



Lesser Slave Lake
Economic Alliance

**Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance (LSLEA)
Meeting Notes – November 6, 2014
Peavine Inn & Suites
High Prairie, AB**

1. Present:

Barry Sharkawi – High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce
Diane Smith – Town of Slave Lake
Inka Hart – High Prairie School Division
Valerie Tradewell - Northern Lakes College
Fatima Mouallem - Rural Alberta Business Centre

Guests:

Mark Vandenberghe – Alberta Innovation & Advanced Education
Ken Matthews – M.D. of Big Lakes
Suzanne Allan – M.D. of Big Lakes

Staff

Darcie Acton – Executive Director, LSLEA
Linda Cox- Administration, LSLEA

Absent

Michel Long - Town of High Prairie
Darren Fulmore - Municipal District of Lesser Slave River
Leo Alook/Brenda Lemay - Municipal District of Opportunity
Laurie Renauer - Slave Lake & District Chamber of Commerce
Darcy Dupas/Gerald Cunningham – East Prairie Metis Settlement
Chris Lamouche -Gift Lake Metis Settlement
Iner Gauchier /Layne Gauchier - Peavine Metis Settlement
Lesser Slave Lake Regional Tourism
Shari Spenser - Tri-Council, Slave Lake
Alberta Works – High Prairie/Slave Lake

2. Meeting called to order at 10:40 am:

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

3. Discussion Items

1. REDA Renewal Summary – distribution of Executive Summary and review of document. Input from Mark Vandenberghe regarding actions that Alberta Innovation is taking to forward the renewal process for the budget year 2015-6.

2. Executive Director – Introduction of new Executive Director, Darcie Acton by Chair Sharkawi. Presentation of report of activities by Ms. Acton.
3. Membership in AAMDC & AUMA – discussion on becoming members of the organizations representing rural and urban municipalities in Alberta. There is an information sharing and networking aspect which would be valuable to our Metis Settlement members. There was general support for this item and it will be brought forward to the next meeting.
4. The Alberta Innovation Grant Agreement has been signed and returned for cheque processing.
5. Project Status Updates:
 - HPSD Video- in for final editing. It is expected to be available for viewing at our next meeting.
 - Updating the LSLEA website- the anticipated completion date by RAP Trading for this project is December 31, 2014.
 - Four Seasons Reprint – the Executive director will be investigating the copyright issue further.
 - Small Business Week – there is a budget surplus available for possible redirection.

The Executive Director was requested to design a project report listing the objective, status, and actions of each project for submission at each LSLEA Board Meeting.

6. Financial information as of October 31, 2014 was distributed and discussed.

Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2014

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: East Prairie Metis Settlement (tentative)

Slave Lake Northern Lakes College (tentative)

Meeting ended at 12:15 pm.

Chair Barry Sharkawi
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