

**WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**



DATE: Friday, June 23, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: The Hawood Inn – Boardroom

ATTENDING: Jim Kerby, Randy Kershaw, Bryan Matheson, Nancy Wood Archer, Janice MacKinnon*
*Phone in (left the meeting at 11:25 am)
PCA: David Britton, Gregg Rutten
Guests: PCA - Brenda Georget, Norm Stolle

REGRETS: Brent Hamel

- 1. Call to Order** **Jim Kerby** **8:59 a.m.**
- 2. In-camera session**
Motion to move 'In Camera'
Bryan Matheson/Nancy Wood Archer *Carried Unanimously*
Motion to move back to the Public Meeting
Nancy Wood Archer/Randy Kershaw *Carried Unanimously*
- 3. Adoption of Agenda for the Public Meeting** **Jim Kerby** **10:30 a.m.**
Motion to adopt the Agenda for the Public Meeting
Randy Kershaw/Bryan Matheson *Carried Unanimously*
- 4. Adoption of May 4th, 2017 Meeting Minutes**
Motion to adopt the May 4th, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated
Randy Kershaw/Bryan Matheson *Carried Unanimously*
- 5. Business arising from the Minutes:**
 - PCA Townsite Finances** **Brenda Georget** **10:30 a.m.**
 - Financial Report - PCA was asked to explain or present a breakdown of the Townsite Day Use Kitchen Shelters.
Council asked if there has been any thought given to go to solar power to run the lagoon as there are new federal programs available.
Council to determine how they would like certain townsite related billings to be shown on the annual Financial Report and to let Gregg Rutten know.
 - Net Capital Debt – Repayment plan – it was agreed that PCA should leave the repayment plan as suggested (\$2800 per year for 5 years)
 - Water Sewage Garbage – Fees set for 2017/2018 were presented.

A motion was made to accept the 2017/2018 Water/Sewer and Garbage fees as presented.

Janice MacKinnon/ Bryan Matheson

Carried Unanimously

Further discussion ensued on the PCA Townsite Finances. Council requested that the SaskPower Winter Shut off charges be addressed and that the 2017/2018 Townsite Budget be finalized at the next Council meeting.

• Reforestation Strategy

Norm Stolle

11:10 a.m.

The current Waskesiu Vegetation Management Strategy was completed in 2003 during the Spruce Budworm infestation. Several actions were identified in that strategy from reforestation to budworm control and “fire smarting” the community. The schedule for identified actions ended in 2007. Several of the actions have continued on, others were never fully implemented. In 2010 a Reforestation Plan was developed for Waskesiu which identified a planting and regeneration program. Many of these actions have been completed as well. In 2015 the Community of Waskesiu developed the "Vision 2020 and Beyond" document which speaks to managing vegetation within the community.

These earlier generation documents give direction to certain aspects of vegetation management within the community but do not bring all the issues together in a strategic format that will set direction for the next 10-15 years. Therefore, what is proposed by PCA is to update the 2003 Vegetation Strategy so it is, in fact, ‘strategic’ and so that it takes a holistic approach looking at the next 10-15-year period.

Areas to be included are:

- 1) Reforestation and maintenance (including view scapes) of vegetation,
- 2) Fire smart (landscape, community, and leasehold scale),
- 3) Invasive plants,
- 4) Hazardous tree management,
- 5) Insect defoliation,
- 6) Stewardship, and
- 7) Communications.

The plan would be developed in consultation with the Waskesiu Community Council and the wider community. The plan would also be designed to be more strategic than the 2003 plan.

Schedule:

- August/Sept 2017 - apply for funding to extend a staff member to work on the plan.
- September 2017 - initiate plan development (work with Council, possible workshop format).
- December 2017 - complete an initial draft for internal review.
- January 2018 - develop a Consultation Strategy
- February 2018 - final version of the draft plan prepared to take to public consultation.
- July - August 2018 – public consultation.
- November 2018 - finalize document
- December 2018 - develop plan implementation tools.
- April 2019 - implement Strategy and Communicate Plan.

• Floor Area Ratio Statistics

- PCA presented a Commercial Growth Limits document for discussion with Council.

Discussion ensued.

• **Land Use Directive document** –Floor area ratio limits for the entire Waskesiu community are legislated nationally and certain information regarding floor area ratios is further defined in the Land Use Directive. Discussion ensued regarding the floor area ratio concept and related subjects in the Waskesiu Land Use Directive. Council suggested there needs to be a way for Council and Chamber to participate in the Land Use Directive changes to ensure they work for everyone.

• **Status Updates on the following:**

- **Kapasawin Development:**

The environmental assessment process continues to move forward.

Council asked about the pending change to the PCA Commercial Leasing framework.

PCA replied that the national PCA office is looking at reducing the term of Commercial Leases from 42 years to half that time. Their concern, and why they are considering making the change, is that the current 42-year lease arrangement does not in their opinion provide a fair return to the Crown.

David Britton asked that any concerns about the pending change should be forwarded to the PANP office and he will forward them to the national office.

David only became aware of this pending change in the last 4 to 6 months.

- **SaskTel High Speed Internet and wireless meeting:**

Summary of meeting: SaskTel is offering the townsite of Waskesiu access to a high-speed DSL wired system. If introduced to the townsite, the upfront capital cost is approximately \$105,000 (to be paid by our community) and would require 30 full time ‘permanent’ (yearly) subscribers to reduce the cost to that level. Timing: The full amount (approximately \$105,000) and commitment must be made (and paid) in September of this year to have it operational by June of next year.

The Chief Information Officer from PCA national office attended the meeting. PCA has indicated that it will provide \$35,000 toward the project.

Potentially providing WIFI in campgrounds needs to be onside with national policies, which do not currently include campgrounds. WIFI hot spots would be available for portions of the Waskesiu townsite and likely in Red Deer Campground.

Discussion ensued. It was determined we need a plan to work together (a coordinated effort as between the WSRA, the Chamber, the WCC and PCA).

- **Canada 150**

The Nature Centre Grand Re-opening is part of Parks Canada’s planned Canada 150 events. Canada Day plans are well underway. Canada 150 banners have been hung in the townsite.

- **Review of Action Items**

A review of the Action Items then ensued.

6. Waskesiu RCMP Update for Council

11:30 a.m.

- Sgt. Wendel Houcke of the Waskesiu detachment of the RCMP presented an update to Council from April to June of 2017. During this time period in Waskesiu, there were 21 calls for service –of those 21 calls, 8 calls were 911 calls with hang-ups originating from the pay phone in Beaver Glen Campground.

Road stops resulted in 2 drug possession charges, 4 liquor offences, and 6 traffic safety violations.

Additional Offences: 1 theft, 1 impaired driving, 2 assaults and 1 mischief.

One potential break-in occurred over the winter months on Prospect Point. The potential break-in was into an accessory building, not a main cottage, and no property was missing.

One member of Council remarked that some people make comments from time to time that there are active drug sales going on in the townsite. Sgt. Houcke remarked that the RCMP has not been advised of, or directed to investigate, any specific issues of that type and suggested whenever someone hears a 'rumor' of this kind, it should be re-directed to the RCMP to follow up on.

Discussion then ensued regarding concerns expressed by some members of the community regarding the sale and usage of drugs in the community.

PCA reported that the new speed sign will be installed in time for the Canada Day weekend.

7. Townsite Report

Gregg Rutten

- Appendix I attached to this document.

8. Correspondence

- Council received a copy of the WWR Vacation Planner in which waskesiu.org was advertised.

9. New Business

- **Waskesiu Leaders Roundtable** – update and related discussion

Over 30 attendees are expected.

Discussion regarding the plans for the event and the related topics to be covered then ensued

- **Issue regarding access to keys to the new staff washroom facility**

- **Confirmation of WCC Bylaws** (Council to confirm existing Bylaws and authorize their execution by the Chair)

A motion was made to authorize the current Waskesiu Community Council Chair to sign the existing Bylaws of the Waskesiu Community Association (which have not yet been signed).

Bryan Matheson/Randy Kershaw

Carried Unanimously

- **PANP Draft Management Plan**

The PANP Management Plan is now reviewed every 10 years. The purpose of the Management Plan is setting long term broad direction for the Park. One change to the format of this version of the plan is that the plan will be made shorter and focus on higher level goals, as well as increasing the level of consulting with Indigenous groups. The document will be circulated for consultation from the public. There will be

open houses held in Waskesiu on Saturday, July 8 and on Saturday, July 15, inviting the public to talk to Parks Canada staff. The deadline for submitting comments is the end of August.

10. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon

This topic was covered under item 5. Business arising from the Minutes – PCA Townsite Finances.

Business Relations – Nancy Wood Archer

- Nancy asked the Chair of Council to please excuse himself from the meeting before a motion was made that may be deemed a conflict of interest. The Chair left the meeting.

A motion was made for the Waskesiu Community Council to approve the appointment of Simone Kerby to the Waskesiu Recreation Association Inc. Board of Directors, conditional upon completion of the vetting process and final approval of the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce.

Randy Kershaw/Bryan Matheson

Carried Unanimously

Council Chair re-joined the meeting after the foregoing motion was made.

- Issue regarding access to keys to the new staff washroom facility. There are not enough key cards available to the new staff washrooms, so some of the Chamber staff still do not have them. PCA reported they are having trouble getting additional keys from the supplier. Washrooms are now being left unlocked.

Discussion ensued about how to address this and avoid a similar situation in the future.

- Elk Street – Two staff trailers are operating without water. This makes an additional four people now using the new staff washroom facilities that should not be. The washrooms are being kept unlocked which is not safe and is an opportunity for squatters.

Community Planning & Development – Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw

No report received.

Communications & Community Relations – Brent Hamel

- The committee has now completed an initial draft of their Communications Plan. They are close to being able to present it to Council.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Waskesiu Fire Chief's Report for May – circulated with this agenda.

Vegetation Management – Bryan Matheson

- This topic was covered under item 5. Business arising from the Minutes - Reforestation Strategy.

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

- A few tickets are still available for the Annual Donor Recognition and Fundraising Dinner. Plans for the event are coming along well.

The Waskesiu Recreation Association – Bryan Matheson

- The WRA continues to be in a 'work in progress' mode. The Financial Statements still need some work and the Recreation Association is working together with the Waskesiu Chamber to arrive at an agreed system to deal with the issues raised.

- They are making progress with the recycling program although they are not making much money and, in fact, the WRA may be losing money trying to handle recycling in Waskesiu. They will continue with the program for the remainder of this year but, if there is no benefit to WRA or worse yet a cost, the program may be given back to PCA or, alternatively, perhaps they will be able to work out a deal with PCA to help supplement a portion of their costs. Bryan will share the WRA's documentation on the recycling program later this summer.

- The Mini Golf Project Committee is working hard and has recently been finding it a tough sell to get additional large donor level donations.

11. Next Meeting Date(s) – to be determined by the Chair.

12. Adjournment

2:13 p.m.

Randy Kershaw/Bryan Matheson