

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ACADIA NO. 34.**  
**REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2019.**

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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, March 12, 2019. The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Councillors Peers, Skappak, Vandeligt, Hoyt, Reeve Rafa, CAO Wallsmith and Assistant Dillabough (recording secretary) were present at the meeting. The Reeve then asked council to review the agenda for the March 12, 2019 meeting.

026/2019 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Agenda for March 12, 2019 be accepted by Council as presented.

CARRIED

027/2019 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

028/2019 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

PAST MEETING MINUTES:

-None

**VISITORS:**

-Desiree Kuori & Kevin Miller from Municipal Affairs and the Municipal Accountability Program also met with Jason on Monday March 11th.

The Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) will review municipal processes and procedures to help develop knowledge of mandatory legislative requirements. This will support municipalities with their legislative compliance.

The MAP will consist of multi-year cycle reviews, ordered by the Minister under Section 571 of the *Municipal Government Act*. Municipalities with populations of 5,000 or less will participate in the MAP.

-James was unable to attend the Meeting, his monthly activity report was handed out for Council to review. Dennis is back at work as of March 8, 2019 and has been working with James to come up with a rough road program as well as getting the Grader ready. we are experiencing some issues with sewer lines freezing up and are dealing with them as they arise. James has been talking with Special Areas on washrooms for the Dam, he will have prices for them as well as a cost for a new tilt deck trailer he would like to budget for.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Municipal Sustainability Initiative – MOA Amendment
- b. 2019 Budget and Road Graveling Plan Meeting

029/2019 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 sign the amended MSI memorandum of Agreement

CARRIED

030/2019 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 hold the Annual Budget and Road program meeting on March 28, 2019 @ 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

CARRIED

**CAO REPORT:**

-Attended PEP meeting in Medicine Hat, on behalf of the M.D. Reeve Rafa has asked the PEP board for \$20,000 towards the irrigation feasibility study.

-Has arranged to meet with Mike from MPE at Convention in Edmonton to discuss the feasibility study, Jason will also double check that we do not need to re- tender the project.

-The Community Generation Grant we applied for with Akoda Land has been approved, the location they choose is in Special Areas closer to Dorothy, AB.

-Attended SAMDA meeting with Councillor Peers, they both will wait a little longer to decide if the MD should give our notice to no longer be part of the partnership. At RMA Convention Council will meet with Special Areas to see what they are thinking also.

-Sent a letter to the AB Gov in regards to the purchase of the Landfill quarter, no reply yet but will follow up for next meeting

-Report attached

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE reviewed by the CAO**

- a. RMA – Strategic Direction
- b. Marigold Library System – Marigold Report

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

031/2019 COUNCILLOR HOYT:

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

CARRIED

032/2019 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the attached list of bills has been paid and reviewed by Council;  
Including A/P Cheques and Payroll Cheques # 14572-14610

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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COUNCILLOR PEERS: -BCMD meeting on Feb 13, Dr. Tam has joined the Oyen Medical Clinic on a 6 month contract, the contract will be reviewed after the 6 months with the option to sign for 3 more. A few house repairs were done before Dr Tam arrived  
-HK meeting on February 19 to discuss regular business  
-MD Irrigation meeting and Special meeting  
-SAMDA Board meeting to discuss the past and future of SAMDA, they will meet again on April 8th  
-Report attached

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-Had a call in regards to repairs at the Café and who is responsible, Jason will look to see if we have an agreement between the Rec Club and M.D.

COUNCILLOR VANDELIGT: -No meetings

**VISITATIONS CONTINUED:**

Jeff Benson from Johnston, Hunter and Morrison joined the meeting via telephone at 10:35 a.m. Jeff went over the 2018 Draft Financial statement with Council page by page on screen to explain.

033/2019 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 have reviewed the 2018 Draft Financial Report as prepared by JMH & Co. Chartered Accountants and accept the report as presented.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED:**

REEVE RAFA: -PEP meeting Feb.22, asked and received \$20,000 toward the MD irrigation feasibility study. They are applying for Federal grants for the Oyen and Foremost trans-load facilities, \$25,000 was approved for the study on Tiny homes subdivision in Bassano and Special Areas is asking for \$20,000 towards a livestock hub study.  
-Local to Global conference in Medicine Hat March 6,7&8 – Presentation on Alberta’s economic outlook with Michele Evans. Lots of discussion on True North Hemp & Aurora Cannabis, Aurora is the biggest cannabis grow facility in the world and has created more than 400 jobs in Medicine Hat.  
-Acadia Foundation meeting - All 3 lodges currently with empty rooms, Consort is looking at renting some of the rooms for office space.  
-Irrigation meeting at the AV hall – Excellent turn out and information presented, majority of people in attendance are in favor of doing the feasibility study.  
-Special Council meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Council made a motion to proceed with the irrigation feasibility study.  
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ASST. DILLABOUGH: - Audit was complete on February 7<sup>th</sup>, Jeff was able to get all the reports and information from the new software program and should have the draft financials ready for the March meeting.

**VISITATIONS CONTINUED:**

Wanda Diakow from Special Area's 4 met with Council to give a presentation on the Business Retention and Expansion Program. How do we grow and expand our Area, we need to not be afraid and have to be open to opportunity, some examples are variety specialty crops & food production. Wanda would like to run/offer this Program in the M.D. of Acadia, she would sign a confidentiality agreement with the Businesses and set up a survey with questions that would take no longer than 30 minutes.

034/2019 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 sign a letter of support for the Special Areas Business Retention and Expansion Program in the M.D. of Acadia.

CARRIED

Councillor Rafa adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes adopted this 9th day of April 2019.

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Reeve Rafa

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CAO Wallsmith