

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, August 23, 2013 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu Lake, SK

Attending: Brian Morgan, Bryan Matheson, Randy Kershaw, Janice MacKinnon, Jim Kerby, Brent Hamel, Nancy Wood-Archer, Alan Fehr-PCA, Terry Schneider-PCA, Coralee Vaillancourt, Realty Officer-PCA

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:00 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan
Carried
Randy Kershaw/Jim Kerby
4. Approval of July 26th, 2013 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Carried
Randy Kershaw/Jim Kerby
5. Business Arising from Minutes
- Update on Cabin Guidelines
A meeting was held with a committee of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA) executive. Council is waiting for specific concerns from WSRA to be sent to them no later than the end of September. A recommendation was made that the next meeting regarding Cabin Guidelines would be with all three parties involved.
6. Correspondence
- Waskesiu Community Council is now a member of the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce. Membership information was forwarded to all Council members.
- An email was received from Friends of the Park informing Council that they are not renewing their website sponsorship. Their listing has been removed from the website. Friends of the Park are not folding, they are revitalized and continuing to operate.
Council question - Is Parks Canada financially helping Friends of the Park?
The only assistance provided by PCA is to subsidize their rent. Terry is not aware of any other support.
- Council Chair received a letter regarding the Jay/ Kingfisher Flooding, dated August 19, 2013 from Bob McLeod, a resident living on Jay – this will be discussed under Townsite Report.
Motion was made to accept all correspondence
Janice MacKinnon/Jim Kerby **Carried**
7. Townsite Update Terry Schneider **9:30 am**
 - Prince Albert National Park Cabin Area Development Guidelines

As per discussions with Chair of Council the goal is to finalize the new version of the Prince Albert National Park Development Guidelines by the end of September 2013

- SaskTel – New “Stealth Tower” proposal

Working on finalizing details of the License of Occupation with SaskTel officials. SaskTel has been on site to review work required to prepare the site. They will have a geotechnical team at the Park during the week of August 26, 2013 to study soil conditions at the site. SaskTel have also contracted a surveyor to identify the exact location of the proposed tower who intends to be in the Park on August 21, 2014. An Environmental Impact Assessment is to be submitted by SaskTel for the Park’s review prior to the project advancing.

Council question - Have there been complaints to Parks Canada regarding signal interference and residents having to adjust their satellite dishes due to poor signal and poor telephone service?

iNET 2000 was wondering if the light antennas that SaskPower installed on the street lights in the townsite may be on same frequency and causing some interference.

- Arbour Day and Planning for Fall Tree Spade Project

For the September 1, 2013 Arbour Day event the Park is planning to extend the enclosed area that was planted in 2012 along the shoreline of Waskesiu Lake and plant a variety of approximately 50 to 75 trees at this location. This event will be scheduled to start at 9:30 am this year. To work in cooperation with the Waskesiu Foundation, the Lobstick Golf Club and the Waskesiu Community Council, the hospitality lunch that follows the planting annually will be moved to the Waskesiu Golf Course and be served at 11:00 am. Following lunch the 1st hole Lobstick tree removal and planting of a new Lobstick tree will take place and everyone will be welcome to take in this event. Parks will use 40 potted trees from the Museum for Arbour Day. Council Chair will let the Museum know that they will be used.

- Cabin Area Swales

In response to issues with rain fall, a discussion held at the 2013 Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association General meeting, the Townsite brought forward a plan to create additional swales in the cabin area to the management team and has been given permission to create a statement of work to tender this work for the fall of 2013.

Terry Schneider personally went door to door on August 15, 2013 to see Bluebird/Chickadee residents and on August 16, 2013 to see Jay/Kingfisher residents. Based on the feedback received from the sample of residents visited, he instructed PCA Contract Procurement support staff to tender the swale project. Residents were advised that a number of trees would be removed, grey water boxes would be removed and a surface drainage swale would be constructed in the fall of 2013 "if" the tendering process resulted in the Park finding a contractor to proceed with this work. Tendering is scheduled to be posted by August 23, 2013 and close on September 10, 2013.

Residents identified decadent trees, trees infested with ants, trees conflicting with power lines, wet conditions in right of ways and the need to protect private investments as reasons to advance this work.

Townsite staff will be sending out correspondence to all residents on Bluebird/Chickadee and Jay/Kingfisher to inform them about this proposed work this week.

Council Chair brought up concerns relayed to him. Residents on Jay are not wanting all the proposed trees removed. They have agreed to have the sickly trees removed but feel the real issue has never been a run-off issue. The difference on Jay/Kingfisher from Bluebird/Chickadee is the convergence of 5 culverts coming into 1 at the top of the street – there is no other culvert situation like it in the cabin area.

Council Chair has asked Parks to give this some reconsideration before continuing with the decision to put in a swale as the solution.

Parks agreed they will look further into solving the problem. They also agreed to take another look at the job site and respond back to Bob McLeod with their decision before proceeding.

- South Bay

Work has commenced on the construction of a new camp kitchen at South Bay. The Waskesiu Foundation are advancing this project in cooperation with the Park.

Councillor Brent Hamel thanked the Waskesiu Foundation and PCA for cooperating and allowing this partnership.

- Cottage Area – Accessory Buildings

Townsite will be preparing a report to share with WCC on August 23, 2013.

PCA interpretation of the rules – Plumbing is approved in these buildings for laundry only.

Council suggests PCA to be very clear what these buildings can house and the rules are to be upheld with all cottages everywhere in the townsite and applied consistently.

- Tomorrow PCA is testing having a Busker in the Townsite. The Busker is a violin player from the Regina Symphony and will be playing at Museum Camp Kitchen. PCA will see how this is received and perhaps this will be a new venture with PCA and the Community Council ie: Buskers could apply on-line through the waskesiu.org website to perform.

- Fire Dept. Monthly Report – Fire Chief Paul See

“The Fire Department did not respond to any calls in July. We presently have 22 firefighters in our department. The following training was conducted in July. July 9- Hydrant hook-up to fire truck using new 5 inch supply line and using new turbo draft unit to draft water from Waskesiu lake, July 16- Building tour of the Hawood and ground ladder drill, July 23- Medical training with Paramedics and equipment location in Paramedic unit, July 30- Structure fire drill at prospect point.

The Fire Department participated in the Canada Day parade and held a staff BBQ at the Fire Hall. We attended the Children’s Festival with displays and gave tours of the fire truck and equipment. We also conducted a successful fundraiser BBQ at the Festival and we look forward to providing this service again next year. Our next fundraiser will be on August 8 at the Angry Taco. The Fire Department will also support the MS Big Bike Tour and the Outter Limits Fun Run that will be held in Waskesiu in September”.

Rocky Mountain Phoenix will be in Waskesiu in August to do maintenance/service on the fire truck pump. They will also conduct the annual pump test to certify the fire truck pump for insurance purposes.

Motion was made to accept the Townsite report

Jim Kerby/Bryan Matheson

Carried

8. Committee Reports

- Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon
Nothing to report

- Business Relations – Nancy Wood-Archer
No Waskesiu Chamber meeting has been held. No Chamber AGM meeting date has been set. The special event 'A Taste of Waskesiu' planned for August 21st was cancelled due to lack of support from food vendors.

- Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby
No meeting has been held. This committee will continue its Cabin Guidelines work and would like to participate with PCA on the revisions of the Cottage Regulations.

- Community Relations – Nancy Wood-Archer
Discussed under Business Relations Report

- Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw
Nothing to report

- Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan
Arbour Day Activities – covered under the Townsite Report

- The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby
Jim thanked PCA for participating in the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to recognize the Camp Kitchen program and its success to date.
Next summer there is potential for another celebration/ribbon cutting when the balance of Camp Kitchens in the Townsite and outlying Camp Kitchens will all be updated.
Lobsitck renewal celebration will be held on Sunday, September 1st at 12 noon.
The Foundation will be revisiting their visioning process at next weeks' meeting.

Motion to accept all Committee Reports

Janice MacKinnon/Randy Kershaw

Carried

9. New Business

- Report on AGM Attendance

At the AGM Councillor Randy Kershaw surveyed everyone as they entered the meeting. A total of 50 people attended. They were asked how they heard about the meeting 1) Posters – 2%, 2) WSRA Email – 10%, 3) Flyer delivered by fire dept. to all cabins/cottages - 54% 4) Personal invite from a Councillor – 24%, or 5) Sandwich Board sign outside Trading Post – 0%

It was recommended that next year Council do door to door flyers again as well as having WSRA send out an invitation email to all their members.

PCA suggested we use the DMO website to Twitter/Tweet the meeting details.

- Determine 2014 AGM date

August 10, 2014 has been chosen. WCC Administrator is to check out where it will be held and if any special events are on at same time and may change the date to try to avoid any conflict.

- Riffle Dam – Blockage affecting flow of river

Council suggested the Waskesiu community has a PR problem and a negative perception of PANP due to their seeming reluctance to remove the blockage which appears to affect the flow of the river, keeping the lake level up which is eroding the shoreline and the loss of beaches. Perhaps they could remove blockage, which at the very least, would change the perception and improve the optics.

PCA is working on removing the mat and the large, dead tree.

- No signage on Terrace Gardens

PCA is looking for a good photo of the old Terrace Gardens sign to use as a guide for a new one.

11. Visioning Process **10:30 am to 2:00 pm**

12. Lunch **12:00 noon**

13. Next Meeting – Friday, September 27th - Waskesiu Lake Lodge

14. Adjournment **1:30 pm**

Randy Kershaw/Bryan Matheson

Carried