

MINUTES OF THE RIVERSIDE ESTATES 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LIEU: NOSTALGIA COUNTRY HALL, 5185 STRATHCONA AVENUE

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Introduction of Hamlet Board

- Emil Hallin, Chair
- Gail Hoshowsky, Secretary/Treasurer

3. Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes

The 2016 AGM Minutes were made available to all residents prior to the meeting. No comments for amendments from the floor. The minutes of the 2016 AGM were moved for acceptance by Eric Kesler, seconded by Wendy Stoeber, and carried with all in favour.

4. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was read and the floor was opened for any additional business items. One item was added – board member vacant position. The agenda was moved for acceptance, seconded, and carried with all in favour.

5. Budget - Financials

Revenues were \$120,479 and expenses at \$17,275 for a net excess of \$103,204, and an ending reserve surplus of \$160,571.

Under revenues, the municipal tax allocation portion increased by 16% from last year, primarily due to the increases in the residential assessed values.

Under expenses, there was an asphalt repair/seal coat cost of just over \$15,000 – this cost is under debate and the RM will clarify as to whether this will change. Contractors came in to repair a water leak along Roseberry Heights and damaged the road. Along the western end of Pony Trail, a house demolition damaged the

road as well. Discussion regarding demolition permits and use-of-road permits followed.

Adam Tittmore provided the following information:

- Demolition permits cost \$10 and an Overweight (use-of-road) permit costs \$30. The rates are dictated by provincial legislation. The RM has been asking the province to revise this but without success to date; the RM and SARM continue to lobby for an increase. However, the RM cannot set the cost.
- There might be some recourse of liability from the contractor to take responsibility. The Roseberry Heights water problem was a special situation. The demolition situation will require follow-up from the RM (Emil had sent pictures to Adam during the summer).

The overall net income increased by 6.7% from last year. There were no withdrawals from the reserve surplus.

Emil commented that the income side of the financials can change due to the tax assessments under review.

Financials were moved for acceptance by Roger Dilsner, seconded by Ron Steer, and carried with all in favour.

6. Road Repair Project Status Report

Roger and Emil met with Craig Habermehl (Director of Public Works for the RM) and general points of this meeting are:

- New RM approved road standards, effective November 20, 2017.
- Any change requires a special vote of Council.
- Part of the standard involves roads being designed for travel of 80KPH (regardless of posted speed of less than 80KPH) and special site lines are required for an intersection.
- The RM Public Works department has not provided any options other than the most expensive option of meeting all of the new road standards.
- There may be some opportunity to be grandfathered in for original road standards when the new standards clearly can not be applied, but this process is slow going.

- Best proposal to recognize Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roadways where daily traffic volume is less than 100 vehicles (recommendation is for narrow roads which serve to slow down vehicles).
- Concerns about safety if roads are too wide since it would turn the hamlet into a round racing track.

Comments from Adam Tittlemore:

- The road standards are a guide for new roads.
- It is hard to implement for existing neighbourhoods and some flexibility is needed.
- Safety is number one priority.
- Adequate site lines for narrow roads are needed.
- The older roads are not built for school buses, garbage disposal trucks, contractor trucks for renovations and construction.
- Default speed is 80KPH, if not posted otherwise, but this is definitely not a standard for rural residential roads.

Comments from Emil:

- Engineering studies gave proof that Pony Trail has a road bed upon which a road could be built so that standards are met.
- Will commit to design a proposal to the RM Council to ask for a roadwork that follows the geometric roadway design recommended for safety in rural settings but requested help from other residents to put together.
- The goal is to have a paved road in surface quality but narrow, without any steep angle, with a proposal in the spring to start building in the summer.
- This proposal will need to get on the RM docket early in the New Year.

Motion [Ron Steer]: Residents endorse the Chair to design a proposal for road improvement with the formation of a committee, and that this proposal be submitted to Council.

Motion was moved for acceptance, seconded by Kathleen Solose, and carried with all in favour.

The Road Improvement Proposal Committee will consist of Emil Hallin, Roger Dilsner, and Doug Pierce, with Darrel Johnson volunteering as an alternate if necessary.

Regarding the motion from last year on the analysis of a single lane, this will be addressed once the approval from Council is given on the standard for our hamlet.

Adam Tittlemore clarified that the role of Council is as follows:

- To approve the standard, which is the basis to cost out the road.
- To approve the loan/funding.
- To award the project for tender, in consultation with the hamlet board.

7. Water Utility and Water Rates

Emil: Our hamlet does not have any way of reacting to rate increases by the Dundurn Rural Water Utility (DRWU) since none of us are customers of the DRWU. One possibility was to get appointed to the Board through the RM but the RM said that they no longer have the ability to appoint a board member. This is because the previous Reeve signed a document that removed this right, and now this cannot be reversed without the consent of all the other members.

Comments from Adam Tittlemore:

- Corman Park opted not to be a member at the time of formation of the DRWU; a customer can sit as a Member At Large.
- Riverside Estates is not a customer of DRWU.
- The increase in rates is due to an increase in the minimum connection fee and an increase in the Sask Water rates.
- The city is the bulk water provider that sells to Sask Water; Sask Water resells to the municipality/individual rural water utilities.
- The RM is increasing the rate to the Riverside Estates Hamlet by 5 ½% versus 9% increase by DRWU. Other hamlets will see a larger increase.
- DRWU charges a base fee plus usage.
- Riverside has the most expensive water in the RM.
- Anticipate another increase of 9% in 2019 from city to SaskWater to DRWU.

- RM continues to push against the way that the City passes on the cost to SaskWater.

Emil thanked Adam for his continuous efforts in this matter. Discussion then followed regarding water usage and the water meter check.

In response to questions and comments from residents, Adam provided his answers and comments:

- The RM offers a general apology on behalf of the contractor and the Director of Public Works for the communication regarding the water meter inspection; some residents found the contractor very professional, others did not, and others felt the contractor did not follow what was in the letter.
- The scope of the inspection covered four items and the contractor did not address all items each time.
- Residents can look for better communication next time.
- There was a discrepancy of water going into the pump and billings out to residents.
- The RM has to do physical inspections every five years to find leaks and cross connections; there were leaks found inside two homes and two cross connections that bypassed meters but used water from the pump house.
- The loss/discrepancy is not seasonal; it is throughout the year.
- There are still a couple of houses remaining to be checked; residents can consult with Adam after the meeting to see if they are on this list.
- The leaks were likely a cause of some of the discrepancy but only partially.
- Cross connections were also a possible cause but not able to determine the extent.
- No leaks were found in the main system.
- Not sure what points were pressure tested.

Resident: No leaks were found; any reason that the banks along the river are slumping or is this coincidental?

Emil: Curb stops were not closed so the question is how did the pressure test happen? The system was put into place in 1992. All points of water should be closed off and then reviewed to see if leaks still happen.

Adam: I will be in contact with Emil for follow-up.

8. Tent Caterpillar – Possible Intervention

Sharon Ceslak introduced Jeff Gooliaf, a biologist with 20+ years of experience in this field. Sharon also wrote a letter to the Riverside Golf and Country Club for possible participation in intervention. Jeff proceeded with a presentation, summed up as follows:

- Jeff works for KBM Resources, who are forestry consultants.
- Has good knowledge and experience with Dutch elm disease.
- Involved in the insecticide spray program in five provincial parks.
- Forest tent caterpillars have become more prominent since 2015, building up in 2016 and 2017.
- Before any spraying, a forecast should be undertaken to determine the level of caterpillars for 2018; this is done through an egg ban count.
- BTK is the active ingredient to spray when trees are budding; this is mixed with water and sprayed from an airplane.
- Forecast cost \$300-\$500 for a risk forecast.
- Spraying cost \$58-\$65/hectare; for Riverside partial area, this would be approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000.

Motion [Roger]: Move to expense up to a maximum of \$500 to have a forecast completed as soon as possible.

Motion was moved for acceptance, seconded, and carried with all in favour.

Motion [Roger]: Move that the Hamlet spend up to \$10,000 to spray for Forest Tent caterpillars if recommended as a result of the forecast.

Motion was moved for acceptance, seconded, and carried with all in favour.

9. Status Update on Land Only Group Property Assessment Appeal

Emil: There is no update.

Adam Tittlemore: Within two weeks, the RM expects to have a list of appeals in the province that show results, but there would not be any backup documentation.

10. Board Member Vacancy

Emil will serve another term on the board as Chair, Gail Hoshowsky will continue her term in capacity as Secretary/Treasurer, and Roger Dilsner volunteered to fill the vacant third board member position.

11. Loraas Disposal Services Charges

A representative from Loraas Disposal was present to answer questions regarding services, with the possibility to decrease the individual household cost if residents agreed to have services provided to all households within the hamlet. Currently, Loraas services 43 households at \$21/mth, plus the annual road levy of \$5,400 (imposed by the RM). General discussion followed on the services to be offered:

- Biweekly garbage pickup.
- Biweekly recycling (on alternate weeks).
- The cost would be \$17/household for this combined garbage/recycling service.
- A second garbage container would cost \$9/month.

Emil asked whether the residents would be interested in having these services paid through our taxes and become part of the hamlet costs (exception second container would be the cost of the household). This cost would be approximately \$23,000 annually.

Calculation: $83 \text{ curb stops} \times \$17/\text{stop} \times 12 \text{ months} = \$16,932$

plus \$5,400 road annual road levy

plus \$40 fuel surcharge

A vote was put to the floor as to who would agree that the cost of a full garbage pickup and recycling service provided to all households within the hamlet should be absorbed as part of the taxes paid to the RM; the majority voted NO.

Comment from the floor – first use funds to repair the roads and we can review this idea at a later date.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53.

ATTENDANCE

Residents of Riverside Estates:

Shirley Carter	Sharon Ceslak
Lawrence Pirness	Elaine Pearse
Gail Hoshowsky	Ron Steer
Susan Johnson	Sheilagh Steer
Darrell Johnson	Wendi Stoeber
Doug Peterson	Edmond Lemire
James Salamon	Gary Elias
Jane McKerrell	Carol Ingell
Jeff McKerrell	Kathleen Solose
Owen Mitchell	Erich Keser
Marilyn Ellis	Michael Pomedli
Bill Ellis	James Neufeld
Grant Leveille	Andrea Neufeld
Bev Townsend	Murray Bentham
Hugh Townsend	Rob Quayle
Clark Dziadyk	Violet Dilsner
John Christensen	Roger Dilsner
Evelyn Lim	Marie Racine
Hal Schnare	Emil Hallin
Heather Schnare	

There were other residents present who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Other:

Adam Tittlemore – RM Corman Park Administrator	Joel Hryniuk – Loraas Salesman
Lyndon Haduik– Councillor of Division 3	