

Northwest Species at Risk Committee

Minutes

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

Monday, January 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Lisa Wardley Crystal McAteer Terry Ungarian Eric Jorgensen Linda Halabisky Mike Morgan Miron Croy Jacquie Bateman Jessica Juneau	Chair, Deputy Reeve, Mackenzie County Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level Reeve, County of Northern Lights Councillor, Mackenzie County Councillor, County of Northern Lights Councillor, Town of High Level Councillor, Clear Hills County Councillor, Mackenzie County Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake
REGRETS:	Michelle Farris Chris Mitchell Brent Reese Jason Ruecker Keith Hutchinson Sunni-Jeanne Walker	Mayor, Town of Rainbow Lake Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake Councillor, County of Northern Lights Reeve, Clear Hills County Councillor, Town of Manning Councillor, Town of Manning
ADMINISTRATION:	Byron Peters Dan Fletcher Laura Braun	Deputy CAO, Mackenzie County CAO, Town of High Level Administrative Assistant/ Recording Secretary, Mackenzie County
ALSO PRESENT:	Diana McQueen Keyra Hawley Yurchi	DMC Consulting (via teleconference) ATCO Biologist

MOTION

1. Call to Order

Lisa Wardley called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

18-01-001

MOVED by Mike Morgan

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions and amendments:

11. d) Communication with Bernard Meneen

- e) NWT Communication
- f) Jason Kenney Visit

Move # 13. Delegation to # 5.
Move # 5. Committee Member Updates to # 16.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

18-01-002

MOVED by Terry Ungarian

That the minutes from the December 20, 2017 NWSAR Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Terms of Reference

For information.

5. Delegation: Keyra Hawley Yurchi

Lisa Wardley called a recess at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 5:46 p.m.

6. Petition

18-01-003

MOVED by Crystal McAteer

That Jacquie Bateman be responsible for the distribution and collection of the petition.

CARRIED

7. Provincial Public Meetings & Grow the North

Committee decided on who was going where for the eight meetings that the provincial government is hosting throughout the province.

18-01-004

MOVED by Mike Morgan

That the Northwest Species at Risk book the chartered plane to fly to Fort McMurray for the Public Meeting.

CARRIED

8. February 7th & 8th

The province will be hosting bilateral meetings with First Nations, industries and non-government organizations. Committee members went over what might be shared at these meetings and the importance of attending.

9. Legal Opinion

Byron Peters gave an update on a meeting with Miller Thompson. Questions came up whether they should pursue a legal option or how they could approach this differently.

Lisa Wardley called a recess at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

10. Brucellosis in Caribou

Lisa Wardley went over the brucellosis information sheet. General discussion followed regarding brucellosis in caribou.

11. Communications

a) Danielle Smith Show

Committee thought Danielle Smith did a good job with Byron Peters' interview for the shortage of natural gas in Mackenzie County. CBC North is also quite aware of the caribou situation. Committee will send their information to different media productions.

b) Video

Committee watched the three minute video that Long Sleeve Production put together. Another fifteen minute video should be available in the near future. Other five minute videos could be pulled out after. They will need to be strategic as to where they send the video to get the desired response.

c) Other Media

Committee would like if postcards could be designed along with paid postage for constituents to write a note and send to the provincial government.

d) Communication with Bernard Meneen

Crystal McAteer will set a meeting with Bernard Meneen during the time that they are in Edmonton for the February 7th and 8th meetings.

e) NWT Communication

Diana McQueen gave a report on the communication that she had with the Northwest Territories. The government is nearly done with their plan and the committee will receive a copy of it once it is released.

f) Jason Kenney Visit

Jason Kenney is in Peace River February 15, 2018. Committee would like to have a meeting with Jason Kenney.

Requests to host another two open houses were received from Clear Hills County and Cameron Carter. Committee decided to host another one on February 5, 2018 in Fort Vermilion.

12. Global Restoration

Global Restoration gave quotes on what it would take to restore two townships. This would be good information for the committee to have. Discussion on where the money would come from if they decide to go through with this and if there are any other options.

13. Associate Membership

18-01-005

MOVED by Crystal McAteer

That the Northwest Species at Risk accept the Municipal District of Fairview as an Associate Member.

CARRIED

14. Six Week Action Plan

- Petition
- Dave Larsen
- Communications (Video)
 - What do we want to accomplish from the video?
Should we add the petition or added communication or is this our end game after this?
- Summary of what we heard
- Postcards (pricing)

- Meetings
- Order more business cards

15. Long Term Plans

a) Five Year Reviews

The provincial government must complete a review every five years so there is still opportunity for an ongoing conversation even after the final plan is released.

b) Northern Alberta Boreal Stewardship Society

A discussion that came up if the committee would get more attention if they were called a stewardship society. It might make a difference if they would show up with CPAWS, etc.

16. Committee Member Updates: (Short) Round Table Discussion

Committee discussion occurred with no MOTIONS.

17. Adjournment

18-01-006

MOVED by Linda Halabisky

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this _____

Lisa Wardley, Chair