

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF ARGENTIA BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.  
Devon Room, Nisku Inn  
1101 4th Street, Nisku, AB**

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**MINUTES**

Present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Don Oborowsky  
Deputy Mayor Lisa Turchansky  
Councillor Ernie Elko

**ADMINISTRATION:** Sylvia Roy, CAO

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Mayor Oborowsky called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS**

**Res. #15-45**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2015

**Res. #15-46**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

2. Organizational Council Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2015

**Res. #15-47**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to approve the Organizational Council Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS**

At 10:14 am Council welcomed Mr. Kelly James, Argentia Beach resident, with respect to the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary.

On October 19, 2015 Deputy Mayor Turchansky, Mr. James and CAO Roy met with three provincial government representatives at Argentia Beach with respect to the walking trails in the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary. The group walked through some of the existing trails. It was noted that someone created a trail that loops around.

The provincial government would to create more trails through the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary, since the length of Argentia Beach road is part of the Trans Canada Trail. Building trails in the Sanctuary would get people off of walking on the road and onto the trails. The current idea is to join up/create trails from the north end of the dead end road to the north of the Sanctuary, into the Sanctuary and have another starting point at around cabin number 16 in Argentia Beach. The provincial representatives indicated that they can build and pay for bridges/boardwalks in the wet areas of the Sanctuary. The trails will otherwise be left in a natural vegetative state. It was noted that the Sanctuary is not Summer Village land, although they welcome Summer Village input.

Ownership of the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary will be transferred to another provincial government department, as there will no longer be a Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife department.

The provincial department will pay for some signage for no quads/snowmobiles as well as other prohibitions.

Mr. James then advised that behind the western quarter of the Sanctuary is a proposed new development, which has been identified as the Solara Acres Area Structure Plan. They will develop the bottom half of the quarter first, which is adjacent to the north part of the Sanctuary. The Area Structure Plan has been approved by the County of Wetaskiwin. It is proposed that the development will have individual wells and holding tanks will be used and there will be a caveat registered by the County of Wetaskiwin that owners must hook up to sewer when it's available.

Council directed Administration to write a letter to the County of Wetaskiwin expressing concerns with the proposed development; concerns raised were that the development should be tied in to wastewater rather than allowing tanks, the Summer Village wasn't notified as affected neighbors; there is a danger of leaking tanks and other nutrient-filled water to drain through the Sanctuary and Argentia Beach then into the lake.

Mr. James, as an affected land owner, brought up concerns regarding the lack of a buffer zone between the development and the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary but his concerns were not taken into account in the approval of the Plan. The land is currently used as farmland.

Councillor Elko stated that he will bring attention to this development at the upcoming meeting of the Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities.

Mr. James departed at 10:56 am.

#### **D. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

1. None.

#### **E. REPORTS FROM STAFF/RESOLUTIONS**

1. Follow Up Sheet

The follow up sheet was reviewed.

#### **F. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Spillway/ Road Rehabilitation Project

The contractor has completed the spillway work; a few trees need to be removed as he wasn't able to work around them. Mayor Oborowsky stated that measurements will need to be taken for a new fence to be installed across the spillway; he suggested that perhaps some boards from the old fences could be re-used. Mayor Oborowsky suggested installing screw piles for the fence, perhaps at the same time as the neighbor is constructing his garage to save money. Mayor Oborowsky mentioned that he has long fir wood that may be useful in the construction of the fence. The fence would be a community work project to keep costs to a minimum.

Council suggested that the spillway and the fenced compound should be cut of weeds at least once in the season.

2. Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities

Council reviewed the meeting minutes of September 16, 2015. Councillor Elko will be attending another Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities committee meeting this evening. Councillor Elko stated that they are working with scientists and the provincial government on a number of initiatives. He further stated that he created an in-lake technical committee progress report. A formal report on lake water testing is expected in a few weeks, which will be sent to Belgian scientists who are familiar with the product Phoslock.

Councillor Elko indicated that the algae advisories have been better this year, as they deal with specific beaches at Pigeon Lake instead of condemning the entire lake.

Councillor Elko has also been working with University of Alberta Professor Dr. Vinebrook, who has been studying the lake's trophic cascade and the effect of minnows on lake health.

Discussion briefly ensued on Wabumun lake water, and the fact that they have been pumping water from the aquifer and that the water quality is better than Pigeon Lake. Councillor Elko stated that he is still of the opinion that pumping water from the Paskapoo aquifer is a viable option for Pigeon Lake.

3. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

1. Resolution In Support of Community Partnership Grant

Res. #15-48

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky:

Be it resolved that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach support the Community Partnership Grant application being made by the Summer Village of Grandview for the feasibility study, field test, and research project of an algae harvester as a possible means of mitigating the effects of cyanobacteria blooms in Alberta lakes. This grant will provide many benefits to the Summer Village including the delivery of services to our residents with the anticipated improvement in water quality of our lake. The Council of the Summer Village of Argentia Beach wishes to be directly involved with the size and/or sizes of the harvesters purchased and the process for using them.

CARRIED

4. Pigeon Lake Renewal Steering Group

Council reviewed a letter from a new group called the "Pigeon Lake Renewal Steering Group." In their letter, the group is encouraging Council to write a letter to provincial Ministers asking for support.

Council discussed the item and agreed that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach Council recognizes the efforts of the existing groups around the lake. Mayor Oborowsky is to meet with the Chair of this group and advise him of such.

5. Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Meeting

Mayor Oborowsky stated that he met with Drayton Valley-Devon MLA Mark Smith, and Mayor Oborowsky suggested to Councillor Elko that the MLA be invited to an upcoming meeting of the APLM. Mayor Oborowsky indicated that MLA Smith is aware of Pigeon Lake issues.

6. Email – Resident Tax Penalty Waiver Request

Res. #15-49

Moved by Councillor Elko that Council of the Summer Village of Argentia Beach deny the request to waive the tax penalty for Argentia Beach roll number 1066.

CARRIED

7. Snow Management

Res. #15-50

Moved by Mayor Oborowsky that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach enter into a contract with C. Edmunds Contracting to provide snow management services for the 2015-2016 season.

CARRIED

8. Graves Wildlife Sanctuary

No further discussion took place apart from what was discussed with the delegation.

9. Battle River Watershed Alliance Annual Funding Request

Res. #15-50

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach grant the Battle River Watershed Alliance their request for funding in the amount of \$7.50.

CARRIED

10. Capital Region Assessment Services Commission

Mayor Oborowsky attended the CRASC Annual General Meeting which was held on October 28, 2015. CRASC will be maintaining their 2016 core service fee to the same level as 2015, which is \$17.75 per parcel.

11. Meeting with Silver Beach Mayor

Mayor Oborowsky advised that he spoke with Mayor Watt of Silver Beach. Items discussed was the condition of the beaches and lake, algae harvesting, and the condition of roads and culverts.

12. Mulhurst Beach Transfer Station

Administration will contact the County of Wetaskiwin with respect to a potential agreement for Argentia Beach residents to use the Mulhurst Beach transfer station. Council would like a potential agreement to start at May long weekend.

13. Beach Clean Up

Council directed Administration to source out contractors what will clean up the beach at the owner's expense. Residents will be encouraged to contact the contractor so work can be done on several properties collectively. The beaches should be cleaned before docks are installed. Deputy Mayor Turchansky indicated that Alex Baumann cleaned her beach last year and didn't go into the water.

14. Argentia Beach Signage

Council reviewed potential drafts of new signage for the Summer Village.

Graves Wildlife Sanctuary – Mr. Kelly James may have some small signs; Administration is to contact him and check to see if he has signs.

Council approved the proof of the fire ban sign.

Administration is to create mock ups of different colors for the road ban sign; otherwise the sign was approved.

Council reviewed a mockup of a new Argentia Beach entrance sign; there is too much cedar color; sky blue and another sailboat should be added.

**Res. #15-51**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach proceed with the Argentia Beach signage project and purchase a fire ban sign, road ban/parking bylaw sign and Argentia Beach entrance sign.**

**CARRIED**

Mayor Oborowsky indicated that he would like to have the signs in place by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**G. FINANCIALS**

1. Cheque Listing

**Res. #15-52**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the cheque listing be approved as information.**

**CARRIED**

2. Financial Report

**Res. #15-53**

**Moved by Councillor Elko that the financial report be approved as information.**

**CARRIED**

3. 2016 Interim Budget

**Res. #15-54**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the 2015 budget be used as the interim budget for 2016 until such time as the 2016 budget is approved.**

**CARRIED**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Brownlee Emerging Trends 2016 Municipal Law Seminar
2. Alberta Municipal Affairs MSI Capital Funding
3. Alberta Municipal Affairs Gas Tax Fund
4. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. Franchise Agreement Clause
5. CWTA – Recycle My Cell in Alberta
6. AUMA Board News

7. Canadian National Fireworks Association re Fireworks

Mayor Oborowsky will be attending the Brownlee Emerging Trends Legal Seminar. .

**Res. #15-55**

Moved by Mayor Oborowsky to approve the preceeding seven items as information.

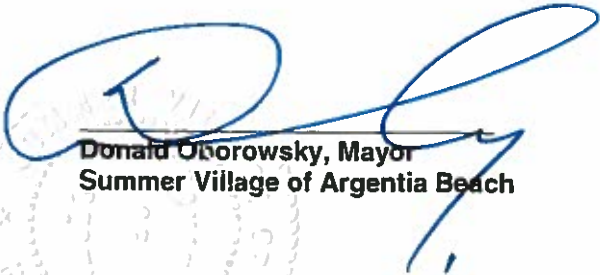
CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT


**Res. #15-56**

Moved by Councillor Elko to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 pm.

CARRIED



Donald Oborowsky, Mayor  
Summer Village of Argentia Beach



Sylvia Roy, CAO  
Summer Village of Argentia Beach