

Waskesiu Community Association Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Terrace Gardens, Waskesiu, SK
Sunday, August 17, 2014 - 10:00 am
MINUTES

Brian Morgan, Chair
Cabin Owners Representative

Bryan Matheson, Vice Chair
Member at Large

Randy Kershaw
Member at Large

Nancy Wood Archer, Sec.-Treasurer
Commercial Lessees' Representative

Jim Kerby
Cottage Owners Representative

Janice MacKinnon
Member at Large

Brent Hamel
Permanent Residents Representative

Present: 116 members, representing Parks Canada Agency: Terry Schneider-Townsite Manager, Pat Dunn-External Relations Manager, Carla Flaman-Communication Manager and Gregg Rutten-Townsite Clerk.

Community Council Chairman 2013/2014 and Chair of the meeting – Brian Morgan

1. 9:45 am - Coffee and refreshments
2. 10:00 am – Welcome and Chairman's Year End Report

On behalf of the Waskesiu Community Council, welcome to the 2013-2014 Waskesiu Community Association Annual General Membership meeting.

The business portion of this meeting will be much abbreviated compared to those of past years such that we can all devote our time and energies to the Community Open House which will immediately follow the AGM.

As always, Council has been fully involved and engaged in dealing with a whole host of diverse issues relating to the townsite and immediate surrounding area with Parks Canada and other stakeholders, in our collective efforts to enhance and sustain the beauty, security, and economic and environmental viability of our wilderness community.

It has been a distinct pleasure to work with my fellow councilors: Bryan Matheson, Janice MacKinnon, Nancy Wood Archer, Brent Hamel, Randy Kershaw and Jim Kerby, all ably assisted by our Administrator, Noreen Matthews.

Following the decision to spray for the spruce budworm, as well as the completion of the requisite fundraising, successful sprays took place in the summers of 2012 and 2013. A report to Council in November, 2013, advised that spruce defoliation levels in the townsite had decreased by 63% from 2011 levels and that new needle growth on white spruce trees was readily evident. This is welcome information and while the spray program cannot be singled out as the sole source of this positive result, it was a major contributing factor.

Significant upgrades to our camp kitchens in the townsite and at Paignton, South Bay and Birch Bay have also been much appreciated. The Waskesiu Foundation has provided a good deal of funding to enable these upgrades and accordingly, deserves both our thanks and our continued support for this and their Bears on the Beach campaign. This campaign will see a much needed, new and dynamic playground come to fruition in the next year.

At the initiation of Council, we commenced firstly with the Parks Administration, then subsequently with Waskesiu stakeholder groups, a visioning process entitled "VISION 2020 and BEYOND", the purpose of which is to collaborate on what we want to have the Waskesiu townsite look like, feel like and be like by the year 2020 and beyond. Council sees this as the most important undertaking we could possibly launch to plan future enhancements to our community.

The Community Open House following this meeting in just a few minutes will present an opportunity to our community at large to shape the vision of Waskesiu. We welcome and require your participation and insights. A lot more to follow in just a few minutes.

As shared at our last AGM, our Vegetation Management Committee has engaged fully with officials of SaskPower and Parks Canada Agency in the need to cull dead and threatening trees in the proximity of power lines in the townsite. As a result, work has already begun in this regard and will continue in what is hoped to be an unobtrusive manner.

As well, given the depth of concerns expressed by residents and visitors regarding the quality of wireless communications in the townsite and area, Council approached SaskTel about measures they could take to remedy the situation. Discussions were productive and we are pleased to advise that on June 24 of this year a new stealth tower had been erected and put into service in the Red Deer campground. I hope we find that the level and quality of signal have been much improved.

Council continues to be pleased with the winter season security measures that have been put in place. We have experienced only one report of break and enter activity over the past four winters (to our knowledge). The RCMP and park warden presence on long weekends in the summer continues to have a positive impact in decreasing the level of unacceptable behavior in the summer.

Our waskesiu.org website continues to be the widely used by those seeking information on Waskesiu. Please visit the site and find out what is happening in Waskesiu and PANP at www.waskesiu.org.

These have been some of the highlights of the past and current year and in the balance of today's meeting more information will be shared with you on activities and issues in the Waskesiu townsite. We are pleased to have join us for the upcoming Open House, so many of the Waskesiu stakeholder groups -The Waskesiu Golf Course, the Waskesiu Marina, Friends of the Park, the Waskesiu Heritage Museum, The Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, The Waskesiu Foundation, the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association, and of course, Parks Canada Agency.

We thank you for being here and participating today, but more importantly we commend you for your tireless service to this community that we all love.

We continue to encourage you and all Waskesiu residents and business operators to share your views with respective members of Council on how to improve and enhance the Waskesiu experience. Your commitment to this community of ours is much appreciated.

- Introduction of 2013/14 Council Members

- Adoption of 2014 Agenda

Moved by Bert Jackson and seconded by Rob Phillips

Carried

- Adoption of 2013 AGM minutes

Moved by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Lorne McConachie

Carried

3. Fiscal and Financial Report - Janice MacKinnon

- Waiver of Appointment of Auditor and Reviewer's Report for the 2013/14 Fiscal Year:

Moved by John Day and seconded by Dave Butler

Carried

"That the Waskesiu Community Council dispense with the appointment of an auditor and reviewer's report for the 2013/14 fiscal year of the Corporation."

- Presentation and Adoption of 2013/14 Financial Statements:

Moved by Rand Burlingham and seconded by Rene Marleau

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."

Waskesiu Community Association Inc.
April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014
Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Credit Union Bank Account		
Opening Balance April 1, 2013		\$10,641.76
Deposits	\$26,209.94	
Expenditures	(23,441.78)	
Reconciled bank balance, March 31, 2014		<u>\$13,409.92</u>
Accounts Receivable – Parks Canada		\$12,492.29
Credit Union Term Deposit:		
April 1, 2013 balance	\$ 15,514.20	
Interest @ March 31, 2014	636.08	
March 31, 2014 Balance		<u>\$16,150.28</u>
Total Assets March 31, 2014		<u>\$ 42,052.49</u>
No Liabilities		

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April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014
Operating Statement

Revenues:

Parks Canada Grant	\$ 25,790.42
Parks Canada Admin Fee	934.27
Waskesiu.org advertising	4,000.00
Interest Income	<u>636.08</u>

Total Revenue \$ 31,360.77

Expenses:

Administrator Wages	\$ 8,226.75
Council Meeting Expenses	11,868.33
Minister of Finance	65.00
Post Office Box	147.00
Bank Charges	257.73
Web Site Maintenance	2,004.28
Chamber Dues & Speaker Phone	421.95
Donations	
-Waskesiu Foundation & Ski Club	600.00
Advertising	
- Waskesiu Wilderness Region	1,785.00

Total Expenses \$ 25,376.04

Surplus (deficit) for the year March 31, 2014 \$ 5,984.73

4. Questions and Answers

Member Comment – It is his understanding that grooming of the beach and new sand has been done at Paignton Beach by private individuals. The member would like them to come forward and be recognized and thanked.

Parks Canada is not familiar with this.

Waskesiu Foundation Comment – This is not the work of the Foundation, and then thanked the donors for the work done on all the camp kitchens at Birch Bay, South Bay and Paignton Beach.

5. Adjournment of the Annual General Meeting

10:30 am

Moved by Rob Phillips and seconded by John Day

Carried

6. 'Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond' presentation

7. Open House begins

8. BBQ – courtesy of the Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Dept.

9. Open House continues