

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, February 1st, 2013 - **10:00 am – 2:00 pm** WCC and Parks Canada

Location: Hawood Inn, Waskesiu Lake, SK

Attending: Randy Kershaw*, Brian Morgan*, Bryan Matheson*, Jim Kerby*, Brent Hamel, Nancy Wood-Archer, Alan Fehr-PCA, Terry Schneider-PCA, Noreen Matthews-Administrator*
*(Participated by phone)

Regrets: Janice MacKinnon

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **10:03 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions Brian Morgan
Carried
Randy Kershaw/Jim Kerby
4. Approval of November 7th Special Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Carried
Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw
- Approval of November 30th Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Carried
Bryan Matheson/Brent Hamel
5. Business Arising from Minutes
- *Update on Seasonality issues*
Comments from Alan Fehr, Park Superintendent: There have been no further changes from PCA national office regarding the seasonality issue. PCA's CEO confirmed there will be no further cuts coming as far as he was aware. PANP staff are working closely with newly formed Waskesiu Ski Club. There are still matters to be worked out on what will be the *Winter Season* at Waskesiu and in the Park. Alan will bring that information to Council when more is known.
There were concerns raised from the local businesses about winter registration and what amenities there really are to offer. Nancy Wood-Archer, representing the Waskesiu Ski Club, would like to get a five year plan of the Ski Trail Track setting agreement finalized and approved.

- *Committee Terms of Reference Finalization*
Motion was made to adopt the proposed Committee Terms of Reference.
Jim Kerby/Brent Hamel **Carried**
Chairman has requested the Terms of Reference be added to the waskesiu.org website, under the Committees tab.
6. Correspondence
- *Email to Alan Latourelle, CEO of PCA national office and his response to Council*
Motion was made for the acceptance of the correspondence

Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw

Carried

Brian Morgan reported he was upset and disappointed with Mr. Latourelle's response and felt PCA's head office was ignoring the basic tenets of the Memorandum of Understanding between PCA and the Council.

Alan Fehr stated that the timing of the process could have been better but went on to say he didn't feel this one particular issue undid all the good work both PCA and the Council has done over the past several years. Alan also commented that the Council and businesses were informed of the potential for changes early in the summer, and that the proposal put forward by the Park was not guaranteed to be successful. He further confirmed that services offered have changed regularly over the years, and that there were no budget cuts for the winter season; money was moved to be used in the summer season.

7. Townsite Update Terry Schneider **10:30 am**
- **SaskPower – Right of Way**
As per information notices sent out in January 2013, work is slated to advance in February of 2013. Primary line locations to receive attention.
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.
Prior to starting Phase 2 SaskPower and Parks Canada will host an open house event that is being planned for the 2013 May Long weekend to explain what SaskPower's intentions will be to residents in Waskesiu.
Phase 3 will involve separate discussions with members of the Lobstick Golf Club Inc.
 - **SaskPower – Street Lighting Retrofit Project**
This project has commenced in January 2013. Lights on Montreal Drive have been changed out. SaskPower commits to completing this project during the winter spring but no confirmed end date has been set.
 - **SaskTel – New “Stealth Tower” proposal**
Recommendation to allow for Stealth Power was accepted by the Parks Management team. Licence of Occupation requirement is the next step in this process. Working with Realty support staff from Calgary Office to advance this step and to coordinate such efforts with SaskTel.
 - **Partnering Agreement – Ski Trail Track setting**
The Waskesiu Lake Ski Club has signed a revised version of the Ski Trail Track setting agreement in January of 2013.
The agreement signed by the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce in December of 2012 is no longer in effect.
 - **Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association – Community Rink Affordability Grant**
Received \$2,500.00 for 2012/13 Paul Horne Arena as an operations grant
 - **Cabin Area**
Final Draft of Cabin Development Guidelines has not been completed to date. Waiting for a response from Rob Phillips (WSRA) on this matter. PCA has advised Rob Phillips that Council would like to see a revised Cabin Guideline package for their review.
 - **Fire Fighting Training**
All staff invitation – Feb 7, 2013 training seminar by Fire Chief.
Invitation extended to Elk Ridge too.
 - **PARCS Newsletter submission – Jan 2013 edition**
Appraised land values

- North Central Saskatchewan Waste Management Corporation Update (NCSWMC)
Moving closer towards arriving at a co-mingled recycling process for the region.
Preparing for a spring/summer 2013 launch of this service for the greater Prince Albert region.
Annual General meeting of NCSWMC will be held in Waskesiu on April 25, 2013.
Motion was made to accept the Townsite Report.

Randy Kershaw/Bryan Matheson Carried

8. Committee Reports

Budget/Finance – Janice MacKinnon

- No report

Business Relations – Nancy Wood-Archer

Miniature Golf Proposal -The Chamber of Commerce has an approved Assessment of a proposed mini golf project. They are moving ahead with hiring a designer and once a budget is established, the project will progress. Location will be on the Chamber of Commerce Recreational Land. Some suggestion of removing some or all of the lawn bowling area has been discussed, but not determined. The Chamber will forward an electronic copy to anyone wishing to see the document.

Events – Nancy reported she is now on the Events Committee for the Chamber of Commerce. It was decided in August of 2012 that the Chamber will no longer host the Children’s Festival. There has been discussion of creating an event that piggybacks on either Aboriginal Day or Arbor Day. The positive point to these suggestions are they are shoulder season events that already have some monies, structure & advertising in place.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

Jim suggested Council should share the Committee Terms of Reference with Terry Schneider. This spring, this committee would like to get working with the Community Council, the Waskesiu Foundation and PCA on developing a shared vision for the future.

Community Relations – Nancy Wood-Archer

- Ski Trail report/Waskesiu Ski Club - The Waskesiu Lake Ski Club has signed a revised version of the Ski Trail Track setting agreement in January of 2013. The club is currently maintaining approx. 50 km of groomed trails including Red Deer #1 & #2, Fisher, Wapiti, Beaver Glen and Crean trails.

The Ski Club is submitting a letter to PANP requesting the use of the ski equipment and support for future years.

- Skating Rink - The Skating rink is operational. Donation box is checked weekly and upwards of \$100.00 in donations has been recorded. The volunteers doing the ice and maintenance are the Whiskey Jack hockey team with support from Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce’s general manager George Wilson. Terry Schneider, PCA has received \$2500.00 towards maintaining the rink. This ideally will cover the power bill this winter.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Nothing to report

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

- Report was presented as part of the Townsite report

The Waskesiu Foundation

– Randy Kershaw

- Jim Kerby reported the Foundation is currently doing significant work on Board Governance, developing a Board Manual and the upcoming Donor Recognition and Fundraising Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, July 13 with a Métis/Lavallee Lake/Pelicans theme.

As of December 31st, 2013 board members Scott McCreath and Karen Davidson have resigned. New board members are being recruited with Jake Burlet being approved. Grit McCreath has indicated she would be available to come on the board on May 1st of this year.

A motion was made for the Waskesiu Community Council to approve the appointment of Grit McCreath to the Waskesiu Foundation Board, conditional upon completion of the vetting process and final approval of the Waskesiu Foundation Board.

Jim Kerby/Randy Kershaw

Carried

The fundraising campaign ‘One Million Reasons to Love Waskesiu’ launched in November has hit and exceeded the \$1 million dollar mark!

The upgrade of two camp kitchens has been completed in town site. The Nagy family has come forward to sponsor one of the townsite camp kitchens.

Two donors have come forward to sponsor the upgrade of the two camp kitchens at Paignton Beach.

A donor has approached the Foundation to sponsor the building of a brand new camp kitchen at South Bay where one has never existed. PCA reported they have agreed to terms set out by the Foundation.

Motion was made to accept the adoption of all committee reports.

Nancy Wood-Archer/Bryan Matheson

Carried

9. New Business

10. Next meeting

Friday, March 15 – 9 am (Saskatchewan Time) at The Hawood Inn - Waskesiu

11. Adjournment

Jim Kerby/Nancy-Wood Archer

12:00 noon