

Minutes of the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2015 at 1:30 PM, Badlands Community Facility, Drumheller, Alberta

1.0 Call to Order – Co-Chair Jean Bota called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance: Co-Chair Jean Bota – Red Deer County, Doug Bas – Town of Innisfail, Ray Reckseidler – Village of Delburne, Dave Grover – County of Stettler, Murray Marshall – Starland County, Terry Leslie – Town of Sundre, Gerald Campion - Town of Hanna, Joe Lazzari – Town of Oyen, Harvey Walsh – Town of Olds, Dianne Wyntjes – City of Red Deer, Gordon Christensen – Village of Alix, Al Campbell – Town of Stettler, Ron Howe – Town of Three Hills, Richard Poole – Town of Blackfalds, Rocky Dahmer – County of Paintearth, AnneMarie Philipsen – County of Newell, Chris Lust – Town of Sylvan Lake, Curt Maki – Clearwater County, Terry Yemen – Town of Drumheller – Mark Garneau – Town of Trochu, Ray Romanetz – Town of Drumheller, Bob Long – Kneehill County, Susan Grudecki – MD of Acadia, Dennis Kuiken – Village of Acme, Richard Lorenz – Red Deer County, Jay Slemp – Special Areas, Bill Shaw – City of Red Deer / RDRMUG, Rene Michalak – RDRMUG, Keith Ryder – RDRMUG, Recording Secretary – Linda Handy.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

MOTION Poole moved that the agenda for the December 3, 2015 Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2105

MOTION Reckseidler moved that the Red Deer River Municipal User Group Meeting minutes of September 17, 2015 be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

3.2 Business arising from minutes of September 17, 2015

4.0 Financial

4.1 Financial Statements to October 31, 2015

K. Ryder, Executive Director provided an overview of the unaudited financial statements to October 31, 2015 as follows:

Balance Statement: Closing Surplus – \$117,513.61

Statement of Revenue and Expenses – Revenue - \$54,624.58; Expenses - \$81,124.57

Surplus (Loss) for Year – (\$26,499.99).

MOTION Wyntjes moved to accept the Financial Report to October 31, 2015 as presented. Carried unanimously.

4.2 2016 Draft Operating Budget

K. Ryder advised that the 2016 revenue is based on current membership and recommended continuing with the \$0.25 per capita. The Closing Surplus would be \$44,825.64. He advised that the surplus had grown over the last two years to \$150,000 and it was agreed that these dollars would be used for the RDRMUG Water Quality

Water Protection Plan (based on the existing contract extended to September, 2016) as well as retaining approximately \$50,000 in the account should lobbying efforts be necessary. He explained that the 2016 budget is based on a total population of 255,920 however the Town of Drumheller will confirm whether any municipality has a population increase prior to invoicing the per capita amount. B. Shaw recommended that those communities receiving water from the Red Deer River and not currently members be approached again for membership by a neighboring member municipality.

MOTION Marshall moved to accept a rate of \$0.25 per capita for the 2016 RDRMUG Operating Budget. Carried unanimously.

5.0 Executive Committee Recommendations

6.0 Review RDRMUG Water Quality Action Plan

6.1 Review / Update from Rene Michalak, Project Lead Coordinator

6.2 Update timelines and deliverables

Review / update provided from Rene Michalak, Project Lead Coordinator. Monthly progress reports are available on the RDRMUG website.

7.0 Executive Director Report:

K. Ryder provided an overview of the following information as available on the RDRMUG website or the website as identified (in blue):

7.1 Ground Water Fact Sheets and Information from Alberta Environment and Parks

<http://albertawater.com/alberta-water-legislation-regulations-guidelines>

7.1.1 Ground Water Non Renewable Resource

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/groundwater-study-1.3318137>

7.1.2 Dr. Masaki Hayashi – University of Calgary Professor, Canada Research Chair in Physical Hydrology (Expert on Ground Water) <http://www.ucalgary.ca/hayashi/research>

7.2 Current Allocation Information – License Viewer Demo

<http://maps.srd.alberta.ca/LicenceViewer/>

RDR Allocation Update:

Total Allocation 308,550 dam³; Max Allocation 550,000 dam³; leaving 241,450 left to be allocated.

7.3 Recent Grant Funding Information – Province Increases Water Funding

<https://www.transportation.alberta.ca/5141.htm>

7.4 How the Edwards Aquifer Works (YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guqinVOHTqc>

8.0 Review of Executive Director Contract for 2016

MOTION Lazzari moved to increase K. Ryder's Contract Rate by 2% effective January 1, 2016. Carried unanimously.

9.0 Agenda Additions

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

11.0 Correspondence & Articles:

1) *Handouts at the meeting*

Six Sticky Questions on Flood Insurance

Understanding the First Ministers Climate Summit: What's it all About

Alberta Climate Change Policy Targets Carbon, Coal and Emissions

Province Announces Grants for Natural Flood Mitigation Projects

12.0 Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016.

13.0 Adjournment

MOTION Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 PM. Carried unanimously.