

## **Hamlet of Casa Rio Annual General Meeting Minutes November 21, 2017**

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

**Approval of minutes of November 22, 2016 AGM** – Michelle Chuhaniuk

Second – Don Klassen

### **Reports**

**Interior Roadways** – There was a question posed about the road levy charged to residents by Loraas Disposal, and if or how that could be designated to the hamlet for repairs to the interior roads. The garbage trucks are very heavy, and travel often along the road edge, causing considerable damage. Adam Tittlemore explained that the amount the RM can charge overweight vehicles is designated by the government, and is minimal, which the RM charges Loraas or any other overweight vehicle. Adam stated that this charge is allocated to repair Baker and Clarence Ave in our area, and there is no monies left over to offer to our hamlet for interior road repairs.

**Clarence and Baker Road** – There has been Council approval of a 10 year plan for the RM roadways, and this includes work on Baker Road and Clarence Avenue in our area. Adding base and paving are planned for Baker Road from Highway 11 to Range Road 3052 in 2019, with a cost of \$1.5 million dollars. Clarence Avenue from Grasswood to Baker will get done in 2020 at a cost of 2.5 million, and Baker Road from Range Road 3052 to Highway 219 will be finished in 2021 at a cost of 1.5 million. These are the current planned expenditures, unless other unexpected budget priorities surface.

**Exterior Fence Maintenance Program** – Mark Trimble has generously volunteered to head the Fence Maintenance project and presented a report of the spot repair and staining work that was done this past summer. The Board agrees the fence is our “calling Card” and is a significant attraction to the neighborhood, as well as a property value enhancement, so maintenance of the exterior fences will continue. Plans to do a complete stain, repair, and damaged board replacement on one half of the hamlet, with spot maintenance done on the other half in 2018 were explained. 2019 will then see the second half of fence ways receive a complete stain, repair and damaged board replacement, while the first half will get spot maintenance. This will mean a much higher expenditure over the next 2 years, but seen as necessary to make sure the life expectancy of our fences is enhanced. The Board will go ahead with an RFP for contractors and implement this large project as early as possible in the spring of 2018.

**High Speed Internet** – Representatives from Redbird Internet Services were on hand to answer questions from the attendees, as well as give a timeline for hookups to our new high speed internet, provided through fibre optic cable trenched into our ditches this summer and fall. They expect hookups to commence in the next few months. Redbird is waiting on a couple of Federal government permits. Trenching is mostly complete (12,000 meters) and residents are looking forward to the commencement of this service. Total cost to the Hamlet will be approximately \$250,000 to make this possible.

**Financial Statement** – Herb McFaull gave a general explanation of the Hamlet financial report that showed the hamlet in good financial position again this year, with a current surplus of over \$303,000 as of September 30, 2017. With payment for the high speed internet project, and proposed large fence maintenance plans for 2018/2019, our bank balance will be reduced significantly. Discussion then took

place around a proposed \$300 per year levy per household, for two years to replenish the account. The Board will review discussion and make a decision for 2018.

**Election of Officers** - Herb McFaul, Dana Derenoski and Mark Trimble have agreed to represent for the next year. The Board asked for additional volunteers to sit on the Board, and Andrew Williams agreed to the position, Welcome Andrew!

Motion to Adjourn – Michelle Chuhaniuk

Meeting adjourned.