

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, August 14, 2015 - 9:00 am - WCC and PCA
Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, SK – Boardroom
Attending: Jim Kerby, Brent Hamel, Janice MacKinnon (departed meeting at 10:50),
Nancy Wood Archer, George Wilson, Bryan Matheson (joined meeting
at 9:30 am)
PCA – Alan Fehr, Gregg Rutten
Regrets: Randy Kershaw

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order **Administrator 9:05 am**
2. Adoption of the Agenda
Nancy Wood Archer/Jim Kerby **Carried unanimously**
3. Welcome to new and re-elected Council members: George Wilson, Jim Kerby, Brent Hamel, Janice MacKinnon, Nancy Wood Archer, Bryan Matheson and Randy Kershaw.
4. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and other Officers
A motion was made to elect Jim Kerby as Council Chair.
Bryan Matheson/George Wilson **Carried unanimously**
A motion was made to elect Nancy Wood Archer as Vice-Chair.
Janice MacKinnon/Jim Kerby **Carried unanimously**
A motion was made to elect Brent Hamel as Secretary-Treasurer.
Janice MacKinnon/Nancy Wood Archer **Carried unanimously**
5. Committee Appointments
Council, together with the members of the Waskesiu Community Association approved unanimously, the Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond Community Action Plan and Implementation Strategy – the work of the Council should in addition to ensuing implementation, also be re-active to PCA items and pro-active to what community members bring to Council.
Discussion ensued.
It was determined all Committee Terms of Reference should be rewritten to include reference to the Community Action Plan/Implementation Strategy where Council is a LEAD or PARTNER. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.
6. Signing Authority
A motion was made that there should be 4 signing authorities, for banking purposes, which will be Jim Kerby – Chair, Nancy Wood Archer - Vice-Chair, Brent Hamel - Secretary-Treasurer and Noreen Matthews - Administrator.
A minimum of 2 signatures is required on all cheques and for all withdrawals.
Bryan Matheson/George Wilson **Carried unanimously**

7. Approval of the June 22, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
Janice MacKinnon/George Wilson **Jim Kerby**
Carried unanimously
8. In Camera
A motion was made to move In Camera.
Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson *Carried unanimously*
A motion was made to return to the Public Meeting.
George Wilson/Brent Hamel *Carried unanimously*
9. Correspondence
None received
10. Business Arising from the Minutes
- iNET 2000 - status update – PCA met with Todd Chamberlain from iNET 2000 on Wednesday and went out to the site at Delworth Hill. iNET 2000 are running diagnostics to see if it will be a suitable site. Todd thought the height of the tower was good but they will have to put up a new tower as SaskTel will not allow iNET to share the existing tower with them. PCA is waiting for a written report back from iNET 2000.
Council asked where are the WIFI hot spots in the townsite going to be located. PCA will get an update.
Council suggested since WIFI was so important in the Park, perhaps PCA could spend some funds on WIFI.
PCA commented SaskTel had said improved WIFI would be here in 2015. PCA suggested that perhaps Council could write to SaskTel for an update.
- \$29 million funding announcement – Council requested details regarding receipt of funding, allocation of funds and timing of project completion in years 1 and 2
PCA commented:
Upgrade to the Forced main – to be completed in year 1.
Upgrade to the Marina – 2 year project – roads and parking year 1 – year 2 will be new docks and slips. If there is any extra money from this project they plan to assess both breakwaters and the dock.
Highway 263 – Paving of 18 km to be completed in year 1 of the 2 year program.
Revitalized North shore/Kingsmere road (Grey Owl complex) – to be completed by year 2.
Campground upgrades - to be completed by year 2.
Trail network upgrade – to be completed by year 2.
Alan will be putting in an amendment for Phase 2 to extend to year 3 and 4.
Kingfisher and Waskesiu River trails – looking at options, re-routing or a commitment to infrastructure.
The staff washroom will be replaced in staff trailer park.
Council asked who at PCA decided on the allocation of the \$29 million.

PCA reply: last August Alan was given a 48 hour notice to come up with the allocation- including all the just mentioned projects. In October he received notice someone else at PCA was to prioritize them with a dollar amount.

Council suggested to PCA that if they get to a point this year and are having trouble getting projects completed and the funds will be lapsed or otherwise lost, there are other projects the funds could be used for: (ie: Items in the Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond Community Action Plan). Council asked how do we know what the marina revitalization will look like (ie: Power, docks, etc.)?

PCA will provide new docks and 200 slips as is there now. At the May 9th Roundtable, Morris McLachlan announced there will be 300 slips.

No design of the Marina is available yet. Further discussion with the operator needed in that regard.

- Community Action Plan - next steps and identification of 2015/2016 priorities and assignments
Council has just established the new committee makeup (attached). At its next meeting, Council plans to determine next steps including identification of which committees will look after 2015/2016 priorities and assignments. Some will involve separate meetings.

PCA will provide update on what is advancing and the completion dates.

Brent to send Administrator final/approved version to put on waskesiu.org website.

11. Townsite Report

Gregg Rutten 10:00 am

Waskesiu Lakeside Festival 2015 Committee Update:

Everything looking good. Lots of local businesses involved.

Children's activities all organized.

Sunday – Stand up paddleboard race – Fresh Air Experience from PA – providing their own insurance.

Insurance is in place to cover all those needed.

Pelican Street Rock Placement

Townsite and Asset staff looking at moving the rocks between Pelican St. and Red Deer campground in order to allow better driveway access to leaseholders on Pelican St.

iNet2000

Gregg Rutten meeting on site with Todd Chamberlain to discuss/investigate a tower location at Delworth Hill.

Frank Dunn Triathlon

Waskesiu Drive road closure – Was closed from 4-way stop to 3-way stop - volunteers were stationed at every intersection. No complaints from public.

Pilot project for 2015.

Any comments/concerns can be directed to Gregg Rutten.

Update on squeaking saucer swings complaint

Might be an installation problem. Gregg checking.

A Council member asked if PCA has followed up on the success of all the swales. The swale between Jay Street and Heron Street is not working as it should.

PCA replied previous swales were reviewed and adjustments were made. PCA is trying to make sure they are all working.

Council asked PCA to look at the swale between Jay Street and Heron Street.

PCA replied they will look at it.

Council Chair asked about Cabin Guidelines – recent proposed amendment has not been formally put into place.

PCA is waiting to hear back from WSRA. Council will assist if needed.

12. New Business

- Ratification of the prior Council's decision to approve the Townsite Utility Budget

A motion was made to approve the Townsite Utility Budget as presented.

Brent Hamel/Bryan Matheson

Carried unanimously

- Discussion regarding need for review engagement financial statements for WCA

Council asked whether the funds we receive from PCA are considered to be grants or reimbursements?

PCA agreed Council is getting reimbursements. Jim, Brent and the Administrator to review and report on at next meeting.

- SaskTel Tower data issue – Randy to follow up with Rob Phillips.

- Discussion about the wildfires including (1) the impact of the weakened trail system (which caused issues

for traveling into the fire zones) and (2) the way the press was handled. First while media was unclear. Perhaps we should have a game plan for future.

1) The 8 firefighters contracted to be here on call. They couldn't understand why our trail/clear cut systems has not been maintained? They spent their time cleaning established trails.

PCA – The area the firefighters were maintaining is the Boundary Trail for Elk Ridge fire safety.

There are containment lines all through the north. They are constantly being maintained. The firefighters were unable to get up to the Calypso fire due to smoke, so PCA put them to work cleaning the established trails.

- After hours/emergency contact at PCA for RCMP

An incident was reported to Council and PCA was asked what mechanism is in place for RCMP to contact PCA afterhours?

PCA comment – RCMP should have had no problem getting the message when 911 was called.

The RCMP did call the Jasper Dispatch and a left message. PCA does not know if the message was passed on to PANP.

Council asked: But is this system working?

Randy – to provide follow-up how it works, what's in place?

- Lakeview hotel - status update and side yard clean up

The Waskesiu community has been commenting that the side yard is a mess.

Council asked PCA, as landlord, to ask the owners of the Lakeview to clean it up.

PCA agreed they will ask.

PCA – The work being done at the Lakeview has never been approved by PCA and the owners have received a Stop Work Order. PCA continues to correspond with them.

- Council Committee structure - ensure alignment with Community Action Plan

Discussed earlier.

- Fixed dates for Council meetings (until 2016 AGM)

The Chair polled Council and found that for the majority, fixed dates are not an issue. Mondays are better days during the busy summer season – May to August.

- Proposed purchase of AV projector for Council

A motion was made for Brent Hamel to investigate the cost of an AV projector with a maximum \$700 budget and to report back to Council with his findings.

Brent Hamel\Nancy Wood Archer

Carried unanimously

- Presentation of four options of new WCC logo

Administrator to email the options to Janice (left meeting before presentation) and Randy (absent).

Council will make their choice at the next meeting.

- Confirm \$750 payment to Waskesiu Lakeside Festival

A motion was made for Council to make a payment of \$750 to support the Waskesiu Lakeside Festival.

Administrator will transfer funds to the Festival account.

Brent Hamel/Nancy Wood Archer

Carried unanimously

13. Next meeting – Friday, September 25th – Hawood Inn, 9 am in the boardroom.

14. Lunch

15. Adjournment

Bryan Matheson

Carried unanimously