

## WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 - 9:00 am - WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, SK – **Spruce River Room**

Attending: Brian Morgan, Jim Kerby, Brent Hamel, Janice MacKinnon, Randy Kershaw, Nancy Wood Archer, Bryan Matheson\*, PCA – Alan Fehr and Gregg Rutten.  
(\*Phone in)

### Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:03 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan  
Jim Kerby/Janice MacKinnon **Carried**
4. Approval of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan  
Typing error noted . . . Page 2, under item #6 – “Another concern is community members may start meetings or take other actions which may adversely impact ~~of~~ or affect the good work now being done between PCA and the marina lessee/operator to potentially improve the marina infrastructure.”  
Motion was made for the approval of the amended April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting Minutes.  
**Janice MacKinnon/Brent Hamel** **Carried**
5. Business Arising from the Minutes  
- Election – The Nomination Committee to meet this week.  
Nomination deadline (Nomination Day) is Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.  
A motion was made that, in the event there is an election, Council will need to hire a Returning Officer and Council hereby authorizes the Chair to appoint a qualified candidate.  
**Janice MacKinnon/Jim Kerby** **Carried**  
A nomination package will be mailed to Bryan Matheson.  
- Follow up on 2020 Vision and Beyond -  
The Community Development & Planning committee gave a brief recap of the May 9<sup>th</sup> Roundtable session held at Wanuskewin. The session was overall very successful although it was determined four hours was not enough time to cover everything. The committee confirmed stakeholders commitments to the Community Action Plan items - all yellow highlighted sections and all sections previously marked with a question mark (i.e. ?) have been or will now be removed from the document.  
Final distribution of the Community Action Plan, but still marked DRAFT – will now go out to all stakeholders.  
It was decided the committee needs to establish approx. dollar amounts for the projects and put them in the Community Action Plan document. The document must be more clear on time frames, the committee needs to take another look back at them and see if we have put too much in some years or is there a need to spread the action items out over time?  
When this Community Action Plan goes out to the Waskesiu community as a final product, it will influence how the new Waskesiu Community Council structures its committees.

Revised Community Action Plan chart, with changes from the Leaders' Roundtable, will be updated within the week.

Council understands that the number one issue is parking and is happy Parks Canada also has made it a number one priority.

A statement was made about the mini golf project; it is critically important to show the Community Council and PCA are behind this as a priority project, if indeed such is the case, and supporting the fact the Chamber of Commerce would use the profits generated to re-invest into the community, particularly for recreation purposes. The Waskesiu Foundation will also show its support – conditional on evidence that other leadership groups, including Council, support the project. Council should, if it endorses this project as a priority, encourage other stakeholders to show their support as well.

It was also suggested this should be promoted as not just being the "Chamber", but the Waskesiu Chamber and Recreation Association – to help encourage community support.

It was suggested the Chamber of Commerce should be invited to present their project to Council asking for support and to confirm that the project is not only supported by the WCC, but that the same is also a priority. Nancy will invite the Chamber to the June meeting to make a presentation to Council.

PCA agrees this is a great project and is very supportive. They will put funds toward it in a similar way as they supported the Playground Renewal Project. This will, in PCA's opinion, be a great addition to recreational activities as part of an improved "offering" in Waskesiu.

- Paul Horne Arena – nothing is in the works for infrastructure but PCA is willing to put funds toward it.

It was suggested Council needs to show support for year round facilities, treat this as a long term investment plan.

At the next meeting Council will take final look at its priorities in relation to the Community Action Plan.

PCA commented one thing that can be difficult is if too many priorities are shown for the immediate upcoming years – i.e. don't have more in the first few years than can be accomplished.

When it comes to doing business plans for the smaller projects, being those under \$100,000, it was suggested that a partnering agreement be developed with the Community Stakeholders/Council/Waskesiu Foundation.

- Waskesiu Foundation Update

A reminder the Annual Donor Recognition & Fundraising Dinner is on July 11 and almost sold out. There are approx. 15 tickets left.

The Foundation is kicking the new "Planned Giving" campaign into gear this summer. The Donor Kiosk has been updated. Bears on the Beach playground build is being held on May 28, 29, and 30.

A typo on the left hand panel on the east side of the Kiosk was pointed out, the word 'program' was incorrect.

6. Correspondence

- Email received from Herve Langlois Re: Community Stakeholders' Leadership Roundtable Meeting.

7. Townsite Update

Gregg Rutten

10:00 am

Election Mail out

PANP townsite and finance staff mailed out election notice to all cabin, cottage and commercial leaseholders as well as permanent Waskesiu residents.

### Playground Project

Crane has been booked for May 28, 2015.

PANP will deliver and unload playground components to the playground site on May 27, 2015.

PANP will provide 2-4 employees to assist with the build on May 28 & 29, 2015.

PANP will provide high-visibility vests and hard hats for all volunteers.

Construction fencing will be put around the project

12" sand is acceptable for a base under the playground equipment.

### Waskesiu Lakeside Festival 2015

Contracts have been signed with all entertainers.

Committee meeting has been set for June 4, 2015.

### 2013 Cabin Guidelines

Proposed Amendment to *2013 Prince Albert National Park Cabin Development Guidelines*

Section referring to Sidewalks and Decks.

Final wording has been sent to WSRA for review and comment.

Chair suggested Gregg remind WSRA and inquire how it is coming along.

### Townsite Staffing Update

Gregg Rutten's appointment has been extended to July 15, 2015 (as acting townsite manager).

Paulette Hodgson is backfilling for Gregg Rutten for the same time period.

### Yard Waste Directive

Copy provided for Council's review – will be added to next meeting agenda.

New directive comes into force April 1, 2016.

PCA will continue to pick up un-bagged leaves and cut branches until May 31. After May 31, residents need to bag leaves and place beside (not in) bins. Tree branches are to be cut in one meter length, tied and put beside bins. People with large loads can use the new Sign out system that has been set up - people can get a key from PCA to dump large loads.

### Townsite Wi-Fi

Parks Canada Agency is exploring opportunities to provide Wi-Fi at key locations but does not have an implementation date at this time. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

To be completed soon.

## 8. Committee Reports

### **Budget/Finance** – Janice MacKinnon

Discussed projects the upcoming federal funding will cover.

PCA reported the following projects will be covered:

Flood money for slump behind the Nature Centre, Highway 263/Cookson Road repairs, Nemekus road repairs, the north shore road, the Marina parking lot, boat launch, the foot bridge, the generator at compound, replacing lift station pumps, improvements to seasonal staff trailer park and washroom, improvements to Beaver Glen and Red Deer Campgrounds, upgrading to some of the trails, the Narrows Campground and Seasonal Staff Trailer Park.

### **Business Relations** – Nancy Wood Archer

- Business Relations Committee will pursue the issue of percentage of gross rent with PCA.

Council asked PCA if the percentage of gross rent is a policy or a regulation. Is there room for PCA to make any changes? Council is concerned about what works best for the Waskesiu community – can it be changed within the policy/regulation?

PCA answer: it is a PCA national policy that has been in place since 2004.

PCA is researching what can be done.

- Angry Taco closed for the season – signage is in the works, Nancy will work with Gregg on wording.

- Patio Café did not open on the May long, not opening until June.

**Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby**

Report covered under New Business Arising from the Minutes (i.e. focus of the Committee's work is on the Community Action Plan).

**Community Relations – Nancy Wood Archer**

- Local resident Bill Zapaniuk turns 100 years old this year!

**Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw**

Fire Chief Monthly Report for April, 2015 was circulated earlier.

Sergeant Pressler reported the May Long weekend was one of the quietest in memory, no problems arose.

**Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan**

Brian plans to sit down with the Waskesiu Foundation to discuss the amount of money available for Vegetation Management from the Foundation.

Foundation would like to re-vegetate the main beach area or another highly visible (obvious) changes (i.e.: bringing in larger trees). Brian will touch base with Gregg Rutten and Dustin Guedo.

**The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby**

Report covered under New Business Arising from the Minutes.

Motion was made to adopt all reports given.

**Randy Kershaw/Jim Kerby**

**Carried**

9. New Business

- Evaluation of Parks Canada Townsites Survey by Parks Canada Head Office

Dated March 31<sup>st</sup> – this survey was received by Jim Kerby, Brian Morgan and Randy Kershaw.

PCA will share the survey results when it is completed.

- Criteria for getting space in the staff trailer park was discussed

Criteria is listed in the Housing Directive. Two thirds of the space is for the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, and one third is for PCA staff.

PCA will send the information to Randy.

- Arrival date for dumpster for commercial and household garbage.

Comment was made the dumpster should be here at least by May 1<sup>st</sup> and stay until Thanksgiving.

PCA – sees no problem with bringing it in earlier in the spring and having it stay late into the fall.

- A motion was made for the Chair to send a congratulatory letter to Mr. Zapaniuk.

**Bryan Matheson/Randy Kershaw**

**Carried**

10. Next Meeting – Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Hawood Inn

11. Lunch

12. Adjournment

**1:15 pm**

***Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel***