

**Northwest Species at Risk Committee**

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

**Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

**MOTION**

**1. Call to Order**

Lisa Wardley called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**17-12-001**

**MOVED** by Linda Halabisky

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of:

10. Budget Update

11. Job Description

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

**17-12-002**

**MOVED** by Miron Croy

That the minutes from the August 29, 2017 NWSAR Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Terms of Reference**

**17-12-003**

**MOVED** by Terry Ungarian

That the Terms of Reference be adopted as amended.

Associate member shall pay a \$1,000.00 annual Associate Membership fee.

**CARRIED**

Eric Jorgensen joined the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

**5. Committee Member Update: Round Table Discussion**

- AAMD&C revealed two resolutions. They first wanted to promote land use framework then address inter-municipal cross boundaries.
- Province likely to make an announcement soon. Will probably be released sometime before December 25, 2017.
- Lisa Wardley gave a report on the hospitality suite. They handed out caribrew, carifood, and caripoo. Throughout the evening, there were about 165 people that came. There was a lot of good conversation during the time they were there. After the hospitality suite, they packed everything up and handed out the leftovers at the AUMA trade show.
- AUMA had a meeting with Paramount, CAPP, CNLR, Husky, Strategic, and Obsidian Energy. CNLR has worked with the first nations groups on the British Columbia side. They had a calving pen and are saying that it was a success. Predator movement found a major drop in wolf speed when vegetation was at or above

50cm.

Mike Morgan joined the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

## **6. Response to Draft Range Plans**

Likely to be released next week from what the committee has been told. Expected to have one range plan with separate appendixes.

General discussion on the expectations of what the committee will need to do going forward.

Committee discussed and agreed that open houses locally would benefit and contribute to the awareness in their own towns and municipalities. Future dates were set:

- January 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Lake, Town of Rainbow Lake
- January 9, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – La Crete, Mackenzie County
- January 10, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – High Level, Town of High Level
- January 11, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – Manning, Town of Manning
- January 12, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – Eureka River, Clear Hills County

Lisa Wardley called a recess at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

## **7. Continued Lobbying Strategy**

Continuing to give QP questions for both the provincial and federal government.

Eric Jorgensen gave a general report on what happened at the last Saskatchewan meeting. He is also planning on attending Northern Herds on December 12, 2017.

## **8. Inter-jurisdictional Strategy**

General conversation on how to approach inter-jurisdictional strategy.

## **9. Communication Strategy**

There is more activity on our Facebook Page than our Twitter account. In order for it to work, it would be a good idea to share and invite others into the group. This would be something to build our audience before having open houses.

QP questions are in the house this week.

For the video, there will be a public release for the Draft Range Plans.

Discussion on possible candidates and the qualities necessary to be a part of the video. Also discussed were different locations that would catch the audiences' attention.

#### **10. Budget Update**

General discussion regarding the budget.

#### **11. Job Description**

Dan Fletcher gave an update on the Employment Ad. There were more than 30 responses to the ad.

**17-12-004**

**MOVED** by Linda Halabisky

That the committee move in camera.

**CARRIED**

Each member went through the applications. Decided on interviewing Caribou 13 and Caribou 30.

**17-12-005**

**MOVED** by Jacquie Bateman

That the committee move out of camera.

**CARRIED**

#### **12. Next Meeting Dates**

❖ December 20, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

❖ Open Houses

- January 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Lake,  
Town of Rainbow Lake

- January 9, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – La Crete,  
Mackenzie County

- January 10, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – High Level, Town of High Level
- January 11, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – Manning, Town of Manning
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**13. Adjournment**

**17-12-006**

**MOVED** by Jacquie Bateman

That the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_

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Lisa Wardley, Chair

Unapproved