

Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2012, 7:00 pm  
Leduc County Council Chambers

**Attendance:**

Larry McKeever, County of Wetaskiwin	Don Davidson, Grandview
Brian Keeler, Norris Beach	Pat Sloan, Poplar Bay
Rex Nielsen, Itaska Beach	Don Lloyd - Argentia
Brian Waterhouse, Sundance Beach	Doris Bell, Crystal Springs
Peter Langelle, Ma-Me-O Beach	June Boyda, CAO & Recorder

**Regrets:**

Golden Days, Silver Beach, Leduc County

**Guests:**

Jeff Lloyd, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Brian Waterhouse called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Additions:

- 2 a) Appointment of Recording Secretary, June Boyda
- 6 a) Status of Pigeon Lake Strategic Alliance
- 6 b) APLM – Letter re: Leadership Role for PLWA
- 6 c) Brian Keeler – Regional Sewer
- 6 d) Don Davidson – Himalayan Balsam Project

Moved by Larry McKeever to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

2 a) Appointment of Recording Secretary

Moved by Brian Keeler to appoint June Boyda as secretary for the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities.

Carried

**3. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2012**

Moved by Brian Keeler to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 APLM Minutes as presented.

Carried

#### 4. Delegations:

##### a. PLWA – Jeff Lloyd

Jeff Lloyd presented an updated report on the 2012 – 2013 projects and deliverables of the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA).

The RBC Bluewater grant application was declined. The grants are very competitive and there are a lot of applicants. The PLWA will continue to search for grant funding.

Doris Bell suggested applying for the Recreation Parks & Wildlife Tourism Foundation grants, which is usually undersubscribed. The deadline is May 1. See <http://www.asrpf.ca/grant-funding-programs/development-initiatives-program.aspx> for further information.

Don Davidson questioned the \$10,000 of money spent looking at the County of Wetaskiwin's Watershed Plan (\$10,000). Jeff advised that the PLWA thought it was important for potential of longer term impact on lake. Any time we are creating infrastructure frameworks, it is important to be looked at from the perspective of the watershed. The County of Wetaskiwin will review the plan by June, and would request all input upfront before the plan is in place. The PLWA is finalizing their comments and will have their information in by mid-May.

Brian Waterhouse discussed keeping communication going with the PLWA. The intent is to still maintain individuality of the two groups, but work together and move ahead in the same direction for the benefit of the lake through coordinated efforts. This will be discussed further at the meeting with the APLM and PLWA at 8:50 a.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Lakedell Agriculture Society.

Water monitoring will be completed this year.

Watermere project: PLWA has submitted their information. The County of Leduc is reviewing the information.

#### 5. APLM Governance

##### a. Terms of Reference – Governance Procedures

Reviewed the Terms of Reference. Doris Bell to submit a few final changes. Marked up document to be sent to all to review, with any modifications being coordinated through June Boyda.

Have a website created, and all municipalities link to it. The approved minutes to be posted on the website.

6. County of Wetaskiwin – Area Concept Plan Update  
David Helmer from Alberta Environment will be providing the County of Wetaskiwin with technical comments. PLWA will get their comments in by middle of May. Now is the time to put in comments.

Doris Bell asked what green area, which was within 800 metres of the water was to be zoned, and what would be the restrictions in that zone. Larry McKeever said that there could be a number of different zones within that area.

Peter Langelle, who was a part of the focus group working on the Area Concept Plan, stated that there was a lot of good input and the format taken was a great approach by the County of Wetaskiwin.

a) Status of Pigeon Lake Strategic Alliance

Brian Waterhouse advised that it is not this committee's mandate to ask what the Pigeon Lake Strategic Alliance (PLSA) is going to do. It is up to those members to have a discussion to decide what is their direction.

Peter Langelle suggested that unless there are new ideas that need to be approached, the group will not likely be revived.

Pat Sloan: Rather than strike it down, they will just leave it. There are currently no plans to meet at the moment, and it is not for the APLM to direct them.

Larry McKeever stated that we do not need another governing body around Pigeon Lake.

Regarding the consortium of members that are working on the importing water into pigeon lake project: discussion was held as to which group or municipality('s) they are representing. It should be clear that the consortium is a separate group of individuals, and does not represent the APLM

Brian Waterhouse – get us back into working together with the PLWA; two separate groups but working together for a common goal. Then shows some unity to elected officials.

Write to Diana McQueen: this group is formally structured, and we are the only ones that are speaking for the lake. The other group has not been sanctioned by Council; individual group doing their own thing.

Moved by Larry McKeever to write a letter to Diana McQueen advising her that the Municipalities (10 Summer Villages and 2 Counties) and the APLM are duly elected/appointed to represent the area, not splinter groups.

CARRIED

A draft of the letter to be done at the meeting with the PLWA on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and circulated to all members.

b) APLM – Letter re: Leadership Role for Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

Clarification was given regarding the intent of the letter. Further work to be done at the meeting with the PLWA. The concept is that the APLM is working hand in hand, not controlling the PLWA.

Peter Langelle and Pat Sloan indicated that because their Summer Villages support the partnership of APLM and PLWA they do not need a new resolution from the Summer Villages regarding this topic.

c) Brian Keeler – Regional Sewer

The RFP closed and Genivar was selected as the engineering firm.

Construction on the lagoon will be completed by the fall. The pipeline is slated to start in 2013.

d) Don Davidson – Himalayan Balsam Project

Don Davidson received grant funding from WalMart Evergreen in the amount of \$2000, and SRD for \$1500 for the removal of Himalayan Balsam from the Pigeon Lake shoreline. He will hire two people for north side of the lake. The south side will have a step student and part time people.

They will patrol the entire shoreline, utilizing the pick, break, drop method for the Himalayan Balsam weed. He will keep track of the time and is hoping that every municipality will contribute, to help the program succeed and as a gesture of working together to solve the problem. The estimated cost would be \$500 per municipality.

## 7. Pigeon Lake Water Quality (Don Davidson)

Don Davidson discussed working with the PLWA regarding the environmental law review and based on science what type of fertilizer's should be banned and establish a bylaw of what we should do that can be presented to Council's for adoption.

Brian Keeler suggested that if banning fertilizer's, should at the same time give people alternatives, and do research to see if there are natural fertilizers.

Doris Bell suggested having a policy banning fertilizers rather than a bylaw, so that there are not enforcement issues. Don Davidson did not think that the fertilizer companies would follow the policies.

PLWA – not inclined to regulate

Don – people must make a commitment to the lake; may have to give something up – ie. Green lake or green lawn

Show residents and province that we're working together

At the Summer Village of Grandview a pilot project is being undertaken where the sea mulch is being deposited on the grass of the public park. It was emphasized that caution should be exercised in the disposal of this mulch because of the risk of transporting noxious weeds.

Municipalities will each choose if and to what level they will do fertilizer bans. Start to educate people and share best practices.

## 8. Financials

### a. Level of Financial Support

### b. Financial Statements

Harold Wynne will continue to manage the financial statements. He is in the process of setting up a new accounting system, and the statements will be sent out via email as soon as available.

## 9. Adjournment

Moved by Rex Nielsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Carried

Next meeting: June 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm