

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting: Friday, October 30, 2015

- 9:00 am - Council only (In Camera)

- 10:00 am – Public Meeting (including Parks Canada Agency)

Location: The Saskatoon Club - 417 21st St. East, Saskatoon

Attending: Jim Kerby, Randy Kershaw, George Wilson, Nancy Wood Archer, Janice MacKinnon, Bryan Matheson, Brent Hamel (phone in).
PCA – Norm Stolle-Acting Field Superintendent (PANP), Gregg Rutten - Townsite Manager.

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Jim Kerby **9:00 am**

2. In-camera session
Motion to move “In Camera”.
Randy Kershaw/Nancy Wood Archer **Carried**
Motion to return to Public Meeting at 10:03 am.
Nancy Wood Archer/George Wilson **Carried**

3. Adoption of Agenda for Public Meeting Jim Kerby
Motion to adopt the Agenda for the Public Meeting as circulated.
Randy Kershaw/Nancy Wood Archer **Carried**

4. Approval of September 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes Jim Kerby
Motion to adopt the minutes of the September 25th, 2015 Council Meeting as circulated.
George Wilson/Randy Kershaw **Carried**

5. Business arising from the Minutes
- Lakeview Hotel – status of stop work order and clean-up of adjacent property.
PCA reported that a building permit was issued on October 27, 2015 to the Lakeview Hotel. The stop work order has now been lifted. The Lakeview has advised PCA that the orange snow fence surrounding the area beside the building (the vacant lot between the hotel and Terrace Gardens) will come down, and proper construction fencing will be erected. PCA stated the Lakeview has confirmed that it will be operating as a hotel.
The graffiti on the wall adjoining the vacant lot was not discussed with the Lakeview owners by PCA representatives. Council was advised that the Waskesiu Chamber will follow up with the Lakeview on the removal of the graffiti.
- Marina construction – update
PCA reported that the construction is moving forward, most of the road is completed. There are very wet conditions being experienced right now, and there is a lot of earth work yet to be done. No contract has been awarded at this time for the new docks and the replacement of docks by PCA will be consistent with replacing the number of docks that are already there. PCA

representatives were not able to confirm if any extra docks/slips are to be added by the Marina operator.

- iNET 2000 – update

iNET 2000 has ordered most of the equipment required to do the project. A Licence of Occupation with PCA is still required, and an environmental assessment still needs to be done. iNET 2000 plans to be operational in May of 2016, and the parties have agreed on the cost of the Licence of Occupation. Overall, progress appears to be good.

- Swale on Heron and Jay Streets – update

PCA reviewed the situation last week and reported that it appears there might be a natural spring causing the surface water. The swales have been monitored and are generally working as planned.

Randy Kershaw, in his capacity as the Cabin Owners' representative on Council, is to continue communicating with PCA as they monitor any adjustments that may have to be made to this existing swale (to make it work effectively all the way down behind the cabins on the two streets).

- Removal of large rocks on Pelican Street – update

PCA reported that the rocks were moved back about four feet this past Wednesday, October 26th.

- Large dumpster removed on Sept. 30, 2015 (PCA had indicated at the May 22nd, 2015 Council meeting that the dumpster would be in place annually from May 1st to Thanksgiving).

PCA noted there is an added cost every time the dumpster is emptied. Any adjustments to the existing contract would have to be made over the winter to take effect next year.

Discussion then took place regarding whether PCA could look at possibly charging those residents who are building or doing renovations (via the PCA permitting process) for all or a portion of the waste removal that arises as part of their renovation/reconstruction projects, which is probably accounting for a significant portion of what seems to be filling the dumpster so quickly - particularly in the spring and the fall. PCA could then designate/account for the revenue derived from those additional permit fees to help reduce the average (annual) garbage fee charged to all residents of Waskesiu.

- Vote on revised WCC logo

A vote was taken and the majority chose Version #2 (d) of the new Waskesiu Community Council logo.

A motion was made to accept Version #2 (d) as the new Waskesiu Community Council logo.

Nancy Wood Archer/Randy Kershaw

Carried

After the vote, a Council member asked to see one more option . . . namely that the graphic designer would be asked to also prepare a version of Version #2(d) but change the color of the word 'Waskesiu' to green from brown.

The Administrator will get one last version with the different color choices done and then circulate to Council for a final vote.

6. Correspondence

- Memo from Mr. McLaren (regarding Waskesiu Marina Adventure Centre) and related correspondence with Parks Canada Agency

A lengthy discussion ensued.

PCA has already committed to Mr. McLaren that PCA will get back to him when a reply comes from the CEO of Parks Canada Agency.

Council's response to Mr. McLaren will be prepared by the Chair, and among other things will indicate that Council has received his correspondence and that, while the Waskesiu Community Council does not have the authority to solve this situation, Council has communicated, and will continue to communicate, with PCA regarding the situation. Furthermore, Council has been advised by PCA and that Mr. McLaren will be hearing back from PCA regarding this matter.

It was agreed that Jim Kerby, as Chair of Council, will draft a response to Mr. McLaren (and pass the draft by Council for their comments, input and approval).

7. Townsite Report - Gregg Rutten

- Post Office Building

Officially handed over to Parks Canada in September.

PCA will put out a call for proposals in late winter/early spring 2016.

- Gazebos in Cabin and Cottage Areas

Townsite office receiving complaints about gazebos/screen tents on cabin property and decks. Discussion ensued about this matter. PCA to review the Cabin guidelines, and speak to the executive of WSRA about this issue as well.

Randy Kershaw, as Cabin Owners Representative on Council, will work with PCA on this situation and report back to Council.

- EMT Contract

Contract is up for renewal.

PCA seeking feedback on the current EMT contract. Detailed report handed out to Council to review before the next Council meeting.

- Pelican Street Rock Placement

Asset staff had previously indicated to Council that PCA will be moving the rocks between Pelican St. and Red Deer campground in order to allow better driveway access to leaseholders on Pelican Street.

Work was completed this week.

- Announced Funding for PANP – Update

PCA gave more details of how the work within the Park is progressing utilizing the \$29 million dollars that was recently announced by the Government of Canada (and which is now being invested), for purposes of upgrading certain infrastructure in Prince Albert National Park.

8. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon

Janice noted that at Council's AGM, a resident suggested our yearend financials should be audited as Council is reporting as receiving grants from PCA. In actuality, PCA confirmed Council is receiving reimbursements from PCA, and not grants.

Janice asked PCA to provide Council written documentation stating that fact.

Also, changes are needed to update the waskesiu.org website and PCA can expect to be incurring more expenses as those changes are made.

Business Relations – Nancy Wood Archer

- The Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce report:

The Chamber is reviewing its structure.

The Board is working on separating out the Chamber's duties from the duties of the Waskesiu Recreation Association (which will have its own board of directors).

The Chamber is proceeding with a professional cleaning of the Community Hall.

The Chamber is acquiring quotes for Community Hall Upgrades including a deck and fixed roof on back of building and ceiling fans.

The Chamber is working on creating Committee Chairs for the 2020 & Beyond vision projects.

- Winter Offer:

Roy Fremont will represent the Ski Club at the upcoming Round Table discussions.

The first Waskesiu Ski Club meeting of the ski year will be on Monday, November 2nd.

- Waskesiu Wilderness Region DMO (WWR): The five hotel owners/operators in Waskesiu have met three times to discuss the future of the WWR DMO.

WWR AGM is on Sunday November 1st, 2015.

Next meeting with the hoteliers is on Wednesday, November 4th.

Community Planning & Development – Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw

Nothing to report.

Communications & Community Relations – Brent Hamel

- Correspondence from Chair of WSRA & proposed next steps.

This is in regard to the area of 'Visitation' identified in the Community Action Plan list of projects, and involves creating and improving upon a shared community communications service. WCC is the lead on that Action Plan item, and the two partners listed are PCA and WSRA.

Brent, Nancy and Jim had a mini-meeting to discuss the correspondence received from Herb Pinder in relation to this matter.

Brent asked whom, in PCA has a communications skillset to sit on the designated Visitation Committee.

Norm Stolle, Acting Field Superintendent, will get back to Council.

Community Relations

Nothing to report.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Waskesiu Fire Chief September Report circulated.

Winter security chains blocking entrance to the cabin and cottage areas were installed on Wednesday of this week.

Vegetation Management – Bryan Matheson

The Vegetation Management Committee informed PCA that the committee wants to get more involved with PCA projects, and not just for Arbor Day.

Bryan Matheson to contact Gregg with what the Committee has in mind. This will tie into the 2020 & Beyond vision exercise and the Community Action Plan.

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

- Update on Waskesiu Recreation Area Renewal and Request for Parks Canada Assistance. The Waskesiu Chamber is not only working on fundraising for the mini golf project but on a much bigger goal to further develop and renew the Waskesiu Recreational Association and related facilities.

- Resignation of Steven Woods as a Director – October 8, 2015.

Mr. Woods resigned due to his busy personal/work schedule, which he felt limited his involvement with the Waskesiu Foundation. He remains a supporter of the Foundation and its goals.

- The two new appointed directors are now officially on the Board.

- Jim announced that he will be resigning as the Chair of the Foundation as of December 31, 2015, but that he intends to remain on the Foundation board as a director and as Past Chair.

- 'Paving the Way' fundraising for the Lobstick Golf Course is in high gear, as is the actual paving work. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of this year, weather permitting.

9. New Business

- Fire Chief accommodation at Waskesiu

Discussion ensued.

Nancy is to supply more information to Council to help Council understand all of the considerations and be in a better position to recommend to PCA how to handle this request.

Further discussion of this matter has, therefore, been deferred to the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting Date – **Friday, December 11th** – Hawood Inn.

11. Lunch

12. Adjournment

George Wilson/Nancy Wood Archer

Carried

12:26 pm