

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ACADIA NO. 34.**  
**REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2024.**

1/2024

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 was held in the Municipal Office in Acadia Valley on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Councillors Peers, Heeg, Hoyt, Reeve Rafa, and Interim CAO Dillabough (recording secretary) were present at the meeting. The Reeve then asked Council to review the agenda for the January 9, 2024 meeting.

**001/2024 COUNCILLOR PEERS:**

That the Agenda for January 9, 2024, be accepted by Council as amended.

Delegations:

9:00 a.m. Kim Sturgess – Cancelled

10:00 a.m. Rain Saulnier – Irrigation Update

11:00 a.m. Public Works and ASB Update

11:30 a.m. Jordan Kuhn – Rec. Club Café

New Business:

6g) Schedule of fee's - Water rate increase HK

CARRIED

**002/2024 COUNCILLOR HEEG:**

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia №. 34 accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PAST MEETING MINUTES:**

-None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. CAO Contract
- b. Training of Water Operator
- c. Public Works Advertisement
- d. Prospera Energy Inc. – Arrears payment proposal
- e. ATCO (Big Sky Transmission) Road use Agreement
- f. Partek - Server

**003/2024 COUNCILLOR RAFA:**

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 sign the agreement with Troy Consulting & Advisory Group Inc. for CAO services once the agreement has been reviewed with RMA for insurance risk and Brownlee lawyers for legal advice.

CARRIED

**004/2024 COUNCILLOR HEEG:**

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 advertise locally to see if anyone is interested in taking the Water/Wastewater small systems course. The MD will pay for the course and training to have them certified as a back-up operator for our water system.

CARRIED

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005/2024 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 re-advertise to a broader area for the Public Works Coordinator Water/waste water operator position with a salary range of \$60,000-\$85,00 per year (Monday – Friday). Deadline for applications will be January 29<sup>th</sup> or until a suitable candidate is found.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS:**

- a. 10:00 a.m. – Rain Saulnier
- b. 10:00am – Public Works and ASB Update
- c. 11:30am – Damien Kurek – MP

Rain Saulnier joined the meeting via zoom at 10:00 a.m.

006/2024 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) at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

007/2024 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 exit the closed session at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Jory Hoffman met with council at 11:00 a.m. to go over his monthly activity report. James has been away since the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, James and Jory had Oyen Backhoe down on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to fix the water leak at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street W and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W. The weather has been nice so Dennis has been coming in and grading some intersections and also came in to help take down the Christmas lights. Jory had spoken with Kelly Wilson (fish and wildlife) in regard to the Dam, with both windmills going there is not much else we can do.

Jordan Kuhn met with Council at 11:40 a.m. to discuss the Café, currently the Rec. club manages the Café and its operator. After the Rec. clubs monthly meeting they are not sure this is something they should be doing or if the MD should take over as it is our building. The Rec. club has someone coming in to do deep cleaning and feels it also should be painted before any new operator comes in.

008/2024 COUNCILLOR HEEG;

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia No. 34 have the interim CAO sign the agreement with Prospera Energy Inc. to allow them to make monthly payments until June 2024 when the account would then be paid in full.

CARRIED

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009/2024 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 enter into a Road Use Agreement with Atco to use TWP RD. 260 and RNG RD. 25 to bring in approx.10 legal loads of equipment and poles for the Big Sky Transmission Project.

CARRIED

010/2024 COUNCILLOR RAFA:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 accept the quote from Partek to replace the existing server at a cost of \$10,662.75 (includes GST)

CARRIED

011/2024 COUNCILLOR PEERS:

That the Council of the Municipal District of Acadia #34 adjust the 2024 Schedule of Fees rate on Henry Krouger overage to \$3.36/cube to reflect the 2% 2024 increase from Henry Krouger.

CARRIED

**CAO REPORT:**

- Deena Dillabough gave an update on staffing, holidays and issues that have happened in the past month.

012/2024 COUNCILLOR HEEG:

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

CARRIED

013/2024 COUNCILLOR HOYT:

That the attached list of bills has been paid and reviewed by Council. Including A/P Cheques and Payroll Cheques #17302-17391

CARRIED

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE reviewed by the CAO**

- a. Alberta Environment – Water management/drought
- b. RMA Spring convention March 18-20

Council Discussed attendance for Convention, we will book 5 rooms for now and confirm at the February meeting who will be attending.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COUNCILLOR PEERS: -Report Attached

December 13 - Land Use Bylaw open house

December 14 - BCMD (Budget/organizational meeting)

December 18 - CAO application review

December 19 - HK meeting

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December 28 - CAO Virtual interview  
January 3 - CAO interview

COUNCILLOR HEEG: - Report Attached  
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December 15 – Irrigation Steering committee  
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January 8 - AHS meeting to discuss lab staffing  
-Acadia Foundation meeting

Councillor Rafa adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

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Reeve Rafa

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Interim CAO Dillabough