

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ACADIA NO. 34.
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10, 2017. The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Councillors Vandelight, Peers, Skappak Reeve Rafa, CAO Williams and Assistant Dillabough were present at the meeting. The Reeve then asked council to review the agenda for the October 10, 2017 meeting.

0160/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGHT:

That the Agenda for October 10, 2017 be accepted by Council as presented.

CARRIED

161/2017 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

162/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 accept the Organizational Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

Business arising from previous minutes

– None

VISITORS:

James Park PW Coordinator met with council at 9:35 a.m. to review his monthly report/update. September was a busy month, James and Chris attended many ES calls plus James attended a 2 day Risk Pro workshop in Calgary. Sage was awarded the gravel crushing contract as they were the 2nd lowest tender and should be here on the 18th of October to start at the Empress pit. The Lagoon level is down so we will not have to pump it this fall, James was also working on the pad outside the Zamboni garage at the arena and it is now complete. If weather holds they plan to still do some sidewalks.

Phil Merrill from the Alberta Rat Control Program met with council at 10:20 a.m. We should be receiving our new contract shortly, the Province worked out a formula for everyone across the board and with our current 534 sites it should be for \$53,400. The formula is based on a fee of \$70 per site with an increase of \$20 for high risk sites and also \$10 for sites that are far away. Rabies control has always been listed in the contract but they are now requesting we have to submit 12 skunks per year for testing. Over the next 3 years things can change with the contract as new sites (even grain bags) may be added plus some old ones may need to be removed, if no infestations in a range the Province may decide we do not need to inspect those sites.

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New Business:

- Gordon Hittel Memorial Fund applications 2017.
- AAMDC Fall Convention – Nov 14th-17th
- Motion on 2017 Budget Amendment
- Discussion and Motion on Policy 2311: Private Approach Policy
- Discussion and Motion on Policy 2312: Fencing Policy
- Review of Municipal Safety Program
- Discussion on situation involving Provincial Agrologists based in the Medicine Hat Office
- Discussion on date for 2017 Public Round-Table Meeting

163/2017 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK :

That the Council of Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 accept the 9 GHMF applications that qualified under the guidelines and issue each applicant \$220 once confirmation has been received.

CARRIED

164/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 accept and approve the Private Approach Policy 2311 as attached.

CARRIED

165/2017 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 accept and approve the Fencing Policy 2312 as attached.

CARRIED

Discussion took place on the Municipal Safety Program that Brent has been working on and will hopefully be ready for 2018. Also discussed the situation involving the Provincial Agrologists based in the Medicine Hat Office (Environment & Parks) and Brent is going to send a letter on behalf of Council on our concerns with positions not being filled, our land borders a lot of the Crown land and we want to make sure things are getting taken care of. Council has set December 7, 2017 as a tentative date for the 2017 Public Round-Table meeting.

166/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT:

That the Council of Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 move the November Council meeting to Monday November 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Council Adjourned for lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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CAO Report:

- Brent went over the bank account and reserve summaries
- Some members North & West of AV from the Valley South COOP line have contacted Brent in regards to joining the HK waterline, this is something that council would have to decide if all parties were interest but they first need to have a VSC meeting to discuss what options there may be as the line currently runs to 7 residences.

167/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

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

CARRIED

168/2017 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the attached list of bills has been paid and reviewed by Council;
Including A/P Cheques and Payroll Cheques # 13626-13675

CARRIED

CORRESPONDANCE:

- FCC Agrispirit Grant Received to complete Zamboni room: \$21,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR PEERS:

- BCMD, ASB, SAMDA & Organizational
- Report attached

COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK

- No meetings

COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT

-ASB passed policies on Prohibited Noxious Weeds, Provincial Roads and Roadside spraying, Rat inspections are well underway and should be complete in the next week. Jory will be attending IST in Grand Prairie this December.

COUNCILLOR RAFA

-PEP-2017/18 member contribution have all been received, there is talk that this may be increasing next year. Jay Slempp advised the members that the 3rd intake for the Cares Program is now open, he also gave an update on project status and the Port of Wild horse is still in process. Things are moving ahead with the Oyen Rail Yard & Logistics Park project, this is a 155 acre multi-phase economic development project. Estimated costs of the initial phase are 2.1 million and includes upgrades to existing rail, construction of new rail and initial site preparation.

ASSISTANT DILLABOUGH

- 2017 Risk Pro – instead of receiving a 2% credit off

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our insurance we will be allocated the same amount of money in an account that can build from year to year to be used on any project/ upgrade to our risk management (eg. Security cameras, fence, alarms etc.).

Attended sessions on Best practice for insurance contacts - went over our schedules and will need to update our building construction types and square footage of buildings.

Cyber Security - should always be aware of where emails are coming from and take the time to think why I am getting this message. An example would be - Canada Post, if you hover over the sender you will be able to identify the email address "Canada Post Auto-Reply Admin" do_not_reply@canadapost.ca should be legit but if it has multiple letters numbers not just the name.ca it would be suspicious. If unsure it is always better to open an email on your phone.

Claims Reporting – Create a checklist, record the event, take pictures, retain evidence, fill in the incident report form and communicate

Councillor Rafa adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Minutes adopted this 13th day of November 2017.

Reeve Rafa

CAO Williams