

NORTHWEST SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 4:00pm

AGENDA

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5. Deadline for Input on Species at Risk Act Policies Extended Page 7
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8. Delegation: Trappers and Outfitters at 7:00pm (See Invitation)
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10. Adjournment

Northwest Species at Risk Committee
Administrative Lead: Byron Peters, Mackenzie County

Lower Peace Regional Stewardship Committee

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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

Deadline for Input on Species at Risk Act Policies Extended

The implication of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) has been identified as a priority by AAMDC members through the endorsement of a number of resolutions. As such, the AAMDC is reminding members that the Government of Canada is looking for input on seven draft policies, which support consistent implementation of SARA.

The draft policies in which the federal government is seeking input on include:

1. Policy on Critical Habitat Protection on Non-federal Lands
2. Policy on Protecting Critical Habitat with Conservation Agreements under Section 11 of the Species at Risk Act
3. Policy on Survival and Recovery
4. Policy Regarding the Identification of Anthropogenic Structures as Critical Habitat under the Species at Risk Act
5. Approach to the Identification of Critical Habitat under the *Species at Risk Act* when Habitat Loss is Not Believed to be a Significant Threat to the Survival or Recovery of the Species
6. Species at Risk Act Permitting Policy
7. Listing policy for Terrestrial Species at Risk

The federal government is welcoming any comments on these policies, and specifically is requesting responses to the following two questions:

- **Are the policies clear and understandable?**
- **Are there any concerns or recommendations regarding these policies?**

The Government of Canada has extended the comment period until **March 31, 2017**

Feedback can be provided to the Species at Risk Public Registry via email at ec.registrelep-sararegistry.ec@canada.ca

Enquiries may be directed to:

Tasha Blumenthal
Policy Analyst
780.955.4094

Kim Heyman
Director, Advocacy & Communications
780.955.4079

National Topographic System PNG and Access Data

Alberta's National Topographic System (NTS) divides the province up into 51 tiles. Through, AtlaLIS dispositions (DIDs) data sharing; Mackenzie County only has access to grids: 84F, 84G, 84J 84K, 84L, 84M, 84N, and 84O. As a committee, should we choose to obtain the same data for FMU P8; the County of Northern Lights will have to make the data request.

Definitions

1. Mineral Surface Lease: MSL
2. License of Occupation: LOC

Disclaimer: Predominantly the LOC's are for the purpose of access roads. However, there are some exceptions, where an LOC is in place for the purpose of an: airstrip, powerline, drainage and irrigation, other industrial, sump site, battery site, pipeline, wellsite and access road, water pipeline, temporary access, sewage lagoon, communications cable, water intake, boat launch, marsh habitat development, water course realignment, gabion and/or weir, environmental monitoring site, storage site (i.e. water store), borrow pit and other non-industrial (i.e. fire guard).

Company Name	MSL	LOC
1506928 Alberta LTD.		1
1584922 Alberta LTD.		1
1852797 Alberta ULC.	2	1
201875 Alberta LTD.		1
477470 Alberta LTD.		1
481929 Alberta LTD.		2
515445 Alberta LTD.		2
597528 Alberta LTD.		1
679600 Alberta LTD.		11
Accurate Energy Solutions LTD.	1	1
Advantage Oil and Gas LTD.	33	31
Alta Gas LTD.	1	1
Apache Canada LTD.	1,990	1,371
Aqua Terra Water Management INC.	2	1
ARC Resources LTD.	9	3
Ashton Mining of Canada LTD.		2
Askee Development Corporation		2
ATCO Electric LTD.		23
Athabasca Oil Corporation	9	19
Barnwell of Canada Limited	6	2
Baytex Energy LTD.	52	66
Bellatrix Exploration LTD.	3	1

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BLZ Energy LTD.	4	2
Bonavista Energy Corporation	7	2
BP Canada Energy Group ULC.		2
Bradley Oil and Gas INC.	10	5
C Group Energy INC.	4	
Calvar Resources Limited		1
Canadian Coyote Energy LTD.	17	16
Canadian Forest Products		1
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	213	262
Canamax Energy LTD.	1	1
Cardinal Energy LTD.	2	
Cenovus Energy INC.	36	40
Chinook Energy INC.	4	5
Circle R Oilfield Rentals LTD.		1
ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp.	120	110
County of Northern Lights		2
Craft Oil LTD.	30	22
Crescent Point Energy Corp.	1	1
Crestview Sawmills LTD>		1
Crimson Oil and Gas LTD.	14	11
Daishowa-Marubeni International LTD.		60
Darkhorse Oil and Gas LTD.	4	7
Dechant Construction LTD.		1
Deep Well Oil and Gas (Alberta) LTD.	8	7
Deergarden Resources LTD.	1	1
Delphi Energy Corp.	2	3
Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada		1
Devon Canada Corporation	2	1
Direct Energy Marketing Limited	11	13
Diversified Oil and Gas LTD.	1	1
Dragonfountain LTD.	4	3
Drake Energy LTD.	4	3
Ducks Unlimited		16
Duel Energy INC.	2	
Duffy Enterprises LTD.		1
E Construction LTD.		3
Eagle Energy INC.	7	7
Emerald Bay Energy INC.	2	1
Encana Corporation		1
Enercapita Energy LTD.	33	23
Enerplus Corporation		1
Everett Michlachuk Construction LTD.		1
Exxonmobil Canada Energy	18	9
Exxonmobil Canada Properties	1	1
Far West Energy Corp.	1	1
Footner Forest Products LTD.		2
Fortune Energy INC.	1	1
Freehold Royalties LTD.	1	2
Frontier Energy INC.	7	5

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Gordon Buchanan Enterprises LTD.		3
Gunnar Resources INC.	2	2
Harvest Operations Corp.	29	40
Husky Oil Operations Limited	1,670	1,307
Imperial Oil Resources	1	
Imperial Oil Resources Limited	11	3
Individuals		10
Insignia Energy LTD.	8	11
Ish Energy LTD.		1
Jentar Energy LTD.	3	
Kam's Sand Coating LTD.	1	1
Kerr-McGee of Canada Northwest LTD.		2
Kinmerc Oil and Gas INC.	2	1
Knelson Sand and Gravel LTD.		2
Koch Oil Sands Operations ULC.	21	17
Kootenay Energy INC	1	1
La Crete Polarcats Snowmobile Club		1
La Crete Sawmills LTD		5
Larcinia Energy LTD.	1	7
Legend Energy Canada LTD.	2	2
Lexin Resources LTD.	13	12
Lightstream Resources LTD.	8	11
Little Red River Cree Nation		22
Little Red River Forestry Limited		10
Long Run Exploration LTD.	865	618
Mackenzie County		49
Manning Forest Products LTD.		20
Marquee Energy LTD.	3	2
Millenium Cabins INC.		1
Mistahiya Resources LTD.	1	1
Mosaic Energy LTD.	2	2
Mount Bastion Oil and Gas Corp.	1	1
Murphy Oil Company LTD.	2	2
Newalta Corporation	1	2
Norbord INC.		48
Nordic Oil and Gas LTD.	4	3
Northern Badger Oil and Gas Limited		1
Norwegian Petroleum INC.	3	3
Nova Gas Transmission LTD.	1	8
Nuvista Energy LTD.	249	236
Ocelot Energy INC.		2
Omers Energy INC.	1	1
Ouro Preto Resources LTD.	167	131
P.V.O LTD.		1
Paramount Resources LTD.	36	52
Pavilion Energy Corp.	4	3
Peace West Energy Corporation	5	5
Pengrowth Energy Corporation	1	5
Penn West Petroleum LTD.	494	465

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Perpetual Operating Crop.	67	57
PJC Exploration LTD.	1	2
Plains Midstream Canada ULC.	1	6
Prairie Point Holdings INC.		7
Prairie Provident Resources Canada LTD.	192	188
Predator Oil LTD.	218	212
Procyon Energy Corp	2	2
Quality Investment Corp.		1
Quattro Exploration and Production LTD.	9	10
Redwater Energy Corp.	1	1
Repsol Oil and Gas Canada INC.		2
Response Energy Corporation	1	
Rife Resources	1	
Riley Resources INC.	2	2
Rocky Layman Energy INC.	1	
Rogers Communications INC.		4
Sanling Energy LTD.	412	334
Second Wave Petroleum INC.	6	2
Secure Energy Services INC.		1
Seehta Forest Products LTD.		7
Seistech Energy INC.	2	3
Sequoia Resources Corp.	62	68
Silver Bay Resources LTD.	1	
Silvertip Resources LTD.		1
Sinopec Daylight Energy LTD.	1	2
Sonoma Resources LTD.	69	65
Spartan Energy Corp.	40	32
Sphere Energy Corp.	11	9
St. Ives Energy Corporation	2	
Steeon Oil and Gas LTD.	1	1
Strategic Oil and Gas LTD.	330	355
Suncor Energy INC.	2	
Surge Energy INC.	55	65
Sydco Energy INC.	69	72
Synco Exploration INC.	3	5
Tapawingo Lodge INC.		1
Taq North LTD.	370	341
Tecton Energy Canada LTD.	3	
Telus Communications INC.		13
Tervita Corporation	1	2
The Manning and District Ski Club		1
Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure	1	1
TM Mobile INC.		1
Tolko Industries LTD.		132
Tompkins Sand and Gravel LTD.		2
Topanga Resources LTD.	2	2
Town of High Level		2
Town of Rainbow Lake		1
Trilogy Resources LTD.	3	1

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Tuscany Energy LTD.	1	
Twin Butte Energy LTD.	1	
Unity Sand and Gravel		2
Vascan Exports INC.		1
Vermilion Energy INC.	7	4
Virginia Hills Oil Corp.	1	2
Wabash MFG INC.	2	1
Wapiti Gravel Suppliers. A Division of N.P.A LTD.		2
Welleco Ventures LTD.	2	2
Westcoast Energy INC.	3	
Winslow Resources INC.	49	63
Winter Petroleum LTD.	179	150
Zargon Oil and Gas LTD.	7	4
Total	8,488	7,588

