

Northwest Species at Risk Committee

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

Thursday, April 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Lisa Wardley Chair, Deputy Reeve, Mackenzie County
Jacquie Bateman Councillor, Mackenzie County
Eric Jorgensen Councillor, Mackenzie County
Mike Morgan Councillor, Town of High Level (left at 1:58p.m)
Crystal McAteer Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level (via
Terry Ungarian teleconference – left at 2:18p.m)
Councillor, County of Northern Lights (left at
3:00p.m)

REGRETS: Michelle Farris Mayor, Town of Rainbow Lake
Linda Halabisky Councillor, County of Northern Lights
Chris Mitchell Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake

ADMINISTRATION: Dan Fletcher CAO, Town of High Level
Ashleigh Bulmer Director of Development and IT Services,
Town of High Level
Hayley Gavin Planner/Recording Secretary, Mackenzie
County
Byron Peters Director of Planning and Development,
Mackenzie County

ALSO PRESENT: Diana McQueen Owner, DMC Consulting

MOTION

1. Call to Order

Lisa Wardley called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

17-04-011

MOVED by Mike Morgan

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Meeting Action Items

Mike Morgan left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Action List (points correlate to those of page 7 on the agenda):

- Legislation review and solutions:

Providing solutions – we have done this through our stakeholder engagement sessions and consultations; just need to provide lateral connections. We'd like the government to slow down and retell our story; the story that we provide with our plans. Is this 65% about CH protection about habitat or about the caribou? We would like a broader evaluation of legislation that protects/is beneficial to caribou recovery – the implications on the landscape need to be linked to some sort of policy/law/department. Legislation links to scientific data a lot – we agree newest data should be used.

- Socio-economic analysis:

Contact Silvacom to see if we can use their LuSEE project; contact Andrew. Dan can put specific questions together to send to them. We can facilitate an introduction with Dan and Silvacom. Contact higher level reps at Tolko and DMI – what do we need to do to get this information? Questionnaire – to all businesses to ask for information/data; we can use survey monkey. We can use the “twin-pillars” concept; find the spot in the middle where we can be ecologically and economy balanced.

- First Nations and Metis input:

Engage with MLA Debbie Jabour to help us with our First Nation and Metis engagement. Debbie already has a relationship with our local First Nations and Metis. Terry can speak with her tonight at Manning's trade show and Crystal will call her Monday to set up a meeting. Debbie and Crystal will both be attending the trade show in La Crete next Friday night. Committee councillors can contact local First Nation and Metis businesses for our next stakeholder delegation meeting.

- Who we're partnering with:

When working on the Chinchaga range document we should definitely be engaging Clear Hills County. Perhaps, we should send out an email to all Northern Elected Leaders municipalities with what we're planning to do ASAP; prepare them for attending our draft plan session. Also we should extend this email and invitation to the two regional municipalities of BC we've been working with; also

Woodlands County and the Town of Whitecourt. Should follow up with CAPP Brad Herald and AFPA Paul Whittaker and also CPAC under CAPP. Connect with the mine that FPAC mentioned – the court case that BC has approved for mining in caribou country. The province will look to the associations to provide feedback on our plans – we can meet with them in Calgary and/or Edmonton. Then any other associations that DMI and Tolko are a part of. Letters/emails.

- Budget discussion:

Our local capacity is somewhat limited. We will need external resources to complete our goals across the board.

Crystal McAteer left the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Terry Ungarian left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

4. **WBNP review by IUCN for UNESCO**

17-04-012

MOVED by Eric Jorgensen

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee accepts the responsibility of working with ABP and federal bison association to find solutions for the diseased bison in place of the northern municipalities, specifically in place of Mackenzie County.

TABLED for a future meeting date

5. **Delegation: Dr. Tom Nudds and Dave West at 11am**

The Northwest Species at Risk Committee are welcome to reference the new scientific analysis and endorse the process and findings; if we agree with the new analysis.

Administration is able to share the reports and slide decks once Dr. Tom Nudds and Dave West have granted permission to Hayley Gavin to do so.

6. **Next Meeting Date**

17-04-013

MOVED by Lisa Wardley

- ❖ Wednesday May 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in High Level
- ❖ Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in High Level

❖ Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in High Level

CARRIED

7. **Adjournment**

17-04-014

MOVED by Jacquie Bateman

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 3rd day of May, 2017.

Lisa Wardley, Chair

APPROVED