

ALLIANCE OF PIGEON LAKE MUNICIPALITIES MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2014, 7:00 pm

Room 241

Leduc County Administration Office

ATTENDANCE:

Ernie Elko, Argentia Beach
Doris Bell, Crystal Springs
Karen Belmont, Golden Days
Hugh Read, Grandview
Rex Nielsen, Itaska Beach

Pete Langelle, Ma-Me-O Beach
Frank Dyck, Norris Beach
Brian Waterhouse, Sundance Beach
June Boyda, CAO Itaska Beach & Recorder

REGRETS:

Glenn Belozzer, Leduc County
Gary Carew, Poplar Bay
Barb Martinson – Silver Beach

GUESTS:

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: 5f) Update on Health Advisories for Cyanobacteria - Grandview
5g) PLWA – Letter of Support
5h) PLWA – Leadership Meeting Date
5i) Organizational Meetings

Moved by Doris Bell to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Frank Dyck to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 APLM meeting as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:**Pigeon Lake Watershed Association**

Michael Gaian provided an update on some of the activities that the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA) has been involved in:

Michael reviewed a chart showing the nutrient sources for Pigeon Lake. The nutrient budget shows that reduction on nutrients in the lake requires both in-lake and watershed source managements.

There have been a number of priorities identified in the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan that the PLWA will be focusing on, and are in the process of applying for grants to cover the costs of initiatives undertaken. They are requesting municipal support through sending a letter of endorsement to apply for the grants.

Brian Waterhouse recommended that each municipality should (continue to) provide funding in their upcoming budget to the PLWA.

NEW BUSINESS:**In Lake Technical Committee Report – Grant Funding**

Ernie Elko, Chair of the In-Lake Technical Committee, provided an update on the progress of the committee. Ernie reviewed the meeting from February, 2014 where they discussed possible solutions to increasing the health of the lake. A summary report was provided.

They want to start pilot project testing areas during the winter to see if applying Phoslock would be a viable solution for the lake.

A grant for \$245,000 was received. To date, \$28,760 has been spent on the workshop (facility costs, costs for experts to attend, summary report preparation). That is on budget as to what was outlined in the grant application.

Pigeon Lake Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The Pigeon Lake Chamber of Commerce contacted Brian Waterhouse looking for support to bring people back to the lake. One of their concerns was the signage for blue-green algae; Brian has provided him an update. The Chamber requested regular updates on the different activities taking place.

Moved by Rex Nielsen that Brian Waterhouse will sit as a representative for the APLM on the Pigeon Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

Update on Watermere Development – Leduc County

Leduc County has set up a meeting for early December to discuss with Dansol the project application status.

Update on Southside Sewer Project

Regional Collaboration Grant in the amount of \$248,000 was received for preliminary designs for south-side local line services.

Update on Water Rescue

This topic to be discussed again when further information is available.

Update on Health Advisories for Cyanobacteria - Grandview

Hugh Read provided an update on the health advisories for Cyanobacteria. The ASVA passed a unanimous resolution at their Annual General Meeting to support changes in the health services advisory strategy. A meeting is set for January, 2015 to review the situation, and AHS may test a new practice on Pigeon Lake.

PLWA – Letter of Support

The letter of support would not be used for grant applications as each municipality would need to provide their own letter for those types of grant applications.

Moved by Frank Dyck that a letter of support be sent to the PLWA to help assist with funding applications.

Carried

PLWA – Leadership Meeting Date

The Pigeon Lake Watershed would like to have a majority of the leaders around the lake to participate in a leadership session. It was suggested that May would be a preferred month. To meet at the lake would be preferred, possibly Rundle Mission.

Organizational Meetings

Moved by Pete Langelle to have an organizational meeting following municipal elections, or in addition if the Chair or Vice-Chair steps down within that time period.

Carried

Pete Langelle updated the group on a presentation given at the Association of Summer Villages that the Federal Government will no longer be managing docks or boat hoists. The authority has been passed to the Provinces, which will likely be then allowing each municipality to set their own regulations. A draft template is being developed.

FINANCIALS:

Financial Report

The September 30, 2014 financial statements were reviewed. There are enough funds to cover expenses for 2015, so no additional funds would be required for the upcoming year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Hugh Read to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm.

CARRIED

THESE MINUTES ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2015

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY