

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF GHOST LAKE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014 AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING IN GHOST LAKE, ALBERTA.

PRESENT Deputy Mayor Warren Wilson, Councillor Noel Betts, Chief Administrative Officer Sharon Plett and 47 residents.

Called to Order by Warren Wilson at 1:05 p.m.

Warren Wilson welcomed everyone to the Village's 60th Annual Meeting, indicating that in Mayor Oblak's absence he would be chairing the meeting as Deputy Mayor.

MINUTES The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting held on June 15, 2013 were circulated.

MOVED by Bill Boyd that the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

FINANCE \$ 0 of tax revenue transferred to capital reserve for future projects
REPORT Physical assets acquired in 2013 total \$2,104 include:
Alarm for Building

Outstanding grants to be received as of June 1st \$56,638

MSI funding for Building \$43,905 (will be paid by June 2014)
SIP & FGTF for Road \$12,733 (will be paid April 2014)

Leaves approximately \$270,000 for future projects. Starting 2014 approximately \$30,000 MSI, starting 2015 approx \$10,500 for Transportation projects and approximately \$7,000 from Gas Tax (number is still being reviewed)

Reserves at end of 2013 total \$ 162,976 and include

ALET -	5,825	
Contingency	20,087	
Ambulance	652	
Road Mtce	221	
Fire Equipment	21,637	
Rec Goods Operating	500	
Rec Board	3,783	
Library	140	
Planning	850	
Capital Works	106,660*	\$10,000 in 2014 earmarked for Dock expansion
Rec & Parks	4,281	

2014 budget

Changes in Property Taxes 5% increase

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
-------------	-------------

School Taxes	121,850	126,869	3.8% decrease
Municipal Taxes	78,956	75,192	5.0% increase
Operating Expenses	89,259**	107,880	
Capital Expenses	40,000	0	

** includes \$5,000 to capital reserves

\$7,644 Grants \$38,182 depreciation costs that we don't fund \$2,500 from reserves for previous programs and \$60 Tax Certificates

MOVED by Bruce Lindsay that the finance report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Warren Wilson provided an update on public works activities over the past year including the seasonal garbage bin program and the addition of speed bumps on local roads. He noted that no applications for a summer labourer was received and that the Village is looking for volunteers to help with the summer mowing. He also expressed thanks to various individuals who went above and beyond to assist with public works activities from snow plowing, cleaning windows, weeding the flower beds and helping with the burn pile.

MARIGOLD LIBRARY

Donna Bauer provided an update on the Marigold Library indicating that 2014 marks the Village's 30th Anniversary with Marigold. Donna reminded everyone of the wonderful library facility attached to the building and thanked all the volunteers that continue to maintain the library as a great facility in Ghost Lake.

NATURAL ENVIRON.

Karen Laustsen, Co-Chair of the Natural Environment and Lake Stewardship Committee reported that

- water testing was conducted last summer on the lake and the results will be available this summer;
- the first phase of rocks were installed on the windsurf beach for erosion control, hopefully the second phase will occur in the fall;
- GIS mapping is being researched by administration and will prove useful for the committee's data;
- The Ghost River Watershed Alliance Group will be setting up a lake stewardship group for Ghost Lake; and
- The Committee has been interfacing with the dock committee.

Sheila Miller, Co-Chair of the Natural Environment and Lake Stewardship Committee reported that there have been 607 individuals participate in the Nature Alberta consultations and advised if anyone else is interested to contact her. She noted that work is ongoing to clean up the woods and they would welcome any help from fellow residents. She also reported that staff from BowPoint Nursery will be in the village collecting seeds for native plants and they will be providing the Village with expert advice on preserving our natural areas.

- FOREVER CORNER** Council presented designs for a gazebo that is being considered by the windsurf beach. Residents expressed concern with ongoing maintenance and potential vandalism and misuse due to the remote location. A suggestion was made to use the area near the playground as a forever corner, the area already has names of residents who donated funds for the playground development.
- FLOOD MITIGATION PROPOSAL** Noel Betts presented the PowerPoint Presentation that was provided to Provincial staff when they attended a site meeting with Council to review concerns regarding the proposed extended time frame for leaving the lake levels lowered during the summer month. It was noted that a letter will be written by Council to the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development outlining the Council's concerns with the data and methodology used to determine how long lake levels should remain low each summer and the decision making process for determining when to start raising the lake levels. Residents asked questions and applauded council and committee members for their proactive approach to resolving these concerns.
- DOCK COMMITTEE** John Walsh, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the committee structure and work that the dock sub-committee has undertaken with regards to dock space. He also presented the design that the committee is recommending for dock space expansion in the west end. He noted that preliminary research and testing will be occurring in the near future but finalizing the plans will not occur until the lake level process for flood mitigation has been established. If the lake levels continue to remain low for extended periods during the summer months, modifications may be required to the existing dock sites to accommodate lower water levels.
- QUESTIONS** The following questions were brought forward by residents:
Need for a sign by the boat launch for "No Overnite Parking";
Inquiring if Council has undertaken any action for discouraging residents from using land outside their property for parking and allowing guests to camp on Village boulevards. It was noted that Council is trying to discourage these activities by speaking to individuals when situations occur.
If water levels remain low, dock may be relocated to the windsurf beach for boat launch.
- ADJOURN.** MOVED by Bruce Lindsay that the meeting adjourn at 2:50 p.m.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer