

Waskesiu Community Association Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Community Hall, Waskesiu, SK
Sunday, August 5th, 2012, 10:00 am

MINUTES

Bryan Matheson, Chairman
Member at Large

Janice MacKinnon
Member at Large

Brent Hamel
Year Round/Seasonal
Residents' Representative

Brian Morgan
Cabin Owner Representative

Tim Degelman
Commercial Lessees' Representative

Present: 34 members; Alen Pressler and Anita Smith, Waskesiu RCMP; Pat Dunn, Parks Canada

Community Council Chairman 2011/12 and Chair of the meeting – Bryan Matheson

1. Opening Remarks:

- Moment of silence in reflection of the loss of our Councilor John Stevenson and other members of the Waskesiu Community we lost in the past year.
- Introduction of 2011/12 Council Members
- Adoption of 2012 Agenda
Moved by Robert Philips and seconded by Guy Paterson *Carried*
- Adoption of 2011 AGM minutes
Moved by Randy Kershaw and seconded by Rob Philips *Carried*

2. Waiver of Appointment of Auditor and Reviewer's Report for the 2011/12 Fiscal Year:

- *Moved by Jill Robertson and seconded by Karen Cromwell* *Carried*

"That the Waskesiu Community Council dispense with the appointment of an auditor and reviewer's report for the 2011/12 fiscal year of the Corporation."

3. Presentation and Adoption of 2011/12 Financial Information:

- *Moved by Rob Philips and seconded by Bob Head* *Carried*

"That the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the last fiscal year of the Corporation, in the form presented to this Annual General Meeting, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted."

4. Law Enforcement – RCMP – Sgt. Alen Pressler

COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Community Policing Services

To: Waskesiu Community Council	From: Sgt. A.J PRESLER NCO i/c Waskesiu Waskesiu, Sask	Month of August 2011-2012
		Date Prepared 2012-08-03
		Phone No. 306-663-4400

OFFENCES REPORTED AND/OR COMMITTED ON COMMUNITY

A) Criminal Code		C) Liquor	
1. Indecent Act	1	1. Liquor Offences	28
2. Assaults- Spousal/Other -Assault with a Weapon -Aggravated Assault -Weapon Dangerous to the Public - Kidnapping - Uttering Threats	5	2. Above Cases By-law Related	N/A
3. Willful Damage/Vandalism	15	D) Traffic	
4. Break and Enter and Theft	6	1. Accidents	5
5. Thefts	10	2. Charges	25
6. Impaired Driving/Over 0.08% Drive While Disqualified	6	E) Assistance/Services	
7. Disturbing the Peace	8	1. Missing Persons	0
8. Other Criminal Code Offences	13	2. Sudden Deaths	0
B) Drugs		3. Assistance- General Public	11
1. Possession of Drugs	6	4. First Nations By-laws	N/A
2. Trafficking	1	5. Other	48

Significant issues: (infrastructure, resources, change of administration)

- Increase of PS position from 4 days a week to 5.
 - Use of speed sign beneficial.
 - Increase in members (3) for May, July and August long weekends.
 - Annual Performance Plan - Increase of traffic enforcement
 - Increase in cabin patrols (winter months).
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There was a total of 200 calls for service for the period of August 2011 to 2012. The Waskesiu Lake Detachment responded to all calls for service in a timely manner, and investigated each complaint using all available resources. Total calls for Waskesiu Lake Detachment for this period 2176 calls.

As always the Waskesiu Lake Detachment is dedicated to providing the best possible service to all of our detachment area. Please feel free to drop in and discuss any concerns, or questions from within the community. My door is always open and I look forward to hearing from you.

5. Parks Canada – Pat Dunn, External Relations Officer

Thank you for inviting Parks Canada to the AGM. I'm pleased to be here and would like to pass on, on behalf of the park management team, in particular Alan Fehr, superintendent, and Terry Schneider, townsite manager, the park's thanks and recognition of the Council's hard work and commitment to the good management of the townsite of Waskesiu.

I'd also like to express our sadness at the passing of John Stevenson. His achievements and passion for Waskesiu were notable and he will be sadly missed. A park representative will be attending the memorial service to help honour his memory and his life.

Overall the management of Waskesiu is going very well with many projects completed and new projects developing. To summarize:

- \$8.2 million dollars of Economic Action Plan funding was spent on roads and associated infrastructure in Waskesiu. This project is complete with a few loose ends being tidied up (landscaping, drop offs).
- A successful spruce budworm spray was conducted in early June. Two applications of spray were made over the townsite. The spray appears to have been effective and we will have further results on larvae and egg counts for the fall spruce health report. Congratulations to Council and seasonal residents for a successful fundraising venture. The spray will be conducted again next year.
- SaskPower has approached the park with a street lighting retrofit proposal. This is a pilot project to install energy efficient, individually controllable, dimmable street lights. There will be 178 installed throughout the townsite – all the SaskPower lights. The park's own streetlights will remain the same. This is a very welcome opportunity and should considerably reduce power costs, in particular in winter when the lights are less needed.
- SaskPower is also developing a plan to manage its power line right-of-ways in the townsite, and is considering both safety and aesthetic purposes. The work will begin in the fall and they will be speaking with WCC.
- The swale work that was done has been highly successful. Terry tells me he is getting nothing but positive feedback and that the swales are getting the desired results. He asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to Council for your help in getting the message out about the swales.
- Last fall the park held a Round Table workshop in Saskatoon where Council was represented by Bryan Matheson. This very successful daylong workshop allowed us to present broad questions around park management, stemming from the park's management plan, for the insights of a broad range of stakeholders. We appreciated the feedback and insights provided.

Finally I'll say a few words about Budget 2012. As you know, Parks Canada has been tapped, like all federal departments, to assist in paying down the federal debt. For your information, Parks Canada's CEO has estimated that currently, between cutbacks and cost increases that must be absorbed internally, it amounts to a 20% decrease in budgets. Typical of probably every jurisdiction, demands far outstrip the available resources. We will continue to work with Council to identify priority projects and focus on these – we always have had to prioritize and close attention to priorities is more important than ever. I'll give a couple of current examples:

- For example, in response to community concerns and requests, this summer we have revitalized the beaches at South Bay and Trippes Beach; Namekus, Paignton and Birch Bay will also be done. These are areas much loved by visitors and residents and they are significant attractions in the park. However, we have also been asked to mow the grass in the little spruce islands in the subdivisions. In our view those are natural areas. We will stick to mowing the grass in the townsite's and park's many public areas, maintaining the beaches and so on. If people using those areas would like to mow them, that's great. But we have to focus on areas that are used by the majority of people.

In summary it has been another successful year.

Questions from members present:

- Need for speed bumps at lower end of cabin lanes was raised
- Question about paving marina access road – answer: budget considerations
- Question about plans to upgrade marinas
- Request from Seasonal Residents Association to attend annual Round Table

6. The Waskesiu Foundation – Randy Kershaw

The Waskesiu Foundation is currently comprised of 7 volunteer board members:

- Jim Kerby – Chair
- Greg Thorimbert – Treasurer
- Karen Davidson
- Scott McCreath
- Myrna Nagy
- Murray Peterson
- Myself as past-chair and John Stevenson, who recently passed away, was on our board for a number of years.

The Foundation was formed in 1999. Our mission is to support recreational, social, cultural, and environmental facilities and activities that enhance the Waskesiu experience.

Since the Foundation was formed, up to June 30th of this year, we have raised over \$912,000 which has been re-invested in the community in many ways.

- Take this beautiful Community Hall for example - the new flooring, kitchen and bar area and washroom upgrades.
- Terrace Gardens now has running water in the kitchen for the first time and the bar area has been completely renovated.
- The Disc Golf Course has been a huge success – local merchants have sold over 500 Frisbee discs so far this year. This is an activity all ages can play – all four seasons.
- The 2 camp kitchens right outside the Community Hall have been restored and plans are to restore all the camp kitchens in the townsite. The Foundation is currently seeking

individuals or families willing to donate \$10,000 and their name will be put on the camp kitchen.

-The very successful Memorial Bench program has resulted in a moratorium on future benches. The program has been capped at 100 benches. Thank you to all who have sponsored a bench.

-Tennis court upgrades

-Red Deer Trail enhancements

All of these are a snapshot of some of the projects the Foundation has been involved.

Recently the Foundation partnered with WSRA and WCC to handle donations for the SOS program which I am pleased to report reached its goal of \$64,000.

To give you an idea of the support for the Foundation, here are some recent stats- 164 new donors were added to the Foundation's Donor Kiosk this year. The Kiosk, as I am sure you all know, is located at the main beach. Our donor recognition program is cumulative.

Starting next May, all In Memory donations made to-date, to the Foundation will be shown on the Donor Kiosk.

In closing, I want to point out the Waskesiu Foundation Volunteer Board of Directors takes their role of stewarding donors money very seriously and the Board is very proud of the accomplishments of the Foundation and its partnership with Parks Canada, which both parties agree our slogan is "*Enhancing the Waskesiu Experience Together*".

7. www.waskesiu.org – Brent Hamel

8. Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

Council had ongoing discussions with Parks Canada on a variety of topics in regard to vegetation management. A long range plan has been established and both groups are trying to maintain programs to achieve the goals of the plan.

Last September a very successful Arbor Day was held on the long weekend in September. We had an excellent turnout of volunteers and trees were planted in the corral adjacent to the day parking area on the main beach. Thank you to everyone that participated.

During the late fall reports on the status of the Spruce Budworm were presented to council. Members of the community were very strong in their opinion that we should be spraying. Although this viewpoint differed from the reports from Parks Canada it was agreed that a spray program would take place this spring (and again next spring) if the community would raise 2/3's of the funds required to pay for the spray program. This was successfully done with the assistance of the Waskesiu Foundation. We thank everyone for their donations and we thank the Foundation for administering the donations.

In conjunction with the Budworm Spray Program was the concern that money to pay for the 1/3 cost that Parks Canada covered would have to come from the budget normally attributed to the Vegetation Management Program (Arbor Day). I am pleased to report that this is not the case and we will continue with the Arbor Day activity again this September. I want to make sure to thank Parks Canada administration for ensuring that this important program continues on as we strive to maintain the long-term goals of keeping our Park looking great. We will be planting trees in a to be constructed area near the washrooms and ball diamonds on the main beach.

Please watch for posters and information on Arbor Day. This information will be on our website at www.waskesiu.org and on posters throughout the community.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our Park beautiful.

9. Question and Answer Session

Member Question– SaskTel coverage for internet is non-existent in the Waskesiu townsite. Trying to make everyone aware. SaskTel has been up here with crews and did some testing. Member would like Council and Parks Canada to take a position on this problem. It is a capacity problem, very slow. Especially long weekends. Other provider is iNET 2000 out of Prince Albert. Kevin Sanderson is contact.

10. New Councilors

Introduction of new councilors elected for a three year term – Jim Kerby and Randy Kershaw
Farewell to Tim Degelman

11. Adjournment

11:25 am

Rob Philips