

**Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership Committee
Regular Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Flagstaff County Administration Building**

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| Attendance: | Voting Members | Bob Coutts, Chair | Village of Forestburg |
| | | Gerald Kuefler | Flagstaff County |
| | | Bud James | Town of Killam |
| | | Susan Armer | Village of Lougheed |
| | | Connie Beringer | Town of Hardisty |
| | | Dennis Steil | Village of Heisler |
| | | Perry Robinson | Town of Sedgewick |
| | | James Robertson | Town of Daysland |
| | | Dell Wickstrom | Village of Alliance |
| | CAOs | Shelly Armstrong | Flagstaff County |
| | | Debra Moffatt | Village of Forestburg/Coordinator |
| | | Jacque Zacharuk | Village of Alliance |
| | | Rod Krips | Town of Daysland |
| | | Amanda Howell | Village of Heisler |
| | | Sandy Otto | Town of Hardisty |
| | Observers/Presenters | Peter Miller | Village of Forestburg |
| | | Fay Hagel | Village of Forestburg |
| | | Debra Smith | Village of Lougheed |
| | | Christina Hopkins | Urban Systems |
| | | Doug Griffiths | 13 Ways Inc. |
| | Absent: | Amanda Davis | Town of Sedgewick |
| | | Kim Borgel | Town of Killam |
| | | David Alderdice | Village of Lougheed |

Chair Bob Coutts called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Agenda
Mtn # 17-01-001

Moved by Member Bud James the adoption of agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Presentations

Christina Hopkins from Urban Systems was present to provide an update on the Regional Infrastructure Assessment Project. Golnaz Azimi joined the meeting by teleconference from Yakima, Washington. It was reported that the information gathered from each municipality has been loaded into a GIS system and the maps and spreadsheets have been prepared. The spreadsheets provide a snapshot of the current infrastructure deficit for each municipality. They were requested to prepare a spreadsheet showing the deficit across the overall region and to also prepare a graph showing the capital deficit versus capital revenue with a breakdown of the grant portion of that revenue.

Urban Systems will be meeting with staff in each municipality to review the data gathered and the municipalities will be given the opportunity to provide any missing information. Ongoing issues with this process are:

- Each municipality will need to set up a maintenance process to ensure that the data in the program is kept up to date.
- We need to develop a process to hold information on a regional basis, currently some of the municipalities do not have a GIS provider.

Doug Griffiths and Urban Systems will be meeting with each Council to review their data after the initial meetings with staff.

Urban Systems left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes for December
5, 2016 Regular
Meeting
Mtn #17-01-002

Moved by Member Gerald Kuefler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED

Coordinator's Report

As presented in the agenda.

Project Updates:
Regional Governance
Project

As presented in the agenda.

Doug Griffiths was present to give an update on the Working Sub-Committee.

- 24 items were identified as requirements to move the process forward: 7 were mandatory issues that needed to be dealt with prior to amalgamation, the remainder would be transitional issues
- Member Kuefler stated that the sub-committee needed to ensure that levels of service were developed for different regions, Doug Griffiths indicated that this was listed in the four main principles that were accepted by FIP at the beginning of the project
- Concerns were raised as to the speed at which the project was progressing and it was felt by this individual that the process was going too fast, that some issues were being left until after amalgamation.
- It was explained that there were many issues that could not be dealt with until after amalgamation including reviewing bylaws and policies and that this could not be done until the new municipality was created and a new council was in place.
- Comments came forth that the decision to go forward with amalgamation will be a leap of faith but need to ask ourselves: What do we lose by going forward and where do we benefit by going forward?
- The purpose of this project was to work together and reduce areas of duplication, to grow our region and attract new business and families.
- Doug Griffiths restated that the solutions developed from this point forward will be "made in Flagstaff" solutions and that we are in complete control of our destiny.
- Member Smith stated that working together means we have one voice to lobby upper levels of government for items such as high speed internet and better health care. It is important to think about what we gain, rather than we lose.
- Member Smith asked Doug Griffiths if he had received clarification on funding available for amalgamation versus dissolution. He stated he is still waiting for clarification on this and is hoping to have an answer for the January 16 meeting.

Next Meeting of Working Sub-Committee:

- Municipal Affairs will be in attendance at the January 16, 2017 meeting to discuss next steps
- Will discuss top picks for ward/division systems options

Project Updates:
Regional Safety
Program

As presented in the agenda.

Correspondence

Synopsis was reviewed and no comments were forthcoming.

Information
Mtn #17-01-003

Moved by Member James Robertson to accept all information and correspondence items for information purposes only.

CARRIED

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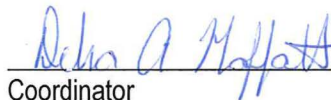
Round Table No Round Table held.

Next Meeting The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Flagstaff County Administration Building.
The next meeting of the Working Sub-Committee will be Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Flagstaff County Administration Building.

Adjournment As all agenda items had been completed, Chair Bob Coutts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Chairperson



Coordinator