

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 5 , 2014 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Waskesiu Lake Lodge

Attending: Brian Morgan, Bryan Matheson, Randy Kershaw, Jim Kerby, Janice MacKinnon,
Nancy Wood Archer, Brent Hamel, Terry Schneider-PCA, Alan Fehr-PCA

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:00 am**
2. In-camera session
Jim Kerby/Bryan Matheson **Carried**
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan
Randy Kershaw/Janice MacKinnon **Carried**
4. Approval of June 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Randy Kershaw/Jim Kerby **Carried**
5. Business Arising from Minutes
- A motion was made for the approval of the amended 2014 AGM Agenda (as amended to remove the item 'Community Budget Report').
Bryan Matheson/Randy Kershaw **Carried**
- Update of AGM and Community Open House - August 17
Council Chair thanked Jim Kerby, Brent Hamel and Noreen Matthews for their work in preparing for the Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond presentation/open house and especially thanked Terry Schneider from Parks Canada, for attending every stakeholder meeting.
Stakeholder meetings are still work in progress. Brian met with Friends of the Park and encouraged them to be a part of the Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond event. Many discussions have been held with the Waskesiu Marina. The Committee's goal is to have all the stakeholders present at the open house. It was decided Council was to contact and invite the Waskesiu Ski Club to be present as well – Brent offered to invite Carlene Gorecki, member of the Waskesiu Ski Club. Another idea was discussed on how to attract 'new Canadians' and ethnic groups to be more involved in the community. It was suggested that perhaps festivals could be held to introduce themselves to the community.
Discussion ensued on the day's agenda.
A decision was made for costs for the preparation for the AGM meeting to not exceed \$2500.
- Canada Post operations update – email of July 24th Meeting Minutes attached.
Council discussed in the 'In-Camera' session their preference was the Post Office remain in the Waskesiu community to fulfill the needs of the community. Terry Schneider will recommend PCA take on the Post Office franchise if no other acceptable solution is found.
Chair asked for a non-binding show of hands to determine whether Council is interested in supporting Parks Canada to take on the Post Office franchise. All members of Council supported that position.
It was noted that a local resident has demonstrated interest in buying the Post Office building, should the price be right, take on the Post Office franchise, and start a new business in the building as well.

- Meeting with Jeff Anderson-VP of Western and Northern Canada Region-Parks Canada Agency.

6. Correspondence
No correspondence received

7. Townsite Update Terry Schneider 9:30 am

- 2013 Cabin Guidelines 2013
Eleven new permits have been issued for deck additions.
Two decks have been built and voluntarily complied with setback requirements to assist neighbours with parking issues.
Overall very positive response to the new guidelines. People are appreciative of the extra space to make their decks much more usable.
Guidelines are clear for people to understand and people appreciate that clarity. People are respectful towards the National Building Code references.
Council Chair thanked Terry Schneider, Jim Kerby and Gregg Rutten for all their time and energy working on the guidelines.
- Civic Addresses
The Waskesiu Fire Department assisted the Townsite Manager in delivering “civic address” notices to residents without addresses posted on their cabins. Cottage area delivery of same notice is yet to occur.
- Balsam Street/Lakeview Drive – Storm Sewer and Road Failure – Spring 2014
Contract has been assigned to B & B Asphalt. Work to commence after August 2014 long weekend.
Slump on road by golf course will be fixed again with more asphalt.
Council Chair congratulated Parks Canada on the quality of the temporary fix on Balsam Street.
Jim Kerby suggested B&B could be involved with the golf course at the same time to do the cart paths.
Terry Schneider will follow up on the suggestions.
- Nature Centre – Shoreline
Contract for stabilizing shore line assigned to Ruskowski Enterprises. Work to commence in September 2014.
Jim Kerby asked what the real reason is for the slump.
Alan Fehr responded that surface water drainage and shoreline problem from high water levels are the main reasons.
Council commented Parks Canada was to have extended the parking behind Archers and the Grey Owl Centre – Nancy Wood Archer asked Parks Canada to re-add this to their ‘To Do’ list.
Parks Canada was pleased to inform Council they have been issued some flood assistance money from head office.
- Water Valves - Replacement Project

Change order made to the Ruskowski Enterprises contract to allow for excavation and replacement of 4 water valves. Work to take commence in September.

- SaskTel – New “Stealth Tower”
SaskTel cell tower went live at the end of June 2014.
Comments were long weekend guest usage is still slowing down service.
- Waskesiu Multi Season Camp Kitchen
Draft plans for multi season camp kitchen reviewed by David Archer at the end of June. Plans also reviewed with Derwin Arnstead and Jim Kerby from the Waskesiu Foundation prior to the annual Waskesiu Foundation fund raising dinner. Final details of plans to be confirmed for presentation to Parks Canada management team and agreement to be finalized with Waskesiu Foundation this fall to allow for construction to advance during winter of 2014/2015.
- Canada Post Operations
Operations are back at Canada Post building on Waskesiu Drive.
Council Chair and Terry Schneider met with John Abbott, Canada Post, on July 24, 2014. They discussed current operations, staffing issues, franchise options including Elk ridge expression of interest, Rural Suburban Mail Carrier service and Xpress post office options using outdoor Community mail boxes. WCC and Parks Canada are to report back to Mr. Abbot by August 15, 2014.
- Cabin Area Swale Contract
TLS Landscaping contractors has completed work on Bluebird/Chickadee and intend to be back at Waskesiu to work on Jay/Kingfisher in September.
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.
Councillor Bryan Matheson’s neighbors are taking the matter into their own hands to solve the water problem by using a sump pump, they feel the swale needs to be extended up higher. He encouraged Parks Canada go talk to them and let them know help is coming. Terry Schneider will touch base with them.
- Loon Festival 2015 Planning – Saturday, August 29th
Comprehensive event plan being created.
Currently investigating entertainment options, stage/lighting/sound rental options, site planning, marketing opportunities and determining where and how the community can support this initiative to make it a successful venture.
Presenting a poster for the Vision 20/20 public meeting on August 17, 2015.
- Arbour Day 2015
Three activities being planned for Sunday August 31, 2014:

- i. Clean up of three existing fenced enclosure sites.
 - ii. Installation of wildlife tree markers
 - iii. Planting of 20 trees that will be individually fenced t-bar and page wire.
- Vegetation Management
Caragana control measures undertaken in July 2014.
 - Advanced Tree Planting
Planning to advance small scale tree spade contract in fall of 2014 to be completed by Thanksgiving.
 - Tolko Forest Harvest Plan – East Entry Side of Park (Near Elkridge) – Information
Logging all the trees in this area with a buffer in different spots.
Scheduled to start this fall.

A motion was made to accept Townsite report.

Jim Kerby/Nancy Wood Archer

Carried

6. Guest - Jeff Anderson, VP Western and Northern Canada, Parks Canada Agency **10:30 am**
This was Mr. Anderson's first visit to Waskesiu and Prince Albert National Park. He started with Parks Canada in 1982, and is originally from Newfoundland.
Jeff gave an overview of Parks Canada Agency, from executive management committee level. PCA recognizes there is a lot of work to be done and the goal is to increase visitation and revenue and to help PCA to be a leader in conservation – the bison initiative in Prince Albert National Park is a showcase example.
He is very aware and conscious of the problems in the Waskesiu community.
Council commented they are very concerned there has been no movement on the Revised Community Plan submitted in 2010.
A lengthy discussion on many issues ensued.
7. Committee Reports
Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon
No report
- Business Relations** – Nancy Wood Archer
Parking has become an issue beside the Grey Owl Centre.
Guests with boats staying overnight have no place to park and are using up street space.
Terry Schneider suggested they park behind Lake Life in the dirt parking lot.
Council suggested they park in the Day Use parking lot, and buy a permit from Parks Canada to remain there overnight.
The Archer family would like limited parking and signage for maximum 1 hour parking in front of The

Trading Post, LA Outfitters, and the Angry Taco.

Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce had scheduled two events but they were cancelled due to lack of participation. It was suggested the Chamber stay focused on recreation.

Nancy attended a Temporary Foreign Workers Program meeting. The program is no longer a fit for small businesses. Saskatchewan government is working on a program for temporary workers.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

The Committee's two main mandates are Revised Cottage Regulations and the Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond project.

The committee will schedule a follow-up after the August 17th meeting.

Community Relations – Nancy Wood Archer

Fire Fighter's fundraiser held at the Angry Taco raised \$3,065 – they reached their goal. The event was very successful.

Thanks to Carla Flaman and Myrna Nagy who got a work bee together and painted the Recreation Hall. Grey Owl Howl for the kids was held August long weekend was very successful but the number of those attending were down.

Frank Dunn Triathlon is this weekend – Nancy suggested Council should enter a team!

Nancy asked Parks Canada what is the schedule for the grooming of the beach?

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Fire Chief Monthly Report submitted for June and July, 2014

August long was one of the quietest, perhaps due to more families visiting and staying.

Fire Chief is doing a very good job.

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

Details were covered under the Townsite Report

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

Update on Bears on the Beach Campaign - down to less than \$15,000 to be raised out of a goal of \$295,000. The Foundation is pursuing purchasing three additional pieces of equipment for the playground.

August 19th PCA will be scoping out the site, and asked if the Foundation could share what the additional pieces might consist of. Jim will be in contact with Parks Canada.

The community and the local businesses have been awesome in terms of their support of the project.

Birch Bay Camp Kitchen – completed to WFI's full satisfaction and was ready for the July 1st long weekend.

Annual Donor Recognition and Fundraising Dinner – largest crowd ever. This dinner was 2nd or 3rd for largest funds raised.

Other Projects – Mini golf partnership with The Chamber, Lobstick ‘Pave the way’ campaign.
2013/2014 Financial statements have been approved and are posted on waskesiu.org.

10. Lunch **12:00 noon**

11. New Business

- Waskesiu Website Domains

Discussion ensued.

- Swales – Details were covered under Townsite Report

- Street maintenance update – Road behind RCMP and Chateau Park Chalets has been done, slow to being done due to weather.

- Expanded Community Development & Planning Follow-up Meeting – at the call of the Committee Chair Meeting to include Brian Morgan, Brent Hamel, Jim Kerby, Nancy Wood Archer and Noreen Matthews.

12. Next Council Meeting – Friday, September 12th at 9:00 am – Hawood Inn

13. Adjournment **1:00 pm**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Nancy Wood Archer