

**HAMLET OF CASA RIO  
BOARD MEETING  
7:00PM | 23 NOVEMBER 2022  
MINUTES**

**LOCATION:** South Corman Park School (GYM)  
1760 Baker Road East, Casa Rio, SK, S7T 1B5

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Residents of Casa Rio Estates – 18 Total
  - Eldorado Lane – 6
  - Clarence Ave – 4
  - Casa Rio Lane – 2
  - Casa Rio Bay – 6
- Casa Rio Estates Board Members
  - Board Chair - Mark Trimble - 47 Casa Rio Lane - (306) 241-1876
  - Secretary - Andrew Williams - 5500 Clarence Ave - (306) 291-7820
  - Member - Sheldon Giesbrecht - 84 Eldorado Lane - (306) 220-6060
  - Member - Blair Plemel - 5485 Clarence Ave (306) 222-5518
- RM of Corman Park
  - Reeve – Judy Harwood
  - Councilor – Michelle Chuhaniuk
  - Chief Administrator – Ken Kolb
  - Chief of Police – Ron Chomyn

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Mark Trimble called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:**

- Mark Trimble welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the residents for their attendance, introduced the board and the attending guests of RM of Corman Park.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

- Motion to adopt the agenda by Herb McFaul
  - Second by Fred Remillard
  - All were in favor – Motion passed

**REVIEW OF AGM MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2021 & APPROVE**

- Motion to adopt and approve the minutes by Brenda Lang
- Second by Stella Blackshaw
- All were in favor – Motion passed

## REPORTS

- **Fencing Update by Blair Plemel**
  - Last major repairs were done in 2017-2020 and averaged \$70k for 3yr period
  - 2020-2021 – not much required work
  - 2022 will look to start painting sections and board replacement where required
  - No questions from the residents
  - Comment on the importance of keeping our fence reserves healthy in order to maintain the quality of fencing for the area in years to come.
- **Power Pole Installation & ditches along Clarence Sheldon Giesbrecht**
  - Recapped how residents were surprised and unaware of the plan for SaskPower to run overhead lines down Clarence as current lines are buried.
  - The board met with RM & SaskPower to express residents' concerns on this
  - SaskPower indicated that the master plan is to run the poles south down Clarence Ave and then East on Baker Road to connect to a south station and gain redundancy in the lines to minimize future power loss. Although this was the long-term plan, the immediate need for the power poles was to service the Ravenswood sub-division.
  - It was then brought up with the RM that this piece of information was lacking from the public consultation process when Ravenswood was approved.
  - There was strong and vocal opposition from the residents regarding the plan to run overhead poles through the Casa Rio community and the consensus was that this is not acceptable.
  - In addition, six members from the community contacted the Minister responsible for the crown corporation.
  - After all the dialogue, the plan to proceed through the community with power poles was halted; however, it was indicated that this item will reappear on the agenda in the future.
    - Motion for the Board to write a letter to the Minister and go on official record expressing the communities concerns to have overhead poles in our community by Fred Remillard
    - Second by Herb McFaul
    - All were in favor – Motion passed
  - On the ditches along Clarence, since the asphalt was installed on Clarence, there are still outstanding items that are unsatisfactory:
    1. The two entrances to Eldorado and one entrance to Casa Rio Lane, have been squared off and do not have proper allowances for turning into traffic without driving off the pavement. Although the RM says it has not changed from aerials, the residents have expressed concern that it has as the turn cannot be safely made without dropping tires off the road surface. It is a problem for radius turning onto those roads, plus the short cutting is causing mud to be tracked onto the roads and causing a nuisance for residents.
    2. The ditches have approximately 2-3 feet of exposed gravel at the tops. This was a contractor error as they laid topsoil and then swept all the gravel off the road overtop of the topsoil causing a “no-grow” zone (except for weeds).

It was noted that the RM seeded this in 2022; however, with the lack of topsoil it won't grow.

- One resident commented that their approach was poorly constructed initially but that the contractor did come back and repair. Was happy with the final outcome.
- Discussion around the RM process for deficiencies
  - Motion for the RM to repair the road approaches and topsoil/seedling of ditches along Clarence and Baker by Herb McFaul
  - Second by Garry Derenoski
  - All were in favor – Motion passed
- **Financial Report to Nov 1, 2022 by Andrew Williams**
  - RM to review and report back on the following items:
    - the interest rate earned on the surplus funds
    - why the provincial revenue sharing grant is down in 2022
  - Motion to allocate funds from the general reserve account in the following amounts:
    - \$20,000 to the fence reserve account
    - \$40,000 to the road reserve account
      - Motion by Mark Trimble
      - Second by Bill Baker
      - All were in favor – Motion passed
  - Motion to accept the financial statements
    - Motion by Herb McFaul
    - Second by Garry Derenoski
    - All were in favor – Motion passed
- **New Developments Update by Mark Trimble**
  - Reeve Harwood provided a recap that there were three new projects in the works that they were aware of:
    - Proposed development on **Baker/Highway 219**. The RM has not received an application on this project. Commented that the original mailer for consultation was sent out by a representative from the developer.
    - **Ravenswood** – wasn't a lot of discussion on this project. Main concern for residents was the absence of the overhead power poles from the public consultation process and how the developer should not get the choice to choose a lower price option for services outside of its lands.
    - **Edgemont 2** – Reeve Harwood commented that this project has not been submitted and no formal application has been made. Everything the developer is doing is subject to the risk of Council not approving the subdivision. There are plans in place for the development to be connected with underground sewer and piped to the English River Reserve where a new sewage treatment plant is being connected. There were also

concerns that a large amount of dirt has been moved with no approvals in place. RM expects the public process to be approx. 2 months out. The board will send an email update to residents when received.

- Motion that the Hamlet board ask the RM to considering halting development proposals in the area due to ground water contamination concerns.
  - Motion by Garry Derenoski
  - Second by Bill Baker
  - All were in favor – Motion passed
- Further discussion regarding the current plans for the research on for future development for the south area
- General consensus that residents want to maintain the current characteristics on the Casa Rio neighborhood.
- Residents asked that RM council consider the impacts of approving high density neighborhoods up against our neighborhood. Some items discussed were social and logistical issues with high density neighborhoods in rural settings.
- **Other Business or Questions**
  - Question pertaining to the cell phone towers and getting improved service. After group discussion, there was a consensus that the hamlet has good service.
  - Motion to undertake an engineering study on the internal roadways for Casa Rio Lane, Casa Rio Dr, Casa Rio Bay & Rolling Hills Lane
    - Motion by Mark Trimble
    - Second by Herb McFaull
    - All were in favor – Motion passed
- **Resignations from the Hamlet Board**
  - None
- **Nominations & Elections to Hamlet Board**
  - Mark Trimble made a call for nominations and the following was brought forward:
    - Michelle Chuhaniuk nominated Dustin Pollen of 89 Eldorado Lane
    - No objections / board accepted the nominee
  - Nomination and Election is subject to review of the process with the RM
- **Adjournment**
  - Mark Trimble adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm