

**Minutes of the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2013 at 1:00 PM, Badlands Community Facility, Drumheller, Alberta**

**1.0 Call to Order – 1:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Gerald Campion – Town of Hanna, Annette Clews – Town of Sundre, Derek Baird – Town of Innisfail, Joe Gendre – County of Stettler, Ken MacVicar – Town of Sylvan Lake, Ray Olfert – Town of Blackfalds, Ron Howe – Town of Three Hills, Murray Marshall – Starland County, Dug Major – Special Areas, Gordon Christianson – Village of Alix, Curt Peterson – Village of Alix, Bill Shaw – Red Deer (Advisor), Ray Romanetz – Town of Drumheller, Cliff Soper – Lacombe County, Bob Bryant – Clearwater County, Earl Graham – Clearwater County, Murray Ball – Town of Olds, Jerry Wittstock – Kneehill County, Gordon Christensen, Village of Alix, Dennis Kviken – Village of Acme, Tony Nibourg – County of Paintearth, Al Campbell – Town of Stettler, Les Hibbs – Village of Linden, Allen Eastman – County of Newell, Ray Reckseidler, Village of Delburne, Keith Ryder – RDRMUG, Recording Secretary – Linda Handy

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION** Soper that the agenda for the January 17, 2013 Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

**3.0 PRESENTATION**

**3.1 Tom Daniels, Sundre Forest Products: Operations of the Sundre Forest Products, logging, reforestation, water related issues and other concerns within their forest management area. Mr. Daniels is also the Chair of the RDRWA**

T. Daniels provided an overview of their operations and management of the landscape following fires, hail damage, flood damage and pine beetle infestation all of which have disturbance effects on forestry. Reforestation is heavily legislated. Current debate on the requirement for buffers next to rivers (could be up to 100 m). Practices are looked at to protect water quality and crossings are designed properly to minimize the impact on the rivers.

**4.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

**4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2012**

**MOTION** Major moved that the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting minutes of December 6, 2012 be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

**4.2 Business arising from Minutes of December 6, 2012**

**5.0 Unaudited Financial Reports to December 31, 2012**

**5.1 Balance Statement**

**5.2 Revenue and Expense**

**5.3 Accounting Notes**

K. Ryder, Executive Director provided an overview of the financial status to

December 31, 2012 as follows:

Total Liabilities and Surplus - \$130,539.09

Closing Surplus for Year - \$127,193.74

Revenue - \$62,250.62

Paid memberships: 35 communities for a total of \$60,766.75. Invitation sent to North Red Deer Regional Group to join the membership.

T. Yemen and E. Graham will provide a report shortly on their review of the financial statements.

**MOTION** Reckseidler moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 River Hazard and Disaster Meeting Summary and Update**

K. Ryder advised that the Committee met today, January 17<sup>th</sup> to set their priorities.

Agenda Items with Environment:

Include a review and discussion with Environment's Central Regional Office on the recommendations for flood mitigation based on the most recent study (2005) and to inquire if there is any interest on the MUG's offer to work with Environment on flood mitigations. \$50,000 has been allocated for mapping updates and MUG want to ensure updates are being done. Flood mapping is posted on Environment's website. Request a meeting with the Minister for an update on mitigation and commissioning of future flood risk mitigation studies.

Beaver problems – share policies with other members (Fish and Wildlife

## **7.0 Executive Director's Report**

K. Ryder provided the following overview of his activities:

- demonstration of changes to the website highlighting some articles and sites of interest – Alberta Utility Rate Comparison, Blame Game, Bowled Over, etc.
- Significant dates: Canada Water Week – March 19 – 25.

**MOTION** Gendre moved to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented. Carried unanimously.

## **8.0 Municipal Project Review: *An opportunity for all representatives to share their current and future water/waste water projects.***

R. Reckseidler requested that each municipality write a letter to their MP and MLA on making more infrastructure dollars available.

## **9.0 Correspondence: (*"Look Before You Leak" from Water Canada*)**

## **10.0 Next Scheduled Meeting Date: March 21, 2013**

## **11.0 Adjournment – 3:10 PM**