

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ACADIA NO. 34.
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2021.

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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 9, 2021. The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Councillors Vandelight, Peers, Skappak, Hoyt, Reeve Rafa, and CAO Wallsmith were present at the meeting. The Reeve then asked council to review the agenda for the March 9, 2021 meeting.

034/2021 COUNCILLOR VANDELIGHT:

That the Agenda for March 9, 2021 be accepted by Council as ammended.

CARRIED

035/2021 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PAST MEETING MINUTES:

-None

VISITATION:

-James Park and Jordan Hoffman met with Council at 9:30 a.m. to go over their monthly activity reports,

Public Works

- Moving snow piles, opening up water runs
- Power supply issues at the water plant
- Furnace issues during extreme cold

Ag Services

- Strychnine order – limited quantity received due to supply shortage
- Legislation and Program Administration course
- Mapping updates for spraying and rat inspections

Mr, Park and Mr. Hoffman left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

New Business:

- a. Big Country Medical Dental Board – Memorandum of Agreement
- b. National Mental Health Crisis Line
- c. Big Country Waste Management Commission – Agreement
- d. Oyen Handibus Request
- e. ASB Grant – Rat Stream
- f. Community Organization Contributions
- g. 2020 Audited Financial Statements
- h. 2021 Grazing Lease Rates
- i. MD Dam Development

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- j. Community Facility Operations
- k. Acadia Valley Municipal Library Contribution
- l. Meeting Technology

036/2021 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 authorize Reeve Rafa and CAO Wallsmith to execute the Memorandum of Agreement for the Big Country Medical Dental Board as presented.

CARRIED

Jeff Benson of JMH & Co joined the meeting virtually at 10:15 a.m. to present the 2020 Audited Financial Statements.

037/2021 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 approve the 2020 audited financial statements as presented.

CARRIED

Jeff Benson left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

038/2021 COUNCILLOR HOYT:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS M.D. of Acadia No. 34 Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT M.D. of Acadia No. 34 Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

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Cst. Rob Morozoff joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m. to provide an update from the Oyen RCMP Detachment. The following items were discussed:

- Staffing changes and shortages
- Indicated the shortages are in part due to lower numbers of recruits nationwide.

Cst. Morozoff left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

039/2021 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 enter into a closed session, (Economic and other interests as per *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Part 1, Division 2, Section 27) – Irrigation Project at 11:28 a.m.

CARRIED

040/2021 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 exit the closed session at 12:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Council recessed for lunch from 12:07 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

041/2021 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 authorize Reeve Rafa and CAO Wallsmith to execute the Big County Waste Management Commission Transfer Station Agreement.

CARRIED

042/2021 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 approve increasing the funding for the Oyen Handibus Association to \$750.00.

CARRIED

043/2021 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 authorize Reeve Rafa and CAO Wallsmith to execute the ASB Grant – Rat Stream application.

CARRIED

044/2021 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 accept the report on Community Support Allocations as information.

CARRIED

045/2021 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 request administration to purchase an upgraded camera solution for virtual meetings in Council chambers.

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Dave Cordick and Cheryl Ba;; Joined the meeting at 1:05.
The purchase of Lot 4, Block 20, Plan 1710463 was discussed.

Dave Cordick and Cheryl Ball Left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

046/2021 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 sell Lot 4, Block 20, Plan 1710463 to Jean's Petroleum Inc. for \$7,000 plus GST.

CARRIED

Councillor Vandeligt left the meeting at 1:48 p.m. and did not return.

047/2021 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 sets the 2021 Grazing Lease Rate at \$5.00/AUM.

CARRIED

048/2021 COUNCILLOR HOYT:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 requests that Administration further investigate the potential for leased sites at the Municipal Reservoir.

CARRIED

049/2021 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 defer the discussion on Community Facility Operations to the April Council Meeting.

CARRIED

050/2021 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 approve providing the Acadia Municipal Library with funding in the amount of \$6,603.09 in 2021.

CARRIED

Municipal Planning Commission

051/2021 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 recess the Regular Council meeting at 2:08 p.m. to hold a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Skappak left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

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052/2021 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Municipal Planning Commission of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 approve the subdivision application 2020-3554 with the following conditions:

- Registration of the subdivision by means suitable to the Registrar of the Land Titles Office, [Section 81 and 89 of the Land Titles Act];
- All outstanding taxes to be paid to the municipality, [Section 654 (1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act];
- Satisfactory arrangement to be made with the municipality for the provision of services, at the cost of the developer, [Section 655 of the Municipal Government Act];
- Concurrent registration of utility easements and rights-of-way as required by relevant authorities [Section 654 (1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act; ATCO Electric Ltd.

CARRIED

053/2021 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Municipal Planning Commission meeting be adjourned to resume the regular council meeting at 2:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Councill Skappak returned to the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

CAO REPORT:

- Council reviewed the CAO's calendar for February and March.
- Council reviewed the CAO's progress report.

054/2021 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

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

CARRIED

055/2021 COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

That the attached list of bills has been paid and reviewed by Council; Including A/P Cheques and Payroll Cheques # -15707-15742

CARRIED

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE reviewed by the CAO

- a. Cardston County – Class 1 MELT Program Concerns
- b. Municipal Affairs – Municipal Excellence Awards
- c. Communities in Bloom
- d. RMA – 2021 Unpaid Tax Survey
- e. Thorhild County – AER Directive 067 Concerns

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- f. Westlock County – AER Directive 067 Concerns
- g. Municipal Affairs – Budget 2021
- h. Crowsnest Pass – President’s Summit on Policing
- i. Municipal Affairs – DRP Changes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR PEERS:

- Written report attached

COUNCILLOR SKAPPAK:

- Big Country Waste regular meeting

COUNCILLOR HOYT:

- No updates

REEVE RAFA:

- Acadia Foundation
 - o 80% Capacity
 - o SL4 Construction contract signed
 - o Receiving further funding support for increased vacancies due to COVID.

Councillor Rafa adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Minutes adopted this 13th day of April 2021.

Reeve Rafa

CAO Wallsmith