



Lesser Slave Lake  
Economic Alliance

**Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance (LSLEA)  
Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2014  
Peavine Inn & Suites  
High Prairie, AB**

**1. Present:**

Barry Sharkawi – High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce  
Darren Fulmore - Municipal District of Lesser Slave River  
Adam McArthur -LSL Community Futures  
Debbie Rose - Town of High Prairie  
Iner Gauchier -Peavine Metis Settlement  
Layne Gauchier- Peavine Metis Settlement  
Carey Mearon – Peavine Metis Settlement  
Glen Anderson- Peavine Metis Settlement  
Shelly Auger – East Prairie Metis Settlement  
Wade L'Hirondelle – East Prairie Metis Settlement  
Valerie Tradewell - Northern Lakes College  
Shari Spencer - Rural Alberta Business Centre  
Inka Foster – High Prairie School Division  
Mark Vandenberghe – Alberta Innovation & Advance Education

Linda Cox- Administration, LSLEA

**Absent**

Chris Lamouche -Gift Lake Metis Settlement  
Laurie Renauer - Slave Lake & District Chamber of Commerce  
George Wright – Lesser Slave Lake Regional Tourism  
Everett Gottfried/Brenda Lemay - Municipal District of Opportunity  
Diane Smith – Town of Slave Lake  
Kim Dyke – EDO, Tri-Council, Slave Lake  
Tom Hovland – Alberta Works

**Guests:**

Cathy Goulet, Executive Director NADC  
Ken Noskey, board Member NADC  
Michael McLaughlin – Rural Futures  
Dan Dibbelt – PREDA  
Tim Keating - Keating Business Services.

**2. Meeting called to order at 10:10 am:**

Since there was no quorum at this meeting, presentations and discussion arising will be for information only.

Guest Presentations were made by the invited guests listed above.

### **3. Discussion Items**

1. Discussion supporting HPSD's project of creating video vignettes of students interviewed on the dual credit initiative. The project cost would be up to \$7000.00. Videos would be available on the HPSD and LSLEA websites.
2. Updating the Next Place video using a montage of existing and new video footage as well as creating 5-7 three-five minute video vignettes of entrepreneurs in the LSLEA region is estimated at \$25,000. The original video cost \$50K to produce.
3. Gary Christopherson of GeoTourism is to be contacted and asked when the allocation of \$5000.00 will be used. Alberta Tourism paid for the feasibility study and LSLEA needs to know where the project is going to from there.
4. Four Seasons Reprint – there have been numerous attempts to contact Lesser Slave Lake Regional Tourism to no avail. Discussions with a professional photographer to update the book have not proceeded since we do not have the assurance from LSLRT they own the photo rights of the existing photos.
5. Mark Vandenberghe of Alberta Innovation will have his department review our website and forward comments for discussion with our consultant, RAP Trading.
6. Discussion on creating Briefing Notes of our initiatives for members to hand out when meeting with ministers, industry and other leaders. These could include the East Prairie Access Road, an integrated college campus for High Prairie, an East End Marina, etc. This could be a possible project and NADC would be willing help with this.
7. Discussion on a possible project, a Regional Youth Expo. This could be a one day career fair or a weekend summer camp. Career fairs are already offered by HPSD and NLC.
8. Alberta Innovation Funding has agreed to advance funding based upon the 2014 membership dollars with the remainder of funding needed to come from LSLEA reserves.
9. A letter from the M.D. of Opportunity was distributed notifying LSLEA of their municipality's withdrawal from the organization. Chair B. Sharkawi will attend the next M.D. Council Meeting to discuss benefits of remaining a member of LSLEA.
10. The filling of the vacant Treasurer position will be left until the AGM in June.
11. A letter of support will be sent by the Chair on behalf of LSLEA for continuation of RABC program in Slave Lake.

12. A letter of support will be sent by the Chair on behalf of LSLEA for a paramedic program to be offered by Northern Lakes College.
7. An Agenda item for the next AGM will be a change to the bylaws reducing quorum to two municipal members.
9. Financial information as of April 30, 2014 was distributed.

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2014

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: TBD

Wabasca, AB (if possible)

Meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

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Chair Barry Sharkawi