

## WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu Lake, SK

Attending: Randy Kershaw\*, Brian Morgan,\*Jim Kerby\*, Nancy Wood Archer, Janice MacKinnon\*, Alan Fehr-PCA, Terry Schneider-PCA, Noreen Matthews-Administrator\* \*(Participated by phone)

Guests: RCMP Constables Applegate and Bunjebac, Gregg Rutten – PCA Administrative Services Officer (Townsite), George Wilson – Manager, Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce

Regrets: Brent Hamel

Absent: Bryan Matheson

### Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:13 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions Brian Morgan  
**Carried**  
*Janice McKinnon/Nancy Wood-Archer*
4. Approval of February 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan  
**Carried**  
*Randy Kershaw/Jim Kerby*
5. Business Arising from Minutes  
None
6. Correspondence  
Letter to Herb Pinder re: SaskTel Proposal  
Administrator to send correspondence to Rob Philips, President of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association, with a request to have it circulated to the WSRA membership.
7. RCMP- Annual Performance Plan **10:00 am**  
- Presented by RCMP Constables Applegate and Bunjebac. The plan is to follow a similar program to last year. They are very focused on traffic safety. The speed monitor will be set up once again this May long weekend with plans for an extra officer from North Battleford. As of April 1st one new member arrives for a total of four members in Waskesiu and four in Montreal Lake. The new off-sale license at LT's has increased their work load considerably.
8. Townsite Update Terry Schneider

- Spring Snow Clearing  
Residential Areas have been opened this week. Streets are passable through 2-3 feet of snow! Gates will remain in place until March 31, 2013.
- Finance Report  
Report was presented and discussed.
- SaskPower – Right of Way Tree Maintenance Program  
Phase 1 will be tree maintenance in forest area between Tamarack Road and Highway 264, Montreal Drive Alley Way and the lane behind Post Office to the RCMP office has commenced. Prior to starting Phase 2 SaskPower and Parks Canada will host an open house event (Date to be determined) to explain what SaskPower's intentions are for residential and downtown core commercial areas of Waskesiu. Council suggested, that given the May long weekend is usually when seasonal residents are opening their cottages and cabins, it may well be preferable to look to a date in June.  
Phase 3 will involve separate discussions with members of the Lobstick Golf Club Inc.
- SaskPower – Street Lighting Retrofit Project  
This project continues to advance. SaskPower commits to completing this project during the spring but no confirmed end date has been set.
- Litter Blitz & SaskPower Tree Maintenance Open House  
Inquiry if Council is interested in promoting a community litter blitz. The Park would provide for a hot dog roast for volunteers and park staff involved in this event. SaskPower would also like to share information about their tree maintenance program and this could possibly be a combined with the litter blitz event. *(Council agreed with project idea and thought that Mother's Day weekend could be a date for the Litter Blitz to shoot for .)*
- SaskTel – New "Stealth Tower" proposal  
Project update prepared and sent to Brian Morgan as per his February 28, 2013 phone request. A letter detailing the proposal, written by Brian Morgan, was emailed to the President and Chairman of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Assoc. along with a request to have it shared with WSRA membership. It was also posted on the home page of the waskesiu.org website.
- Ski Trail Track Setting  
The Waskesiu Lake Ski Club has asked the Park to consider renewing the existing agreement for an additional five years. Their request is currently under review by Parks Canada.
- Otentiks  
Alternative accommodation units designed to provide alternative visitation offer. 10 units to be located in Beaver Glen Campground in "Loop R". Otentiks were trialed in Quebec and Manitoba in 2012. No specific availability date confirmed for Prince Albert National Park but goal is to have Otentiks available for renting during summer of 2013.

- **Waskesiu Golf Course Lease**  
Renewed lease process at the Waskesiu Golf Course with Lobstick Golf Club Inc. has been completed.
- **Fire Chief Contract**  
Advertisements have been posted to call for request for proposals for the position of Volunteer Fire Chief. The existing contract with Terry Novakovski will expire at the end of March 2013.
- **Prince Albert National Park – DRAFT Cabin Area Development Guidelines**  
Draft copy of proposed guidelines to follow no later than Monday. Copy to be shared with Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association. Gregg Rutten has returned to Townsite office and will assist in leading discussion on the draft review.  
Final recommendations from WCC are required prior to the May long weekend.  
Terry Schneider is to email the DRAFT document, with all changes made, to Jim Kerby. Jim will run the document through a special Tracking Program that has the ability to indicate all changes that have been made since the original DRAFT.
- **Water Treatment Plant**  
Both the micro filtration and conventional sand filtration systems will be overhauled this spring. In the interest of public safety and given field unit budget were available to finance this project the Field Unit management team authorized it to advance in February 2013.

The sand and coal media housed inside the flock tanks of the conventional sand filtration system, along with a series of valves at the bottom of the tank will be replaced. Cost is approximately \$18 K

The microfiltration plant will have the plastic strand fibre cassettes replaced. Approximate cost \$ 10 K to \$14 K.

#### 9. Committee Reports

*Budget/Finance* – Janice MacKinnon

- Janice read somewhere there were **more** in cuts coming in Parks Canada Annual Budget.

*Business Relations* – Nancy Wood-Archer

- No Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce meetings have been held over the winter. Received an inquiry to start a new business in Waskesiu. No work has started on the Lakeview Hotel.

*Community Development & Planning* – Jim Kerby

- No committee meeting. Spoke with Brent Hamel and Brian Morgan regarding the Townsite Vision opportunity.

*Community Relations* – Nancy Wood-Archer

- Nothing more to report than above Business Relations report.

*Essential Services – Policing and Fire* – Randy Kershaw/Nancy Wood-Archer

- Nothing to report on Policing

- Nancy reported there was some interest in the Fire Chief job (current contract expires March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013) – weekly volunteer training has been held over winter months.

*Vegetation Management* – Brian Morgan

- SaskPower already doing some tree trimming as part of Right of Way Tree Maintenance Program.

*The Waskesiu Foundation* – Randy Kershaw

-Jim Kerby reported update from the Foundation's March 10 meeting:

The townsite camp kitchen update program has 2 camp kitchens left to be renovated. A donor has come forward to sponsor one.

WFI now has an understanding with PCA on what they want to do with the camp kitchen across from Administration Building. This will be the same size as the existing camp kitchen but will be designed to be used in all seasons. Terry Schneider will be talking to Dave Archer for the design/building. Paignton Beach camp kitchen improvements is work in progress.

The idea of developing a new camp kitchen at South Bay is being discussed. The Foundation would like to build and pay for a South Bay camp kitchen and have PCA maintain its structure. Design and citing approval from PCA is required prior to this project advancing.

Sponsors have been identified for a Birch Bay camp kitchen renovation. The scope of the project needs to be confirmed prior to being advanced.

Grit McCreath will join the Foundation Board officially on May 1, 2013.

Governance/board manual is in the works.

Vision strategy session with PCA is being planned for summer 2013 (*No date set yet as per below*).

Annual Donor Recognition & Fundraising Dinner is happening on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Hall.

#### 10. New Business

- Discuss and set date for a Waskesiu Townsite "Future Vision" session with Parks Canada, Waskesiu Foundation and Waskesiu Community Council – Jim Kerby

The Waskesiu Foundation and Waskesiu Community Council would like to determine a five and ten year vision of Waskesiu in unison with Parks Canada. We would like to determine what role other community players can take in helping to achieve a common vision.

Alan Fehr commented he would like the WCC and WFI to provide PCA with a conceptual agenda for this Future Vision/Think Tank session. Alan Fehr, Terry Schneider and Carla Flaman can be available for a brainstorming session between now and summer.

Waskesiu Community Plan – need to look at it as part of this session.

Council will get back to Alan with a proposed date for the session.

#### 11. Next meeting – April 19 or 26 or May dates TBA – Administrator to poll Council.

#### 12. Adjournment

**12:00**

***Nancy Wood-Archer/Randy Kershaw***