

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2015 - **9:00 am** - WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, SK – Boardroom

Attending: Brian Morgan*, Bryan Matheson, Nancy Wood Archer, Janice MacKinnon, Jim Kerby, Randy Kershaw*, Brent Hamel, Gregg Rutten-PCA.
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Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:10 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan
Motion to accept the amended Agenda with the following changes: Move Item #9 (Lunch) to the end of meeting, remove Marina Issue from Nancy's report - to be discussed under Correspondence.
Nancy Wood Archer/Bryan Matheson **Carried**
4. Approval of February 2nd, 2015 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw **Carried**
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
- Council Election

Correspondence has been exchanged between the Chair and Council members regarding intentions to contest the upcoming Council election. Brian Morgan is not running for another term, Randy Kershaw and Jim Kerby are currently undecided, all other members of Council intend to seek office again.

The Chair asked Council to think of encouraging worthy candidates to run for Council and to develop a pre-election strategy to elicit interest in the community at large such that people will give full consideration to letting their names stand for election.

If an election is called, Council will need to hire a Returning Officer. This motion will be made at the next meeting.

Motion was made to establish a Nominations Committee consisting of Brian Morgan, Randy Kershaw and administrator Noreen Matthews

Bryan Matheson/Jim Kerby **Carried**

- Community Leaders Roundtable Planning

Administrator to do follow-up phone calls to Herve Langlois and Don Ravis from the Waskesiu Heritage Museum, and Bentley Crozier from Friends of the Park for confirmation of the number of board members that will be attending the May 9th Roundtable. Jim Kerby will follow up with Greg Thorimbert from the Waskesiu Golf Course.

Administrator to send the Roundtable information to Tyler Baker at the Waskesiu Golf Course.

Discussion ensued on how the Roundtable should roll out. Brian Morgan volunteered to facilitate the meeting. The Community Development Committee (consisting of Jim Kerby and Brent Hamel) will present the draft Community Action Plan, encourage involvement and commitment from the attendees.

Administrator to rent a projector/screen for PowerPoint presentation by the Community Development

Committee.

Administrator is to bring the "Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond" display boards that were used in the 2014 Community Open House.

The Chair instructed the administrator to contact all the Stakeholders for a copy of their mandate/mission statement prior to May 9.

- Government announcements re: New Infrastructure funds for PANP

Parks Canada does not yet have a timeline for infrastructure announcements but hope to have one soon.

- Mini golf project update

Nancy Wood Archer reported the Chamber of Commerce has not yet gone to the Waskesiu Foundation with their formal request for funding, Rick Lokken is working on preparing their formal business plan for the mini golf facility. US dollar increases versus the Canadian dollar have increased the costs significantly.

The Chamber has asked Parks Canada to contribute \$50,000 to the mini golf project.

The Chamber is approaching local businesses for \$10,000 each to sponsor a hole.

Another option for the Chamber is to find a private partner to fund the project.

The Chamber also needs to get the support from the rest of the community stakeholders to show their support of the project to the Waskesiu community.

- Cabin guidelines changes

To be discussed under the Townsite Report.

- Yard waste directive update

Gregg Rutten to report at the next Council meeting.

- Townsite Wi-Fi update

iNet 2000 is still looking for update on where they could move their tower for better signal.

Waskesiu Wi-Fi Hotspots – Parks Canada is still looking at locations in the campgrounds.

6. Correspondence

Marina Issue - Exchange of correspondence between interested individuals vis a vis the Waskesiu Marina.

Motion was made to confirm that the correspondence was received and discussed.

Janice MacKinnon/Randy Kershaw

Carried

PCA is very aware of the situation and the related correspondence/emails.

Council's concern is in relation to the marina infrastructure and rate setting. Some members of the community are expressing concerns regarding aging (or, in some cases, failing) infrastructure coupled with the increase in rates. Another concern is community members may start meetings or take other actions which may adversely impact or affect the good work now being done between PCA and the marina lessee/operator to potentially improve the marina infrastructure.

PCA knows that the marina operator is working on a plan with PCA to recapitalize the marina, and has hired a consultant to assist with that process.

Regarding the most recent rate increases, PCA feels that the increase in rates is not out of line with the market place in Saskatchewan. PCA also feels this issue is between the marina operator and its customers. It is up to the marina operator how to allocate slips, and the governing licence of occupation

authorizes the operator to, among other things, rent out slips, but does not dictate how that is to occur, or to whom.

It was pointed out that PCA needed to look more closely at the details of the other marinas. For example, at Candle Lake the quality of the marina is superior and the operators have invested significant funds of their own in the facility.

Bryan Matheson asked PCA to please communicate more to Council/the Community about what is going on regarding any plans for marina revitalization.

7. Townsite Update Gregg Rutten **10:00 am**

- Waskesiu Multi Season Camp Kitchen

Construction upgrades to facility are a work in progress. New metal roofing and interior paint are the next steps. Electrical work, including relocating the electrical feed into the camp kitchen, will be completed this spring.

There have been a few issues with the heater – people are trying to use it as a cook stove. It was suggested some simple signage is needed on usage. A traditional cook stove is something that could be installed conveniently right outside of the camp kitchen to discourage inappropriate use of the heater.

- Playground Project

PCA is currently making arrangements with The Waskesiu Foundation for an installation date. Crane has been tentatively booked for May 28, 2015.

- Waskesiu Lakeside Festival 2015

Planning meeting was held in Waskesiu on March 25. Marketing plan is in place.

Contracts for musicians currently in process of being signed.

Call for community volunteers has gone out.

Looking for a media spokesperson.

Skateboarding event will not be happening – prohibited in the Park.

A stand-up paddle board event at the main beach is in the works.

- 2013 Cabin Guidelines for Discussion/Decision:

(Further to discussion held in September & October 2014)

Handout was passed around. Specific to the side walkway. Proposed Amendment to *2013 Prince Albert National Park Cabin Development Guidelines* Section referring to Sidewalks and Decks. Discussion with WSRA was positive. They provided some amendments and tentatively agreed with final wording subject to seeing it in writing. Additional changes (for consistency and clarification) have been suggested by Jim Kerby for PCA and WSRA review and approval.

- Canada Post Update

Meeting with Representatives from Canada Post on March 27, 2015. They shared their plan for postal services in Waskesiu.

Gregg Rutten and Nancy Wood Archer to draft a communication piece and provide to Council administrator by Friday, April 17 to put in the meeting minutes, to post on waskesiu.org and to circulate to the community through the WSRA.

- Council asked for update on recruitment status for the Townsite Manager (permanent) position and the return date of Superintendent Alan Fehr.

Gregg Rutten is to stay on as Acting Townsite Manager until May 20th. Competition is on for the position. Alan Fehr returns on May 4th. Carla Flaman is Acting Superintendent until his return.

Motion was made to accept the Townsite Report.

Janice MacKinnon/Bryan Matheson

Carried

8. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon

- No report

Business/Community Relations – Nancy Wood Archer

- Mini Golf

Reported under Business Arising from the Minutes.

- Waskesiu & Area Wilderness Region DMO

A new Executive Director has been hired to start mid-April. Her name is Terri Dow. Restructuring the organization will be done along with reviewing the employee's job description.

- Film Festival

Mann Art Gallery in Prince Albert has severed their involvement with the REAL RAVE film festival. Amy Hadley asked to see if the Waskesiu Chamber will help them this year to continue the festival. The Chamber is on board.

Film Festival Board would prefer to be partners with a non-profit.

Bryan Matheson suggested Waskesiu Community Council could be a supporter of this event.

- Waskesiu Lakeside Festival

Reported under Townsite Report

- Waskesiu Ski Club

Successful year. Snow was great, volunteers were great. Some issues with Parks Canada, but in general all good.

On-line membership is set up & linked from waskesiu.org website.

Received approx. \$600 in donations & memberships.

- Waskesiu Museum

New Museum Manager is cabin owner - Leslie Karpinion.

- Recycling

As reported, a substantial number of new bins are being put in place this spring.

Moving some of the garbage cans, including the one behind LA Outfitters.

- Skating Rink

Inappropriate late night use addressed.

- Canada Post

As of April 13, we no longer have a postmaster.

Report previously sent.

All Waskesiu businesses are required to display their civic address on their buildings.

- Bungalow Camps

Restrictions on size/roof lines, etc.

Definitely hindering sales and redevelopment of existing camps.

PCA is waiting for reply from head office on this.

- Reservation System for Camp Ground Bookings

The on-line booking system for Red Deer and Beaver Glen was not working on April 6th, opening day for bookings.

Council asked PCA to report these issues to Council so we are aware and may be able to help solve the issues.

After discussion of issues, it was determined the Business Relations Committee, consisting of Nancy Wood Archer (Chair), Bryan Matheson and Brent Hamel, will determine what the issues affecting the business community are, that need to be discussed at Council meetings.

- Percentage of Gross Rent

Holding back redevelopment.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

- The committee's focus is on the *2020 and Beyond* Draft Community Action Plan/Roundtable meeting.

We need to look to get the younger people of Waskesiu to become more involved such that they will be ready to lead the community groups.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Fire Chief's report for February and March 2015 were circulated with the meeting package.

The Waskesiu Fire chief's contract has been renewed for two more years.

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

- Nothing to report

- Jim Kerby reminded Council that the Waskesiu Foundation has approx. \$10,000 available for vegetation management and would be pleased to undertake a project in the townsite working in conjunction with Parks Canada.

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

- Communication is going out to donors soon regarding the creation of the Planned Giving and Endowment Fund programs.

- Bears on the Beach Playground Renewal Program – A three day community playground build has been set for May 28, 29, and 30. The Foundation is soliciting volunteers and will be working closely with Parks Canada on the build.

- 11th Annual Donor Recognition & Fundraising Dinner themed "*Champagne Picnic Under the Stars*" to celebrate the success of the Bears on the Beach Playground Renewal Program, will be held on Saturday, July 11th at the Community Hall. Tickets go on sale May 1st.

9. New Business

- Update from Parks Canada on the usage of the oTENTiks

No information available at this time.

- Potential Re-design of WCC logo and add tag line "The Voice of the Community"

Motion was made for the administrator to spend up to \$500 to re-design the Waskesiu Community Council logo. She will provide a couple of options to Council for approval.

Bryan Matheson/Janice MacKinnon

Carried

10. Next Meetings - May 9 Stakeholders Roundtable at Wanuskewin Heritage Park in Saskatoon
- Administrator to poll Council for meeting dates in May:
Friday May 22, Monday May 25, or Friday May 29

11. Adjournment

1:00 pm

Janice MacKinnon/Nancy Wood Archer

Carried

12. Lunch