

Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2012, 7:00 pm  
Leduc County Council Chambers

**Attendance:**

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

**Regrets:**

Leduc County, Golden Days, Silver Beach

**Guests:**

Erwin Zotzman  
Emile Beaudry, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Brian Waterhouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Additions: 4b D. Davidson - Recommended course of action for nutrient reduction  
5c Leadership Committee  
5d Pigeon Lake Watershed Memberships

Moved by Peter Langelle to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

**3. Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2012**

Moved by Pat Sloan to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2012 APLM Minutes as presented.

Carried

**4. Delegations:**

a) Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

a. APLM Representative for WMP Steering Committee

Emile Beaudry presented the draft Watershed Management Plan and was looking for support regarding the APLM being a partner in the plan, which would involve providing representatives on the PLWMP Steering Committee.

A number of concerns were brought up by Larry McKeever regarding the authority that the Terms of Reference may purport to take on. The municipalities have the authority over development, and the PLWA is not another level of approval that a developer would need to go through. Those comments to be provided to Doris Bell, one of the APLM representatives on the steering committee. Emile Beudry advised that the WMP was in draft format and that they are looking for municipal input on the steering committee to work on the document. The PLWA would welcome County representative, whether elected or staff members.

b. Erwin Zotzman – Fish on Pigeon Lake

Erwin Zotzman is not a representative of the PLWA nor an expert, but an independent person who lived at Pigeon Lake for 75 years and did commercial and personal fishing.

Mr. Zotzman does not feel that catch and release is a very good program as it is easily abused. There is no benefit to it other than it is a sport. He suggests that a large percentage of the fish caught end up dying, and then decompose in the lake.

Because there has been a ban on fishing, the whitefish they are getting older and will continue to die off for the next 3-4 years; after which there are a limited number of younger whitefish. Oxygen and temperature are also possible factors as to why they die. There is a temperature at which the whitefish will gasify and float. If they are colder they will sink to the bottom.

Mr. Zotzman suggested as a solution for the lake: to get the walleye out of the lake and restock with suckers to clean it up.

c. Quick Shoreline Inventory

Emile Beudry of the PLWA spoke on a quick shoreline inventory which will be completed this fall along with AE/SRD, Cows and Fish and Provincial Fisheries.

b) Don Davidson - Recommended course of action for nutrient reduction

Don Davidson provided a presentation entitled "Pigeon Lake Recommended Action Plan – To Improve Water Quality".

Moved by Larry McKeever that the report be presented to the Steering Committee.

Carried

## 5. New Business

- a. Leduc County and County of Wetaskiwin – Health of Pigeon Lake  
Brian Waterhouse will be meeting with the Reeve and Mayor of the Counties to discuss the roles and intention of the interaction between the APLM and the PLWA, and further clarify that there would be no financial commitment by the APLM to the municipalities.

Brian Bowles advised that as long as the Frames of Reference are clear for both the APLM and PLWA, to be certain that each municipality is responsible for their own areas regarding development.

- b. Terms of Reference – Governance Procedures

Moved by Peter Langelle that the Governance Procedures for the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities is hereby approved as presented.

Carried

- c. Steering Committee

As a result of a meeting with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, it was suggested that a Steering Committee be formed which would identify possibilities that could be pursued to work on the in-lake ideas and potential solutions regarding the lake. The committee will review the solutions in terms of cost-effectiveness and feasibility. Alberta Environment would provide a member for the committee and technical expertise that would be required.

Moved by Brian Keeler that the APLM strike a steering committee to work with Environment and Fisheries and the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association to provide recommendations back to the APLM on the betterment of Pigeon Lake.

Carried

The committee would be formed of all members from the APLM, as well as representation from the First Nations. Chair Brian Waterhouse will contact Michael Gaian to invite him to the first committee meeting.

- d. Pigeon Lake Watershed Memberships

A few of the Summer Villages have supported the PLWA with memberships at a rate of \$50 per developed lot. If other Summer Villages wish to participate, contact the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association. Brian Waterhouse encouraged the other Summer Villages to support the PLWA in this manner.

**6. Financials**

a) Bank Statements – June 30 - August 31, 2012

Harold Wynne advised that there is currently \$1,121.74 in the bank and over \$1,400.00 due in payables.

Moved by Brian Keeler to request \$300 from each Summer Village, and further that Harold Wynne to put together a budget to be distributed to the members.

Carried

Next meeting: November 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by Pat Sloan to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Carried

THESE MINUTES ADOPTED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012

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CHAIR

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RECORDING SECRETARY