

ASSOCIATION OF PIGEON LAKE MUNICIPALITIES MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2013, 7:00 pm
Leduc County Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Larry McKeever, County of Wetaskiwin	Rex Nielsen, Itaska Beach
Ruth Harrison, Leduc County	Reiner Buchsdrucker, Norris Beach
Ernie Elko, Argentic Beach	Laurie Rogers, Poplar Bay
Doris Bell, Crystal Springs	Brian Waterhouse, Sundance Beach
Karen Belmont, Golden Days	June Boyda, CAO Itaska Beach & Recorder
Don Davidson, Grandview	

REGRETS:

Ma-Me-O Beach, Silver Beach

GUESTS:

Jeff Lloyd, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association
Wayne Buskas, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association
Chris Teichreb, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
Wayne Benson, Mulhurst Fire Department
Ralph Johnston, Itaska Beach
Michael Gaian, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Brian Waterhouse called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions: 2a Appointment of Chair and Secretary
5f ii) Committee of the Whole Reports
5g) Website
5h) In-Lake Technical Committee
5i) Expense Reimbursement

Moved by Rex Nielsen to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Appointment of Chair and Secretary

Moved by Rex Nielsen to appoint Brian Waterhouse as the Chair and June Boyda as the Secretary of the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities.

CARRIED

Moved by Larry McKeever to appoint Doris Bell as the Vice-Chair of the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities.

CARRIED

Moved by Doris Bell to appoint Harold Wynne as the Treasurer of the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Don Davidson indicated that there was not a consensus on who owned the reports created by the APLM sub-committees. A change in the minutes on p. 3 to change “concensus” to “majority of group” was completed.

Moved by Larry McKeever to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2013 APLM Minutes as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

Pigeon Lake Watershed Association – Progress Report

Jeff Lloyd, Vice President of the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA), presented their September 2013, 4th Report. There were 47 initial homesite consultations completed this summer and 10 follow-up consultations which is up considerably from previous years.

Provincial funds are available for municipalities for certain collaborative initiatives. The PLWA is requesting municipalities to consider applying for regional grant funding and directing the funds to the PLWA to fund some of their projects, such as the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan (PLWMP).

Chris Teichreb advised that the PLWMP is much farther along than most lakes, and it is a long process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Environment Canada – Access to Information

Presented as information only.

Experimental Lakes

Tabled to the next meeting.

Larry McKeever – Water Rescue on Pigeon Lake

Wayne Benson, Fire Chief of the Mulhurst Fire Department in the County of Wetaskiwin presented information giving the history of the number of calls that were responded to on the lakes within the County of Wetaskiwin, both on ice and open water. The fire fighters have been advised that they do not have the authority to do water rescue. Mr. Benson not think any additional insurance would be required, and would like to see his members receive the authority and training to be able to do water rescue.

Ruth Harrison advised that Leduc County Constables are trained, have a boat, and have been on Wizard Lake and Pigeon Lake.

Larry McKeever advised that the County of Wetaskiwin had previously studied the idea of water rescue, and after a year decided not to proceed.

Wayne Benson will follow up with Leduc County Constables to find out the directives given and whether they do rescue or just patrols. Perhaps consider having the Pigeon Lake Protective Services trained for rescue. Any lake rescue workers would require proper training, equipment and maintenance.

Ambulance: The North Shore is dispatched from Grande Prairie or Calgary. South Shore is dispatched from Calgary. The rural municipal signage is important for those ambulance drivers.

A FireSmart program is important, and is being worked on by many Summer Villages.

Governance – Voting

Tabled to the next meeting.

Committee of the Whole

Water Augmentation Report Review – Pigeon Lake Watershed Association Response

Don Davidson summarized the Sub Committee's report for the group. The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association's letter dated July 16, 2013 was presented.

Brian Waterhouse clarified that the report was only to research whether an option was feasible or not, and to include in the report that if new information was presented that the potential solution of water augmentation would be reviewed again. Don Davidson said that it was reasonable and would be included.

Don Davidson recommend that the APLM endorse the Water Augmentation report and freely distribute it to the public.

Chris Teichreb suggested that the Water Augmentation Report be received as information and that the APLM will not pursue this issue further unless new information is provided.

Rex Nielsen suggested that due to the PLWA's letter, that more needs to be done before deciding not to pursue this option. Endorsing the document as an APLM document could have a negative impact when we want to work together with the Provincial Government.

Ernie Elko discussed the work done over the past four years with their group. They have recently hired Aquality Environmental Consulting and Alberta WaterSmart, and they are willing to work with the APLM to go forward.

Doris Bell suggested that all the reports should be submitted to an In-Lake Technical Committee for review.

9:18 Ruth Harrison left the meeting

Michael Gaian brought up a concern that the report could misinform the public if it has the perception that it is conclusive when it is not necessarily so.

Ralph Johnston advised that all the information be received before presenting any information to the public.

Moved by Don Davidson that the report be accepted as information and freely distributed to the public.

DEFEATED

Moved by Doris Bell to accept the Committee of the Whole reports as information.

CARRIED

Website

Brian Waterhouse discussed creation of a website to be able to provide information publicly that is easily accessible. Costs to be confirmed and sent to members for review.

In-Lake Technical Committee

Moved by Doris Bell that the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities establishes the following working Committee entitled the In-Lake Technical Committee and invites APLM members and other stakeholders to support a committee, and further that the Committee will report to the APLM and be guided by the Terms of Reference.

Larry McKeever requested a recorded vote.

FOR: Doris Bell, Ernie Elko, Rex Nielsen, Reiner Buchsdrucker, Laurie Rogers, Karen Belmont

AGAINST: Larry McKeever, Don Davidson

CARRIED

An In-Lake Technical Committee will be created that will look at the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole and report back directly to the APLM. Draft Terms of Reference were circulated. Ernie Elko volunteered to Chair the Committee.

Expense Reimbursement

Typically expenses incurred have been paid by the Summer Villages, but there are funds available in the APLM budget that could be used to cover expenses to be reimbursed. It was suggested that special considerations could be brought forward to

the APLM for approval, but otherwise the individual Summer Villages would cover the expense reimbursement.

Don Davidson – Fertilizer Bylaw

Don Davidson brought forth a proposal to initiate an intermunicipal agreement on banning fertilizers. Jeff Lloyd advised that it is important to let the Watershed Management Plan finalize and come out with its recommendations, prior to starting an initiative of this type.

Moved by Don Davidson that the municipalities consider entering into an intermunicipal agreement for the ban of cosmetic lawn fertilizers by Pigeon Lake.

DEFEATED

Chris Teichreb's 2013 Pigeon Lake Sediment Chemistry report was distributed as information.

Brian Waterhouse is working on a presentation for ALMS to be shown on September 27, 2013. A presentation will also be given to the Association of Summer Villages on October 25, 2013.

FINANCIALS:

Balance Sheet as at August 31, 2013 was presented as information.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

November meeting to be set
Oct 22, 2013 – meeting cancelled
May 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Doris Bell to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 pm.

CARRIED

THESE MINUTES ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY