

Hamlet of Casa Rio Annual General Meeting Minutes November 4, 2019

Present: Residents of Casa Rio, Hamlet Board members (Dana Derenoski, Herb McFaull, Andrew Williams and Mark Trimble) and invited guests, Adam Tittlemore (Administrator of Corman Park) Michelle Chuhaniuk (Councillor of Corman Park) and Judy Harwood (Reeve of Corman Park)

Call to Order 7 pm

Motion to Adopt Amended Agenda – Garry Derenoski
Second – Fred Remillard

Introduction of Hamlet Board and Invited Guests

Motion to Approve of Minutes of November 27 2018 AGM – Sheldon Geisbrecht
Second – Garry Derenoski

Reports

Clarence and Baker Road – The much anticipated paving project for Baker Road was completed last fall, and residents will look forward to the next segment of paving slated for 2020 which is Clarence Avenue from Grasswood Road south to the end of Casa Rio. 2021 will see the remainder of Baker Road, (from Preston Avenue to Highway 11) completed.

Fred Remillard inquired why the “better” section of Baker Road was paved first, and Adam Tittlemore explained that there is still significant construction equipment travel on the most easterly section of Baker Road and paving is significantly less expensive on roadways that do not require extensive repair. Once the construction slows down on that east section of Baker Road, it will be paved (2021).

Power Pole Placement Clarence Avenue – Garry Derenoski led the questions from residents on the placement of power poles on the east side of the Clarence Avenue roadway, just north of the SPCA. Adam Tittlemore explained that that particular section of roadway had a reduced (20-metre) easement, not the 30-metre easement everywhere else, resulting in the poles having to be very close to the roadway. The landowner adjacent to this section of road was not in agreement to have the poles on his land. The RM is working with Sask Power to come to a possible solution of installing underground lines for that section and will keep Hamlet Council informed of their progress. Residents are also encouraged to contact Sask Power themselves, possibly through the Sask Power website page, with their concerns and comments regarding the placement of these poles.

Interior Roadways – John Williams and Sheldon Geisbrecht did research into the costs of paving Eldorado Lane to bring a more permanent and final solution to the constant poor condition. Paving costs were estimated at \$300,000, with an input of \$30,000 from Casa Rio roadway funds, leaving a total of \$270,000 to be possibly paid for with a loan from the RM, with interest applied. The RM has indicated they could provide loans for interior roadways, with amortization periods of up to 10 years and a current interest rate of 2.95%. This would then be paid back with a levy of approximately \$1800 per year per Eldorado resident for 10 years. This would need to be an agreeable solution/levy by the Eldorado Lane residents. John and Sheldon will poll residents and inform council of their findings. As Clarence Avenue is slated for paving next year, Eldorado Lane work could be a possible add on to that project, perhaps resulting in reduced costs.

Exterior Fence Maintenance Program – Mark Trimble and Andrew Williams headed the fence program for 2019 again and presented a comprehensive report. Baker Road, Casa Rio Drive and Casa Rio Bay are completed re-stained, and the remainder of Casa Rio fence staining is slated for next summer, 2020, and if required into 2021. They are still looking for possible solutions to the couple of very wet areas where fencing has been removed and will work with homeowners to come to a fix.

Financial Statement – Herb McFauld gave a general explanation of the Hamlet financial report that showed the hamlet in good financial position again this year, with an approximated total reserve of \$300,000, comprised of a general reserve of \$100,000, fence reserve of \$80,000 and road maintenance reserve of \$120,000, as of December 31, 2019.

Other Business – Questions regarding Uber and Lyft car services into the RM, council said there is no bylaw presently in place, and those companies are presently not wanting to be anywhere other than the cities of Regina and Saskatoon. You can get a car service FROM Saskatoon out to Casa Rio, but they do not do pickups from out here.

Questions on the re-seeding of Baker Road ditches after the paving project. The manager for that area at the RM was unavailable at that time, and RM will get back to council with an answer.

Question on when Redbird Communication would be able to have the easement entitlement to complete the connection of fibre optic line direct to the city. RM informed that option agreement was sent to Redbird in May of 2019. Hamlet Council will follow up with Redbird on that.

Questions on the substantial hikes in Sask Water rates. RM advised they have been in conversation with Sask Water and have worked out a 2 year freeze on pricing increases.

Michelle Chuhaniuk informed the attendees on a possible re-wording to the present subdividing formula as she has had some inquires for smaller parcels. Hamlet council will be notified of any public information meetings and notify residents of same. Judy Harwood commented on the exclusivity of the larger lots in Casa Rio and encouraged the maintaining of them. Residents are encouraged to contact Michelle with their thoughts on that subject.

There was also a request to have “No Littering” signs posted on Clarence and Baker near the hamlet. There was discussion about the possible Federal Government rebate for the internet and it will be followed up on.

Election of Officers - Herb McFauld, Dana Derenoski, Andrew Williams and Mark Trimble have agreed to represent for the next year.

Motion for Meeting Adjournment – John Williams
Seconded by Eric Nihilowich