Railway and Main Street, Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

CARRIED

Councillor Vandeligt left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Council adjourned for lunch from 11:50 -1:00 p.m.

**New Business Continued:**

- Update on 2016 Audit: Report and Visit
- Update on 2017 Financial Situation
- Discussion on Clinic Funding

The revised M&E and Linear is leaving the MD with an estimated \$100,000 shortfall, Brent has been working with the Budget and we will manage to get through this year but next year we will need to look at more structural budget cuts. Council discussed the proposed medical clinic in Oyen; Hanna is willing to share their blueprint drawings which could save some money. There are still a lot of unanswered questions and the Medical Dental board will meet in March to discuss these.

013/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 move \$60,000 that has been in Reserves for the Medical Dental clinic into a separate T-bill.

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**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE reviewed by the CAO**

- South Country Co-op: Decision not to relocate Acadia Valley Card-Lock
- Prairie Rose School Division: Meeting on closure of New Brigden School

014/2017 COUNCILLOR NIELSON:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 have the CAO send a letter to Prairie Rose in support of the New Brigden School.

CARRIED

015/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Monthly Statement, having been checked by Reeve Rafa and Councillor Neilson, be accepted by Council.

CARRIED

016/2017 COUNCILLOR NEILSON:

That the attached list of bills has been paid and reviewed by Council;  
Including A/P Cheques and Payroll Cheques # 13174-13218

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COUNCILLOR PEERS: -Library Board meeting on February 13, reviewed salaries, yearly financials and budget. Things are going well; Susan Grudecki and Linda Conway are the new librarians and are bringing lots of great new ideas. Eastern Star donated \$1000. The board is working on arranging an author visit. The board will again be asking for an increase to their yearly requisition.

COUNCILLOR NEILSON: -AV Fire meeting, courses will go ahead but some of them may be later in the spring.

COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT: -ASB Convention and ASB hall meeting

REEVE RAFA: -ASB hall meeting on Fusarium & Root Rot  
-Acadia Foundation, Consort has 15 available rooms, Hanna has 5 and Oyen is full with a waiting list. Cost of benefits for 2017 went up by almost 40%, they had to revisit the plan and put a maximum cap of \$10,000

CAO WILLIAMS: - SAMDA Hiring Process is still ongoing

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CAO Report:

- Water Recover at 94%
- Sunset Club request for use of their hall for fitness facility
- Update on discussions with Telus concerning ongoing outages
- Fire Department request to close 2 roads in the hamlet for training
- Meridian NRCP Permits and AB EP Water approval

ASSISTANT DILLABOUGH - No meetings

Councillor Rafa adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes adopted this 14th day of March 2017.

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Reeve Rafa

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CAO Williams