

## **NORTHWEST SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
at 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes
4. Delegation: Frank Oberle (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)
5. Delegation: GOA Range Planners (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)
6. Extend Membership to Manning Discussion
7. Next Meeting Dates
8. Adjournment

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

**Northwest Species at Risk Committee**

**Town of High Level Office  
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**Wednesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Wardley Jacquie Bateman Eric Jorgensen Mike Morgan Crystal McAteer Linda Halabisky Michelle Farris Terry Ungarian	Chair, Deputy Reeve, Mackenzie County Councillor, Mackenzie County Councillor, Mackenzie County (arrived 6:10) Councillor, Town of High Level Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level Councillor, County of Northern Lights Mayor, Town of Rainbow Lake Councillor, County of Northern Lights
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Chris Mitchell	Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Dan Fletcher Ashleigh Bulmer  Hayley Gavin  Susie Dziwenka Byron Peters	CAO, Town of High Level Director of Development and IT Services, Town of High Level Planner/Recording Secretary, Mackenzie County CAO, Town of Rainbow Lake Director of Planning and Development, Mackenzie County
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Diana McQueen Evan Gardner Maarten Braat  Lyle Duperron	Owner, DMC Consulting (via teleconference) Constituency Assistance, Peace River Alberta Beef Producers Fort Vermilion Delegate (arrived 6:10) Local Trapper and Outfitter (arrived 6:17)

**MOTION**

**1. Call to Order**

Lisa Wardley called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**17-05-005**

**MOVED** by Crystal McAteer

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

5. GOA Helicopter Flight Offer
6. Budget Discussion

7. Round Table Discussion

**CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

17-05-006

**MOVED** by Terry Ungarian

That the minutes from the May 3, 2017 NWSAR Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Eric Jorgensen and Maarten Braat joined the meeting.

4. **Administration Update on NWSAR Deliverables**

Lyle Duperron joined the meeting.

17-05-007

**MOVED** by Terry Ungarian

That administration extends committee membership to Clear Hills County via formal invitation.

**CARRIED**

5. **Helicopter Flight Offer**

Crystal: GOA High Level Forestry manager Terry Jessiman contacted Evan, Hayley and I to partake in a helicopter ride to the Caribou Mountains and possibly Bistcho lake. Please indicate if there is any additional interest from other committee members.

Terry, Lisa and Linda are interested in additional flights

6. **Budget Discussion**

17-05-008

**MOVED** by Crystal McAteer

That Mackenzie County administration provides a project budget for the next meeting, namely:

- How much Mackenzie County has spent on the caribou project (including wolf bounty)
- Quotes from all external consultants (report components)
- Costs relating to engaged consultant (Diana McQueen)
- All municipalities are responsible for costs incurred by

committee members (see TOR stipulations). Budget should include a historical list of costs incurred since the committee began and the future projections since the committee commenced with current direction.

**CARRIED**

**7. Round Table Discussion**

Lisa Wardley recessed the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**8. Stakeholder Delegation: First Nations and Metis**

Crystal McAteer reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**9. Next Meeting Dates**

**17-05-009**

**MOVED** by Crystal McAteer

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

**CARRIED**

**10. Adjournment**

**17-05-010**

**MOVED** by Jacquie Bateman

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this 16th day of May, 2017.

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Lisa Wardley, Chair



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### NORTHWEST SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE

#### **Background:**

The northwest region of Alberta encompasses high economic development value in a variety of natural resource sectors. Notwithstanding this, the region is requested to carry the highest burden of environmental protection of any other region within Alberta.

Current and proposed Provincial policy and strategies requires the Lower Peace Region to subsidize economic activity in other regions; to allow, both, the Federal and Provincial governments to achieve conservation targets for the natural environment. Cumulatively, multiple conservation initiatives and species at risk recovery strategies have the ability to negatively impact the rural communities of northwest Alberta.

We, the local tenants of this region have collaborated; in an attempt to secure smart economic growth, a sustained quality of life, and well-balanced environmental protection for our future generations. Through the use of optimal adaptive management, transparent stakeholder engagement, and effective environmental stewardship; we endeavour to achieve this purpose.

#### **Purpose:**

To collectively provide and share information, ideas and resources; relating to the continued and future prosperity of northwest Alberta. Instill effective regional adaptive management and transparency which allows all stakeholders to play a vital role in shaping our collective future. Develop tangible solutions founded upon an evidence-based approach, to ensure a balance of smart economic growth, a sustained quality of life, and an enhanced natural environment; for all of our businesses, communities and wildlife.

#### **Responsibilities:**

To ensure that any impending species recovery or conservation initiative, that has the ability to affect the smart growth of northwest Alberta; is prefaced with a thorough regional socio- economic impact analysis.

To proactively work with all other levels of government, including the First Nations; to create well-balanced working groups; with all key stakeholders relevant to impending conservation areas and species recovery.

Emphasizing that, northwest Alberta currently encompasses a vast amount of protected lands. Impending species recovery and conservation initiatives should aim to enhance the value of these areas for species at risk recovery and biodiversity, rather than seeking to protect unjustifiable additional areas of land.

**Structure:**

Two councillors and an alternate appointed by each of the founding municipalities.

Alternates may attend all meetings.

Founding municipalities consist of:

- County of Northern Lights
- Mackenzie County
- Town of High Level
- Town of Rainbow Lake

Mackenzie County is the administrative lead for the committee, with administrative support from each of the founding municipalities.

The administrative lead will prepare and provide the agenda for all meetings.

Meetings are open to the public as per Section 197 and Section 198 of the Municipal Government Act.

Meetings may, in part, be closed to the public if matters to be addressed are recognized under; Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, and/or Division 2 – Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The committee shall pursue grant opportunities to fund any larger projects, with Mackenzie County as the grant sponsor and/or lead.

**Quorum and Costs:**

Decisions shall be reached by consensus, consisting of two appointed members from each of the founding municipalities. Alternates shall not be considered for consensus unless standing in for an appointed member.

Meetings shall be hosted by the Town of High Level, at the Town of High Level Office, and meeting costs will be shared by the founding municipalities.

Each Municipality and other delegates are expected to cover the costs of their members. Additional costs, such as those derived from committee motions, will be subject to additional discussion and approval from each of the founding municipalities.

All decisions reached by consensus; which are within the scope of the Terms of Reference, are binding upon all municipalities.

**Communication:**

An electronic data sharing forum will be created and maintained, with access for all of the committee members, and meetings will be scheduled quarterly, or as required by the Chair.