

Lower Peace Regional Stewardship Committee

**Town of High Level Office
High Level, AB**

Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Lisa Wardley Crystal McAteer Jacquie Bateman Eric Jorgensen Mike Morgan Terry Ungarian Linda Halabisky Chris Mitchell	Chair, Deputy Reeve, Mackenzie County Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level Councillor, Mackenzie County Councillor, Mackenzie County Councillor, Town of High Level Councillor, County of Northern Lights Councillor, County of Northern Lights Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake
REGRETS:	Michelle Farris Leigh Bateman	Deputy Mayor, Town of Rainbow Lake Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake
ADMINISTRATION:	Rodney Schmidt Ashleigh Bulmer Hayley Gavin Byron Peters Dan Fletcher Susie Dziwenka Karen Huff	Interim CAO, Town of High Level Director of Development and IT Services, Town of High Level Planner, Mackenzie County Director of Planning and Development, Mackenzie County CAO, Town of Rainbow Lake Project Officer, Town of Rainbow Lake Assistant CAO/Chief Finance Officer, Town of Rainbow Lake

MOTION

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

17-01-001

MOVED by Linda Halabisky

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of the following item:

7. a) Develop a work plan for direction and actions today.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

17-01-002

MOVED by Mike Morgan

That the minutes of the December 20, 2016 Tri-Council SARA Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Committee Name Change Discussion

17-01-003

MOVED by the Vice Chair

Name change from the Lower Peace Regional Stewardship Committee to the Northwest Species at Risk Committee.

CARRIED

5. Terms of Reference Discussion

17-01-004

MOVED by Eric Jorgenson

To amend the TOR as discussed:

- (i) Sub-committees title should change from Caribou Range Planning Sub-Committees to Sub-Committees.
- (ii) Quorum on decisions binding upon all municipalities; be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

6. Information Sharing Updates and Discussion

17-01-005

MOVED by The Chair

That Mackenzie County administration provides the caribou component from Bill K's report to the committee for information.

CARRIED

17-01-006

MOVED by Eric Jorgenson

That this committee potentially presents relevant species at risk/ caribou resolutions and/or correspondence letters at FCM's Northern Rural and Remote Committee for discussion; seeking support at the Federal level.

CARRIED

The Chair called a recess at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

7. Moving Forward – Directions/Actions Discussion

17-01-007

MOVED by The Vice Chair

That Mackenzie County administration adds all committee members to the shared Dropbox account; to view, add and comment on all committee related documents.

CARRIED

17-01-008

MOVED by The Chair

That Mackenzie County administration provides all committee members with a list of questions that will require answers from all relevant stakeholders at sub-committee meetings.\

CARRIED

Indigenous Engagement Sub-Committee Considerations

- What they want to see at the end of caribou range planning? – i.e. more protection of traditional rights, more economic development opportunities, etc.
- How they'd like to see their interests protected from caribou protection.
- Economic growth for each of their communities – goals and intentions.
- Different colour lines for different areas of interest – building in conservation factor.
- Phone chiefs for coffee or lunch i.e. informal meetings.

Federal and Provincial Government Engagement Sub- Committee Considerations

- Socio-economic impact requirement.
- Meaningful stakeholder engagement – establish a working group
- Why we cannot work with the number of existing protection areas, particularly when the cumulative effect of multiple species protection is factored in.
- Setting precedent for future collaborative working on species at risk planning and economic growth.
- The requirement for transboundary (inter-provincial) caribou range planning.

- Processing/assessment timeline concerns for multiple transboundary caribou plans for Federal review and Provincial revisions – prolonged uncertainty for future industrial investment.
- That the calculation of natural disturbance from wildfire, be reassessed; to account for tracts of land within natural disturbance perimeters that are of benefit to the caribou (i.e. not burnt/disturbed).

Industry Engagement Oil & Gas, Forestry and Minerals Sub-Committee Considerations

- Highlight key assets through; drawing lines on a map, and listing preferred special requirements.
- Define how their economic growth will be impacted by range plans restrictions.
- Obtain forecasted projection impacts; then we can build a numerical cost per caribou – potential for small scale socio-economic assessment.
- Become familiar with industrial compensation through SARA to offset liabilities within the protection areas — we should try to find a way of mitigating this option for industry.
- Obtain industry knowledge of known resources and their projected access to them over the longer term.
- What lands are of highest importance to the stakeholder to ensure they can continue to be sustainable – weight impacts of (a) protection with grandfathering assets and extra regulations (b) complete protection?

Community, Agriculture and Service Industry Engagement Sub-Committee Considerations

- The Chair will obtain the data relating to the caribou questions on REDI's recent business survey.
- Gain access to the Chambers of Commerce Grande Prairie and La Crete recently developed caribou habitat policies.
- Trappers and outfitters are included within this sub- committee.
- Become aware of local community perspective on the benefits of a new Provincial park (accessibility, tourism, etc. issues) – Public and business opinions from surveys/ questionnaires.
- Become familiar with different types of parks for protection identified in the LARP (2012).
- Provincial wildfire fighting funding – Chamber of Commerce policy.
- Long-term agriculture expansion/ grazing lease implications.
- Become familiar with the inevitable knock-on effect for service industry from forestry mill AAC/Quota cuts and job losses – felt 4 or 5 times higher over time (projection).

- Try to obtain economic impact and potential job losses to local business in percentage.

All questions for stakeholders will be added to the committee Terms of Reference and Dropbox folder; they will be updated accordingly where appropriate – this responsibility will fall upon Mackenzie County administration.

17-01-009

MOVED by Linda Halabisky

That each municipality assigns administrative support to each sub-committee; to summarize all relevant sub-committee meeting minutes.

CARRIED

Sub-committee administrative support is as follows:

1. Indigenous Engagement: Town of High Level
2. Federal and Provincial Government: Mackenzie County
3. Industry Engagement – Oil & Gas, Forestry and Minerals: Town of Rainbow Lake
4. Community, Agriculture and Service Industry Engagement: Mackenzie County

17-01-010

MOVED by Eric Jorgenson

That every sub-committee should contact Hayley Gavin upon confirmation of a scheduled sub-committee meeting with any relevant stakeholder. Hayley will then organize for an administrative representative to attend with sub-committee representatives.

CARRIED

8. ASB 2017 Emergent Resolution

17-01-011

MOVED by Eric Jorgenson

This committee should contact Carolyn Kolebaba at AAMDC seeking support on revising Mackenzie County's ASB resolution to encompass species at risk, and to submit the resolution at the AAMDC Zone Meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED by The Chair

That Mackenzie County administration connects Agricultural Fieldman Grant Smith with the County of Northern Lights Agricultural Fieldman; to organize expanding the 'Think like a Wolf' workshop with the other three municipalities.

CARRIED

9. Next Meeting Date

17-01-012

MOVED by Mike Morgan

❖ March 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in High Level

CARRIED

10. Adjournment

17-01-013

MOVED by Linda Halabisky

That the Lower Peace Regional Stewardship Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 7th day of March, 2017.

Lisa Wardley, Chair