

Discovery Ridge Hamlet Annual General Meeting

23 September 2017 Bergheim School

Agenda

18 people attended lunch

Attending meeting:

Jerry and Jo Haigh, Connie Akert and Murray Wempe, Bruce Ens, Jodi and Tim Kozan, Cathy and Ron Mills, Cynthia Stock, Ed and Kathleen Underwood, Maury and Shauna Wawyrk

Welcome:

*Minutes from 17 Sep 2016 – adopted by Jerry Haigh

*Financial Statement – see attached. Adopted by Murray Wempe

- provincial grant decreased due to provincial budget cuts, mill rate dropped somewhat

*Business arising from minutes:

1. Mowing is done by Corman Park when they can get the equipment to our area. There doesn't seem to be any flexibility concerning when it gets done. Mowing done twice/year.

- People expressed concern over the damage early mowing does to nesting birds.

2. Hwy 5/Bettker Rd Junction safety has improved dramatically with the turning lanes and lighting. Appreciate this work.

3. Mailboxes and parking area maintenance are a great improvement. People happy with changes.

4. Gravel and mowing has been done for this year. There have been significant issues with grading as there was supposed to be more equipment and operators and in spite of that we saw a significantly lower level of service. The reason given in the past was that major roads are done first, the intermediate ones next and internal roads last and that when it rains the graders immediately go back to the main roads and start over. This doesn't seem to have much to do with the problem this year because it hardly ever rained and the three times that they did grade the roads it rained within the same day.

- Still a lot of rumble strips in the road after gravel. Soft spots on Bettker Road seem to be improved.

5. Update on empty lots: Enns subdivision of lot has gone through, lot sold. Lot #19 purchased.

6. High speed internet: Ed has been in contact with Sask. Tel concerning having fibre optic cable brought into our area (it currently exists along Hwy 5.) He has been advised that it could be delivered to our homes for under \$100,000. However, if the PSI expansion goes ahead the cost to us will be significantly lower. The advice given from Sask. Tel was to wait a bit longer to see where this is going.

Discussion centered on whether waiting longer to find out costs was the correct move. Not sure of timeline on the PSI expansion, possibly 2 years.

Action

R. Mills made a motion to investigate the possibility of having the Hamlet install fibre optic, high speed cable for internet to each home, provided the costs are around \$100,000 or less. Jerry Haigh seconded.

Ed to find out information on this. C. Mills to email people with updates and do a final online vote once information is gathered.

Motion passed.

7. Board members/Hamlet Representation: Tim Kozan put name forward for treasurer.

Action:

R. Mills made motion that Hamlet board for 2017-18 year be:

Ed Underwood - president,

Tim Kozan – treasurer

Cathy Mills – secretary.

Maury Wawryk seconded.

Motion passed.

***New Business**

1. Dust Control: Maury Wawryk reported that Strawberry Hills have approached Hamlet to explore Bettker Road receiving calcium chloride treatments. Estimated costs \$5000 – 6000 /treatment, need about 2 treatments/year. Ed and Maury to attend meeting, with Dan Bowlack (Strawberry Hills) in Oct. or Nov. to investigate costs and consider cost sharing between Discovery Ridge Hamlet and Strawberry Hills. Committee will get quotes, discussion needs to occur with RM of Aberdeen, also check out environmental issues of calcium chloride.

Action

- Maury Wawryk moved to have Hamlet commit up to \$6000 for calcium chloride treatment on Bettker Road and give Maury authority to negotiate price for one year trial period. R. Mills seconded.

Motion passed.

3. Lost River Water Company Water Testing Fees: Looking for membership opinion concerning having these fees paid by the hamlet provided they are the same for everyone. The fees are around \$30 per month for 22 households resulting in approximately an \$8000.00 per year commitment.

Action:

Bruce Enns moved that the Hamlet be authorized to pay water testing fees and Tim Kozan to negotiate costs of water testing with Lost River. R. Mills seconded.

Motion Carried

4. Lorras Disposal: Looking for membership opinion concerning having garbage pick-up covered in whole or in part by the hamlet. Also looking for more universal disposal fee for each hamlet with recycling fee to be included with that.

Action

Tim Kozan moved to explore possibility of Hamlet paying the Lorras disposal fee for all Hamlet members assuming everyone pays the same. Murray Wempe seconded.

Motion carried.

5. Caterpillars: no consensus on wanting spraying in Hamlet to get rid of caterpillars.

The next AGM will be held 15 Sep 2018.

*Adjournment: Cynthia Stock