

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ACADIA NO. 34.
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, November 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 December 12, 2017. The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Councillors Vandelight, Hoyt, Peers, Skappak Reeve Rafa, Assistant Dillabough and CAO Williams were present at the meeting. The Reeve then asked council to review the agenda for the November 10, 2017 meeting.

0176/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGHT:

That the Agenda for December 12, 2017 be accepted by Council as presented.
CARRIED

177/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

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

CARRIED

Business arising from previous minutes

– None

VISITORS:

Fire Chief Roger Didychuk and Deputy Ed Vansickle met with council to discuss the department, Wildfire and meeting with ATCO. Roger did not have a report done up on calls for the year but the department was very busy this fall. In 2018 Roger would like to upgrade some of the bunker gear as well as have been looking into changing the transmission the Tanker to an automatic. They have received a \$900 grant from AHS to buy manikins for training, they are also hoping to have a few of the members take the 300 and 400 course next year. The fire department will be holding their own Christmas Party in January.

Dianne Westerlund from CARA met with Council at 10:25 a.m. She presented a quick slide show of CARA's year in review. They held quite a few different workshops throughout the year as well as helped organize the Western Canada Conference on Soil Health, 525 people attended so this was a very big project. Hytech hired CARA in 2017 for to do 2808 plots for them. They are hoping to have the Soil Health Lab up and running this spring and are keeping busy with Producers bringing in samples of dugouts as we seen high sulphate levels this past summer, Lacey and Oliva are still working on the EFP.

New Business:

- Employee Christmas Gifts discussion
- Motion on 2017 Staff Fund
- Motion to set 2017 Cost of Living Increase
- Motion to appoint Maxine Booker as the Municipal Representative to the Marigold Foundation Board
- ICSP Review
- Update on Wildfire Recovery

178/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGHT:

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That the Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 issue Christmas gift certificates to all Staff at any business of their choice in Acadia Valley. 6salaried employees will receive a \$175 and 4 part-time will receive \$100

CARRIED

179/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 issue \$1000 into the Employee fund for the 2017 allocation.

CARRIED

180/2017 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 accept the CAO's recommendation to approve the COL increase of 1.4% on the 1st \$40,000 of an employee's salary.

CARRIED

Council Adjourned for lunch from 12:10 – 1:10 p.m.

181/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT:

That Council of the Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 appoint Maxine Booker as the Municipal Representative to the Marigold Foundation Board with Leanna Meers being an alternate.

CARRIED

182/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 donate \$1000 toward the Acadia Valley Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Party.

CARRIED

183/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council approve the updated 2018 interim operating and capital budgets

CARRIED

184/2017 COUNCILLOR HOYT:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 authorize administration to move \$45,000 from Budget to Capital Reserve for Future Equipment Purchases.

CARRIED

185/2017 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 authorize administration to move \$10,000 from budget to unfunded liabilities.

CARRIED

CAO Report:

- CAO Williams informed Council that the MD has received a CARES grant to

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pay for half of the Irrigation Study Update. He recommended using the funds received from the ALARIE Exchange payout for this

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Municipal Affairs: MSI Capital Program, approval of grader purchase
- ATCO Electric, Re: Wildfire Recovery

Discussion took place in regards to the ongoing wildfire recovery effort. CAO Williams reported the engagement with ATCO Electric has gone well. Atco was out and met with effected land owners and offered donations, they also met with Brent and the MD was given \$25,000 to use for MD infrastructure repair and Fire department expenses.

Further discussion took place regarding changes to the gravel and mowing tendering process. Council decided to table this discussion to a future meeting as further research is required.

Also, Council discussed the 2018 bridge repair program, which largely depends on potential STIP funding, as well as the purchase of 2 new light vehicles with the proceeds from the current grader's trade-in value.

186/2017 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT:

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

CARRIED

187/2017 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the attached list of bills has been paid and reviewed by Council;
Including A/P Cheques and Payroll Cheques # 13742-13764

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR PEERS: - BCMDB - Report attached

COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK - Attended PRMS Annual meeting and was elected to the board. Meeting was brief in other respects, with each department providing an overview of what they do.

COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT - Attended Municipal Library Board meeting; not much was discussed.

COUNCILLOR RAFA - Acadia Foundation organizational meeting, Pete stayed on as chair, the Foundation will be paying back 3.2 million of surplus to the Municipalities/Towns for the overage of funds when the lodges were re-done. In the New

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Year there will be an increase for housing.

COUNCILLOR HOYT -AV Fire meeting, RDRMUG

Councillor Vandeligt adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Minutes adopted this 9th day of January 2018.

Reeve Rafa

CAO Williams