

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, September 25, 2015 - 9:00 am - WCC (In Camera)
- 10:30 am - Parks Canada Agency

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, SK – Boardroom

Attending: Jim Kerby, Nancy Wood Archer, Brent Hamel, Randy Kershaw, Bryan Matheson (departed meeting at 1:06 pm), George Wilson, Janice MacKinnon (phoned-in at 9:00 am, departed at 10:30 am). PCA – Alan Fehr – Field Superintendent, Coralee Vaillancourt – representing Gregg Rutten – Townsite Manager, Christine Hamilton - Asset Manager.

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Jim Kerby 8:58 am
2. In Camera session
Motion to move meeting In Camera
Bryan Matheson/George Wilson **Carried Unanimously**
Motion to move back to Public Meeting at 10:28 am
Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson
3. Adoption of Agenda for Public Meeting Jim Kerby
Randy Kershaw/Brent Hamel **Carried Unanimously**
4. Approval of August 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes Jim Kerby
Bryan Matheson/Brent Hamel **Carried Unanimously**
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
- Community Action Plan - next steps and identification of 2015/2016 priorities and Committee assignments.
All 2015/2016 committees and their members have been determined. Change noted – the Community Relations Committee has been renamed as the ‘Communications and Community Relations Committee’.
- PCA to provide Council with a copy of the 2015 Waskesiu Community Plan in the final form approved by the Government of Canada. Council Administrator requested it be sent to her by email.
- Decision Regarding new WCC logo.
The clear favorites were Option #1 and Option #3, but both need some tweaking. Administrator to contact graphic designer with suggested changes. These changes will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Lakeview Hotel – status of Stop Work Order
The Stop Work Order is still in effect. PCA is still waiting for the Lakeview’s plans. PCA has asked the owners to clean up the grounds around the existing hotel, and that work still hasn't been completed. PCA will follow up again.
- Marina construction update – covered in Townsite Report
- iNET 2000 Update - covered in Townsite Report

- Timing of new washrooms in the staff trailer park - covered in Townsite Report
- Update on swale between Heron and Jay Streets.

PCA has not looked at the issue yet but will look at it in the near future.

- Update on relocation/movement of large rocks on Pelican Street.
- Council was advised by Gregg Rutten (during the August 14th meeting of Council) that a decision regarding the relocation of the rocks had already been made by PCA. However, it was noted that the rocks in question have not yet been relocated.

PCA will look into the matter and report back to Council at the next meeting.

- Brent Hamel – purchase of new AV projector.

The new projector was used at this Council meeting and works well. Council expressed its appreciation to Brent Hamel for his work in obtaining the projector on behalf of Council.

6. Correspondence

- Letter received from Armstrong Hillcrest Cabins.

The same letter was received by the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce and by PCA.

Discussion ensued.

Council Chair will respond letting Armstrong's know that the road area in discussion has now been added to PCA's list of roads that need to be re-paved in the townsite, although the timing of such work is currently not known.

7. Townsite Report – Coralee Vaillancourt/Alan Fehr

1. Federal Infrastructure Program Update:

- Waskesiu Marina – B&B Asphalt has been contracted for paving, including the new parking lot and roads, with as much work as possible to be completed as soon as reasonably possible, weather permitting.
The plan is to have the base work of the roads and storage/parking area completed this fall – paving to be in spring – probably in June when the frost is out of the ground.
Assessment of breakwater and docks – work to be undertaken this fall.
PCA re-doing 200 slips, and the Marina operator plans to add 100 more.
- Grey Owl area – Kingsmere road, launch and facilities. Campground cleared and trail.
Improving drainage, building up roads, boat launch, and the offer around the lake. Replacing the bridge at the south end of the rail cart.
- Hwy #263 Paving – work started Sept. 21. Starting in townsite Sept. 25 and paving Sept. 26.
Accommodating traffic, with no road closures. PCA will be applying for more funds for Highway 263, with the goal being to eventually re-pave the entire thing.
PCA advised that the requested Hillcrest street paving will not be addressed with this current portion of the project. That issue is, however, on the list, and PCA is looking at a variety of options to do that work, including potentially as part of annual capital maintenance and repairs. This current Highway paving project is a project with a five year window.
Council indicated that PCA should have a plan that contemplated completing the balance of townsite paving that was not done in the original re-paving of the townsite, to bring the

entire townsite to a "substantially similar" level. PCA indicated that it will definitely try to get the paving work identified by Hillcrest Armstrong Cabins done.

d) Force Main Sewage Line – Replacement

This project work is already at Public Works Canada for Tender. Discussion ensued regarding the exact location of the project.

e) Purchasing Lift Station Pumps

Contract has been awarded, work will begin during the beginning portion of November

f) Waskesiu Trail Network Improvements/Expansions.

Statement of work has been developed. A portion of the project has already been completed.

PCA to send most recent planning document regarding Trail Network improvements to Council.

g) Campground Assessments and Design

Plans are in the works and options are being considered for other campgrounds (including the current Over Flow campground).

-Other Capital Projects:

a) Pedestrian Bridge Replacement at the Waskesiu River (along Hwy #264)

New bridge being built in BC, and the preparatory work has begun to remove the existing pedestrian bridge

b) Signage

New signage is being installed throughout the townsite and surrounding area. Council commended PCA on the significant improvement to signage.

c) Spruce Ridge Washroom

Bidders meeting today regarding this project. Plan is to have it completed and ready for spring of 2016.

2. iNET 2000

Licence of occupation is being negotiated for the Blue Bell tower. In answer to an inquiry from Council, PCA advised that iNET 2000 appears to be pleased with where this has ended up.

8. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon

- Absent from this portion of the meeting. No Report.

Business & Community Relations – Nancy Wood Archer

- The Community Hall needs hard-core, professional cleaning and repair. The Chamber will get a cost and then plans are to go to community businesses for funding.

- The Chamber of Commerce report will be forwarded to the Administrator to circulate to Council within a week after their AGM, which is being held on Sunday, Sept 27th.

- Kapasawin Bungalows has been sold to group of local cottage/business owners.

- Big Olaf has also been sold to a local cottage owner & family.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

- Work of the Committee regarding the Community Action Plan was presented under Business

Arising from the Minutes portion of the Agenda.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Waskesiu Fire Chief's August Report – already circulated to Council with meeting package.
- Sgt. Alan Pressler has been promoted and moved to Prince Albert. Corp. Earl Keewatin is acting Sgt. until April of 2016

Vegetation Management – Bryan Matheson

- No Report

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw

- Request and Recommendation - Appointment of Gord Thompson and Anil Pandila to the WFI Board of Directors.

A motion was made for the Waskesiu Community Council to approve the appointment of Gord Thompson and Anil Pandila to the Waskesiu Foundation Board.

Randy Kershaw/ George Wilson

Carried Unanimously

- Jim Kerby also reported that the Foundation's Annual Donor Recognition and Fundraising Dinner was another financial success, with net profits in the amount of approximately \$35,000.

9. New Business

- Council's funding policy.

The matter was discussed in general terms only.

- There was a more fulsome discussion regarding meeting payment amounts (per diems) and the other reimbursement amounts for Councillors.

Alan Fehr agreed rates needed to be reviewed and updated, as they seemed fairly low in his estimation. Council Chair and Alan Fehr are going to undertake a review.

- Confirmation of "grant" versus "reimbursement" terminology.

Council will receive a letter of explanation from PCA explaining the funds Council is receiving from PCA and that they are to be classified as reimbursements of amounts that were owing by PCA (but paid for by Council), and not as grants.

- Remaining paving in townsite – status.

PCA explained why a portion of the paving was not done behind Armstrong's Hillcrest bungalows, because the problem was never brought to the Park's attention until this month.

PCA have now added it to their list of roads that need to be re-paved in the townsite. No timeline has been committed to, but this is clearly "on the list".

10. Next Meeting Date – options are Friday, October 23 or Friday, October 30 in Saskatoon.

Administrator to canvas Council.

11. Lunch

12. Adjournment

1:30 pm

Nancy Wood Archer

Carried unanimously