

# WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES



**DATE:** Friday, March 23, 2018  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Hawood Inn, Waskesiu Lake

**ATTENDING:** Jim Kerby, Nancy Wood Archer, Bryan Matheson, Randy Kershaw\*, Brent Hamel\*, Janice MacKinnon\* (left the meeting at 10:30), Jennifer Wood\* (left the meeting and rejoined)  
PCA - Field Superintendent David Britton  
\*Attended meeting by telephone

**REGRETS:** Gregg Rutten

1. **Call to Order** Jim Kerby 9:01 a.m.
2. **In-camera session**  
Motion to move the meeting 'In-camera'  
**Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson** **Carried Unanimously**  
Motion to move back to the Public Meeting  
**Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson** **Carried Unanimously**
3. **Adoption of Agenda for the Public Meeting** Jim Kerby 10:00 a.m.  
Motion to Adopt the Agenda as circulated  
**Bryan Matheson/Nancy Wood Archer** **Carried Unanimously**
4. **Adoption of January 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
Motion to Adopt the January 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes as circulated  
**Randy Kershaw/Jennifer Wood** **Carried Unanimously**
5. **Business arising from the Minutes:**
  - Status updates on the following:
    - **Kapasawin Development**  
A building permit has been issued for tree clearing and road construction. PCA has approved the Environmental Assessment, and the project is proceeding.
    - **SaskTel townsite High-speed Internet Project**  
Parks Canada has been working with SaskTel on the permitting for the construction work required to implement high speed internet in Waskesiu. The environmental assessment has been completed to Parks Canada's satisfaction and discussions are underway to finalize a route for the cable that will minimize trenching or boring in areas of pre-existing infrastructure. It is expected that the building permit will be issued well in advance of the anticipated construction start in May.  
Council Chair will contact Kevin Splay at SaskTel to request a further update on the status of the high speed internet project, including the quality of the signal that will be received at Kapasawin and those Prospect Point cottages (including Larch Street) located at the extremity of the townsite.
    - **Waskesiu Break-ins**  
No other break-ins have been reported but PCA received a report in January from local contractors regarding some suspicious people/activity in the cabin area.  
Discussion ensued about chains not being locked properly (or not being in place) at entrances to a number of the cottage areas of the townsite, including the Subdivisions and Prospect Point (both entrances). The Superintendent agreed to follow up.

**- Review of outstanding Action Items**

A review of the outstanding Action Items then occurred.

**6. Townsite Report**

**David Britton**

- See Appendix I attached to this document. Additional commentary in relation to some of the items identified in the Townsite Report is set forth below:

Post Office Building – Additional Commentary

- Four interested parties attended the mandatory site visit.

Waskesiu Lakeside Festival – Additional Commentary

- Four musical groups have been booked so far – The Northern Pikes, Bombargo, The Steadies, and The Wolf.
- Council requested actual budget figures to help with making decisions if someone or an Association were to take over the event.

**ACTION ITEM:** PCA to provide Council with budget figures for the Music Festival.

Waskesiu Townsite Dock and Breakwater

- PCA will bring a list of priority projects over the next five years to share with Council at the next meeting.
- Motion to move the meeting 'In-camera'

**Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson**

**Carried Unanimously**

Motion to move back to the Public Meeting

**Randy Kershaw/Brent Hamel**

**Carried Unanimously**

4 Way Stop Flooding

**ACTION ITEM:** Council Chair and Administrator to update the Community Action Plan to reflect the recently announced PCA plans to address the 4 way Stop flooding problem.

Fire Chief Contract

**ACTION ITEM:** Councilor Kershaw to contact the new Fire Chief and confirm if they plan to continue to support special events with their fundraising BBQ's.

**7. Correspondence**

- Email received from the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce which included the 2018 Chamber Membership Invoice, SaskTel DSL Update & 2018 Electronic Message Board Advertising Rate Card. (Previously circulated to Council).

A Motion was made to renew the annual Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce membership of \$225.00 plus pay the additional \$50 optional marketing fee.

**Bryan Matheson/Brent Hamel**

**Carried Unanimously**

A motion was made to purchase the Electronic Message Board (EMB) \$500 Early Bird Special for one year.

**Brent Hamel/Bryan Matheson**

**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION ITEM:** Administrator to poll Council for ideas of what they would like to see advertised on the EMB, in addition to advertising (in May and June) the upcoming WCC Election.

- Email received from Waskesiu and Area Wilderness Region (WWR) soliciting advertising in the 2018 WWR Vacation Planner. (Previously circulated to Council).

A motion was made to purchase a full-page advertisement to promote waskesiu.org

**Nancy Wood Archer/Randy Kershaw**

**Carried Unanimously**

It was noted that Council will not purchase space in 2018 Vacationland Cabin Stuffer.

Ad content will be provided to the Waskesiu Chamber and it will be appreciated if they invite us to tag onto their ad in the Cabin Stuffer to promote Waskesiu.org (similar to what occurred 2017).

## 8. New Business

- Council members wished the Council Chair a happy birthday today.
- Recycling decision – PCA

The Waskesiu Recreation Association (WRA) “Recycling Proposal” was received in January by PCA. PCA made a counter proposal which states that PCA will take over the Recycling Program and will be hiring a student to run the program. PCA requested access to the Paul Horn Arena for sorting. The WRA has proposed that access would be acceptable but that PCA will be asked to cover the cost of electricity during the year (which proposal is acceptable to PCA according to David Britton).

- The Waskesiu Foundation Inc. (WFI) Proposed Murray Howe Event (August 4)

Council Chair confirmed that Murray Howe, the youngest son of hockey legend Gordie Howe, will have a presentation, host a Q&A, and hold a book signing at the Hawood Inn, in Kingsmere Hall on August 4th. The name of the bestselling book that Murray Howe wrote is “Nine Lessons I Learned from My Father”.

- WFI and the Waskesiu Heritage Museum August 5 book signing on the Museum grounds –

Murray Howe will also hold another book signing on August 5 (from 11 a.m. -1 p.m.) and, after the book signing event, there will be an unveiling of a sign dedicating a new Fitness Park facility as the “**Gordie Howe Memorial Fitness Park**”. That sign, and the new facility will be erected and located on the WRA recreation grounds near the Recreation Centre/Chamber Office. A fundraising BBQ for the public will be held as well.

**ACTION ITEM:** Council Chair to follow up with the Museum on who would like to host the BBQ during the event the Museum or the Waskesiu Fire Department (once Councilor Kershaw confirms whether the Fire Department still wants to do fundraisers of this type).

- Proposed Fitness Park

This project, which is solely funded by the Waskesiu Foundation, is moving ahead and should be completed in the summer of 2018.

**ACTION ITEM:** Proposed Fitness Park to be added to the Community Action Plan.

- Media Training Report (Chair & Vice Chair)

Council Chair thanked PCA for inviting representatives of Waskesiu community organizations (the WCC and the Chamber) to the training session. A PowerPoint presentation from the session is apparently available to be shared with Council members who were unable to attend.

**ACTION ITEM:** Council Vice-Chair to contact PCA for a copy of the Power Point presentation to then share with Council.

- Advertising in the 2018 WWR Vacation Planner

This item completed under “Correspondence”.

- PCA Update Meeting for Parks Canada Townsite Managers is to be held on April 10 in Waskesiu – PCA’s Townsite and Executive internal body, which includes all 6 field units and Townsite Managers, will attend the meeting. The group will tour and discuss various townsite related issues in National Parks (including certain Waskesiu issues, such as lease compliance, etc.)

- Update on Parks Canada infrastructure projects –

- Large and small beach houses – the decision had been made to proceed with a peaked roof on the big beach house. Construction is anticipated for fall 2018.

- Water/wastewater controls – the installation of the new water plant controls was completed in late February. The plant has been operating in fully automatic mode for the last month. New wastewater plant controls are in design and installation is anticipated in fall 2018.

- A redesigned and rebuilt rail cart for Kingsmere will be operational this season. Parks Canada will be making improvements to the rail portage beginning in September 2018. This will require closure of the area after Labour Day.

Campground improvements (enlargement of campsites, realignments of roadways to accommodate larger RVs) will take place at Beaver Glen and Sandy Lake in spring and fall of 2018.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **Business Relations – Nancy Wood Archer**

As directed by Council at the last meeting, the Vice Chair requested, received and reviewed the Parks Canada Agency Directive on Staff Housing. She also received the allocation list for Business Community in relation to the Spruce Ridge Trailer Park, formally SSTP. After reviewing the information, the Vice Chair met with Brenda Georget of Parks Canada.

The meeting was very informational and the Vice Chair concluded that the working relationship between her (as the Council Representative) with Parks Canada will be positive.

The Business Community receives two thirds of the spots available with the remaining one third being allocated to Parks Canada staff.

The Vice Chair indicated that she will be taking this information back to the Business Community because in a few cases the businesses are not complying with the guidelines and regulations set out. Her goal is to have all Business Sites in compliance moving forward. Nancy also made a few suggestions to Parks Canada regarding the criteria to be eligible for a spot.

The Vice Chair wanted to pass on a “Thank you” to Parks Canada, and the Council's lead in supporting this relationship. She will be meeting again with Ms. Georget in April.

### **Communications & Community Relations – Brent Hamel**

The Committee is working on the Communication Plan and will provide more information at the next Council meeting.

### **The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby**

The Annual Donor Recognition and Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday July 14. The format for the evening will be changed up this year. Dinner Co-Chairs are Directors Gord Thompson and Barb Jones.

Stay tuned for details on an upcoming new “Treasure Hunt” event geared towards children and families.

The Foundation would like to partner with PCA on the Crean camp kitchen upgrade. Further discussion will be held with PCA.

### **The Waskesiu Recreation Association – Bryan Matheson/Brent Hamel**

A board meeting will be held next week to discuss operations. They are currently working on staffing - it was noted that Marissa Granville will be returning this year as Recreation Director.

The on-going Mini Golf Project is a significant undertaking, and it is really keeping everyone on the (rather small) WRA board very busy.

Councillor Matheson thanked PCA for all their support in respect of the project. Mini Golf should hopefully be open and ready to go on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **10. Next Meeting Date(s) – April 27, May 25, June 22, AGM – July 29**

## **11. Adjournment**

**1:00 p.m.**