

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF ARGENTIA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.
Summer Villages Office
605-2nd Avenue, Ma-Me-O Beach, AB**

MINUTES

Present:

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

ADMINISTRATION: Sylvia Roy, CAO

Mayor Oborowsky called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

Res. #16-13

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 January 27, 2016

Res. #16-14

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

1. Seniuk and Company Chartered Accountants

At 10:05 am Council welcomed Ms. Laura Marcato of Seniuk & Company Chartered Accountants, who presented the 2015 Argentia Beach audited financial statements. Ms. Marcato stated that the books are well managed. Council thanked Ms. Marcato and she departed from Council Chambers at 10:23 am.

2. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association Delegation

At 10:25 am Council welcomed Ms. Elynne Murray, Mr. Jim Webb and Mr. Tom Gooding representing the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association.

Ms. Murray introduced the clean runoff action guide, which focuses on low impact development techniques. This guide will be available at the PLWA leader's session on Saturday, April 23rd. The guide showcases various practices and a number of residential and municipal sites have been chosen around the lake. Landscape architects will develop concept designs for these sites, with implementation planned for this summer.

Community engagement campaigns will be starting; the PLWA will be working with individuals with the view to getting more residents involved and spearhead mini clean runoff campaign in each Summer Village.

Mayor Oborowsky indicated that he would like input into the concept designs, and would like fewer areas of solid concrete, such as driveways, when the Summer Village is issuing development permits. Mr. Gooding indicated that vegetation is needed to absorb the phosphorus before it hits the water otherwise the nutrients go directly into the lake.

Mayor Oborowsky suggested that a boat fueling station in Mulhurst Bay would be an easy fix, as it would eliminate the accidental pouring of gas into the water by individuals. Mr. Webb indicated that the fueling station wasn't part of the current PLWA mandate; the Mayor indicated that it would be helpful if the PLWA would lend their support to such an initiative. Mayor Oborowsky indicated that he is buying his own algae harvester and would like actions on improving the lake sooner than later.

Deputy Mayor Turchansky indicated that the spring ice has shoved nutrient masses from the lake onto the shoreline, and Mayor Oborowsky indicated that there is some confusion over what residents are allowed and not allowed to do to remove the algae masses. An information document is needed, advising residents of what they can do on their beaches. Mr. Webb understands that this is a major issue for Argentia Beach and that Ms. Murray is working with the Province on producing an information document.

Councillor Elko joined the Council Meeting at 10:53 am.

Mr. Gooding advised that the PLWA is working collaboratively with a number of groups and individuals, and that there is a continued need for funding. The PLWA is trying to become self-sufficient and they are working on getting funding from other sources.

Mr. Webb asked if there were any further comments. Mayor Oborowsky stated that the big items are support for the boat fueling station and the information sheet regarding cleaning the shoreline and throwing cuttings in the reserve areas.

Mr. Webb encouraged Council to attend the PLWA leader's session scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd.

The PLWA will follow up with Argentia Beach resident Mr. Kelly James on Solara development, a proposed development north of the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary.

Council thanked the delegation and they departed at 11:03 am.

3. Mr. Kelly James – Trans Canada Trail Project

At 11:05 am Council welcomed Mr. Kelly James, regarding the Trans-Canada Trail Project.

Mr. James has made application for \$105,000 worth of funding from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, for a trail from the Summer Village road to a loop in the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary to the dead end road on the north side. The Foundation prefers straight paths, not loops, so Mr. James may need to seek the funds for the loop and the beaver pond link elsewhere.

Mr. James indicated that the Argentia Beach road is part of the Trans Canada Trail, and people don't want to walk on the road as it's better to walk in the Sanctuary. Mr. James would hire contractors to complete the trails, and there is the potential to have a kiosk showing the path and loop.

Mr. James noted that there is a piece of the trail that crosses Summer Village land, from the road to the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary. Part of this proposed path area would be too wet to put a path in; it would require gravel with clay and geotech matting. A culvert may be needed, as well as a fence (to keep out vehicles) and signage.

Administration advised that the piece of land between the road and the Graves Wildlife Sanctuary is owned by the Summer Village residents by way of restrictive covenant, and the covenant controls what development occurs on this land. Administration recommended that Mr. James seek legal advice for what is needed (petition, etc) for traversing this land. This will also be discussed at the Argentia Beach Annual Information Meeting. Mr. James will create a write up for residents.

Council requested that Administration obtain information from the County of Wetaskiwin on the Solara development as they wish to review the information and make comments to County.

D. BYLAWS & POLICIES

1. Policy #14-2007 – Accounting for Tangible Capital Assets

Res. #16-15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to approve the amendments to Policy #14-2007, Accounting for Tangible Capital Assets, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Bylaw #230, FortisAlberta Franchise Agreement

Res. #16-16

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to give First Reading to Argentia Beach Bylaw #230, FortisAlberta Franchise Agreement, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Bylaw #231, Rates of Taxation for 2016

Res. #16-17

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to give First Reading to Bylaw #231, Argentia Beach Rates of Taxation for 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. #16-18

Moved by Councillor Elko to give Second Reading to Bylaw #231, Argentia Beach Rates of Taxation for 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. #16-19

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to proceed to Third Reading for Bylaw #231, Argentia Beach Rates of Taxation for 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. #16-20

Moved by Mayor Oborowsky to give Third Reading to Bylaw #231, Argentia Beach Rates of Taxation for 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

E. REPORTS FROM STAFF/RESOLUTIONS

1. Follow Up Sheet

The follow up sheet was reviewed.

Mayor Oborowsky requested the link to the provincial government site responsible for the Private Sewage Disposal System Standard of Practice (PSDS SOP).

F. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Spillway/ Road Rehabilitation Project

Two screw piles are needed on either side of the spillway, to which a fence can be attached. Only one fence across the spillway will be installed.

2. Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities

- a.) Minutes of March 16, 2016
b.) Report from Councillor Ernie Elko

Councillor Elko reported that there may be two options for the lake. Phoslock is one of the options; Itaska Beach Council Member Ralph Johnston is travelling to southern Alberta to a site that will be applying phoslock. The other option is iron; which is what a lake in Ontario is doing.

Councillor Elko indicated that Dr. Vinebrook from the University of Alberta is performing test at the Provincial Park on trophic cascade in the lake.

Lastly, Councillor Elko stated that the municipalities around the lake should be prepared to put money aside this year for lake-related projects.

3. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

a) FRIAA Approval – Phase 2

Administration received notification from the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach will be included under the ASVA project to undertake the Wildfire Threat Assessment for the Summer Village. There is no cost to the Summer Village. CPP Environmental Corp is the company undertaking these wildfire assessments.

b) Funding Commitment to Fight Zebra Mussels & Other Invasive Species

The ASVA is working closely with a Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist who is directing provincial efforts to protect Alberta from Zebra and Quagga Mussels as well as from a number of invasive aquatic plants. Alberta Municipal Affairs has acknowledged this project and has allowed Summer Villages to use their MSI (Municipal Sustainability Initiative) capital grant funds to be used towards this project.

The Council of the Summer Village of Argentia Beach has opted not to use their MSI capital funds towards this project at this time.

4. Mulhurst Transfer Station

Administration advised that Council for the County of Wetaskiwin have approved upgrades for the Mulhurst Transfer Station. This upgrade will free up one of the 40 cubic yard bins once they have constructed the new compaction compatible containers. Timing for freeing up the bin would likely be around mid-summer 2016, at which time a potential agreement for allowing Argentia Beach residents access to the Station could be in the works.

5. Fire Protection Planning Workshop

On January 30, 2016 a fire protection planning workshop was held at the Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall. Administration attended the workshop along with elected officials from other Summer Villages and fire fighters from Mulhurst Bay and South Pigeon Lake Fire Departments. The workshop was intended to provide a guide for Summer Villages to develop a fire protection plan.

It was noted that the Fire Department offered to drive through the Summer Village to help identify fire hazards.

6. Resident Email – Emergency Response Invoice

An Argentia Beach resident refused to pay their invoice for the fire department responding to their residence after someone called to report a gas leak.

Res. #16-21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach pay the \$900 Fire Department invoice on behalf of the resident of Roll #1027.

CARRIED

The newsletter will again include information advising residents that if the emergency services responds to their residence, they will be charged the cost.

7. Mulhurst Daze Celebration Donation Request

Res. #16-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach donate \$500 towards the Mulhurst Daze event.

CARRIED

8. Weed Inspector

Res. #16-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the Summer Village of Argentia Beach appoint Ms. Barb Gerolomy as the weed inspector, with assistance from Mr. Don Davidson.

CARRIED

9. Signage Update

Council reviewed a proof for the new Argentia Beach entrance sign. The swimmers will be removed from the sign and the sign will be ordered.

10. LED Speed Sign

Council reviewed quotes for LED speed signs. Mayor Oborowsky has another source from which to purchase them for less money.

11. Joint Services Committee

Council reviewed the minutes of the Joint Services Committee held on February 17, 2016. Bylaw enforcement and a new fire ban bylaw were discussed.

12. Summer Village Action on Beaches

Mayor Oborowsky stated that he has received complaints from residents regarding the condition of the beaches in Argentia Beach. Residents will be provided with a page of information on picking up algae masses from the shoreline, and not dumping in the reserve areas.

13. CAO Review

Res. #16-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to go In Camera at 12:20 pm.

CARRIED

Res. #16-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to come out of In Camera at 12:22 pm.

CARRIED

G. FINANCIALS

1. Cheque Listing

Res. #16-25

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

CARRIED

2. Joint Services Budget 2016

Res. #16-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the 2016 Joint Services budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. 2016 Municipal Budget

Res. #16-27

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky that the 2016 Municipal budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. 2015 Audited Financial Statements

Res. #16-28

Moved by Councillor Elko that the 2015 audited financial statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

H. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CARL Forum
2. AUMA Board News
3. Alberta Seniors and Housing
4. Yellowhead Regional Library

Res. #16-29

Moved by Deputy Mayor Turchansky to approve the above four items as information.

CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT


Res. #16-30

Moved by Councillor Elko to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 pm.

CARRIED



Donald Oberowsky, Mayor
Summer Village of Argentia Beach



Sylvia Roy, CAO
Summer Village of Argentia Beach