



Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012 at 8:00 AM
Summer Villages Office Council Chambers
605 – 2nd Avenue, Ma-Me-O Beach, Alberta

MINUTES

Present:

Don Fleming, Mayor
John Slater, Deputy Mayor
Peter Langelle, Councillor

Sylvia Roy, CAO

Mayor Fleming called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. #12-85

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 6, 2012

Res. #12-86

Moved by Councillor Langelle to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 6, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of August 23, 2012 Organizational Council Meeting

Res. #12-87

Moved by Mayor Fleming to adopt the Minutes of the Organizational Council Meeting of August 23, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

1. 8:00 am, Dr. Tim Mahoney, Ma-Me-O Beach Resident

At 8:00 am Council welcomed Dr. Tim Mahoney, regarding the property at A1017-2nd Avenue. Dr. Mahoney indicated that an invoice dated July 19, 2012 was received without warning or notice to remove the trailers that were the subject of the complaint to the Summer Village Office. Dr. Mahoney stated that warning or notice to address the trailer issue would have been prudent. The delegation departed at 8:13 am.

2. 8:15 pm, Mr. Wayne Annett, Ma-Me-O Beach Resident

At 8:15 am Council welcomed Mr. Wayne Annett of A101, Ma-Me-O Beach. Mr. Annett expressed concerns with the increase in frequency and severity of crime at the north end of the Summer Village. While Mr. Annett himself has been subject to theft of items from both his property and from his boat on the lake, he is more concerned with violent crimes that have recently taken place and a home invasion in which liquor was stolen from inside of a dwelling while residents were inside. Mr. Annett stated that the offenders' lack of fear and/or consequences could result in a violent crime escalating from damage to property to involving harm towards residents. Mr. Annett suggested video surveillance and motion sensor lights be installed at the north end of the Summer Village, and provided information from a potential firm to provide such equipment. Administration will investigate this possibility. Mr. Annett also suggested a road closure at the end of the Summer Village; Mayor Fleming cited that concerns with manoeuvrability of emergency equipment, snow clearing equipment, etc and obtaining the required Ministerial approval could make this a difficult option to implement. Mr. Annett departed at 8:32 am.

D. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

1. Policy 31-2012, Compliance Certificates

Res. #12-88

Moved by Councillor Langelle to approve Policy #31-2012, Compliance Certificates, as presented.

CARRIED

E. REPORTS FROM STAFF/RESOLUTIONS

1. Follow up List

The follow-up sheet was reviewed and revised.

2. 2012/13 Council Appointments

Administration provided Council with a list of 2012/ 2013 Council and Committee appointments.

F. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Regional Wastewater Project Update

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. South Side Wastewater Committee

Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting on July 26, 2012. Governance was discussed, as well as a summary of discussions that Norris Beach Mayor Fowlie had with various utility companies and firms who operate wastewater systems. Deputy Mayor Slater reviewed the information he received from Jarvis Bay and the method through which they deal with their wastewater fees and governance model.

3. Ma-Me-O Wastewater Compliance

Administration reviewed a summary of properties that were potentially non-compliant based on information provided by ratepayers at the Annual Information Meeting. Clarification was provided by Council with respect to enclosed showers and open outdoor showers. In addition, Superior Safety Codes will be contacted to inspect non-compliant private sewage disposal systems if written notification to the property owner does not address the non-compliance.

4. Annual Information Meeting Review

Many of the items raised from the Annual Information Meeting are related to crime/crime prevention and police presence and are addressed below in item F.8. Crime/Crime Prevention and C.2. Delegations.

RCMP Victim Services will be contacted to provide crime prevention information and/or a workshop in spring, likely around May long weekend.

Pigeon Lake Watershed Association will be contacted for an information sheet regarding native plants and shrubs that could be planted; development in environmentally sensitive areas, etc that will be attached to approved development permits.

The suggestion of a Citizens' Wall to recognize individuals who have made contributions to the Summer Village will be examined by Administration.

Administration will contact TELUS for further maintenance of their property.

5. Public Works

Beach cleaning will be conducted again due to the arrival of further debris due to storms. The day park cook shacks have received new roofs and paint; current and previous years' maintenance has transformed what was once a neglected park to an esthetically pleasing park that has generated many positive comments from residents and visitors.

The toilets have been replaced in the men's facilities at Jubilee Park; the women's will be replaced once necessary parts have been received.

A request for proposal will be drafted for snow removal for the 2012-2013 winter season.

Answer Asphalt will be onsite on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 to perform repairs to the Village alleys requiring the most attention.

A new, higher wifi tower is being investigated and may be installed before years' end. This will result in a more robust system and less tree-trimming will be required for wifi reception. This project continues to be funded by provincial grants. Surveillance cameras will be investigated through this avenue as well.

Despite continuous picking of rocks from the former pier location, more rocks appear in their place. Individuals will continue to remove rocks as required.

6. Jubilee Park Event Review

Council and Administration reviewed the dedication and renaming of the former pier park to Jubilee Park at an event held on September 2, 2012. Despite the unfavorable weather, the event was well attended by residents and visitors. Speakers included Minister Diana McQueen, MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon; Yvonne Adair of Pigeon Lake Regional Library; Dave Wilson of the Ma-Me-O Senior Sunsetters; Deputy Mayor John Slater and Councillor Pete Langelle. This event was funded by a grant made available in recognition of Her Majesty the Queen's Jubilee.

7. Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) Grant

Administration advised that a Municipal Climate Change Action Centre grant of \$1800 was received for energy efficient upgrades to the Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall.

8. Crime/ Crime Prevention

Res. #12-89

Moved by Councillor Langelle that the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach engage the RCMP for additional enhanced service patrols for upcoming weeks.

CARRIED

9. 2012 Fish Kill

Mayor Fleming acknowledged the work of Councillor Langelle, who worked every day for two weeks removing dead fish from the beach, and an appreciation event was held for volunteers who worked removing the dead fish.

10. 2013 Strategic Planning Session

The 2013 Ma-Me-O Beach Council strategic planning session has been tentatively scheduled for January 11-13, 2013. Items to be considered at the strategic planning session will include a number of issues including removal/disposal sites for fish kill and land use bylaw issues.

11. Refurbishing Cedar Entrance Signs

The Summer Village has been advised that the cedar Ma-Me-O Beach entrance signs are in need of maintenance in order to avoid the need to replace the signs in their entirety.

Res. #12-90

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater that Administration pursue the required maintenance of the Ma-Me-O Beach cedar entrance signs.

CARRIED

12. Pigeon Lake Summer Village Strategic Alliance

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting in which Pigeon Lake water quality and options for the control of blue-green algal was discussed. A group of individuals is investigating in-lake options; a focus group may be formed by PLWA/APLM to investigate other options.

Res. # 12-91

Moved by Councillor Langelle that as a representative of the taxpayers of the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach, we support and encourage the creation of a committee of the PLSVSA to work with the department of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development for a feasibility study, and consider hiring of consultants to assess the ability of in-lake initiatives in conjunction with the PLWA/APLM. The Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach provides the aforementioned support so long as there is no duplication of efforts towards the same options, and that any funding requires separate approval.

CARRIED

13. Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities

Council reviewed the proposed agenda for the APLM meeting scheduled for this evening. The PLWA is undertaking the development of the watershed management plan (the word “integrated” has been dropped); and is asking the APLM to be a co-sponsor of the watershed management plan.

Res. # 12-92

Moved by Councillor Langelle that the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach agree to participate as a Co-Sponsor of the 2012 Watershed Management Plan initiated by the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association.

CARRIED

14. Alberta Environment - Options for the Control of Blue-Green Algal

A meeting was held on Saturday, September 1st, 2012 at the Mulhurst Legion with representatives of PLWA, Alberta Environment, Summer Villages, Counties and lake area land owners. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the report released in May 2012 entitled “Lake and Watershed Management Options for the Control of Nuisance Blue-Green Algal Blooms in Pigeon Lake, Alberta”.

Chris Teichreb, Limnologist/Water Quality Specialist and the author of the report, provided an overview of his report. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Of the three elements required for cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) – namely heat, light and nutrients – the only element we can control is nutrients
- Control of phosphorus is key, not nitrogen
- At present, water sampling is conducted monthly. In 2013, the department will start sampling weekly.
- A total of seven Pigeon Lake area streams are currently sampled
- A combination of both watershed and in-lake controls are required to decrease nutrient load – not one solution
- Potential options to be examined must include a cost-benefit analysis, ie) includes environmental, social and economic factors
- A question arose regarding the feasibility of water transfer; Chris replied that this option should be examined with the cost-benefit analysis as mentioned above, like any of the potential options

The meeting concluded with the intent of forming a focus group, with members to be chosen by Brian Waterhouse (APLM) and Susan Ellis (PLWA) to examine the cost-benefit analyses required by the potential options identified in the report.

15. Regional Emergency Management Update

Administration advised that the Pigeon Lake CAO's and the emergency management project consultant are meeting regularly; all Summer Villages have passed the resolution to form a committee and the Ministerial Order will be requested as per the Emergency Management Act.

16. Regional Policing Project Update

The Pigeon Lake CAO's have reviewed the draft report, proposed revisions and corrections will be provided to the consultant prior to the meeting with representatives of all 10 Summer Villages.

17. C.1. Delegation Decision

Res. #12-93

Moved by Councillor Langelle that the fine levied against the owner of A1017 – 2nd Avenue Ma-Me-O Beach be waived providing that the recreational vehicles in question are removed within 30 days, and further, that if the recreational vehicles are not removed within 30 days, the original fine will be levied in addition to additional fines every month until such time the recreational vehicles are removed.

CARRIED

G. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Listing

Res. #12-94

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater to accept the cheque listing as information.

CARRIED

2. Financial Statements

Res. #12-95

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater to accept the financial statements as information.

CARRIED

3. Consulting Invoice

Res. #12-96

Moved by Councillor Langelle that invoice for \$682.50 for 1027446 Alberta Ltd for consulting services and meetings with Superior Safety Codes, be paid.

CARRIED

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. PLPS Monthly Service Report – June and July 2012
2. 2012/13 Municipal Affairs "Let's Resolve" Workshop Schedule
3. AUMA Convention
4. ASVA Convention
5. Alberta Lake Management Society Annual Workshop
6. 2012 Creating Rural Connections Conference
7. 2012 Leduc County Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

I. ADJOURNMENT

Res. # 12-97

Moved by Councillor Langelle to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm.

CARRIED


Don Fleming, Mayor
Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach


Sylvia Roy, CAO
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