

**Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, August 3, 2014**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was duly constituted with Herb Pinder as Chair and Sheila Gagne acting as Secretary.

The Chair introduced the Directors and Officers.

The Minutes of the AGM of July 7, 2013 were approved.

*Moved by Scott McCreath and Seconded by Madeleine Pinder.*  
*CARRIED*

Items identified at that meeting were brought forward.

**President's Report**

Rob Phillips provided a thorough and lengthy President's Report dealing with a number of issues, including the following:

- ***Cottage Regulations:*** Parks Canada has made no further changes to the Canadian Guidelines: No movement on this issue for some time now.
- ***Cabin Development Guidelines:*** Were revised in 2013 in part as a result of a new National Building Code. The biggest impact is with respect to the need for fireproof windows with the 30' lot cabins impacted the most. The new guidelines allow larger decks while at the same time providing a date by which grandfathered decks must be right sized.
- ***30 Foot Lot Area Greenspaces:*** Parks Canada Community Plan (yet to be approved by the federal government) still includes the possibility of the sale of these spaces. If this becomes an issue in the future the WSRA will further voice its concern about the wisdom of such dispositions.
- ***Land Rent:*** It is felt by some that seasonal residents in this park pay too much in land rent. The WSRA is unable to get PC to reengage this issue.
- ***Parking:*** This has also been a matter for discussion with Parks Canada in particular again with respect to the 30 Foot lots. It is also an issue for the cottage subdivisions, Waskesiu Drive, and the Marina.
- ***Park Entrance:*** Permit holders should not have to line up to enter the Park. This will be raised with Parks Canada staff in the next year. This is another issue which the WSRA has put before Parks Canada without action or resolution.
- ***Grey Owl Howl:*** Tonight at Community Hall – 7:30 – 11:30pm.
- ***Parks Canada Presentation:*** Parks Presentation by Alan Fehr (Park Superintendent) and Terry Schneider (Townsite Manager).
  - The Superintendent complimented the Park Guideline process including the work by Jim Kerby in editing the language.

- He asked Park residents that the new civic addresses be displayed on all residences for the purpose of emergency/fire responses.
- He mentioned that the work on swales, which began in 2009, continues.
- He made mention of the new cell tower erected in the trailer park in June.
- He commented on the fact that the ground has slumped for the past few years behind the nature center and a contract has been signed to stabilize the area.
- The recycling bin now will take comingled items.
- Phases 1 and 2 of the Vegetation Management program are complete with Phase 3 happening this winter.
- The Urban Reforestation Plan is being reviewed.
- Arbor day will continue.
- The issue of cottage regulations is being worked on but is slow due to other priorities. The 2010 community plan is still the current plan proposed to the Minister responsible.

There were a number of questions with respect to parking at the Marina (discussion is ongoing and PC is not opposed to removing trees to allow for more parking); hazardous trees (while there are limitations, PC staff try to be proactive with respect to hazardous trees); the issue of the handling of large trash items was discussed; and the flow of the Waskesiu River (PC is looking at improving the flow of the river).

The Chairman noted the collaborative and successful endeavor to develop and improve Cabin Building Guidelines among the parties, PC, the WSRA, and ultimately the WCC. This is perhaps a model that could be applied to the out-of-date and contradictory Cottage Regulations as it would be done locally with community input. The Superintendent agreed with the suggestion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Report was provided by Treasurer, Conor Quinn, whereby the 2013 Financial Statements were reviewed and approved.

*Moved by Herve Langois and seconded by Dan Boehm.  
CARRIED*

Another resolution waived the appointment of an Auditor.

*Moved by Herve Langois and seconded by Rick James.  
CARRIED*

Finally, the appointment of Byron Reynolds as the Accountant for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

*Moved by Conor Quin and seconded by Gloria Stevenson.  
CARRIED*

**Membership Report**

Membership Chair, Brad Meier provided a thank you to all of the canvassers. Additional volunteers are welcome. The effort is heading towards a record membership in 2014.

**Communications Report**

Communications Chair, Diane Roddy, was unable to attend. The Communications Report was provided by President Rob Phillips.

One of the items noted in the Report was the plan to conduct a survey of members so that the WSRA better understands what issues are a priority or not.

**Governance Report**

Herb Pinder, Chairman, proposed a resolution that the current 10 Board Members be reelected.

*Moved by Herb Pinder, seconded by Dan McKay.  
CARRIED*

**Vision 20/20**

The meeting was turned over to the WCC to present Vision 20/20 with presentations by Brian Morgan, Brent Hamel, Jim Kerby, Randy Kershaw, and Terry Schneider.

Attendees were encouraged to attend the August 17 open house.

Doreen Kerby reminded members present about the Grey Owl/Anahareo Tribute Dinner and presentation on August 24 sponsored by the Friends of the Park, the Book Store and the Grey Owl Center.

The meeting was terminated by way of a Motion by John Day.