

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
Summer Villages Office Council Chambers
605-2nd Ave, Ma-Me-O Beach, AB**

MINUTES

Present:

Doris Bell, Mayor

Walter Schlese, Deputy Mayor

Kevin Pratt, Councillor

Sylvia Roy, CAO

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the Meeting to Order at 10:09 am.

B. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Hugh Sanders, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

At 10:09 am Council welcomed Mr. Hugh Sanders of Pigeon Lake Watershed Association. Bluebird Park is currently mowed in summer, but this park isn't heavily used. A suggestion was made to naturalize the park and restore the riparian area, but not to the degree that the naturalization becomes a fire hazard or is seen as unsightly.

Mr. Sanders referred to a project currently underway with PLWA and Grandview, in which a creek-side reserve area has been designated as Environmental Reserve and naturalization and riparian areas will be restored and enhanced. The area has been fenced to restrict access to cattle, signs have been installed and the reserve has been surveyed. Cows and Fish will be examining the riparian area to evaluate natural vegetation and suggest plant and shrub species that could be planted. Grant funding has been received by an organization via TD Bank that will assist with funding this project.

It is the intent that this Grandview creek restoration project can be used as a model for other lakeside municipalities to better understand the purpose and value of riparian areas and naturalization of reserves, and encourage them to follow suit by setting an exemplary model.

Mr. Sanders referenced the recently released publication "Stepping Back from the Water" and the development setbacks suggested as buffer areas between developments and the lake, and how the riparian areas may differ based on topography (hills, flat land, creeks, etc).

The PLWA would like to have other model projects around the lake and would welcome the opportunity to work with Crystal Springs Council on any such project. Mr. Sanders distributed information on PLWA's initiative on riparian restoration and a draft statement of interest for municipalities to consider. If Bluebird Park were to be transformed into a riparian area in similar fashion, then consultation, education and research would be required.

Council thanked Mr. Sanders and he departed from Council Chambers at 10:39 am.

C. ADOPTION / ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Res. # 12-114

Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlese to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Organizational Council Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2012

Res. # 12-115

Moved by Councillor Pratt to approve the Organizational Council Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2012

Res. # 12-116

Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlese to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED

E. READING OF BYLAWS & POLICIES

1. Bylaw #210, Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Bylaw

Res. # 12-117

Moved by Councillor Pratt to give 3rd Reading to Bylaw #210, Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED

F. COUNCIL & CAO REPORTS

1. Follow-Up Report

The follow up sheet was reviewed and revised.

2. List of 2012/2013 Council Appointments

Administration provided Council with a list of 2012/ 2013 Council and Committee appointments.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Regional Emergency Management Update

Administration advised that the Pigeon Lake CAO's and the emergency management project consultant are meeting regularly; all Summer Villages have passed the resolution to form a committee and the Ministerial Order will be requested as per the *Emergency Management Act*.

2. Regional Policing Project Update

The Pigeon Lake CAO's have reviewed the draft report, proposed revisions and corrections will be provided to the consultant prior to the meeting with representatives of all 10 Summer Villages.

3. Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities

Council reviewed the proposed agenda for the APLM meeting scheduled for this evening. The PLWA is undertaking the development of the watershed management plan (the word "integrated" has been dropped); and is asking the APLM to be a co-sponsor of the watershed management plan.

Res. # 12-118

Moved by Councillor Schlese that the Summer Village of Crystal Springs agree to participate as a Co-Sponsor of the 2012 Watershed Management Plan initiated by the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association.

CARRIED

4. Pigeon Lake Summer Village Strategic Alliance (PLSVSA)

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting in which Pigeon Lake water quality and options for the control of blue-green algal was discussed. A group of individuals is investigating in-lake options; a focus group may be formed by PLWA/APLM to investigate other options.

Res. # 12-119

Moved by Councillor Pratt that as a representative of the taxpayers of the Summer Village of Crystal Springs, we support and encourage the creation of a committee of the PLSVSA to work with the department of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development for a feasibility study, and consider hiring of consultants to assess the ability of in-lake initiatives in conjunction with the PLWA/APLM.

CARRIED

5. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

It was noted that the adoption of the watershed management plan may assist the PLWA in becoming a watershed advisory group.

6. Alberta Environment - Options for the Control of Blue-Green Algal

A meeting was held on Saturday, September 1st, 2012 at the Mulhurst Legion with representatives of PLWA, Alberta Environment, Summer Villages, Counties and lake area land owners. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the report released in May 2012 entitled "Lake and Watershed Management Options for the Control of Nuisance Blue-Green Algal Blooms in Pigeon Lake, Alberta".

Chris Teichreb, Limnologist/Water Quality Specialist and the author of the report, provided an overview of his report. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Of the three elements required for cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) – namely heat, light and nutrients – the only element we can control is nutrients
- Control of phosphorus is key, not nitrogen
- At present, water sampling is conducted monthly. In 2013, the department will start sampling weekly.
- A total of seven Pigeon Lake area streams are currently sampled
- A combination of both watershed and in-lake controls are required to decrease nutrient load – not one solution
- Potential options to be examined must include a cost-benefit analysis, ie) includes environmental, social and economic factors
- A question arose regarding the feasibility of water transfer; Chris replied that this option should be examined with the cost-benefit analysis as mentioned above, like any of the potential options

The meeting concluded with the intent of forming a focus group, with members to be chosen by Brian Waterhouse (APLM) and Susan Ellis (PLWA) to examine the cost-benefit analyses required by the potential options identified in the report.

7. South Side Wastewater Committee

Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting on July 26, 2012. Governance was discussed, as well as a summary of discussions that Norris Beach Mayor Fowlie had with various utility companies and firms who operate wastewater systems. Ma-Me-O Beach Deputy Mayor Slater reviewed the information he received from Jarvis Bay and the method through which they deal with their wastewater fees and governance model.

8. Intermunicipal Development Plan Update

Administration advised that meetings with the County Administrator are proceeding well and proposed amendments to the IDP agreement appear to be satisfactory to both parties.

Recess: 11:45 am

Reconvene: 12:20 pm

9. Recreation Committee

The second annual boat rally and pig roast was a great success and was well-attended. Residents have provided positive comments about the new picnic tables at the day park.

10. Day Park Beach

Concerns have been brought to Council regarding the poor condition of the beach at the day park area. The ice from the lake has eroded the soil and exposed numerous tree roots, which are pointed and creating hazards for children and other users of the day park beach. Maintenance is required to bring the beach to a point where it is not posing a hazard. It was noted that the maintenance to achieve this level of safety does not require any work to be performed in the water and is considered regular maintenance.

Res. # 12-120

Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlese that the Summer Village authorizes the required maintenance at the day park beach to ensure safety of day park beach users.

CARRIED

The porta potty at the day park is to be removed by the end of October.

11. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

Res. #12-121

Moved by Councillor Pratt that Mayor Bell and Deputy Mayor Schlese attend the ASVA Convention scheduled for October 19 & 20, 2012.

CARRIED

H. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Listing

Res. #12-122

Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlese to accept the cheque listing as information.

CARRIED

2. Financial Report

Res. #12-123

Moved Deputy Mayor Schlese by to accept the financial report as information.

CARRIED

3. Resident Request to Waive Tax Penalty

Res. #12-124

Moved by Councillor Pratt to approve the tax penalty waiver request for the owner of roll number 36 in consideration of the circumstances provided.

CARRIED

I. IN CAMERA (if required)

J. ADJOURNMENT


Res. #12-125

Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlese to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 pm.

CARRIED



Doris Bell, Mayor
Summer Village of Crystal Springs



Sylvia Roy, C.A.O.
Summer Village of Crystal Springs

Next potential meetings:
October 16
December 4
Feb 26
April 23
June 4
July 9
July 20 potential election