

NORTHWEST SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes
4. ACP Grant Discussion
5. Phase 2: Political Engagement
6. Report Presentation Meeting with DM Corbould Discussion
7. Wazuku Consulting Contract Renewal Discussion
8. Big Lakes County Membership Extension Discussion
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10. Committee Member Updates (Round Table Discussion)
11. Administration Update on NWSAR Deliverables
12. Review and Finalize Report Content (Round Table Discussion)
13. Next Meeting Date(s)
14. 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 High Level, AB**

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

PRESENT: Lisa Wardley Chair, Deputy Reeve, Mackenzie County
Jacquie Bateman Councillor, Mackenzie County
Eric Jorgensen Councillor, Mackenzie County (arrived 1:50pm)
Crystal McAteer Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level
Linda Halabisky Councillor, County of Northern Lights
Michelle Farris Mayor, Town of Rainbow Lake
Terry Ungarian Councillor, County of Northern Lights
Chris Mitchell Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake
Miron Croy Councillor, Clear Hills County

REGRETS: Mike Morgan Councillor, Town of High Level

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

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Oberle MNP
Lyle Duperron
Maarten Bratt
Dave West (arrived at 1:50 pm)
Peter Wiebe (arrived at 1:40 pm)

MOTION

1. Call to Order

Lisa Wardley called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

17-05-011

MOVED by Linda Halabisky

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

17-05-012

MOVED by Terry Ungarian

That the minutes from the May 9, 2017 NWSAR Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Delegation: Frank Oberle (1:00 – 3:00p.m.)

A discussion took place with no MOTIONS.

5. Delegation: GOA Range Planners (3:30 – 5:30p.m.)

For Follow Up:

- Request a multi-stakeholder meeting
- Request socio-economic modelling that provides detail specific to our ranges, real world implications on how it effects communities i.e. are not alternative employment options.
- We understand you are being lobbied to create parks. Are you getting lobbied by the areas potentially affected to create parks?

6. Extend Membership to Manning Discussion

17-05-013

MOVED by Terry Ungarian

That administration provides a letter extending NWSAR membership to the Town of Manning.

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting Dates

17-05-014

MOVED by Crystal McAteer

- ❖ Wednesday May 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in High Level (open house)
- ❖ Thursday May 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in Manning (open house)

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

17-05-015

MOVED by Jacquie Bateman

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this 21st day of June, 2017.

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.