

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Monday, June 23, 2014 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, SK

Attending: Nancy Wood Archer, Randy Kershaw, Brian Morgan, Brent Hamel, Jim Kerby,
Alan Fehr, Terry Schneider

Regrets: Janice MacKinnon, Bryan Matheson

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:03 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan
Accepted with two amendments.
Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel **Carried**
4. Approval of May 9th, 2014 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw **Carried**
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - Proposed Bungalow Camp changes
 - Revenue Chart for Land Rent in Waskesiu (2010 to 2012) – PCA reviewed a Land Rent Chart with Council. Discussion ensued on businesses, changes, etc.
 - 2020 Visioning Exercise
 - Stakeholders Meeting Updates- Jim Kerby and Brent Hamel – Jim thanked Terry Schneider for attending the meetings.
 - To date they have met with Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, Lobstick Golf Course, the Waskesiu Foundation, and the Waskesiu Heritage Museum – they had good meetings with all – they were all happy to see the Council and PCA taking on this initiative. Committee is still waiting to meet with WSRA Board as well as Friends of the Park. Brent has met with the Waskesiu Marina which will participate in the Visioning process.
 - PCA – dates to meet with leadership group – July 22nd - 10 am at the Resource Conservation at the compound.
 - Council needs to get written confirmation that they will be in attendance. – Brian and Noreen.
 - It was suggested a roundtable be held in September with all the stakeholders to keep the momentum going from the August 17 Community Open House.
 - Advertising and Promotion Updates - Noreen Matthews and Randy Kershaw
 - Fire fighters will distribute invitations door to door to all cabin and cottage owners on Tuesday, August 12th.
 - Plan is also to attend the WSRA meeting and hand out to those in attendance on August 3rd.
 - Brent to help with wording and displays.

Serve coffee and doughnuts at 9:45 am, with meeting starting at 10 am

Jim to talk with Tracey from the DMO and ask her if they would be willing to put our information on the DMO's Facebook/Twitter pages.

Agenda and Format Discussion - Brian Morgan

The difficulty is the agenda – to get the crowds out, we need to understate the AGM and focus on the Presentation/Open House.

1. We will have a brief AGM agenda with the Chair overview, approval of last year's AGM minutes and acceptance of the financial statements. Then we will move to presentation with displays from Parks Canada and other stakeholders. Displays will include elements of the 2020 Vision document. Everyone attending will be given a handout at the door and will be asked to prioritize what projects are most important to them.

Displays from participant groups.

Fire department will supply and cook free burgers and hot dogs for those attending the Presentation/Open House.

Each council member is to bring 4 guests to guarantee a quorum for the AGM.

OR

2. We promote the AGM then roll out the 2020 presentation, etc.

3. We host 2 separate meetings.

6. Correspondence

- Parks Canada Agency letter dated May 21, 2014 sent to Canada Post regarding Canada Post Services at Waskesiu.

Motion was made confirming we received our copy of the letter.

Nancy Wood Archer/Brent Hamel

Carried

Discussion ensued.

PCA will call for update on the correspondence and respond back to Council

7. RCMP – Sgt. Alen Pressler presented policing update.

Waskesiu Detachment is spending \$120, 000 on renovations to the detachment. Completion is nearing the end with new siding, windows, doors and flooring.

Staffing of members, we are 1 member vacant and the replacement is expecting to arrive end of August.

This will run the detachment short for the summer.

Enhanced policing. Detachment has been working 24 hour coverage on all long weekend with 5 members working days and 5 on nights. This is to ensure quick response to calls for service and provide pro-active policing to prevent crimes from being committed and keep the community safe.

We continue to work with the PANP Park Wardens and Resource Conservation to ensure visitor safety and promote the experience.

Focus on impaired driving and traffic related offences within the park area.

Stats:

June 1st, 2013 to Sept 30th, 2013

Traffic Act charges - 36
Impaired charges - 2
Liquor charges - 13
Drug enforcement - 3
Break and enter - 2
Disturb Peace reported - 9
Theft of bicycle reported - 5
194 investigations for this period.

Nov. 1st, 2013 to June 23rd, 2014 (to date)

Traffic Act charges - 5
Impaired charges - 5
Liquor charges - 2
Drug enforcement - 1
Break and enter - 1
Disturb Peace reported - 3
Theft of bicycle reported - 2
94 investigations for this period.
Break and enter to Archers Store. Subject located and charged. Pending court process.

We are looking forward for the upcoming summer. Detachment purchased 2 mountain bikes for patrolling during the summer. Patrols on lakes have been planned for the summer and will be working with the Park Wardens regarding water patrol/enforcement.

- 911 discussion ensued. EMR service does not have contact phone numbers correct.

Alan Fehr to check out 911 protocol. Visitor safety plan is being discussed with Parks Canada Agency. Sgt. Pressler is OK with how 911 policing issues are being handled.

Parks Canada Agency and Council need to have a discussion regarding having EMR's available in the community. PCA would like lay persons in the community to be trained – this could be added to the Wish List for the 2020 Vision.

8. Townsite Update

Terry Schneider

Balsam Street/Lakeview Drive – Storm Sewer and Road Failure – Spring 2014

Work was performed June 16-18, 2014 to temporarily repair this street to accommodate visitor vehicle and pedestrian and traffic at this busy corner of the community.

The process of tendering the permanent fix to this roadway will close on July 8, 2014.

- SaskTel – New “Stealth Tower”

The tower and green box base power pedestals are in place at Red Deer Campground

SaskTel intends to have the tower in service prior to the end of June 2014.

SaskPower are bringing power to the site from the power pedestal at the top of Pelican street.

Light landscaping will be required when site construction is complete.

- Waskesiu Multi Season Camp Kitchens

Townsite has received draft architectural plans for converting the main beach camp kitchen into a multi-season facility. PCA's intentions are to review this draft with David Archer to confirm the plans in order to make arrangements with the Waskesiu Foundation to complete this project during the winter of

2014/2015. Initial draft to be sent to Jim Kerby on behalf of the Foundation.

Water issues from runoff flowing from the parking lot, and flowing to the lake and flooding the camp kitchen. Suggested something be done while they are rebuilding.

Rain has created havoc on roads, sewers, dams.

- Canada Post Operations
Temporary office is still at Library facility. Currently waiting for water service to be established in order to open at Waskesiu Drive location.
No update on future status of operations since Brian Morgan and Terry met with John Abbot from Canada Post on May 16, 2014, nor PCA sent a letter to Mr. Abbott and his superior on May 21, 2014.
- Memorial Benches
Several new memorial benches have been installed or converted this spring. Maintenance to benches in poor condition will occur as time permits and weather cooperates.
- Annual Land Rent Report
Graph to be shared with WCC
- Canada Day Celebrations
PCA events will be held at the camp kitchen by located by the Museum
- Cabin Area swale contract
TLS Landscaping contractors has begun work on Bluebird/Chickadee and Jay/Kingfisher.
Proposing a change order to this contract to allow for maintenance to existing swales and extension of other swales to occur in the fall of 2014.
- Loon Festival 2015 Planning
Comprehensive event plan being created.
Currently investigating entertainment options, stage/lighting/sound rental options, marketing opportunities and determining where and how the community can support this initiative to make it a successful venture.
- Arbour Day 2014
As per discussions with Dustin Guedo, Ecosystem Team Leader and Brian Morgan, plans are being made to host Arbour Day by the Visitor Centre in an open area behind the Grey Owl Centre. Individual assorted trees to be planted that will be individually fenced with metal T-Bar and page wire.
- Land Use Directive
No updates ready for discussion. PCA will advise when this item will be brought back to the table.
Additional to Fire Dept. report – funding is available for turn out gear \$20,000 additional funds. \$90,000 to repair roof of the fire dept.
Loon Festival update – costing out entertainment, sound, how chamber to be involved, volunteers, how to involve local businesses, local room rates, etc. Start with a Saturday.
Loons, Lakes and Laughter is a potential theme for the event.
Cabin guideline changes – seem to be working well, and many requests are coming in for permits for new decks, etc.

House numbers encouraged on all residential buildings/businesses – include in land rent letter going out in early July – letter to include everyone’s address to be put in their windows.

Council questioned about the Parks Canada’s bulletin boards changes in the community.

Terry replied PCA gave a presentation a few years ago regarding these changes were coming in the future. Terry to check about why the bulletin boards have glass/locked cases and how do people access them to add posters, etc.

A motion was made acknowledging the receipt of the Townsite report inclusive of Fire Chief’s report.

Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw

Carried

9. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon

No report given.

Business Relations and **Community Relations** – Nancy Wood Archer

Nancy presented the initial plans for a Waskesiu Mini Golf – cost is just over \$200,000 plus \$100,000 for land prep and lighting. This will be presented to the Community at the August 17 2020 Vision Open House

Comments from Council were made and general consensus was to keep it closely themed to reflect Waskesiu/PANP.

- Waskesiu Chamber is bringing in Country Music Dance on Thursday, July 10th – Terrace Gardens

- Street cleaning this spring was poorly done, merchants were given no previous notice, and the cleaner did not use water in the process.

- Waskesiu Chamber will be contacting PCA regarding PCA staging area not consistently open according to signage and recommend Chamber has a key for the community to sign in and out.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

Jim asked PCA – now that the New Cabin Guidelines are implemented, are there any issues?

Cottage Regulations review – nothing new to report.

Vision 2020 – Discussed previously.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Fire Chief Monthly Report submitted for May, 2014

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

Discussed during the Townsite Report

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

- Bears on the Beach Update –To-date the Foundation has less than \$50,000 to raise to hit the goal of \$300,000. Many events are planned for the summer: Outer Limits tee shirts, parade entries, Hawood bear promo, donation boxes, Twin Pines Cinema ‘Bear’ movie, Outer Limits Fun Run, Chamber of Commerce event planned with proceeds going to the campaign, plus the CPRS donation.

If funds raised go over the goal, more items could be added to the playground.

- Annual Donor Recognition Dinner Update – Food buffet now outside so the committee is able to add 2 more tables. Only 4 tickets left.
- Other Foundation Projects- Townsite Beautification – Chamber of Commerce is undertaking getting planters to put throughout the townsite, the Foundation is looking after the cost of buying the planters and contents, and will have plaques made recognizing the Chamber and the Foundation partnership. The Chamber will be installing a tennis ball dispensing machine – a donor is to provide money for machine, shed to house the equipment and the electrical.
- Special Fire Nozzle (Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Department); a donor has agreed to fund a special fire nozzle designed to break through doors, etc.
- Paving the Way (Lobstick Golf Club) – the Foundation is involved in supporting the golf course in raising funds to pave the rest of the cart paths on the golf course.
- Birch Bay Camp Kitchen Update - new cement pad/camp kitchen is being erected – should be done by July long weekend and new roof will be installed on stand-alone rock fireplace.
- Longer term vision for the Foundation includes an Endowment Fund – funded by Planned Gifts.

A motion was made acknowledging acceptance of all reports

Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw

Carried

10. Lunch

12:00 noon

11. New Business

- 911 service – discussed with Sgt. Pressler
- Chair to send congratulations to Janice MacKinnon regarding her receipt of the Order of Canada.
- Staff Trailer Park Electrical Service
- Upgrades are planned for all staff trailer sites this year – Terry to get details and explain to Council.
- waskesiu.org updates/modernization
- This site is not mobile friendly, needs social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Discussion ensued.
- Waskesiu Fire Dept. Basic Fire Extinguisher Training – Nancy Wood Archer
- Paul See took this proposal to other groups – WSRA was not interested.

Council asked who owns the Fire Departments equipment – All Waskesiu Fire Dept. equipment is owned by Parks Canada Agency.

12. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, August 5th – 9 am at Waskesiu Lake Lodge (right next door to The Hawood)**

13. Adjournment

Nancy Wood Archer/Jim Kerby

Carried