

Hamlet of Beaver Creek
Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
South Corman Park School Auditorium
Thursday May 31, 2018-05-27
7:00p.m.

Present: Larry Anderson, Wendy Stables, David Stables, Glen Colville, Carol Colville, Scott Weir, Sharon Weir, David Fox, Lorna Fox, Tyler Doherty, Devin Doherty, Norma Tischler, Kurt Tischler, Verna Perry, Richard Perry, Brian Newman, Larry Hartwig, Sandy Hartwig, Kelly Shaw, Ian MacLeod, Ruth MacLeod, Donna Mitchell, Marlys Bilanski (23)

Guests: Judy Harwood, Adam Tittlemore

1) Call to Order

Marlys Bilanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Marlys introduced the Hamlet Board.

Chair: Marlys Bilanski

Secretary: Donna Mitchell

Member: Ray Lamarche (absent tonight) Term completed this year.

2) Approval of Agenda

Moved by Scott Weir that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Larry Anderson. Carried.

3) Introduction of Guests:

Administrator Adam Tittlemore,. Reeve Judy Harwood. Councillor Lyndon Haduik sent regrets for his absence.

4) Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes were sent out via e-mail, and were provided for reading in the info package at the meeting. Moved by Norma T. that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Brian Newman. Carried.

5) Business arising from the 2017 Minutes

a) **Garbage/Recycling:** update by Donna Mitchell

There are 20 residents presently receiving garbage pick up. **Meghan McLaughlin** is on a one-person committee to delve into bringing door-to-door recycling to the Hamlet. She indicated that help from another hamlet member would be very welcome to get this project looked at, create some possible scenarios for our residents and thereby get this project off the ground. **Larry Anderson** volunteered to work on the project with her and this now is a 2-person committee. We look forward to supporting their endeavours in bringing expanded responsible garbage handling to our residents.

PLEASE NOTE; AS A REMINDER, IN THE INTERESTS OF ROAD QUALITY CONSERVATION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BINS BE PLACED A METRE (about a step in) FROM THE EDGE OF THE ROAD SO THAT THE HEAVY LORAAS TRUCK DRIVES ONLY DOWN THE MIDDLE TO COMPLETE THEIR PICK UP. This makes a huge impact on conserving the integrity of the shoulders of the roads especially in the spring, summer and fall seasons. Drivers will happily “thread the needle” between the bins in an effort to help out.

- b) **Sub-division:** Further discussion arose regarding the topic of the possibility to subdivide parcels within the hamlet. Adam Tittlemore explained the formula as it is right now as well as some of the steps required prior to subdivision happening here at all. It was noted by Brian Newman that subdividing would pose a significant impact/change to the hamlet. This topic might require the entire hamlet to meet to see if this is a decision that everyone would be interested in pursuing.
- Motion:** By David Fox that the hamlet board approve that a survey be conducted to discover if there is in fact interest to carry forth with the topic of subdividing and the result be calculated and conveyed to the members.
- Norma Tischler seconded the motion. Carried. David will handle the survey and report back to the Board with the results.

6) Reports:

a) Reports from the R.M.

- i) Reeve Judy Harwood reported that things in the R.M. are business as usual. The fire ban has been lifted. The assessment notices are out and June 4 is the appeal date deadline. Zones 2,4,6 and 8 are up for elections this fall. The S'toon freeway route to Hwy 11 has been determined, however there is no date for when this 3-4 million dollar project will start. It is noted that the Old Grasswood Esso location on hwy 219 is in fact in violation of its permit but is trying to get cleaned up. Although this may never actually occur, there is talk that if the rail lines running through the city of Saskatoon ever do get moved, they could perhaps twin a CN/CP line that would run south of the city. There is no certainty that this would ever occur, but if it did, then an overpass there would be required. No concern about having to deal with this any time in the near future.
- ii) Administrator Adam Tittlemore: No report or set notes to convey but is here to answer all questions.

b) Report from the Chair 2017/2018 term:

Topics in the Chair's report included the following:

- i) 2017 topics were handled through e-mails, phone calls and meetings on topics such as road repairs, septic tank service, Canada Day celebration and garbage pickup/recycling. News letters to residents are sent out at least quarterly to convey important events and information.
- ii) Attendance at the Annual General Meeting with the RM and SAMA regarding property assessment values.
- iii) Review of road chip seal and repair. Road report read.
- iv) Turnout for Canada very positive. This was a successful event. The time capsule was buried and a small ceremony was held to commemorate.
- v) All Hamlets meeting in February attended by Donna Mitchell. Topics: Information on noxious weeds, forest tent caterpillar control, rural crime watch and fibre optics were relayed to our members via e-mail.
- vi) We have a newly trained first responder (Meghan McLaughlin) joining the group. Costs for training were covered by the Board. This is consistent with a past resolution that the Board continue offer support as required without exceeding \$500 annually.
- vii) A second person is being sought to join Meghan McLaughlin in developing a garbage/recycling program for the community.
- viii) Elections will be held tonight to fulfill the plans for our 3 member/4 year term board. Ray Lamarche's term is complete this year.

c) Hamlet Road Update: Marlys read the report that was sent out to the residents prior to the meeting. The report is included in the Hamlet minutes binder. The highlights are the following:

- i) The road surfacing plan continued as projected in 2017 except for Rge Rd 3055 which was patched due to deterioration.
- ii) Concerns regarding the workmanship by Diamond Asphalt and the unsatisfactory result of the surfacing done in 2017.
-While we are still going to see how a summer of warm weather may smooth out the surface, the excessive gravel and the feel of driving on a gravel road is not consistent with our 30+ years of experience with chip coated surface. Adam Titemore indicated Diamond surfacing is the only company since 2014 that does chip sealing, but that a new resurfacing company out of Warman is being looked at for this season. Adam will follow up on the concerns relating to the quality of the workmanship.
- iii) Road assessment discussed. This is recommended before any surfacing is planned for 3055. Option to assess the entire Hamlet or just 3055 was presented and prices for assessment and tender shared and discussed.

- iv) With respect to a clear mandate from the residents of roads continuing to be a priority the board set forth the following **motion:**
That the cost estimate provided by the RM of Corman Park for a Road Base Assessment of the Hamlet of Beaver Creek's Range Road 3055 of \$7,400 be approved and direction be given to the RM to undertake the work.

Glen Colville seconded the motion. Points of discussion: what would be the future impact and considerations if the road assessment requires full road base build up?

The motion was carried. Once the results of the road base assessment are known, decisions will be required relating to next steps.

d) First Responders:

In the absence of our first responders, (Norm Osback and Meghan Mclaughlin), Donna Mitchell reported on their behalf.

Norm reported, "Again we have been very lucky with a low volume of calls this past year. I have rec'd a few non-serious calls which include a few auto crashes & some medical calls."

Request from Norm to consider purchase of a 2nd AED.

Quote - 2113.44 with a possible extra 100.00 for the fully automatic version.

Although it is not sure which version was requested, it was decided that we would suggest that the 2 responders work out a system between them and that should we get a third responder in the neighbourhood the request could be reconsidered.

Meghan trained in the fall of 2017 and only rec'd her First Responder Kit this spring, so no report on any calls to date.

Meghan also offered help to any prospective interested person considering getting training. She has offered to answer any queries and is very interested in coordinating efforts for a collaborative and supportive approach between present and new responders. The training experience (supported financially by the board) was "valuable, positive and enriching but also relatively easy to accomplish" even if the medical field is not your area of expertise.

You can call a board member for more information.

- e) **Septic Report:** Kurt Tischler's report was included in the November Hamlet Newsletter. In summary, clean out was completed last fall. Shane Reiber of Backroads Septic was the contracted company to do that. 2018 is the last of the 3 years of agreed upon pricing. The board will evaluate the situation for the 2019 season next spring. As for this fall, Hamlet residents will again be contacted to see if they want to be on the list for clean out.
- Reminder to all residents: If water is not available or if the path to the tank is not clean and clear of tree branches etcetera (to prevent damage to the truck), Shane may not be able to service the property.
- Continue to be vigilant about using biodegradable washing detergents and reducing other cleaning chemicals to a minimum.

- 7) **2018 Financial Statements and 2018 Budget:** Review, clarifications and answers to questions ensued. See the attachment which shows a slight correction to the Provincial Revenue Sharing Grant for 2017, which also corrects the Reserve ending balance at the bottom of the sheet in the 2017 Actuals column.

8) **New Business:**

a) **Grass Fires in Corman Park:**

The following concerns were acknowledged:

- * A seemed lack of awareness from the Fire Dept. regarding road access, road blockades and water access.
- *Concerns about where exactly is the boundary between the R.M and the Military base. (Adam T. indicated that the R.M property goes right up to the fence line.) Concern was expressed about maintenance of the military road.
- *Concern about the lack of communication from the base to the people in the Hamlet of Beaver Creek.
- *Concern about the lack of communication from the base to the R.M. (To date there continues to be no response to the R.M's stated concerns.)
- *Concern about the perceived indifference regarding detonating during extremely dry conditions and continued assertion that the fire was a controlled burn when the residents clearly felt concern for their safety and well being not only for themselves but their animals during the extremely dry and windy weather conditions that arose on the night of the fire.

Following this expression of the many sincerely serious concerns, the R.M. Representatives indicated the understanding of residents' frustrations but since to date they have not received any response from the military base themselves, the Hamlet board has agreed to write a letter stating the Hamlet's concerns and will send it to Kevin Waugh who is the representative member of Parliament for Saskatoon Grasswood in the House of Commons in Ottawa. A copy will be sent to Reeve Harwood. The Administration will also take the residents feedback to the RM Council.

b) Report on Fibre Optics: Donna Mitchell

The report was read and the main points are that the request for a quote has been made to 2 companies. They are Red Bird and Sasktel. The board requests the formation of a committee that would take over the task of following through with the project.

This committee will agree to further pursue options, keep residents informed and hopefully these efforts will move the Hamlet towards an internet service that could allow residents to be provided with reliable and fast internet that will meet present and future needs.

Kelly Mussell accepted to be one of the committee members. The Board is looking for another and will keep you informed of the developments.

*If this is of interest to you, please contact Donna Mitchell at 306-373-4782

9) Board Elections:

Nominations open: Marlys Bilanski nominated Scott Weir. Scott accepted the nomination.

Brian Newman moved that nominations cease. Carried.

Scott Weir is the 3rd member on the 4 year term board. Welcome and thank you Scott!

10) Motion to Adjourn: Carol Colville. Carried

Meeting finished at 8:30 and the **Rural Crime Watch Town Hall Meeting Followed.**

Briefly, this was an informative evening that included not only information on what a Rural Crime Watch group could look like, but also many good reminders on habits and behaviours that would keep your property and yourselves safe from theft and personal harm.

Our own community may look in to starting up a Rural Crime Watch group. This group could eventually join a larger Crime Watch area at some point in time but that would be if we decide and our needs warrant that. The time and effort to establish this seems quite manageable. If this is your area of interest/expertise please contact any of our Hamlet Board members to leave your name. We can then give you information on what that might look like for us in the immediate future.

