

Subject: June 24, 2014 - Meeting with Ramsey Bay COA's

Date: June 24, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Bdrm 3, Mistasinik Place, La Ronge

Attendees: Ministry of Government Relations, Northern Municipal Services Branch (NMS): Brad Henry, Hasan Akhtar, Joan Herzog

Ramsey Bay Cottage Owners' Association (RBCOA) and Weyakwin Cottage Owners' Association (WCOA)

Jim Baier, John Harder, Norma Harder, Doug Hrychuik, Christine Hrychuik, Leo Lefavre, Sandra Messett, Heather Kuiack, Carol Rowan

Purpose: to provide additional information and seek consensus on the issue of the community hall – its use, ownership, access and public good – amongst the parties.

Brad Henry opened the discussion relaying the following information:

1. *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* and current legislation does not set a limit on the number of COA's in a resort subdivision. That NMS recognizes all such associations equally. NMS considers advice from these associations.
2. NMS had been paying some, but not all, expenses associated with the community hall at Ramsey Bay on the presumption that it had partial ownership, even though the lease was in the name of the WCOA. Expenses included insurance, electricity, etc.
3. NMS has established the position that the lease is valid and that WCOA has ownership rights to the hall. NMS has no ownership rights.
4. Until now the property and improvements had not been assessed nor taxed on the assumption that it was a municipal asset. Going forward the property will now be added to the tax roll as a private asset, and the owner will be assessed and taxed.
5. In light of the ownership information, NMS expressed an interest in funding a portion of hall expenses if the WCOA could demonstrate to NMS' satisfaction that there was fair, equitable, non-discriminatory access to the facility and that it served the public good.

The WCOA distributed a copy of their current rental agreement for review by all parties.

Parties openly discussed past events as well as their interests and desires for Ramsey Bay's future. Both COA's agreed to start fresh and move forward for the betterment of their community. Both COA's expressed an interest in extending meeting invitations to the other COA. WCOA's next meeting is July 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. to which it verbally extended an invitation to RBCOA.

The COAs will advise the community on a joint basis of their mutual and divergent goals and principles.

Discussion took place around the pros and cons of the number of associations at Ramsey Bay, and potential options available to address the situation: status quo, merger, and dissolving both to form a new association under an entirely new name.

WCOA will develop a hall rental policy, of which the rental agreement will form a part. This will also include the specific dates reserved for WCOA's use of the hall. This will be shared with NMS so that it

can make a determination on whether it satisfies NMS' requirements for fair and equitable access to the hall.

NMS will look into logistics of distributing resort subdivision's annual financial statement with tax notices.

WCOA offered to RBCOA that it would meet to consider providing the hall rent-free for Sunday, June 29th, 2014 as a show of good faith towards a future relationship, and the RBCOA would have an answer that day.

August 31, 2014 was the date agreed upon that WCOA would [satisfy](#) NMS' request for reasonable assurance that the hall is available for use on an equitable basis to the community, that its application and related policy is non-discretionary, and that the facility serves a public good. If satisfied, NMS agreed to work with WCOA to negotiate an agreement for paying a portion of hall expenses. Any reimbursed expenses would have to be pre-approved by NMS.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.