

## WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 - 9:00 am - WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, SK – Boardroom

Attending: Brian Morgan, Jim Kerby, Brent Hamel, Randy Kershaw, Nancy Wood Archer, Janice MacKinnon (left meeting 12:30), Bryan Matheson\* (\*11:00 am phone in) PCA – Alan Fehr and Gregg Rutten.

### Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:00 am**
2. In-camera session  
Motion to move to In-Camera Session  
**Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel** **Carried**  
Motion to move out of In-Camera Session  
**Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel**
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan  
Motion to accept amended Agenda - moving item #7 to be item #5 and item #8 to be item #6.  
**Nancy Wood Archer /Randy Kershaw** **Carried**
4. Approval of May 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan  
**Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw** **Carried**
5. Mini Golf Proposal Presentation **9:30 am**  
- George Wilson, Manager of the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce  
A 20 page business plan was sent to Waskesiu Foundation and the business community for support. The project has had Parks Canada approval from the beginning. It will be a benefit to the entire community. Changes will be made to the existing sport court and lawn bowling area. The Chamber will use funds from the mini golf business to expand the recreational activities offered in Waskesiu. Onus is now on the Chamber board of directors to find 18 hole sponsors at a cost of \$10,000 each to kick off their fundraising campaign.  
George presented Council with a copy of the marketing piece that will be handed out to promote the campaign to raise funds for the mini golf project.  
Project is estimated at \$475,000.  
Discussion ensued on terms of the project.  
Council Chair's concern is it should be promoted as the 'Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce and Recreation Association', not just as the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce.  
Council asked if the Chamber would consider pledge donations made over time.  
The Chamber is currently looking at pledge donations of 2 payments of \$5,000 each.  
It was suggested the marketing strategy should include the fact that funds from the mini golf will be used for revitalization of the area/enhancement of the recreation offering.  
Applications for grants have been sent to Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for all the existing Chamber recreation offerings in the townsite.

Plan A - If all goes as planned, preparation could begin to build the mini golf course this fall.

Plan B – Defer the course until funds are raised.

The Chamber currently has 6 to 8 hole sponsorship verbal commitments.

6. iNet 2000 presentation - Todd Chamberlain.

**10:15 am**

The only solution for a better wi-fi signal is to use the tower at the height of land plus a power source will be needed.

Discussion ensued.

The tower has been decommissioned by Parks Canada.

iNet is prepared to install and look after the safety fence, security, liability, etc. as needed by PCA. They will add antenna's (5 lbs), get the structure certified as structurally sound by an engineer, etc. Guide wires will be fixed. Security cameras will be added.

Alan Fehr will pull up all previous correspondence with iNet 2000 and take a look at where the problem lies.

Council would appreciate if Parks Canada would review the situation with a goal in mind of seeing if PCA can come to a productive resolution of the issue as soon as possible and update Council.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Yard Waste Directive

- Council Election

Nominations committee – sent mail-out to all cabin/cottage, businesses, and permanent residents.

Posters have been hung on townsite bulletin boards. Election details along with a nomination package are available to download from the waskesiu.org website and at the Parks Canada Administration building.

The committee has discussed the names of potential candidates who have the background and may have the time and interest to sit on Council. Councilors are encouraged to approach any such potential candidates.

Chair asked for a decision today from Council on who is/or not running again – Bryan Matheson -yes, Randy Kershaw-no, Janice MacKinnon -yes, Brent Hamel -yes, Jim Kerby will let Council know by midnight tonight, Nancy Wood Archer -yes. (NOTE: Randy Kershaw and Jim Kerby later decided they would run.)

An error was made in determining the date nominations are to close which affected the election date and the advance poll date. The date should have been July 3 (not July 10 as published) which is 28 days prior to Election Day, as stated in Council's MOU with Parks Canada making August 8 (not August 1 as published) Election Day.

Council approached Parks Canada for permission to change the dates as mentioned. Parks Canada are agreeable to change the date of Election Day to August 8, should such be necessary, with the Advance Poll on August 1.

- Follow up on Community Action Plan

• Paul Horne Arena - take a final look at its priorities in relation to the Community Action Plan.

8. Correspondence

- Congratulatory 100<sup>th</sup> birthday letter sent to Bill Zapaniuk by Council Chair – circulated.

- Email from Waskesiu Chamber re: iNet 2000 correspondence (distributed earlier).
- Letter of support to Parks Canada from Council Chair, stating the need and importance of upgraded internet services to the business community and seasonal residents.
- PCA visitation report (distributed earlier).

Discussion ensued on how the report was calculated.

9. Townsite Report - Gregg Rutten

Playground Project

- 12" sand is acceptable for a base under the playground equipment.
- PANP is investigating the cost of bringing in better quality sand to place under the playground equipment.
- Wednesday remaining pieces are being installed by Park N Play.

Jim Kerby thanked PCA for their outstanding partnership in relation to the project.

Playground volunteers who helped build the playground in May will be marching in the Canada Day parade wearing their hardhats and safety vests. Immediately following the parade the official ribbon cutting ceremony, cake cutting, and Canada Day festivities will take place.

Waskesiu Lakeside Festival 2015

- Committee update

Social media under way.

Myrna Nagy is the volunteer co-ordinator.

2013 Cabin Guidelines

- Proposed Amendment to *2013 Prince Albert National Park Cabin Development Guidelines*
- Section referring to Sidewalks and Decks.
- Awaiting response from WSRA on draft wording. Draft sent to WSRA on April 22 and June 4, 2015 .

Yard Waste Directive

- A draft version of the yard waste directive will be tabled on June 22, 2015.

Original draft presented was over ruled by Park Superintendent.

SSTP Agreement

- A copy of the "PANP Housing Guidelines" was provided to Council for information purposes.

Canada Post

- Licence of Occupation for Community mailbox location sent to Canada Post for signature on June 3, 2015.

Federal Infrastructure Program

- Project update – approvals have been received for years one and two - 2015 and 2016 for the following infrastructure upgrades:

The Waskesiu Marina, Grey Owl area - Kingsmere road, launch and facilities around the lake; Highway 263 paving; Forced main sewage line – replacement; Replacing pedestrian bridge by Waskesiu Highway Bridge; Purchasing Lift station pumps; Waskesiu trail network improvements, Fisher Trail, and camp ground areas; Signage; Spruce Ridge washroom building to be replaced in new location.

Years three to five and beyond are still in the planning stage – Projects include campground revitalization, hiking trails, main beach dock, the breakwater, Kingsmere bridge.

#### 10. Committee Reports

**Budget/Finance** – Janice MacKinnon

Janice will be meeting with Gregg Rutten regarding the Townsite Utility Budget.

**Business Relations** – Nancy Wood Archer

The Business Relations Committee will be sitting down with businesses within the month to discuss and solicit their concerns and insights regarding issues impacting the Waskesiu business community.

**Community Development & Planning** – Jim Kerby

- The committee presented the final 2020 and Beyond Community Action Plan document to Council.

Next it will be sent to all stakeholders for their approval by a specific date. The committee will presume consent if we do not hear from any particular stakeholder. The final document will be presented at the July 26<sup>th</sup> AGM at which time Council will ask for a motion from the floor for the Waskesiu community's endorsement of the Community Action Plan.

- Discussion ensued regarding Council's role in the community, both an examination of the past and a look towards the future.

It is important to look/review Mandates and Mission Statements and Council agreed they should be reviewed by the incoming Council.

Discussion ensued regarding thoughts on how Council is running/changes, etc.

**Community Relations** – Nancy Wood Archer

Canada Day Parade – Nancy asked if Council was planning to have an entry?

Discussion ended with an agreement not to have an entry.

**Essential Services – Policing and Fire** – Randy Kershaw

May 2015 Fire Chief report – circulated to Council earlier.

Police report for May and June of 2015 from Sgt. Al Pressler:

Investigational numbers are as follows: 8 Investigations

Traffic collision - 1

Roadside suspensions - 1

Liquor tickets issued - 2

911 Hang up calls - 1

Assault with a Weapon - 1

Animal calls - 1

Fire Prevention Act - 1

We had one call of a fire at the camp kitchen where logs were being burned on the cement causing it to buckle. No other investigations for mischief during this period.

**Vegetation Management** – Brian Morgan

Nothing to report.

**The Waskesiu Foundation** – Jim Kerby

The Waskesiu Foundation Audited Financial report to come to Council by next meeting.

A motion was made to accept all reports as presented.

**Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw**

**Carried**

#### 11. New Business

- Discussion re: Agenda for AGM and Community Open House on July 26.

A motion was made to give a \$400 honorarium to the Waskesiu Fire Department to distribute the AGM poster to the entire community prior to July 26.

**Randy Kershaw/Brent Hamel**

**Carried**

Randy to talk to the Fire Dept. to hold a fundraiser selling hot dogs/burgers/soda following the AGM/presentation.

- Year-end financials were presented and discussed.

- Vote on Mini Golf Project support.

A motion was made as follows: *The Waskesiu Community Council endorses and supports the revitalization of the existing recreational offerings by the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce and Recreation Association in the Waskesiu community inclusive of the development and implementation of a mini golf course.*

**Nancy Wood Archer/Jim Kerby**

**Carried**

- Alan Fehr announced the Community Development Plan was passed in the House of Commons on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and is now tabled in the Senate!

12. Next Meeting – AGM

13. Lunch

14. Adjournment

**2:30 pm**

**Nancy Wood Archer**