

Call to Order Bruce Beattie, Mountain View County, called the District 2 – Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta (CRMA) meeting to order at 10:00 am on Friday, October 15, 2021, via Zoom.

Agenda Bruce Beattie, called for additions to the agenda.

Moved by Amber Link, Wheatland County, that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

Welcome Jordan Christianson, Special Areas, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.

Resolution Session Bruce Beattie introduced Jim Duncan, Jim Wood, Larry Clarke, Dean Cooper, Greg Harris and Amber Link.

Bruce Beattie suggested in the interim, Amber Link represent District 2 at the convention and resolution committee.

Bruce Beattie turned the floor over to the Resolution Committee Chair, Jim Duncan, Clearwater County.

Jim Duncan confirmed quorum and the attendance of all member municipalities by way of the zoom raised hand process.

Jim Duncan advised there are four Resolutions for consideration and reminded members that the resolutions required 3/5 majority required for all resolutions, voting to be done by a show of hands. Amendments to be voted on by show of hands, with a 50 + 1 requirement for adoption.

Tasha Blumenthal and Cindy Carstairs provided information on Chat Message or Text voting options. Jim Duncan proceeded with Chat Message voting.

EMS Capacity and Service Delivery in Rural Alberta

The resolution was read by Jim Duncan, CRMA Resolutions Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that RMA request the Province of Alberta, immediately consult with municipalities, to develop a plan to make urgently needed improvements to the capacity, delivery, and performance of the EMS system.

Moved by Amber Link, Wheatland County, that the resolution be passed as presented. Seconded by Cammie Laird, Clearwater County.

The Mover provided an overview and rationale for the proposed resolution.

The Seconder waived her right to speak.

Discussion was held regarding the resolution.

Jim Duncan called three times for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, ask for clarification, or provide an amendment to the resolution. None were put forward.

Jim Duncan called for a vote on the resolution by way of opposition. He confirmed that the resolution passed.

Carried.

Seniors Foundation Requisitions

The resolution was read by Jim Duncan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) request the Government of Alberta to engage municipalities in a review of the Alberta Housing Act and provide clarity on requisitioning for capital assets, associated interest costs and debenture payment obligations for member municipalities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the RMA request the Government of Alberta review the oversight of the Ministry of Seniors and Housing over housing management bodies (HMBs) to ensure that all HMBs are correctly and consistently requisitioning municipalities under the requirements of the Housing Act; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that RMA request that the Government of Alberta provide enhanced training and education, including a training guide to Municipal Councils and HMBs on the Housing Act and the Management Body Operation and Administration Regulation to ensure they have a clear understanding of their financial powers, limitations and responsibilities, including related to requisitioning and reserve creation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that RMA request the Government of Alberta to amend the Housing Act to clearly state the ability of municipalities to approve or deny requests for capital projects.

Moved by Amber Link, Wheatland County, that the resolution be passed as presented.

**Jim Duncan switched to have motions voted on by Text method.
Tasha Blumenthal and Cindy Carstairs provided instruction.**

Seconded by, Steven Wannstrom, Starland County.

The Mover provided an overview and rationale for the proposed resolution.

The Seconder waived his right to speak.

Jim Duncan called for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, ask for clarification, or provide an amendment to the resolution.

Mover, James Nibourg, County of Stettler, seconded by Amber Link, Wheatland County, suggested the following amendment:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) request the Government of Alberta to engage municipalities, and membership associations such as Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association in a review of the Alberta Housing Act and provide clarity on requisitioning for capital assets, associated interest costs and debenture payment obligations for member municipalities; and

Jim Duncan called three times for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, clarification, or amendments to the amendment. No one came forward.

Jim Duncan called for a vote on the amendment by way of text to vote. The voting software confirmed the amendment was passed.

Carried.

Jim Duncan called two more times for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, clarification, or amendments to the amended resolution. No further comments were put forward.

Jim Duncan called for a vote on the amended resolution by way of text to vote. The voting software confirmed the resolution was passed.

Carried.

**Awareness Campaign
for Small Modular
Reactors**

The resolution was read by Jim Duncan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Association (RMA) strongly encourage and work together with the Province of Alberta to create an awareness campaign to engage with the public on the safety and benefits of nuclear technology and SMRs specifically.

Moved by Jacqueline Watts, Starland County, that the resolution be passed as presented. Seconded by Amber Link, Wheatland County.

The Mover provided an overview and rationale for the proposed resolution.

The Secunder provided a brief statement.

Jim Duncan called three times for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, clarification, or amendments to the resolution.

Mover, Bruce Beattie, Mountain View County, seconded by James Nibourg, County of Stettler, suggested the following amendment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Association (RMA) strongly encourage and work together with the Province of Alberta to create an awareness campaign to engage with the public on the information of nuclear technology and SMRs specifically.

Jim Duncan called three times for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, clarification, or amendments to the amendment. No one came forward.

Jim Duncan called for a vote on the amendment by way of text to vote. The voting software confirmed the amendment passed.

Carried.

Jim Duncan called one more time for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, clarification, or amendments to the amended resolution. No further comments were put forward.

Jim Duncan called for a vote on the amended resolution by way of text to vote. The voting software confirmed the resolution passed.

Carried.

**Increasing Knowledge-
Sharing Among Regulators
of Cannabis Production
Facilities**

The resolution was read by Jim Duncan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Rural Municipalities of Alberta collaborate with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advocate to Health Canada that municipalities be given open and continuous access to information on all licensed sites of cannabis production within their boundaries.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that The Rural Municipalities of Alberta advocate to Health Canada that municipalities be given open and continuous information for the purposes of compliance monitoring and enforcement, including the results of any investigation conducted by an “inspector,” as described within the Cannabis Act.

Moved by Jerry Wittstock, Kneehill County, that the resolution be passed as presented. Seconded by Amber Link, Wheatland County.

The Mover provided an overview and rationale for the proposed resolution.

The Secunder waived her right to speak.

Discussion was held regarding the resolution.

Jim Duncan called three times for anyone wishing to speak in opposition, ask for clarification, or provide an amendment to the resolution. None were put forward.

The Mover and Secunder waived their right to provide closing remarks.

Jim Duncan called for a vote on the resolution by way of text to vote. The voting software confirmed the resolution passed.

Carried.

Jim Duncan thanked the members of District 2, and members of the committee.

Bruce Beattie shares his thanks for the resolutions committee and Jim Duncan for his service.

Legal Session

Bruce Beattie introduced Margaretha Bloem, Direction of Planning and Development Mountain View County and Daina Young, RMRF LLP to the meeting.

Daina and Margaretha provided the following discussion and information:

- Municipal Tools to control Illegal Cannabis Production
- Municipal Regulation of Personal Cannabis Production for Personal use.

Bruce Beattie thanked Daina and Margaretha for the presentation.

Recess and Reconvene

Reeve Beattie recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

RMA Update

Paul McLauchlin, RMA President, and Amber Link, RMA District 2 Director provided the following information and updates on RMA activities and initiatives:

- RMA 2021 Fall Convention
- R.W. Hay Award Nominees and In Memoriam Recognition
- Elections for RMA Board of Directors at the Fall Convention
- RMA Internet Speed testing
- Election hub.

- 3 policing related issues: Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board, Provincial Police Service Transition Study, impacts of the new Collective Agreement Signed between the Government of Canada and the National Police Federation.
- Rural Broadband
- FCM rural program
- Munis 101, now available

- Municipal Climate Change Action Centre
- RMA Insurance and Genesis Boards

RMA thanked Bruce Beattie, Mountain View County, Jim Wood, Jim Duncan, and all participants of this meeting.

Bruce Beattie thanked RMA for their updates.

Education Session Bruce Beattie introduced Vanessa White, Director of Renewable and Alternative Energy, Alberta Innovates to the meeting.

Vanessa provided a presentation regarding Small Modular Reactors.

A question-and-answer session was held between Vanessa and the RMA representatives.

Bruce Beattie thanked Vanessa for the presentation.

Bruce Beattie read in a Chat message question directed for Paul McLauchlin or Amber Link regarding COVID vaccination policies for municipal workers. Paul McLauchlin advised so far Strathcona County is the only member to implement a Policy.

Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Greg Harris, Mountain View County, that the minutes of District 2 CRMA General Meeting of February 5, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

Moved by Greg Harris, Mountain View County, that the minutes of: District 2 CRMA Directors Meeting of August 13, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

Moved by Jim Duncan, Clearwater County, that the minutes of Resolutions Committee Meeting held on September 21, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

Financial Report

No Change

Next Meetings

Bruce Beattie noted the next scheduled District 2- CRMA general meetings and resolution deadline dates as follows:

- January 7, 2022, District 2 Board of Directors in Three Hills
- February 4, 2022, Hosted by Red Deer County (Resolution Deadline – January 11, 2022)
- 2019-2025 CRMA Meeting Schedule

Adjournment

Moved by Greg Harris, Mountain View County, to adjourn the meeting.

Carried.

Bruce Beattie thanked everyone for attending virtually and Special Areas for hosting, offered good luck to those candidates running for re-election and farewell to those who are retiring.

Bruce Beattie, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.