

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF NORRIS BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010
SUMMER VILLAGES OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Brian Keeler, Deputy Mayor Bruce Fowlie, Councillor Cindy Hanson
Administration: Sylvia Roy, CAO

Mayor Keeler called the Meeting to Order at 9:06 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res. 10-33

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fowlie to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Res. 10-34

Moved by Councillor Hanson to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations

John Pawluik, Financial Auditor

At 9:09 am Council welcomed John Pawluik, Financial Auditor, who reviewed the 2009 financial statements and indicated that they are fairly presented. Council thanked Mr. Pawluik and he departed from Council Chambers at 10:12 pm.

Dale McClure, Sentry Water and Wastewater Solutions

At 10:32 am Council welcomed Dale McClure, of Sentry Water and Wastewater Solutions via conference call. April 22/ 23, 2010 are the proposed dates for site visits of Norris Beach and Grandview. The site visits will identify priority areas (areas deemed "high risk") for proposed test pits to establish soil conditions and determine soil suitability for fields. Council discussed the importance of keeping the community well informed and engaged for utmost cooperation. Holding tank manways (in pumping compartment) need to be above grade to be accessible - the provincial Private Sewage Disposal System Standards of Practice addresses this – in order to be able to hook up to an eventual municipal wastewater system. Council discussed the benefits of residents paying for the completion of test pits rather than the Summer Village paying for residential test pits to validate their residential system. Test pits on municipal reserves may be performed but would still need to be required on individual properties to confirm suitability and effectiveness of fields. Peak periods (ie high summer) would be the ideal time to test. Test pits are approximately 3-4 feet wide and 3-4 feet long and approximately 9' deep. After inspection, the test pit would be filled in and would settle in over time. Some areas in the Summer Village have higher concentrations of fields, so test pits done in these areas would yield good information in comparison to other areas with similar soil types but with higher concentration of effective holding tanks.

Residents should be encouraged to keep good records of wastewater activity ie) pumping receipts, upgrades, installation, etc. to help substantiate due diligence and lessen levels of inspection. Council discussed communication to residents and Mr. McClure stated that he could review a draft communication piece if requested. The conference call concluded at 11:02 am.

Recess: 11:03 am

Reconvene: 11:06 am

BYLAWS

Bylaw #122 – Rates of Taxation for 2010

Res. 10-35

Moved by Mayor Keeler to give First Reading to Bylaw #122 – Rates of Taxation for 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 10-36

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fowlie to give Second Reading to Bylaw #122 – Rates of Taxation for 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 10-37

Moved by Mayor Keeler to proceed to Third Reading for Bylaw #122 – Rates of Taxation for 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 10-38

Moved by Councillor Hanson to give Third Reading to Bylaw #122 – Rates of Taxation for 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

Follow Up Sheet

Council and Administration reviewed the follow up sheet.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Joint Services Committee

Council reviewed the minutes of the recent Joint Services Committee and requested that a letter be drafted to the Committee to ensure that governance structures and authority are followed.

Res. 10-39

Moved by Councillor Hanson that the Summer Village of Norris Beach approves the use of Norris Beaches portion of surplus, in the amount of \$672, as recommended by the Joint Services Committee.

CARRIED

Wastewater

Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Committee

Mayor Keeler indicated that talks with Four Bands representatives are in progress.

Local Wastewater Collection/ Project

Deputy Mayor Fowlie indicated that the draft wastewater bylaw is currently under review by legal counsel, and a conference call will be scheduled with legal counsel, Deputy Mayor Fowlie and Grandview Mayor Peter Watson.

Public Works Projects

Alex Baumann will need to be contacted to remove the beaver dam near the bridge.

Fire ban and road ban signs have been installed.

Deputy Mayor Fowlie noted that the contractors of the recent tree branch removal job have not cleaned up the branches and deadfall.

Recess: 12:17 pm

Reconvene: 12:54 pm

South Side Summer Village Amalgamation

Amalgamation Committee representatives met with Minister Goudreau and was deemed to be a positive meeting.

Res. 10-40

Moved by Mayor Keeler:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Summer Village of Norris Beach authorizes the feasibility study for the amalgamation of the Summer Villages of Crystal Springs, Grandview and Norris Beach and that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and any other local authority, which may be affected by such an amalgamation, be advised of such a study in accordance with Section 103(1) (b) & (c) of the Municipal Government Act, and

That the Summer Village of Crystal Springs be authorized to administer any and all grants and/or administrative procedures required to complete the amalgamation study; and

That the Council authorize the combined Amalgamation Committee to hire Glenn Pitman Consulting Inc. to conduct the feasibility study at a cost determined by the Amalgamation committee not to exceed \$12,000 per Summer Village.

CARRIED

Pigeon Lake Summer Village Strategic Alliance (P.L.S.V.A.)

Mayor Keeler advised that he will attend the next PLSVSA meeting scheduled for April 15, 6:30 pm at the Derrick Club.

2010 Election

Administration is searching for people to work in various positions for the upcoming municipal election.

Municipal Sustainability Strategy Meetings

Council reviewed Municipal Sustainability Strategy Meeting summaries.

A.U.M.A. Award Application

Res. 10-41

Moved by Mayor Keeler that the Summer Village of Norris Beach participate in the Alberta Urban Municipality Association's Sustainable Community Innovator Award.

CARRIED

M.E.C. Operating Company/ Water Licence Update

Res. 10-42

Moved by Mayor Keeler to go In Camera at 1:09 pm.

CARRIED

Res. 10-43

Moved by Mayor Keeler to come out of In Camera at 1:15 pm.

CARRIED

No action items arose from the In Camera session. A further negotiation meeting with the Summer Villages (represented by Sylvia Roy, Pete Langelle and Jim Stevens), MEC Operating Company, Alberta Environment and the Environmental Appeal Board will be scheduled in mid-July.

Pigeon Lake Protective Services Spring Meeting

The PLPS spring meeting is scheduled for April 20, 6:00 pm. Administration will send the current Norris Beach contract to Councillor Hanson, who will attend the meeting.

County of Wetaskiwin Ravine

Council suggested that a fire policy should be in place for parcels of land such as the ravine next to the Summer Village, as a large amount of deadfall is noted in the area.

Resident Notification Sheet

Council and Administration reviewed the resident notification sheet with respect to Private Sewage Disposal Systems and other development/ Land Use Bylaw issues.

Financial Reports

2009 Audited Financial Statements

Res. 10-43

Moved by Mayor Keeler to transfer \$79,411 from reserves to offset the existing deficit.

CARRIED

Res. 10-44

Moved by Mayor Keeler that the Summer Village of Norris Beach transfer funds from Municipal Sustainability Capital Grant programs into reserves over the next several years until the \$79,411 deficit is recovered.

CARRIED

Res. 10-45

Moved by Councillor Hanson to accept the 2009 Norris Beach Audited Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Res. 10-46

Moved by Mayor Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 pm.

CARRIED

Signed Original on File

Brian Keeler, Mayor
Summer Village of Norris Beach

Sylvia Roy, CAO
Summer Village of Norris Beach