



Lesser Slave Lake  
Economic Alliance

**Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance (LSLEA)  
Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2014  
East Prairie Administration Office  
East Prairie Metis Settlement, AB**

**Present:**

Barry Sharkawi – High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce  
Leo Alook - Municipal District of Opportunity  
Diane Smith – Town of Slave Lake (via teleconference)  
Debbie Rose - Town of High Prairie (via teleconference)  
Inka Hart – High Prairie School Division  
Darcy Dupas – East Prairie Metis Settlement  
Gerald Cunningham – East Prairie Metis Settlement  
Wade L'Hirondelle – East Prairie Metis Settlement  
Bill Kostiw – M.D. of Big Lakes  
Suzanne Allan – M.D. of Big Lakes

Darcie Acton – Executive Director  
Linda Cox- Administration, LSLEA

**Absent**

Chris Lamouche -Gift Lake Metis Settlement  
Laurie Renauer - Slave Lake & District Chamber of Commerce  
Greg Gauchier- Peavine Metis Settlement  
Darren Fulmore - Municipal District of Lesser Slave River  
Valerie Tradewell - Northern Lakes College  
Brenda Lemay – M.D. of Opportunity

- 1. Meeting called to order at 10:40 pm.**
- 2. Presentation of HPSC Video- Project 67875.** Project is complete and links will be provided for all members interested in hosting video.
- 3. Agenda:**

The following items were added to Agenda.

  - 3b. New Member Acceptance  
New business
    - a) skill training
    - b) south road access – East Prairie
    - c) LSLEA mandate
  - 7d. Advertising/Promotions

**45 - 2014/15 Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended. Moved by Darcy Dupas  
CARRIED**

**4. New Member:**

**46 - 2014/15 Motion to accept M.D. of Big Lakes as a member. Moved by Darcy Dupas.  
CARRIED**

**5. Minutes:**

**47- 2014/15 Motion to adopt the Minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting and the Meeting Notes from the November 6, 2014 meeting. Moved by Diane Smith.  
CARRIED**

**6. Membership in Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and counties (AAMDC) & Alberta Association of Urban Municipalities (AUMA).**

**48- 2014/15 Motion to proceed with associate membership of LSLEA in AAMDC and AUMA. Moved by Diane Smith  
CARRIED**

**7. Skilled Labour Training Centre**

Discussion on the need for skilled labour training facility to serve adults in the west end of the LSLEA region. Concerns include minimum requirement and pre-requisites for mature students, and entry into trades programs.

**49- 2014/15 Motion to direct the Executive Director to draft an RFP for a feasibility study on regional skills training needs and opportunities and a facility for adult learners using the parameters of the 2014-15 budget submission to Alberta Innovation. Moved by Darcy Dupas.**

**CARRIED**

**8. East Prairie Connector Road:**

Request for support from LSLEA to examine economic possibilities of an connector road from East Prairie Metis Settlement to the east, west and south. Project would include time and expertise to draft topographical maps and contain recommendation on best connector road route(s) and cost study.

**50- 2014/15 Motion to form a Transportation Committee consisting of M.D.s of Big Lakes, Opportunity and Lesser Slave River, East Prairie, Peavine, and Gift Lake Metis Settlements and Towns of High Prairie and Slave Lake. Mandate of the committee is to examine road issues within the LSLEA region and bring forward to Board recommended actions LSLEA can/should take with regard to the issues raised. Moved by Darcy Dupas.**

**CARRIED**

**9. LSLEA Mandate**

Discussion of a regional vision for LSLEA and projects that encompass that vision. Projects should be judged on merits of economic development potential.

**10. Chairperson Report**

Welcome to new member, M.D. of Big Lakes, and thank you to East Prairie Metis Settlement for hosting our meeting this month.

**11. In camera at 11:55 am; Out of camera at 12:15 pm**

**12. Executive Director Report**

- a) activity report submitted for information
- b) project report submitted; discussion focused on Four Seasons of LSL project and website update, particularly the unfunded video portion.
- c) ED will make inquiry with M.D. of LSR regarding legal status of copyright, and find out costs of updating videos for the website.

**13. Financial Report**

**51- 2014/15 – Motion to accept Financial Report as presented. Moved by Darcy Dupas.**

**CARRIED**

**14. Visa Account**

**52- 2014/15 – Motion to change corporate account to recognize Darcie Acton as card holder name associated with LSLEA VISA account. VISA statements will be presented for information/approval at each Board Meeting. Moved by Gerald Cunningham.**

**CARRIED**

**15. New Member Fee Calculation**

Presentation of a membership fee proposal for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Proposed fee for the remainder of 2014-15 membership year for M.D of Big Lakes will be based on prorating the remaining months of the year using the 2015-16 rates.

**53- 2014/15 – Motion to accept the proposed membership rates for 2015-16 and prorated amount calculated for M.D. of Big Lakes. Moved by Inka Hart.**

**CARRIED**

**16. Season Greetings Advertising**

**54- 2014/15 – Motion to place Christmas ads in the three newspapers serving our Region, South Peace News, Lakeside Leader, and Wabasca Fever. 'Season's Greetings from Board and Staff' to be added and website address to replace telephone number. Moved by Leo Alook.**

**CARRIED**

**17. Conflict of Interest & Non-Disclosure Policy**

Presented for discussion.

**55- 2014/15 – Motion to table until next meeting. Moved by Barry Sharkawi.  
CARRIED**

**18. 2015-2018 Strategic Plan**

Current strategic plan expires in March 2015. Discussion on the process to develop the next three year plan.

**56- 2014/15 – Motion for Executive Director to prepare an RFP for LSLEA 2015-18 Strategic Plan facilitation. Moved by Inka Hart.**

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: TBD, Slave Lake, AB

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

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Chair Barry Sharkawi