

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, July 26th, 2013 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu Lake, SK

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

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
Janice MacKinnon/Randy Kershaw **Carried**
4. Approval of June 17th, 2013 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Bryan Matheson/Brent Hamel **Carried**
5. Business Arising from Minutes

- Utility Rates

Council Finance Committee members Jim Kerby and Janice MacKinnon held a special meeting to discuss the details of the utility rates that were presented to Council at its June 17 meeting. The utility rates budget was not passed at that June 17th meeting. After the special meeting of the Finance Committee, a motion was sent out to all members of Council by email by Council Chair for a vote. Everyone approved and it was carried.

We will ratify that decision at this meeting. However, Council is requesting that all future utility budgets must provide a detailed breakdown and should be sent to all Council members well in advance of the Council meeting at which the budget is being presented.

Motion was made to approve the 2013/2014 utilities rates as presented.

Janice MacKinnon/Jim Kerby

Unanimously carried

- Installation date of “No Exit/Impasse “ sign at three way stop intersection of Ajawaan & Waskesiu Drive – The sign has been installed.

- Shannon Bond, PCA Public Relations and Communications Officer was to send out a full report on the results of the Spruce Bud Worm Spray Program to Council that will be posted on waskesui.org. Terry Schneider will follow up and will report back to Council.

- SaskTel Stealth Tower –update
Discussed in Townsite Report

- Golf Course response to Council Chair's letter regarding their decision to withdraw from the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) -

Council Chair reported that Howard Truscott, the Waskesiu Golf Course Board Chair, responded back to him by telephone, reporting that the DMO Executive Director had not followed through on many commitments made to the golf course. The golf course has invested substantial funds in the DMO. The decision by their board was unanimous to cancel their membership in the DMO – if changes are made, there is a possibility they will return to the DMO.

- Chamber of Commerce membership – Nancy has not dealt with this yet. She will talk to George Wilson the General Manager. Council Chair gave approval for Nancy Wood-Archer to purchase a Chamber membership for WCC.

- Cabin Guidelines

Discussed in the Townsite Report

- Letter to Peter Kent regarding 2010 Amendments to Waskesiu Community Plan - 2000

Peter Kent is no longer the federal Minister responsible for the Environment or Parks Canada Agency. Council Chair never received acknowledgement of receipt of the letter mailed to Mr. Kent on June 11, 2013. Council Chair will re-draft the original letter and re-send when he finds out who the new Minister responsible for Parks Canada.

6. Correspondence

- none received

7. Townsite Update

Terry Schneider

9:30 am

• SaskPower – Vegetation Maintenance

SaskPower will be attending the August 2013 WCC annual meeting to make a public presentation about their plans for vegetation maintenance along primary power lines within the community of Waskesiu. Key areas of focus will be: i) area north of Ajawaan Drive between Beaver Glen turn off and Waskesiu Drive, ii) area within Sub III and then moving south through Bakers Bungalows, Sub I and Sub II, iii) commercial areas including behind Post office leading up to RCMP office in alley behind Armstrong's leading downward to behind Archers store, iv) Montreal Drive alleyway, and v) trail leading from water plant to golf course.

• Prince Albert National Park Cabin Area Development Guidelines

Discussion as per July 22 Draft Prince Albert National Park Cabin Area Development Guidelines sent to WCC committee.

Council is very concerned the amount of time spent on the Guidelines with no apparent conclusion in

sight. The major issues that appear to remain relate to the appeal process and legal non-conforming side yard setback and decks.

Council is hopeful decisions can be made and the Guidelines finalized by the August 11th AGM.

A motion was made that the Waskesiu Community Council authorize the Chair to recommend approval to the PANP Superintendent of the proposed 2013 Cabin Guidelines subject to the Chair being satisfied (following further discussions with the President of WSRA) with the resolution of any outstanding issues of concern to the WSRA, Parks Canada or the WCC concerning the proposed Guidelines.

Janice MacKinnon/ Jim Kerby

Carried

- SaskTel – New “Stealth Tower” proposal

License of Occupation Rationale has been endorsed by Vice President Western and Northern Canada . SaskTel officials have been advised of this progress. A draft Licence of Occupation is being prepared related to locating the SaskTel stealth tower at the Red Deer Campground location. An Environmental Impact Assessment is to be submitted by SaskTel for the Park’s review prior to the project advancing.

SaskTel will now send Land Surveyors to the park to officially mark the location for the proposed tower. This will happen today. SaskTel would still like to construct this fall but if not they will be prepared for spring of 2014. The Park will need this survey information to clearly identify the location on the Licence of Occupation and SaskTel will need it to confirm and complete their Environmental Impact Assessment requirements and to make construction arrangements.

- North Central Saskatchewan Waste Management Committee – NCSWMC

On July 17, 2013 NCSWMC and Crown Shred held a press conference to announce they have agreed to terms regarding “single stream” recycling for the Prince Albert region. This means that paper, cardboard, plastics and tin can be shipped to the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) in Prince Albert comingled to make recycling easier to achieve for area residents. Removing plastics and tin from the waste stream will in theory reduce landfill volumes by approximately 20%.

Now that this announcement is official the Park is reviewing sign requirements for recycle bins. The Park is also reviewing existing waste/recycle bin locations and is looking at options for: i) additional recycle bin placement, ii) options for waste/recycle stations that may improve the collection system around the community, and iii) options for improving the aesthetics and collection system at the existing main recycle station.

- Street Crack filling/Line Painting

Crack filling has been a work in progress as time and weather has permitted. A new crack sealing product was used this year that did not require the use of sand. Obviously this was a much cleaner operation and the product dried very quickly. We are hoping for positive results from the use of this product. Painting of lines is on the radar. It will be scheduled as capacity and weather permits. The Asset

shop has had to prioritize major road repairs, trail maintenance and attention to other infrastructure during the course of this summer season.

Terry will look into have everything completed by the middle of June next year.

- Arbour Day and Planning for Fall Tree Spade Project

For the September 1, 2013 Arbour Day event the Park is planning to extend the enclosed area that was planted in 2012 along the shoreline of Waskesiu Lake and plant a variety of approximately 50 to 75 trees at this location. This event will be scheduled to start at 9:30 am this year. The Park will again work in cooperation with the Waskesiu Foundation, the Lobstick Golf Club and the Waskesiu Community Council, and the hospitality lunch that follows the planting annually will be moved to the Waskesiu Golf Course and be served at 11:00 am. Following lunch the Lobstick tree removal and planting of a new Lobstick tree will take place and everyone will be welcome to take in this event.

- Yard Waste Directive

If residents and Park staff exercise patience spring cleanup is generally completed by the end of May and the Directive as it stands serves the community well. There is no defined date that the Park must meet for pick up of spring yard waste and given the variety of challenges the Park has faced in recent years (Examples: fire, flooding) our capacity to complete the pick-up task may not match the public's schedule but it does get done....and once it is done there is no more discussion about this topic for the rest of the year...and so patience on an annual basis is what is required.

- Cabin Area Swales

In response to issues with rain fall and towards discussion held at the 2013 Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association General meeting, Townsite brought forward a plan to create additional swales in the cabin area to the management team and has been given permission to create a statement of work to tender this work for the fall of 2013. This project is not confirmed to advance at this point in time.

Council asked if PCA's has any authority to police unsightly premises in the townsite?

PCA replied that some have been addressed, but it is harder to police the mowing of grass, etc.

Council agrees they will support Parks with this endeavour.

- Utility Charges 2013/14 – Thank you for allowing the utility charges to be processed and mailed out given the budget discussion.

- Townsite Budget 2013/14 (Discussion regarding document provided at June meeting)

No new funding added to the budget for 2013/2014.

General Administration was not adjusted.

Protective services not adjusted in a significant fashion. Fire department items are being made by the fire chief on required equipment as budget will allow.

Transportation – Allowance made to pay for new crack sealing product/ no sand required. Street lighting charges projected to be less upon receiving SaskPower tutorial on control of street lights in fall of 2013. Other items are in the cue for being spent or have already been spent.

Brent Hamel asked about trails and the allocation of resources human/capital from Parks winter offer to be put into summer offer. \$15,000 could have been kept in the winter offer and ski trails could have been groomed.

Alan Fehr confirmed the Park reallocated resources for trails from the winter season to the summer season. A number of projects on the trails are underway, with significant resources being used to repair damage from high water levels in recent years and especially this year. The trail system in the Park is old and many trails built around old roads and cut lines, which offer little for visitor experiences. The Park recognizes much more needs to be done and they endeavour to put a plan in place to focus on those trails which meet their goals and visitor demands. The Park is considering contracting out certain areas of the trail system maintenance and redevelopment program.

- Swimming area and boating area at main beach –there are now 13 buoys in swimming area. Sign at Marina is working as well.

- Weather stats - The month of May is the driest on record within the Park with a total of only 3 mm of rain. The month of June is the wettest on record with a total of 278 mm of rain.

- Fire Chief's June report - The Fire Department responded to two calls in June - a false alarm for fire alarm bells ringing and a public assistance call. They presently have 21 firefighters on the department. The Fire Chief conducted five training drills in June. June 4- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) search and rescue drill in a smoke filled environment, June 11- firefighting class A and B foam training with the new foam eductor, June 18- Driver training with fire engine and training using a thermal imaging camera, June 20- training with Parks firefighters on emergency response of Waskesiu fire department when a call comes in and pumper operations training on fire engine and June 27- Pumper operations and vehicle fires. Most of the new fire equipment has arrived, Fire Dept. is still waiting on a gate valve for the fire engine and supply hose. All repairs and upgrades have been made to the SCBA. All four of the SCBA are now certified. The seven SCBA air tanks have also returned from testing and are now certified for the next five years. Fire Dept. will still need to look at purchasing new SCBA at the end of the year. The air quality test has come back from the air compressor and the air has been certified "pure". The Fire Dept. will be having a fundraiser on August 8, 2013 at the Angry Taco. The funds raised will be going towards purchasing a thermal imaging camera and a ground monitor.

Fire Chief worked on administration duties this month and attended meetings with Waskesiu Emergency Services, Prince Albert Fire Department, Rocky Mountain Phoenix and a fundraising meeting at the

Hawood. He did property visits to the golf course, Waskesiu Resorts, Chamber of Commerce, The Lakeview, The Suites at Waskesiu and the Waskesiu Lake Lodge.

8. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon

-nothing to report

Business Relations – Nancy Wood-Archer

- No Chamber meetings have been held. Nancy sent the Chamber an email to advise Council when their fall AGM is. This cost is \$180 plus GST for a Waskesiu Chamber membership. Administrator will now proceed to purchase a membership.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

- There has not been another formal meeting of the committee. Brent and Jim have been active on the committee working on the Cabin Guidelines and Cottage Regulations.

Community Relations – Nancy Wood-Archer

- Questioned Council if anyone knows what is happening financially with the Friends of the Park?
- Land of the Loon Restaurant burned down which will have a huge impact on Anglin Lake/community.
- The 'Community' Dance next weekend used to be called the Rock 'N Roll Revival Dance.
- Fire Dept. fundraiser will be held on August 8th at the Angry Taco. Watch for posters.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

Randy will be attending the meeting next week regarding the long weekend planning for policing and fire services.

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

- nothing more to report

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

The annual fundraising dinner was a huge success. Record amount of money was raised. The Hawood Inn did a fantastic job of food. Amazing auctions – great silent auction items. The live auction bidding was exciting and very profitable. First live auction item was the last shot before the dead Lobstick tree comes down – it went for \$14,000. Second live auction item was the first shot with new Lobstick tree planted – it went for \$6,000. Third live auction item was the opportunity to hold the chainsaw as the dead tree is being cut down – it went for \$1000.

Camp Kitchen update - Another family has come forward to sponsor a camp kitchen in the townsite.

Townsite Camp kitchens renovations will all be completed by the end of 2014, and all but one have been sponsored. PCA has agreed on the selected spot for new camp kitchen at South bay. There are no more

camp kitchens to be updated in outlying areas. The Foundation is looking at potential playground upgrades.

The Foundation covered difference on the shortage of funds from a previous fundraiser for the Fire Dept. to purchase their new piece of equipment - the foam eductor.

As part of their visioning practice the Foundation is considering a part time Executive Director. Perhaps both the Waskesiu Chamber and the Waskesiu Foundation could cost-share the services of this position. Randy Kershaw's term on the Foundation Board ended June 30th.

9. New Business

- Next steps of Visioning Process

At Council's next meeting in August, we will hold a very short version of our business meeting and dedicate most of our time to work on the visioning process. We will discuss each "Wish List" item, agree on priorities, once chosen, determine how do we fund, determine how do we carry out, etc. Council Chair wants the views of council and Terry Schneider and Alan Fehr on how we might best advance this.

- AGM preparation

It was suggested we choose a different date for next year. Perhaps we combine with WSRA AGM? Motion was made for Council Administrator to spend up to \$400 on communication/signage for the AGM

Bryan Matheson/Brent Hamel

Carried

- Highway #2 Detour – Council would like some communication from PCA sent out about the details of the detour.

10. Next Meetings - AGM August 11
 - Friday, August 23

11. Lunch

12:00 noon

12. Adjournment

1:20 pm