

WASKESIU COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Council Meeting: Friday, September 12th, 2014 - 9:00 am - WCC and Parks Canada
Location: The Hawood Inn
Attending: Brian Morgan, Bryan Matheson, Janice MacKinnon, Nancy Wood Archer, Randy Kershaw, Brent Hamel, Jim Kerby*; Terry Schneider-PCA, Alan Fehr-PCA.
(*Phone in)

Agenda Topics:

1. Call to Order Brian Morgan **9:00 am**
2. In-camera session
3. Adoption of Agenda Brian Morgan
A motion was made for the approval of the amended September 12th, 2014 Meeting Agenda (as amended to add under New Business, the topic 'iNet 2000').
Bryan Matheson/Brent Hamel **Carried**
4. Approval of August 5th, 2014 Meeting Minutes Brian Morgan
Bryan Matheson/Randy Kershaw **Carried**
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 2020 Vision - Review of August 17 meeting and determination of next steps.
A lengthy discussion ensued on all elements of the Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond Presentation/Open House event.
PCA would like to know the percentage of attendees i.e.: cabin owners/cottage owners/ businesses/visitors. Administrator to provide PCA with a copy of the sign in sheets.
It was determined that the Community Development & Planning Committee would take the ideas from the presentation day, compare the current projects to the new projects/ideas and filter and collate them out prior to the next Council meeting that will be dedicated to working with PCA to decide what can or cannot be done, review against the Community Plan, and then determine the next steps.
 - Canada Post discussions – There is no agreement from any business to act as franchisee at Waskesiu or at Elk Ridge. Accordingly, Canada Post will be doing outdoor community mailboxes set up outside by the Visitor Information Centre. They will deliver parcels to businesses within 1 km radius, but they are concerned with getting drivers for the deliveries. They will be having the same set up at Elk Ridge. A concern brought up is where to buy stamps, signing for parcels, etc.
 - Waskesiu Foundation – Playground
WFI has hit their fundraising goal. Site preparation is underway. WFI is adding a few additional items to the playground initial plan, with the saucer swing addition being funded by PCA. By July 1st of 2015 there should be a new playground.
 - waskesiu.com website - No update

6. Correspondence

Local cabin owner Bob Gibbs shared a letter with Council Chair he received in response to a letter he sent to the Minister of the Environment, on behalf of some residents (re: the sale of the 30 foot green space lots).

7. Townsite Update

Terry Schneider

9:30 am

- 2013 Cabin Guidelines 2013

For Discussion: Proposed Amendment to *2013 Prince Albert National Park Cabin Development Guidelines* Section 15. Sidewalks and Decks: A. Sidewalks – second bullet

Background: Prior to the 2013 version of the guidelines, sidewalks “primary” purpose was to allow cabin owners with side door entry the opportunity to access decks built at the front or rear of their cabins from the side door. The current guidelines read as follows:

“One 0.91 m wide (3.0’) sidewalk, not to exceed the length of the cabin may be constructed adjacent to the cabin. This sidewalk will not be considered part of the allowable deck size if it ends at the front or rear of the cabin.”

Townsite interpretation and administration of this point is that this if the sidewalk exceeds this width or length it will be considered to be part of the deck.

In the 2008 version of the guidelines an additional line read as follows:

“Construction of the walkway (sidewalk) that exceeds the 3.0’ width, or the length of the cabin will be considered as deck for square footage calculations.”

Discussion ensued.

- Civic Addresses

Cottage area “civic address” notices are being prepared and will be delivered to the Fire Department for delivery to cottage owners in the spring of 2015.

- Balsam Street/Lakeview Drive Road Failure

Highway 263 at Prospect Point/
Willow, Wapiti & Spruce Street

Contract for maintenance and paving has been assigned to B & B Asphalt. Work to commence September 17 and through the weekend if necessary ...all weather providing.

- Nature Centre – Shoreline

Contract for stabilizing shore line assigned to Ruzkowski Enterprises. Work to commence in September 2014.

- Nature Centre – Building

Work to commence during winter of 2014/2015 to remove theatre area, install running water, public washrooms and to prepare building for future exhibit upgrades. The building will be put back in a functional state for 2015 operating season.

- **Water Valves - Replacement Project**
Change order to Ruzkowski Enterprises contract to allow for excavation and replacement of 4 water valves. Work to commence in September 2014.
- **Fire Hall Roof Replacement Contract**
Contract to be awarded and work to be completed this fall.
- **Beaver Glen Campground – Electrification Project**
Contract to commence October 2, 2014 and work to be completed in fall of 2014 to bring power to sites in Beaver Glen campground that are currently without such service.
- **Waskesiu Multi Season Camp Kitchen**
Agreement to finalize this project to be completed this fall to allow the project to advance during the winter of 2014/2015.
- **Playground Project**
Removal of wooden playground structure complete.
Teeter Totter removed and put in storage at compound. It will be reinstalled when new playground equipment project arrives for installation in May/June 2015.
September 23/24, 2014 – Playground contractors to be on site to mark locations for concrete pad requirements and to install such pads.
Amending agreement between Waskesiu Foundation and Parks Canada Agency required for addition of saucer swing, climbing log and upgraded rope climbing apparatus.
- **Canada Post Operations**
No franchise agreement options available in Waskesiu or Elk Ridge. Canada Post now pursuing outdoor community mail box option with Rural Service Mail Carrier delivery service.
- **Cabin Area swale Contract**
TLS Landscaping contractors has completed work on Bluebird/Chickadee and intend to be back at Waskesiu to work on Jay/Kingfisher in September.
Proposing a change order to this contract to allow for maintenance to existing swales and extension of other swales to occur in the fall of 2014.
- **Loons and Laughter Festival 2015**
Preliminary community meeting held on August 25, 2014.
Next meeting to be held at Saskatoon Club, in Saskatoon on September 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm.
Terry will look after arrangements so people are able call into the meeting.

Frame for electrical panel installed next to the camp kitchen that is located in day use area between ball diamond and community hall in anticipation of use for main stage for festival and other like events.

- SaskPower Street Lights
Computer programming issue with current street light system in Waskesiu. To be corrected by SaskPower.

Winter 2014/2015 - Intend to follow same street light on/off/dimming plan that was in place during Winter 2013/2014.

- SaskPower Vegetation Management
Call into SaskPower to determine their intentions for winter 2014/2015. Suggest that priority area needs to be maintenance work along primary power lines running within cottage subdivisions and bungalow camp area along lake front.

- Vegetation Management by PANP
Staff extension work to allow for up to 100 hazardous trees to be removed along Waskesiu lake shore area from Lift station #2 to end of Lily Street.
South Bay parking lot area – bluff of trees to be removed next to lake shore to improve view and open parking space.
Viewscapes at Point View and Kapasiwin areas to be maintained.

- Arbour Day 2015
Three activities conducted on Sunday August 31, 2014:
 - i. Clean up of three existing fenced enclosure sites.
 - ii. Installation of wildlife tree markers.
 - iii. Planting of 30 trees that were be individually fenced, t-barred and page wired.This is the 12th annual event that started in 2003.

- Advanced Tree Planting
Tree spade contract not completed. No work planned for fall of 2014.

- Arena
Lobby area roofing materials replace during summer of 2014. Chamber of Commerce pricing out materials for interior ceiling and insulation improvements.
PCA owns the building – licence of occupation is Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce.

- Mobile Boat Winterization Service
New Business Licence to assist in serving the community's needs.

Comments were made – this new business needs some promotion. Administrator will put on the waskesiu.org home page when she receives poster/information.

- EMT stats

EMS Medical Response Data - 2014

DATE	# MEDICAL CALLS	# TRAUMA CALLS	AMBULANCE	OVERTIME CALLOUTS
MAY	1	2	1	1
JUNE	1	3	0	2
JULY	28	24	8	4
AUGUST	23	19	6	10
SEPT	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	53	48	15	17

INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF SEPT 2, 2014

8. Committee Reports

- **Budget/Finance** – Janice MacKinnon

In reference to the comments made at the Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond presentation, Janice agrees there is a need for transparency to justify costs at the Waskesiu Marina and brought that to Alan Fehr's attention.

- **Business Relations** – Nancy Wood Archer

- Staff Housing: The 8-plex completion has been pushed back to January 2015.

- Friends of the Park (F.O.P.) report:

Since Sept. 2013 the F.O.P. has hosted 3 sold out events including:

- Sept. 2013 steak night, which we were able to donate \$275 to the MS Society.

- May 2014 steak night, which we were able to donate \$695 to the Waskesiu Foundation's Bears on the Beach playground renewal.

- Aug. 2014 Tribute, which we were also able to donate \$370, from the progressive jackpot, to the Waskesiu Foundation's Bears on the Beach playground renewal. The Foundation also had a late donation that was earmarked for their Annual Fundraising Dinner that auctioned off in a silent auction. Each organization netted \$337.50 from the sale proceeds.

- The MS Bike Tour is Saturday, Sept. 13 with over 300 riders registered. Like last year, the Friends of the Park is hosting another evening, all ages event on this special day, "An Autumn Evening Social" featuring hypnotist and magician Hadlen followed by a dance hosted by DJs Giselle and Gissala.

- Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce are holding their AGM on Saturday, October 4th

- Nancy asked PCA their opinion of the Halloween Party on Aug 14th; PCA stated they had no problem with the continuation of the annual party.

Community Development & Planning – Jim Kerby

Discussed under Business Arising from Minutes.

Community Relations – Nancy Wood Archer

- Signage for Park washrooms is important especially with the offseason approaching. There is lots of confusion for visitors on weekends as to when the Administration Building is closed.

- Hours of Park Gate: one shift per day

Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Closed for off-season after Thanksgiving weekend.

- Thanksgiving Dinner at Hawood will see approx. 450 people coming to the Park.

- Nancy asked PCA why Crean Lake is closed in September?

PCA replied it is due to the restriction of catching lake trout but will consider the issue further.

Essential Services – Policing and Fire – Randy Kershaw

- Fire Chief Monthly Report submitted for August, 2014.

Vegetation Management – Brian Morgan

- Discussed under the Townsite Report.

The Waskesiu Foundation – Jim Kerby

- Playground Renewal project – covered under ‘Business arising from minutes’.

- Annual dinner – This was a very successful event, the second highest return ever for the dinner.

- The Foundation is looking for new board members.

Jim announced one new candidate to appoint to the WFI board. Gord Bueckert, owner of Lost Creek Resort, has agreed to join the WFI board.

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

Bryan Matheson/Janice MacKinnon

Carried

9. Lunch

12:00 noon

10. New Business

- ‘Riderville North

A preliminary discussion ensued (re: the idea to pick a set weekend each year with a Saskatchewan Roughrider related theme throughout the townsite) – the September long weekend is the suggested date. Plus there is an opportunity for a one woman play ‘Rider Girl’. The idea came from the Waskesiu Heritage Museum and they would like to partner with the Waskesiu Foundation on this event.

- Proposed Loons and Laughter Festival and the need to suggest a Chair or Chairs of the Festival – PCA would like to have a person from the Waskesiu community to Chair this event and have PCA working in the background. Nancy Wood Archer volunteered to co-chair the event if PCA will appoint the other co-chair. Nancy prefers not to attend a host of planning meetings, but to get the work done on her own time which would work well with the other co-chair attending the meetings.

- Camp Kitchen Usage on weekends.

A delegation of cabin owners approached Council Chair to bring this issue to PCA – the issue being that some visitor groups are taking over the usage of the camp kitchens every weekend, preventing others

in the community from using the camp kitchens. The sense is they are coming in early before the Park gate opens, stay all day, leave garbage lying around during their stay.

Reply from PCA reminded everyone these visitors have every right to use the Park . They do not have cabins or cottages to stay in; perhaps the problem is there are not enough facilities for everyone.

PCA will make a point of ensuring strong compliance with the rules of the Park re: entrance and kitchen cleanliness upkeep.

- Downtown and main streets and gutters cleaning in months of July and August – concerns were expressed that there needed to be a better job of clean up particularly after wind or rain storms to ensure the downtown community and Waskesiu Drive continue to look inviting to visitors – locals would volunteer to clean after storms, if needed.

- Question from Council to PCA - Is there something that can be done if a business does not maintain their grounds?

Answer: Yes, and this will be reviewed.

- Question from Council to PCA: At what stage is the Lakeview Hotel with their building renovations.

Answer: Terry Schneider is meeting with them next week.

- PANP Roundtable, October 16 – at Wanuskewin - 9 am to 3 pm. PCA would like Council to do a quick presentation on the Vision 2020. Bryan Matheson will attend representing Council and he and Jim Kerby will do the presentation. It can be a discussion session/ Q&A's.

- iNet 2000 – the Chair will discuss issues with the Townsite Manager, that have been relayed to him, concerning the need to enhance the coverage and signal.

11. Next Meeting – Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond – The Next Steps - Hawood Inn

Thursday October 30 – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

and

Friday, October 31 – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

12. Adjournment

1:15 pm

Janice MacKinnon/ Randy Kershaw