

ALLIANCE OF PIGEON LAKE MUNICIPALITIES MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2018, 6:30 pm
Room 241
Leduc County Administration Office

ATTENDANCE:

Donald Oborowsky, Argentia Beach	Brian Meaney, Poplar Bay
Ian Rawlinson, Crystal Springs	Frank Dyck, Norris Beach
Randal Kay, Golden Days	Barb Martinson, Silver Beach
Don Davidson, Grandview	Brian Waterhouse, Sundance Beach
Rex Nielsen, Itaska Beach	Shawna Dennis, Recording Secretary
Kathy Rooyakkers, County of Wetaskiwin	

REGRETS:

Glenn Belozer, Leduc County
Pete Langelte, Ma-Me-O Beach

GUESTS:

Susan Ellis, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association
Arin MacFarlane Dyer, AEP

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Don Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Frank Dyer to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Randall Kay to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 APLM Meeting as presented. There was a consensus to continue posting the minutes on the APLM website (www.aplm.org).

CARRIED

4) Delegations

a) Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

The Pigeon Lake watershed spoke to the following:

- Love Your Lake Healthy Shorelines – need to know if any other municipalities interested. Grandview has expressed interests. Other villages wishing to be involved should contact Susan Ellis and sign up before June 30th, 2018
- Committee report re: We Love Pigeon Lake. Funding for a Clean run-off sticker program has been funded. Need municipalities to help coordinate

b) Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan – Steering Committee Update

Don Davidson gave a brief update on the Plan. The report is finished and the appendices are being finalized. These will be posted when complete. The resolution for adoption has been sent to the municipalities and several have indicated that they have already approved the resolution.

5) APLM Projects

a) Technical Committee Reports

i) In-Lake Technical Committee

Brian Waterhouse provided an update. The Phase 1 report has been submitted to AEP for review comment. Phase 2 is commencing. Will have possible action items identified by year end.

ii) Algae Harvester and Bioremediation Committee Update

No technical support has been found for a meaningful reduction in phosphorus through algae harvesting. Will wait for the results of the U of A research project for further information.

There was discussion of additional work to be done by the Water Augmentation Committee. It was decided that this committee would not be reactivated.

iii) University of Alberta Research Project Update

Don Davidson reported on the preliminary findings on the research into variables impacting cyanobacteria by Dr. Vinebrooke at the U of A. The data have been analyzed and now investigations into the influence of climatic effects are underway. The project has come in under budget, and unused funds will be returned to participant municipalities

b) Tansy Weed Control Initiative

Don Davidson submitted information on the control of weeds through the application of saturated steam. These may prove useful where weed control without the use of herbicides is important. A test project was done at Grandview with good results. Don provided additional information concerning the difference between Common Tansy which is found in abundance in many places on the shoreline, and Marsh Ragwort which is seldom found when water levels are low.

c) Information Regarding Ice Quakes

Accepted as information

Boat wash discussion: A brief discussion on boat washing was held where concerns were expressed over possible contamination of lake from unclean boats. Steam cleaning was discussed. It would not kill mussels in engine parts and tubes. There was a consensus regarding more complete boat inspections. Don Oborowsky, Brian Waterhouse, Susan Ellis and Arin MacFarlane Dyer will pursue possibility of improving boat inspections.

d) Shoreline Clean up Proposal – Crystal Springs

Ian Rawlinson presented a clean-up project from Crystal Springs. Noted it was a low cost project which mobilized the community. Ian Rawlinson suggested all villages support similar projects and APLM provide support and guidance on Alberta Environment approvals. Kathy Rooyakkers noted each municipality will need to apply for separate AE approvals. Ian will pursue a standard of practice from AEP which would give guidelines to the municipalities for undertaking the removal of organic matter from the shoreline.

e) Fueling Station Proposal – Argentia Beach

Donald Oborowsky reported looking at Slave Lake example. Will continue exploring procedures to see if a business will take on the project and report back to APLM. Susan Ellis noted the PLWA has information concerning best practices for refuelling.

f) South Side Wastewater Update

Don Davidson reported the regional line will be finished by the end of the year. Good progress is being made on the local lines with service connections being made to residences.

g) Municipal Signage

Brian Waterhouse wants to see consistent signage to help emergency responders. Discussion on signage for defibrillator locations. Further information will be received from CAO June Boyda.

h) PLWA/APLM Joint Newsletter

There was a consensus to continuing producing a joint APLM/PLWA newsletter. Susan Ellis, Don Davidson and Randal Kay will issue a draft for comment by the APLM board.

i) Fuel Storage on Private Property

Don Oborowsky expressed concern over the lack of regulation and believes municipal councils should look at possible bylaw options.

j) Building Regulations

Donald Oborowsky believes more consistent regulations should exist around the lake. Discussion of municipalities creating consistency through bylaws/model land use bylaws.

k) Fibre Optics

Nine of the ten summer villages have approved the Missing Link agreement for the installation of the fibre optics project. The counties will advise their status.(Post script: both counties have approved the Missing Link agreement.)

6) APLM Governance and Finance**a) Approval of APLM Guiding Principles and Terms of Reference for Committees**

Suggested amendments were discussed and a consensus was reached. The June 15th Draft will be circulated for consideration and approval at the September 19th meeting.

b) Financial report and bank reconciliation – April 30, 2018

Brian Meaney moved

“Financial report and bank reconciliation is accepted as information”

CARRIED

7) Information

a) Meeting schedule: September 19 and November 14, 2018 at 6:30 Leduc Centre

8) Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned by Randal Kay at 9 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ADOPTED THIS 19th day of September, 2018

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY