

Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership  
Organizational Meeting  
November 2, 2015, 2 PM

Attendance:	Deb Moffat	- Forestburg CAO
	Dennis Steil	- Heisler
	Jeannette Herle	- Galahad
	Laura Towers	- FIP Coordinator
	Bob Coutts	- Forestburg
	Gail Watts	- Daysland
	Gwenda Poyser	-Galahad
	Amanda Howell	- Heisler CAO
	Leslie Heck	- Strome CAO
	Shelly Armstrong	- Flagstaff CAO
	Sandy Otto	- Hardisty CAO
	Perry Robinson	- Sedgewick
	Gunnar Albrecht	- Flagstaff
	Bud James	- Killam
	Dell Wickstrom	- Alliance
	Amanda Davis	- Sedgewick CAO
	Leo Lefebvre	- Hardisty
	Butch Robinson	- Daysland
	Rod Krips	- Daysland CAO

The annual organizational meeting was held immediately following the Fall Forum at which 13 Ways Inc presented their report on Regional Governance.

Chairman Bob Coutts called the meeting to order in the Sedgewick Community Hall at 2 PM.

**1. Election of Officers**

Bob Coutts stepped down from Chair .

Coordinator Laura Towers called for nominations for Chairperson.  
Bud James nominated Bob Coutts.

Nominations were called for two more times.  
Perry Robinson moved nominations cease.

CARRIED

Bob Coutts resumed the Chair and called for nominations for Vice Chair.  
Dennis Steil nominated Bud James.  
There were no further nominations.  
Perry moved nominations cease.

CARRIED

**2. Meeting times –**

Bud James moved that we hold meetings on the second Monday of the month every other month.

CARRIED

**3. Signing Authority**

Perry Robinson moved that signing authority be the same as in 2015.

CARRIED

4. **Regional Governance** - The general concensus after receiving the 13 Ways Inc report is that we need to proceed with Phase 2 – the Business Case which includes an infrastructure assessment of all municipalities, and Phase 3 which would be implementation of one of the suggested governance formats.

It is recommended that Councils look further at the report when it comes out by email and discuss it within their own Councils, then make a decision at our next meeting of FIP.

5. **SCADA** - Sandy Otto reported that 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Computers and Nason should have an update with financial estimates available next week.
6. **Next meeting** - Monday, December 14. Location to be announced.

Adjourned by Chairman at 2:35 PM.



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FIP Chair

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FIP Coordinator

Meeting with Lougheed Council  
Thursday, October 15, 2015

1. Seemed like the only time anything was accomplished was when we hired Brian Austrom at the beginning. After that it seemed to become fragmented with nothing being carried through
2. Representative stated she had not received any notice of meetings until the Sept 2015 mtg and had been on FIP since October 2014 ( Note - Actually on March 19, 2015, Lougheed Council passed a motion to restrict Councilor Twerdochlib from attending any and all meetings representing the Village or Village Council until October 2017. I believe Mayor Armer then became the FIP rep. Notice of June 1 meeting was sent to the CAO)
3. SCADA - was not working, but that turned out to be an internal personnel problem. However, when they needed help with WTP operators, they called several communities and the only one that would offer assistance was Killam – did it for 4 months. Now CAO is doing WTP on a temporary license
4. Don't understand why the plan to move SCADA base to Hardisty was decided at a CAO meeting without a vote – CAO's just let it happen
5. Lougheed CAO feels CAO meetings are a waste of time for her. Too many overbearing CAO's in the group
6. Feel they cannot speak openly at FIO meetings without being "shot down" by the CAO's in attendance. At Hardisty meeting with Municipal Affairs, felt rejected by the group
7. Feel the CAO's are running FIP – why are they at the meetings?
8. Too much bickering and nit-picking at FIP and CAO meetings
9. Councilor wants more feedback from FIP meetings
10. Regionalization cannot work unless the County is part of FIP – should be the hub of regionalization.

How to improve FIP –

Everyone needs to be willing to really LISTEN and hear what others are saying, and be open to their ideas.

Alliance Council - October 28

Don't feel we are getting anything out of our current requisition to FIP - what is in the future

Meetings of FIP seem to be madhouse - everybody arguing

What do we see in the future? What is current goal and projects?

SCADA - does not do what it is supposed to do - Alliance is not automated at all.

What are we doing about this?

Need to have a meeting with WTP operators and Nason.

Flagstaff Council – October 28

Recreation facilities should be consolidated

Public works could be sharing contractors

CAO's could be shared among communities

Seemed like the County got in the "road" - Seemed like towns felt the County was pushing projects, so they felt they should step back and let the towns find a way to work together

We are very common minded, but when we get to the table it is urban vs rural - felt like the County was pushing their own agenda - Urban perspective is that we need everything in our own community, but rural people are used to travelling for everything - rurals have never had anything out their back door - travelling for business, etc is every day thing for rurals.

Seems like we spend a lot of time dealing with towns and villages, but not enough time dealing with County issues - too much to deal with

Feel like FIP is more interested in getting money from the County rather than working together

As long as there were lots of grants available, everyone was on board, but when we have to put our own \$\$ it becomes a problem