

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Monday, June 17th, 2013 - 9:30 am – 12:00 pm WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Spruce Room - Hawood Inn, Waskesiu Lake, SK

Attending: Brian Morgan, Bryan Matheson, Randy Kershaw, Brent Hamel, Nancy Wood-Archer, Jim Kerby, Janice MacKinnon* Terry Schneider - PCA (*phone in)

Guests: Gregg Rutten - Waskesiu Townsite Administrative Services Officer, Dustin Guedo-Parks Canada Ecosystem Specialist, Rob Phillips-President, Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association

Regrets: Alan Fehr, Park Superintendent, PANP

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan 9:35 am
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions Brian Morgan
Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel Carried
4. Approval of May 3rd, 2013 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw Carried
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - Council Chair sent correspondence to the Waskesiu Golf Course stating Council's concern regarding the Waskesiu Golf Course withdrawal from the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) and seeking information on their decision rational.
 - Council Chair held a meeting with the Park Superintendent Alan Fehr to discuss Council's concern of the long delay from the federal government in regards to the approval of the 2010 amendments to the Waskesiu Community Plan. Subsequently the Chair wrote to the Honorable Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment and Minister Responsible for Parks Canada requesting the approval process be expedited as quickly as possible.
 - SaskPower – discussed in Townsite Report
 - SaskTel tower – discussed in Townsite Report
 - New Assembly Hall doors – New doors have arrived, the installation is on the Parks priority list.
 - Council Chair had discussion with Councillor Bryan Matheson regarding his request for a motion to change the election format for the 'Members at Large' category. Mr. Matheson has chosen not to make the motion at this time.
6. Correspondence
 - SaskTel – Generic marketing letter was received by Council Chair.
 - A letter was sent to General Manager of the Waskesiu Golf Course from the Council Chair.
 - Letter was sent to the Honorable Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment and Minister Responsible for Parks Canada from the Council Chair.

Motion to was made for the acceptance of the correspondence.

Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel **Carried**

7. Townsite Update Terry Schneider **10:00 am**

• Spruce Bud Worm Spray Program - Dustin Guedo

Update on 2013 BioForest and Battlefords Airspray Project

This is the 2nd year of the 2 year program – the weather was great for both. The first spray was done on Tuesday, June 4. It was reported as the best spray ever; very little wind and no drift of the spray. The second spray was Friday, June 7. This spray worked very well, the weather was excellent again. There was 100% coverage found after testing for both sprays.

There is no sign of the Spruce Bud Worm in the townsite.

Moving forward with monitoring in fall and the L2 larva survey will be done over the winter.

A question was asked if the recent downpour had affected the results of the spray?

There was more than enough time gone by since the sprays, which allowed ample time for the spray to do its work effectively.

Council suggested Dustin should be invited to present these results to Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association's AGM on Saturday, July 7th. Shannon Bond, PCA Public Relations and Communications Officer will be sending out a full report to Council and it will be posted on the Parks Canada website.

A question was asked if there were any tent caterpillars in the Park?

A few tent caterpillars have been seen in the Park but there is no way to predict what their numbers will be this year or next year.

A question was asked about the excessive amount of yellow pollen in the air this year.

The spruce trees in the Park flowered due to a stress reaction to the long winter and dry spring.

A question was asked is there an infestation of carpenter ants in the townsite?

There has been no report of any.

Carrigana control is still moving forward with the original plan to have them removed from the Park. Some still remain around the beaver pond and up on Prospect Point.

As part of the reforestation in the townsite, the tree spade will be used to bring in seven new trees to be planted around the Chamber of Commerce building and some other sites around the townsite.

• SaskPower – Vegetation Maintenance Program Forward – Dustin Guedo

In May 2013 SaskPower advised our office that they spent \$50 K on right of way vegetation maintenance in the Waskesiu Area. They intend on being back for the next three winter seasons. They intend to be at the August 2013 WCC Annual Meeting to make a public presentation about their plans moving forward.

Council Chair suggested SaskPower may get a better crowd if they also presented at Waskesiu Seasonal Resident's AGM on July 7th.

• Prince Albert National Park Cabin Area Development Guidelines

Townsite has received support from a Saskatchewan Building Inspector who has and will provide the Townsite office with document review and recommendation services prior to the June 2013 WCC meeting.

WSRA representatives would like to address their opinions to Council in regards to the document.

WSRA Chair Rob Phillips presented their members opinions of the revised Cabin Guidelines which now incorporate the 2010 National Building Code. As well, he presented other guideline issues that are have still not been agreed upon.

Rob urged Council to encourage Parks Canada to remove the Moratorium that has been placed on new cabin development in the meantime.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

A temporary Guidelines Committee consisting of Brian Morgan, Jim Kerby, Randy Kershaw and Brent Hamel was established. They will meet to discuss the issues of today's meeting and will follow up with Rob Phillips, Terry Schneider and Gregg Rutten.

- SaskTel – New “Stealth Tower” proposal

License of Occupation Rationale has been sent to the PCA Vice President Western and Northern Canada seeking his endorsement of the proposal. SaskTel officials have been advised of this progress and await this decision to plan their consultation work, Environmental Impact Assessment requirements and construction time table.

- McPhee Landfill Agreement with District of Lakeland

The District of Lakeland has asked the Park to deliver household waste to their McPhee site for the next couple of years to assist the District with site reclamation. Delivery of a “waste mound” will allow the District to create appropriate site drainage and prevent leachate from ponding on the site and save the District substantial capital costs associated with hauling in site fill material. The Agreement states that the District will not pursue any legal proceedings against the park for prior years waste dumping activities at this site.

- Street Sweeping

Thanks to the business community for their cooperation which allowed for a very good contracted street sweeping service in May 2013. Hotel operators had guests move their vehicles during the dates and times that the contractor was in Waskesiu to allow this service advance very smoothly.

- Street Crack filling/Line Painting

This is now work in progress following street sweeping as weather allows this work to be completed. Line and pedestrian walk painting to follow as capacity permits.

- Sidewalk repairs

Waskesiu Drive sidewalks repairs were completed in June 2013 to repair a trip hazard area.

- Roll off Bin

Bin has been in service since prior to the May long weekend and will be in service until mid September. Dedicated surveillance cameras have been mounted to watch for illegal dumping activity and the Law Enforcement branch have laid charges against one party for dumping off an appliance and are pursuing another charge in another instance.

- Yard Waste Directive

The current yard waste directive allows for residents to pile their leaves and dead grass at their curb side up until the Friday following the May long weekend. Park staff have removed this material but note that this activity would be much easier to manage if the material was bagged or if leaseholders hauled it to the Parks staging area on their own time which is the standard in

most other municipal jurisdictions. The Park notes that a revised version of the Yard Waste directive will be presented to WCC at a future meeting for consideration.

- Utility Charges 2013/14

Motion for approval to accept the utility charges 2013/14

Randy Kershaw/no seconder – motion failed

- Townsite Budget 2013/14

Motion was made to further discuss the budgets 'in camera' at the end of the public meeting.

Bryan Matheson/Jim Kerby Carried

The townsite budget and utility budget were referred to the Finance Committee

- June 17, 2013 PM Waskesiu Vision Meeting – Preparations

8. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance

– Janice MacKinnon

- No report given

Business Relations

– Nancy Wood-Archer

- There will be no STC bus coming into Waskesiu due to road closure just north of the Waskesiu turnoff. The road closure affects the regular bus service to La Ronge and therefore there is no service to Waskesiu. Nancy will contact STC to get status update.

- Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce has received a request from an individual to rent a hall to sell produce this summer in the townsite.

- Status Report on WADRA – Nancy Wood-Archer

WADRA is no longer a registered not-for-profit. Waskesiu Chamber General Manager George Wilson has contacted the previous executive of WADRA and has offered them assistance in dissolving the organization. The status of any remaining funds is unknown. The power bills on the Rec. Hall & Rink were paid up to August.

- Recycling

The Park and the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce have signed a two year agreement to operate/run the recycle collection, the Rec. Hall, the Library and the Rink. The Chamber will be responsible to pay the utility bill year round on the Rink and April through October for the Rec. Hall. This licence will expire at the end of the 2013 season. The Ford Truck owned by WADRA was gifted to the Chamber for the recycle operations. The WADRA trailer was gifted to Friends of the Park in 2012; subsequently FOTP has gifted the trailer to the Chamber in 2013.

- Library

Last year the Library was run by two volunteers who cleaned up the building and organized the books. They developed a schedule of hours to be open and will do the same in 2013, with the help of additional volunteers.

- Rec. programs

New for this year will be scheduled activities/events throughout the week. ie: running groups, senior lawn bowling, soccer, football, beach volleyball, T-ball, softball/slow-pitch, Waskesiu employees softball/slow-pitch and children's crafts.

- The DMO is currently searching for a new Executive Director.

- The DMO is upset with the withdrawal of the Waskesiu Golf Course from their membership.

Motion was made for the purpose of discussion that WCC purchase a membership in the Chamber of Commerce.

Bryan Matheson/Nancy Wood-Archer

Carried

Discussion was held to investigate the possibility of the Waskesiu Community Council becoming a member of Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce. The benefit, as members, ensures Council would be included in the Chamber business. Nancy will pursue cost, etc.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

- No meeting has been held but continued concerns are with the Cabin Guidelines, Cottage rates and Future Vision planning.

Community Relations – Nancy Wood-Archer

- Report covered in Business Relations report

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Policing – Randy will be attending the June 25th meeting to discuss the upcoming strategy for the July long weekend.

May long weekend policing report from Sgt. Alen J. Presler is attached.

- Fire Chief's monthly report (attached)

There was a question from Council for Park's Canada on whether or not PCA should bill a 'fire rate' for false alarms. There appears to be a lot of false alarms in the community.

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

- Refer to precious items on Spruce Budworm report and SaskPower Vegetation Management. There is a possibility of 3 different Arbour Day events this year.

The Waskesiu Foundation – Randy Kershaw

- Jim Kerby, Foundation Chair reported that the Annual Donor Recognition and Fund Raising Dinner is sold out but 2 sponsors are still needed. The fundraising money that was previously raised for fire equipment has been dealt with. Camp Kitchen Upgrade work is completed at Paignton Beach. A location for the South Bay Camp Kitchen has be proposed to PCA. The Lobstick Tree Renewal Fundraising committee has been struck. A community celebration will be held on September 1st. The dead Lobstick tree will come down, and a new tree will go in. Any excess funds raised will go to reforestation at the Waskesiu Golf Course and in the Waskesiu townsite.

The Foundation is currently waiting for plans to enlarge and update the existing Camp Kitchen on the main beach for multi season use.

9. New Business

- Lobstick Renewal Funding and related community celebration day.

- Arbour Day (including tie-in to the above)

- Angle parking line painting in front of businesses on Lakeview Drive – discussed in Townsite report.

- Installation date of "No Exit/Impasse " sign at three way stop intersection of Ajawan & Waskesiu Drive – Terry Schneider to follow up on status of the sign.

10. Next Meeting – Friday, July 26

11. Adjournment

Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson

12:15 pm