

Northwest Species at Risk Committee

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

- PRESENT:**
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| Lisa Wardley | Chair, Deputy Reeve, Mackenzie County
(arrived at 5:00 p.m.) |
| Jacquie Bateman | Councillor, Mackenzie County |
| Eric Jorgensen | Councillor, Mackenzie County |
| Mike Morgan | Councillor, Town of High Level |
| Crystal McAteer | Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level |
| Linda Halabisky | Councillor, County of Northern Lights (arrived
at 4:59 p.m.) |
| Michelle Farris | Mayor, Town of Rainbow Lake |
| Terry Ungarian | Councillor, County of Northern Lights (via
teleconference) |
- REGRETS:**
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| Chris Mitchell | Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake |
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- ADMINISTRATION:**
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| 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 |
| Susie Dziwenka | CAO, Town of Rainbow Lake |
- ALSO PRESENT:**
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| Diana McQueen | Owner, DMC Consulting (via teleconference) |
| Evan Gardner | Constituency Assistance, Peace River |

MOTION

1. Call to Order

Crystal McAteer called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

17-05-001

MOVED by Mike Morgan

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of:

5. Diseased bison discussion

CARRIED

17-05-002

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

MOVED by Michelle Farris

That the minutes be adopted with the amendment of "...does not expect caribou herds to survive..." (Please see Committee Member 4, Page 11 of May 3, 2017 Agenda Package).

CARRIED

4. **Administration Update on NWSAR Deliverables**

Hayley provided an overview of external assistance engaged to complete all components of the reports:

1. Associated Environmental
2. Paragon Wildlife
3. DMC Consulting
4. RSG Consulting

Hayley stated that the socio-economic consultant has not been secured as of yet; as we await approval from the appropriate forestry companies to utilize the data from and/or the LuSEE model.

Dan provided an update on to the internal socio-economic analysis.

5. **Diseased Bison Discussion**

At the last meeting, April 21, 2017 the following motion was tabled.

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

Administration will work to incorporate the diseased bison issue into draft range planning documents where appropriate and make the lateral connections, as discussed by the committee.

Committee Consensus: we are happy to work on this file in the future, but our current capacity is limited to concentrating our efforts on the caribou recovery planning process. However, we are willing to contribute information and our position on this issue for the combined report; as it relates to our current workload (i.e. information collected during caribou planning process) but not above and beyond this capacity at this time.

6. **First Nations and Metis Information Handout**

See handout for more information.

7. **Next Meeting Dates**

17-05-003

MOVED by Crystal McAteer

- ❖ Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in High Level
- ❖ Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in High Level
- ❖ Wednesday May 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in High Level

May 24, 2017: NWSAR Committee Stakeholder Open House, this is also an opportunity for all committee members to review all documentation and provide comment. Administration will endeavour to provide the committee members with electronic access to documents prior to this date, as an additional opportunity to review and provide comments.

Members attending FCM:

1. Lisa Wardley
2. Eric Jorgensen
3. Terry Ungarian
4. Byron Peters

CARRIED

8. **Adjournment**

17-05-004

MOVED by Jacquie Bateman

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 9th day of May, 2017.

Lisa Wardley, Chair

9. Membership Extension

After the meeting, Hayley provided an email to all committee members asking for a decision on the extension of committee membership to Clear Hills County.

Consensus was reached by a unanimous vote to extend NWSAR committee membership to Clear Hills County.

Friday May 5, 2017: administration provided a written invitation for Clear Hills County administration to present at their next council meeting: Tuesday May 9, 2017.

APPROVED