

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, March 21, 2014 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, SK

Attending: Brian Morgan*, Randy Kershaw*, Jim Kerby, Brent Hamel, Nancy Wood Archer, Bryan Matheson* (joined the meeting at 10 am), Janice MacKinnon, Alan Fehr (left the meeting at 11 am), and Terry Schneider.
*Phone in

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:05 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan
Carried
Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw
4. Approval of January 17th, 2014 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Carried
Nancy Wood Archer/Jim Kerby
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 2020 Vision – Interim Report from Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel.
Report to be presented under *Community Development & Planning Committee* Report.
 - Review of Annual Land Rent Table - as per WCC November 2013 request
Jim Kerby thanked PCA for additional information they provided.
Council requires some understanding of how rent revenues are reported and needs a more detailed report to be able to make comparisons from year to year.
PCA offered to review figures from 2005 to 2010 to show the revenue trends but will ensure that we are comparing "apples to apples" (e.g. similar leases to similar leases).
Alan Fehr will provide revenue with background details – his report will go back 5 years and be presented in an easy to read/compare graph format.
Discussion entailed on business trends in the Waskesiu community.
6. Correspondence
 - DMO Winter Newsletter – received and forwarded to Council on February 17th
Motion was made to adopt receipt of the correspondence.
Janice MacKinnon/Jim Kerby **Carried**
7. Townsite Update Terry Schneider **9:30 am**
 - Cabin/Cottage Area

Roads have been ploughed ahead of April 1, 2014. There are a couple of cabins moving out and one or two moving in prior to end of March 2014.

Gates to be removed prior to April 1, 2014.

No vandalism or forced entry reported within residential community during winter of 2013/2014.

- Cabin Area Guidelines
Spring 2014 mail out planned to inform cabin area leaseholders of the Cabin Guidelines and their approval and how to access a copy of the document.
- SaskTel – New “Stealth Tower” proposal
Licence of Occupation has been endorsed by SaskTel.
SaskTel plan to have the Tower in service by June 26th for the 2014 operational season.
- Tree Spade Project 2014
The contracted work that commenced in the fall will be completed this spring. Trees are to be moved and planted around Visitor Centre and around the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce recreation area.
- SaskPower Vegetation Maintenance 2014
SaskPower intends to be in Prince Albert National Park in April to perform some bucket truck work within the Townsite and to complete the mainline maintenance project leading to Beaver Glen alongside Highway 264. Project start up meeting scheduled for end of March 2014.
January 15, 2014 windstorm: Trees identified by SaskPower as decadent and a hazard to their primary line infrastructure contributed to power outage. (Behind Archer's Store)
- Arena Improvements
Electric furnace purchased and to be installed by the Park. An in-stock electric water heater to be installed by the Park. Lobby area metal roof to be replaced. Work to be completed in 2014. Discussion entailed on the Arena and its priority for the Waskesiu Vision 2020 projects. The Arena was built by local residents/businesses and was donated to Parks Canada.
- Waskesiu Multi Season Camp Kitchens
Project planning is in progress. Statement of Work will ask design firms to produce a camp kitchen conversion plan for unit #7 (across from the Visitor Centre). An agreed upon design plan will allow for construction in the winter of 2014/15 through a proposed partnering agreement between Parks Canada and the Waskesiu Foundation.
A design firm has not yet been chosen, nor has the design been approved. Parks Canada assured Council that meaningful discussions regarding the final design will include the Archer family – being the donors working in conjunction with the Waskesiu Foundation.
- Waskesiu Foundation Partnering Agreements
 - i. Advancing Birch Bay Camp Kitchen renewal project – Partnering Agreement to be signed off to hopefully allow this project to advance in Spring of 2014, or by fall 2014 at the latest. Jim Kerby, WFI Chair to sign off on this project today.
 - ii. Drafting new “Bears on the Beach” Partnering Agreement is still a work in progress. Pending the success of a Waskesiu Foundation fundraising campaign, this project is scheduled to commence in the fall of 2014 and to be completed prior to the operational season of 2015.
- Elk Street
Appraisal project completed in February 2014.
Range of value \$152, 000 to \$168,00 per lot
Next step: waiting for Federal government approval to proceed with a plan.

- Leases subject to CPI
Land Rent increase based on 5 year average - \$1.48% for 2014/2015
- 2013/2014 Budget Report
Review of Annual Land Rent Table as per WCC November 2013 request. This item was tabled at the January 2014 WCC meeting for discussion at this March 2014 meeting.
(One page report sent to Noreen Mathews January 17, 2014.)

Council Chair requested PCA to email him and Council administrator the name, address and email address of the new Minister of Parks Canada Agency.

Motion to accept receipt of Townsite report

Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel

Carried

8. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance

– Janice MacKinnon

Nothing to report at this time

Terry Schneider will be setting up a meeting with Janice in April to discuss the Budget.

Business/Community Relations

– Nancy Wood Archer

- Cross country ski trails are no longer being groomed - Wapiti and Red Deer trails are closed.

Wapiti was closed for the season last week as a result of Lobstick Golf Club activities, and with no notice to the Waskesiu Ski Club.

- The ice fishing shack coming off the lake next week; it was well used this winter.

- Nancy asked PCA a question about the completion of the repairs to the Waskesiu Post Office.

Terry Schneider reported that the project is to be completed by end of April/2014.

Terry will email Nancy and WCC Administrator a detailed Project Update.

The Administrator will forward the report to members of Council.

- The Lakeview bar (formerly attached to the Lakeview Hotel) has been torn down, creating staff housing issues for the upcoming summer season.

- Trail Report – Nancy shared the results of the Two day Waskesiu Trial Network Visioning Exercise. The report was emailed to members of Council.

Discussion on the report entailed.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

- 2020 Vision - Interim Report (Draft for discussion)

Council members received an email copy of the draft 2020 Vision Interim Report. Jim reported that the committee (comprised of Brent Hamel and Jim Kerby) is now trying to identify a date for a WCC/PCA meeting with Waskesiu key stakeholder groups.

Council Chair congratulated Jim and Brent for the excellent job on the draft written report.

Jim presented an overview of the report, its purpose and goals.

Brent added the Committee see this as an exercise to take a step back and look at businesses in townsite, what they need to be successful, with help of the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce

and the Waskesiu Community Council, and to bring the businesses together with the end result of stronger, better mandates for the businesses.

Discussion on the report entailed.

PCA Superintendent Alan Fehr commented favorably on the report and that PCA is in full support of the 2020 Vision process and will be aligned and visible side by side with Council, with Council taking the lead in community discussions.

- Council Chair stated that the 2020 Vision project is not a plan at this point, it is a vision. Once we meet with others, the vision may change, and hopefully become a plan.

- A vote of support was taken - all Council members are in favor of the Waskesiu Community Council leading the 2020 visioning process.

- The Community Development & Planning committee will have meetings with the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce and WSRA executive and will meet with other stakeholder boards individually followed by hosting a community meeting.

- Next steps are to get edits back from Council and PCA, then start to set up meetings with various stakeholders.

- Terry Schneider volunteered to attend each meeting and will provide a back-up if he is unavailable. One or both of the Community Development & Planning committee members will be at all of these meetings.

- Terry Schneider, Brian Morgan and administrator Noreen Matthews will work on the visuals, when and where the community Stakeholders Day will be held, agenda, etc. Perhaps to be set up like a mini trade show.

Suggested it could be held on the afternoon of the same day of WCC AGM - Sunday, August 17th.

Terrace Gardens is booked for the AGM already, can be extended. Administrator to check and book. It was suggested perhaps a free lunch should be provided as part of the day.

Community Relations – Nancy Wood Archer

Reported as part of the Business Relations report.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Fire Chief Monthly Report submitted for January and February, 2014

- Terry Schneider reported in his Townsite Report there have been no reported break-ins or vandalism during the winter in the cottage and cabin areas.

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

Nothing more to report than what was reported by Terry Schneider in his townsite report.

Jim Kerby reminded Council and PCA that WFI has approximately \$10,000 in donations from the Waskesiu Golf Course Lobstick Tree fundraising event to be used for re-forestation in the Waskesiu townsite.

Council Chair will discuss the use of this donation with Terry Schneider and report back to Council.

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

- Partnering Agreement with Parks Canada – discussed under Terry Schneider's townsite report. Advancing Birch Bay Camp Kitchen renewal project

- Bears on the Beach – Playground Renewal Campaign Update

This is the 2nd partnering agreement with PCA.

Jim thanked PCA for their donation of \$50,000 cash (plus in kind donations) toward this campaign.

WFI has launched a strong marketing program to continue until funds have been raised. Nancy Wood-Archer and the Hawood staff are working on a project to sell teddy bears to the public – funds raised will go to the campaign. The Hawood already has large signage in their lobby promoting the campaign.

Chris and Derwin Arnstead are Co-Chairing the campaign.

- Board composition changes/search for new Board members

Murray Peterson has resigned from the board. WFI is looking for recommendations of potential board members from Council members.

A motion was made to adopt all reports given.

Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson

Carried

10. New Business

- None

11. Lunch

12:00 noon

12. Next Meeting – Friday, May 9th, 2014 at 9 am at The Hawood Inn

13. Adjournment

12:38 pm

Motion to Adjourn

Randy Kershaw/Brent Hamel

Carried