

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF NORRIS BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.  
SUMMER VILLAGES OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Ma-Me-O Beach, AB**

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**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Council: Mayor Bruce Fowlie  
Deputy Mayor Brian Keeler  
Councillor David Evoy

Administration:  
Sylvia Roy, CAO

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Mayor Fowlie called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Fowlie asked Council and Administration to observe a moment of silence in memory of Ken Banks, who worked closely with Council and Administration at the Summer Villages Office and passed away suddenly earlier in September.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Res. #12-83**

**Moved by Councillor Evoy to approve the agenda as amended.**

**CARRIED**

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

1. Organizational Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2012

**Res. #12-84**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Keeler to approve the Organizational Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2012, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2012

**Res. #12-85**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Keeler to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2012, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS**

1. Mr. Cliff Lacey, Norris Beach Playground Consultant

At 10:30 am, Council called upon Mr. Cliff Lacey to make a presentation on his report concerning the playground drop-in session held on Saturday, September 22nd and Mr. Lacey's suggested plans of action. Questionnaires and other documentation completed by residents both at the drop-in session and thereafter were also discussed.

Council and Mr. Lacey reviewed playground reports from certified inspectors performed in 2010 and 2006 by Questic Contracting and Consulting and PC Enterprises respectively. Both reports recommended the removal of several components of the existing playground and, if desired, replace existing components with new structures that meet current codes.

Consideration was again given to the installation of a picnic table and waste container at the basketball hoop.

**D. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

Policy #24-2008, Speed Control Buoys and Policy #25-2005, Hazard Identification Buoys will be revised and brought to next Council Meeting for approval.

**E. REPORTS FROM STAFF/RESOLUTIONS**

1. Follow Up Sheet

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. Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Committee

A committee meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, October 13 to review the progress of Phase I of the South Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Project. A tour of the Mulhurst Bay lagoon construction project will follow after adjournment of the meeting.

**Res. # 12-86**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Keeler to go In Camera at 11:58 am.**

**CARRIED**

**Res. # 12-87**

**Moved by Councillor Evoy to come out of In Camera at 12:01 pm.**

**CARRIED**

No action items arose from the In Camera session.

2. Local Wastewater Project

Council discussed letters sent to residents with respect to wastewater compliance and the required process to obtain a variance if setback distances on residential properties cannot otherwise be achieved. Other letters to property owners included a history of the Norris Beach local wastewater collection project and excerpts from the Norris Beach wastewater bylaw, *Safety Codes Act* and *Municipal Government Act*.

A number of camera inspections have been conducted since the last Council Meeting. The success rate for compliance has been steady and Council noted their appreciation of the many cooperative residents to achieve effective wastewater containment for the health of the lake.

3. Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities

Council reviewed the minutes of September 11, 2012. Clarification is required on the financial section and contributions to be requested by participating municipalities.

4. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

Council reviewed the 2011 Audited Financial Statements, progress report to municipalities and the AGM held on August 25, 2012.

5. Playground Project

Council went In Camera to review bids received from playground companies.

**Res. # 12-88**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Keeler to go In Camera at 11:26 am.**

**CARRIED**

**Res. # 12-89**

**Moved by Councillor Evoy to come out of In Camera at 11:36 am.**

**CARRIED**

Mr. Lacey recommended that Council retain any future playground on the lot owned by the Summer Village (312) where parts of the playground structures are currently located. An assessment of the amount of pea gravel currently located at the site should be performed in order to more accurately acquire additional pea gravel, if required.

Mr. Lacey performed a quick review of playground company equipment, and suggested that Sunshine Playground equipment has the same play value equivalent as other companies and is low maintenance. It was noted that Sunshine's bid was the lowest bid received.

**Res. # 12-90**

**Moved by Mayor Fowlie that the Summer Village of Norris Beach approves Cliff Lacey's recommendation to engage Sunshine Playground Equipment Ltd to manage the installation, excavation, surfacing, removal, border implementation and other work required to remove existing playground equipment and install new playground equipment pieces on Lot 312 to meet current codes. And further, that the new playground equipment pieces should be able to be relocated in the future if required.**

**CARRIED**

Council requested that Sunshine Playground Equipment consider a design that could accommodate playground equipment for older children that may be installed at a later date if desired. The existing gazebo will also form a part of the design and may be moved to better allow parents to supervise their children at play. Mr. Lacey will contact Sunshine to ensure that these elements are incorporated in the design.

**6. Projects**

Council directed Administration to contact Silverwoods and advise that an old barbed wire fence between the boundary of Silverwoods and Norris Beach may create a hazardous condition for residents and/or visitors recreating in the area.

Trees west of mailboxes need to be trimmed in the spring to assist grass maintenance contractors in performing their duties.

**7. 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 Deputy Mayor Keeler that as a representative of the taxpayers of the Summer Village of Norris 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 Norris 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**

**8. Pigeon Lake Protective Services**

Administration advised that notice has been provided by Silver Beach Administration that there is a proposed rate increase from \$55/ hour to \$60/hour for 2013. This will be further discussed.

9. 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.

Mayor Fowlie voiced his concerns that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development should assume more of a leadership role in the best options to adopt in improving the health of the lake.

10. Capital Region Assessment Services Commission (CRASC)

CRASC has scheduled their Annual General Meeting for October 13, 2012; Deputy Mayor Keeler will be attending.

**G. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Cheque Listing

**Res. #12-92**

**Moved by Mayor Fowlie to accept the cheque listing as information.**

**CARRIED**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. PLPS Monthly Service Report – August, 2012
2. 2012/13 Municipal Affairs "Let's Resolve" Workshop Schedule
3. ASVA Convention

**Res. #12-93**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Keeler to accept the above three items as information.**

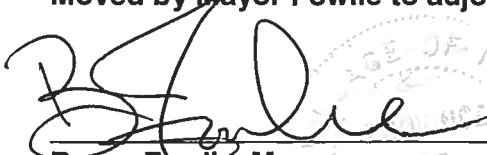
**CARRIED**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. #12-94**

**Moved by Mayor Fowlie to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

  
Bruce Fowlie, Mayor  
Summer Village of Norris Beach

  
Sylvia Roy, Chief Administrative Officer  
Summer Village of Norris Beach