

Waskesiu Community Association Inc.  
Annual General Meeting  
Community Hall, Waskesiu, SK  
Thursday, 29 July 2010 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**  
(subject to ratification)

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| Bryan Matheson, Chairperson<br>Member at Large | Janice MacKinnon<br>Member at Large                | Brent Hamel<br>Year Round/Seasonal<br>Residents' Representative |
| John Stevenson<br>Cottage Owner Representative | Tim Degelman<br>Commercial Lessees' Representative |   |

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Present: Twenty five members; Sergeant Gabriel, RCMP; Terry Schneider, Parks Canada; Carla Flaman, Parks Canada

**Community Council Chairman 2009/10 and Chair of the meeting - Bryan Matheson**

**1. Opening Remarks:**

- Introduction of 2009/10 Council Members  
*Bryan Matheson, Janice MacKinnon, Brent Hamel, John Stevenson, Tim Degelman, Terri Royea (administrator)*
- Adoption of 2010 Agenda  
*Moved by Sheila Gagne, Seconded by Laura Lacoursiere* Carried
- Adoption of 2009 AGM minutes  
*Moved by Stan Bartel, Seconded by Rick Dare* Carried

**2. Waiver of Appointment of Auditor and Reviewer's Report for the 2008/09 Fiscal Year:**

- Moved by Rick Dare, Seconded by John Stevenson Carried  
*"That the Waskesiu Community Council dispense with the appointment of an auditor and reviewer's report for the 2009/10 fiscal year of the Corporation."*

**3. Presentation and Adoption of Financial Information:**

- Moved by Brian Jackson, Seconded by Stan Bartel Carried  
*"That the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the last fiscal year of the Corporation, in the form presented to this Annual General Meeting, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted."*

**4. Law Enforcement – RCMP**

Sergeant Jamie Gabriel attended and provided statistics for the month of July 2010: 1 traffic collision; 5 traffic offences; 2 National Parks Act complaints, 12 other provincial stats, 2 Criminal Code, 1 B&E to business; 1 uttering threats and assault; 2 mischief, 1 property crime, 1 missing person complaint.

The cabin area over winter had approximately 30 B&Es. Sgt. Gabriel gave an overview of the preventative measures tried over the winter: laser beam motion detector - was tripped all the time at East Gate so removed, but kept South Gate one. Camera/motion detector used, but was incorrectly set, so not useful; this winter, will install equipment and test prior to snow fall. Put in

request for snow machines to patrol around cabins/cottages. Has been approved; waiting for machines.

Member question regarding reporting to property owners of B&Es: Parks has up to date information, why wasn't RCMP contacting owners as soon as the B&Es were discovered? Sgt. Gabriel replied that he didn't know why it wasn't done. It is the policy to do so.

Member question regarding barricaded roads in winter: Prospect Point cannot be blocked off at both ends because Parks requires access to Superintendent's residence to monitor utilities.

Member comment: thanks to RCMP for approaching people who were opening cabin for friends; RCMP stopped to ask if people were authorized to be there.

Council reiterated the need to have effective communication between between Parks, RCMP and property owners, and for property owners to ensure Parks has your up-to-date contact information.

#### **5. Parks Canada – Terry Schneider**

Law enforcement: The park now has 3 law enforcement officers; 2 new wardens have completed training and working in park. Main priority is National Parks Regulation enforcement, but can also do law enforcement as required.

The community plan amendments are now between the Director General and the Minister's office for approval.

\$ 20 M capital work spent in last 2-3 years, lagoon upgrades 8-9M; 8.2M roads; purchased recycle bins in cabin area (well used); shingled Chamber building; Seasonal Staff Trailer Park washroom project - will be available to the public for off season use. Waste truck compaction unit, new fire truck in spring. In the middle of planning work with Council and Parks on Day Use Conceptual Plan - this provides opportunities for investment in park.

Four bears destroyed so far this year; 3 last year. Continue to encourage people to remove bear attractants; door to door campaign in next weeks to share information.

Cabin area – seven park areas (old washroom sites) open for design and development; received a couple of plans to date. Bring your plans to park office for approval.

Decennial land rent review; public meeting last Friday. Appraisal is under review and will confirm or adjust where required. Other topics spoken to at Parks AGM last week.

Member question about SSTP new washroom facility: this be full washrooms, barrier free access, used in off-season (shoulder), and the plan is to move forward this fall.

Parking, illegal parking: Parks has spoken to the marina operator and he has 40-50 sites in a compound to provide long term storage for boats, etc. There is an open area at marina to accommodate short term parking for boats, trailers, etc. Notices will be posted in near future to address illegal parking in residential areas.

Member request for update on fire department: currently 2 or 3 captains, 10-12 members, still seeking fire chief. Have back up support from Buckland Fire Department, a two-year agreement. They are called on 911 calls, and will attend unless specifically asked to stand down. Buckland FD was up last weekend and reviewed equipment and community. Feel confident in equipment infrastructure to fight fire.

Used 2001 Pierce Contender pumper fire truck brought into service mid-May; cost approximately \$150K.

#### **6. Waskesiu Foundation – John Stevenson**

Annual dinner held a few weekends ago, artist Jason Bantle gave presentation and the evening was a very successful event.

Completed projects are resurfacing of tennis court; fixing of fences around tennis courts; Lookout and landscaping at former band stand, encouraged native planting in flower gardens; looking after some upgrades to Community Hall - kitchen being redone; plan waiting for Parks approval to upgrade stage; upgrading washrooms is a possibility.

The Foundation gives annual donation to WADRA.

Memorial bench program: installed 69 benches, 15 more waiting approval. Benches are \$1,500 and that includes maintenance for 20 years.

Still looking at possibility of creating pavilion meeting place near Community Hall; still in concept stage.

Small commitment to Terrace Gardens to provide upgrades \$12-15K.

Alan Fehr initiated project from breakwater to Bittern beach lake front “Day Use Conceptual Plan”. Recommendations to be submitted to Parks by October 15. It is a long term plan, 5-10 years to complete. Foundation has over \$200K in bank; wants to spend it on something good for park and people in park. Day use plan fits into the Foundation’s mandate.

Member suggested the plan incorporate work done to the retaining walls on Bittern (ski) beach.

Member thanked Foundation for \$8K donation to Heritage Museum for camp kitchen.

#### **7. www.waskesiu.org – Brent Hamel**

The current [waskesiu.org](http://www.waskesiu.org) site design is 6 or 7 years old. It was decided last year to update the design to be easier to keep current and more relevant; update pictures quickly, easier for sponsors to update their information. More streamlined to view, use and update.

In the last year the site has had 4 million hits, 100K visits. [Waskesiu.org](http://Waskesiu.org) is the first site that comes up when searching “Waskesiu”. Bryan Robertson will be working on new design and hopes to have it in place by winter.

#### **8. Vegetation Management – Bryan Matheson**

Jeff Weir has developed a long-term plan to work on vegetation in the townsite. Need to have reforestation as trees age and die. A tree nursery will be developed behind Wapiti recycle area (old compound area). Part will be fenced off to grow leafy trees that elk will not destroy, to allow them to grow to height to be moved to new areas. Will continue to plant trees throughout park in different areas as needed. The spruce trees are hardier and don’t need protection. Leafy trees need rail fences to protect plantings until they grow bigger.

This is a long term plan for sustainability of trees; coming together pretty well and hope for good results in future. On July 7 Terry Schneider had meeting with public and developed Draft 4 of plan.

Member question: is there protection for the spruce trees in view of another bud worm attack? The last meeting of Waskesiu Summer Residents Association voted unanimously to implement budworm spray program. Council will be receiving a letter from WSRA; will address the subject at that time.

Arbour Day will be held Sunday, September 5, 2010. Watch for posters and notices.

#### **9. Management Plan/Community Plan – John Stevenson**

Nothing new to report. The 2008 plan was conditionally approved by Council on the condition that when leases were sold, the money received would remain in the park. The plan is now in Ottawa; been advised that Parks wants to submit all community plans for all parks together to Parliament; Riding Mountain is just starting to prepare their plan. The plan is to be updated every five years.

There was discussion regarding congestion in the cabin area and if new lots are released, that will contribute to the congestion. Also, when the cabin area was moved to its present location, there was a plan at that time to make a parking lot on the other side of Tamarack Street to help alleviate parking congestion. This is still needed.

Member question about Land Use Directive: The LUD is not part of Community Plan and is a separate local document. Council is working with Parks to resolve concerns with draft amendments.

#### **10. Utilities Budget – Bryan Matheson**

The utility budget is set for cost of money we can borrow and pay back, and cost of water and sewer services. Capital expenditures with lagoon project has moved us to maximum amount that we can borrow, that we have to pay back. Parks has added to our capital above that with inclusion of the fire truck, the compacting garbage truck; we have reached limit of approximately \$1.1M. We're paying back that amount of money, as well as water/sewer utilities on a "break even" (user pay) basis. Not much more spending, through to 2018. Parks can/will do capital projects, but it won't affect our budget, i.e. streets/road work.

Member question regarding force main repair or replacement. Terry Schneider advises it is (and has been) on the capital work plan, but not in next year or so.

Member question regarding debt on lagoon improvements. The agreement signed in 2007 for municipality stated this would be paid by Parks. Council did revisit that but was advised that the agreement would go into effect upon forming municipality. The commitment made well before municipal status was a possibility, but there was no supporting paperwork on file.

#### **11. Question and Answer Session**

Member raised his concern regarding effective communication of events happening in the park and feels the current systems are not adequate. Carla Flaman outlined the variety of media which Parks and Council use to ensure the information reaches the widest audience it can (weekly bulletin sent to all board members of partners; email distribution list anyone can ask to be included on, the website, summer door to door flyer drop, newsletters, gate handouts, emails, weekly bulletins just inside door of Visitor Centre, posters on bulletin boards around town). It's up to the individual to obtain the information in the format of their choosing. Members are encouraged to bring forward ideas for improvement of the system.

Member raised concern of vehicles driving over the grass/bike path from cabin streets to access Waskesiu Drive.

Member commended Council for organizing land rent information meeting last week and asked what is Council's plan for this matter. Some individuals met after with Crawford Kilpatrick, Chief of Realty Services for Parks. Member is concerned with revamping a broken land rent system. Council has not met since that information session but will discuss and move forward and member comments will be taken into consideration.

Janice MacKinnon spoke to both Crawford Kilpatrick, Chief, Realty, Parks Canada and Kurt Wright, appraiser with Public Works and Government Services Canada who oversee the appraisal process. If members are concerned about appraisals, you need to act now, send an email to Wright if your concern is the appraisal; send an email to Kilpatrick if your concern is the land rent system and the inequities in same. These issues are being considered now; need emails from people who are concerned about it.

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July 2, 1010 article in Globe and Mail on national parks: attendance declining, Minister Jim Prentice is concerned, need to increase attendance; Parks is committed to doing what is needed to change it, i.e. more attractions and better infrastructure. The changes Parks is making to community is contrary to this, as is land rent system. Would like Council to address system, even at a ministerial level if required.

Tim Degelman gave a brief overview of the draft Land Use Directive and his meetings with Terry Schneider and Coralee Vaillancourt. Some progress has been made since 3-4 months ago. Definitions and interpretation of definitions is the concern of Council. The Community Planning Policy Committee is working hard to find a resolution to keep the business community in Waskesiu viable and allow renewal of aging structures that need to be rebuilt. There is passion to take it to higher levels on certain front; but there is a need to have the LUD in place to not hold back developments in the queue right now.

Member advised he met with Kilpatrick after information meeting and asked about the fourth option on commercial leases - the "percentage of gross revenue" (PGR) option. He was advised that the long term plan is to get all commercial sectors on PGR. This is a major concern for commercial lessees and is worrying for the future of the park.

Member question on how to present cabin owners' concerns regarding congestion and the release of lots in the cabin area. Letters may be sent to WSRA and/or Council with your concerns.

Member raised concern about skateboarders speeding down newly paved streets in cabin area. Council advises that speed humps will be installed this fall, two per street in cabin area.

## **12. Adjournment**

moved by Sheila Gagne

11:45 am

# Waskesiu Community Council

## Bank Reconciliation 2009/10

| Date      |                     | chq # | cheque      | deposit     |             |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|           | Opening balance     |       |             |             | \$ 8,511.36 |
| 7-Apr-09  | RWT Consulting      | 61    | \$ 892.50   |             |             |
| 30-Apr-09 | s/c                 |       | \$ 2.50     |             |             |
| 8-May-09  | RWT Consulting      | 62    | \$ 1,233.75 |             |             |
| 19-May-09 | Deposit             |       |             | \$ 3,097.50 |             |
| 31-May-09 | s/c                 |       | \$ 1.25     |             |             |
| 26-Jun-09 | Waskesiu Chamber    | 63    | \$ 210.00   |             |             |
| 26-Jun-09 | RWT Consulting      | 64    | \$ 1,496.25 |             |             |
| 26-Jun-09 | Affinity Insurance  | 65    | \$ 483.60   |             |             |
| 23-Jul-09 | Deposit             |       |             | \$ 2,980.00 |             |
| 27-Jul-09 | RWT Consulting      | 66    | \$ 971.25   |             |             |
| 27-Jul-09 | RWT Consulting      | 67    | \$ 1,470.00 |             |             |
| 27-Jul-09 | RWT Consulting      | 68    | \$ 603.75   |             |             |
| 27-Jul-09 | Don Ravis           | 69    | \$ 560.18   |             |             |
| 28-Jul-09 | Bryan Robertson     | 57    | \$ 292.80   |             |             |
| 31-Jul-09 | s/c                 |       | \$ 8.75     |             |             |
| 2-Aug-09  | Minister of Finance | 70    | \$ 10.00    |             |             |
| 2-Aug-09  | RWT Consulting      | 71    | \$ 50.00    |             |             |
| 31-Aug-09 | s/c                 |       | \$ 3.75     |             |             |
| 2-Oct-09  | Deposit             |       |             | \$ 6,045.00 |             |
| 22-Oct-09 | member shares       |       | \$ 5.00     |             |             |
| 29-Oct-09 | cheques printed     |       | \$ 11.00    |             |             |
| 31-Oct-09 | s/c                 |       | \$ 7.00     |             |             |
| 17-Nov-09 | Terri Lee Royea     | 1     | \$ 915.00   |             |             |
| 20-Nov-09 | Balon & Krishnan    | 2     | \$ 57.00    |             |             |
| 3-Dec-09  | Terri Lee Royea     | 3     | \$ 600.00   |             |             |
| 31-Dec-09 | s/c                 |       | \$ 7.70     |             |             |
| 1-Jan-10  | Terri Lee Royea     | 4     | \$ 600.00   |             |             |
| 31-Jan-10 | s/c                 |       | \$ 5.90     |             |             |
| 2-Feb-10  | Terri Lee Royea     | 5     | \$ 600.00   |             |             |
| 28-Feb-10 | s/c                 |       | \$ 5.90     |             |             |
| 1-Mar-10  | Terri Lee Royea     | 6     | \$ 600.00   |             |             |
| 31-Mar-10 | s/c                 |       | \$ 5.90     |             |             |

\$ 11,710.73    \$ 12,122.50    \$ 8,923.13

adj o/s item never credited to acct (chq#57?)    \$ 18.25

\$ 8,941.38

TERM DEPOSIT

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 2009 balance | \$ 11,778.82        |
| interest     | \$ 455.46           |
| 31-Mar-10    | <u>\$ 12,234.38</u> |