



Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014 at 10:00 AM
Summer Villages Office Council Chambers
605 – 2nd Avenue, Ma-Me-O Beach, Alberta

MINUTES

Present:

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

Sylvia Roy, CAO

Mayor Fleming called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. #14-127

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

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes of September 19, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Res. #14-128

Moved by Councillor Langle to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 19, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

None.

D. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

1. Policy #34-2014 – Day Park Community Use

Res. #14-129

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater to approve Policy #34-2014, Day Park Community Use, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Policy #35-2014 – Refund for Snow Clearing on Private Driveways

Res. #14-130

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater to approve Policy #35-2014, Refund for Snow Clearing on Private Driveways, as presented.

CARRIED

E. REPORTS FROM STAFF/RESOLUTIONS

1. Follow Up Sheet

The follow up sheet was reviewed and revised.

Administration asked a representative from Alberta Highway Services to look at culverts to see about the potential for improving drainage. The culverts were reportedly clogged so they were cleaned out.

2. Council/ Committee Appointments

Administration presented a list of Summer Village Council and Committee appointments.

F. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Regional Wastewater Committee

Deputy Mayor Slater reported on the meeting that took place on the evening of October 22, 2014 at which time, the regional wastewater consultant reviewed the offer for joining the Northeast Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Commission (NEPL). New members joining would not pay a capital cost to join. If all 5 south side Summer Villages join, four Summer Villages would get a vote and would rotate their positions. If some south side Summer Villages choose not to join, they become a customer of NEPL and would end up paying more. Within four years of joining, a south side Summer Village can assume the position of Deputy Chair of the NEPL, and Chair within 8 years. The rationale for this is to take advantage of NEPL's 25 years of experience in running a wastewater commission. It was noted that there is more negotiating power as a larger group if the Summer Villages joined the NEPL.

A motion was passed at the October 22nd meeting that the south side Summer Villages express their interest/intent in joining NEPL within a three week timeline, in principle, pending review of the NEPL financial statements.

Res. #14-130

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater that the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach join the Northeast Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Commission based on the terms outlined by the consultant at the Regional Wastewater Meeting held on October 22, 2014.

CARRIED

2. South Side Wastewater Committee

MPE Engineering presented pros and cons between grinder pumps and STEP (septic tank effluent pump). Grinder systems typically need to have main lines flushed out more often, and require 220 service. STEP systems require less maintenance, less electricity and leave less sludge in the lines. MPE will provide more accurate breakdown of costs. MPE's recommendation was to proceed with STEP systems. The Summer Villages were in favor of the recommendation and as such, MEP will proceed with a design for the STEP system.

The communication consultant will draft an insert regarding south side wastewater for Summer Village newsletters.

3. Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities

Grandview Mayor Don Davidson is representing the APLM for discussions with provincial government representatives regarding algae advisories issued by Alberta Health Services for Alberta lakes.

4. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

Councillor Langelle advised that things are moving ahead for the aquatic invasive species initiative; Summer Villages have installed signs advising people to drain, clean and inspect their boats to prevent invasive species from infecting Alberta lakes.

The Federal government is no longer involving themselves with the approval and location of boat lifts, piers and hoists unless it is a commercial waterway; they have turned this responsibility over to the Province. The ASVA has put forth a resolution that Alberta Environment turn over the responsibility over to the Summer Villages to manage. The ASVA should be holding a special meeting in early spring when the provincial representative will present draft guidelines to the Summer Villages.

The ASVA passed three resolutions at their annual conference; a resolution for control of the boat lifts, piers and hoists; a resolution for invasive species, and a resolution to have a representative meet with provincial representatives to change how algae advisories are issued in the future.

5. Alberta Pianofest 2015

The Summer Village had previously budgeted a donation of \$1,000 towards this event, as discussed at previous Council Meetings.

Res. #14-131

Moved by Mayor Fleming to contribute to the Alberta Pianofest event in 2015 subject to the concert proceeding.

CARRIED

6. CRASC 2014 Annual General Meeting

Councillor Langelle attended the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission (CRASC) Annual General Meeting on October 22, 2014. Items reviewed included annexations, intermunicipal disputes and linear appeals. CRASC handles approximately 37,799 properties, including about 16 Summer Villages, the City of Fort Saskatchewan, Towns of Onoway, Millet, Devon, and others.

7. Corrective Exercise Therapy Classes

Council reviewed a request from an area resident who specializes in exercise training for seniors and wants to offer classes in the Community Hall. This is similar to another request received on this agenda; the two requests will be brought to the next Council Meeting and will be accompanied by a recommendation by Administration.

8. Memo – Write Off of Accounts Receivable

Res. #14-132

Moved by Deputy Mayor Slater that the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach write off \$80 as uncollectable receivables.

CARRIED

9. South Pigeon Lake Fire Department Request

A representative of the South Pigeon Lake Fire Department made a presentation at the APLM meeting of September 16, 2014 at which time there was a resolution made for the 10 Pigeon Lake Summer Villages to financially support the ice/water rescue project. Each Summer Village would make a one-time donation of \$5,000 in 2015 for the purchase of equipment, and \$1,000/year thereafter for training, operating, expenses and equipment replacement.

The County of Wetaskiwin is immediately proceeding with a grant application, including the demonstration of Summer Village commitment to this project.

Res. #14-133

Moved by Mayor Fleming that Administration provide a letter of commitment to the County of Wetaskiwin for the water/ice rescue project.

CARRIED

10. Battle River Watershed Request

The Battle River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) has submitted a funding request for 2015 for a suggested contribution of .50/capita, which works out to \$56.50. Council will review this request during the 2015 budget deliberations.

11. Removal of Pier Rocks

Approval has been received under the Water Act to remove further rocks and pit run from the former pier location. This may require larger equipment than most local contractors have.

Res. #14-134

Moved by Mayor Fleming that Administration secure a contractor to remove the rocks and pit run at the former pier location, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.

CARRIED

12. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

Administration advised that the Pigeon Lake Regional Emergency Management Plan was chosen to be honored with the Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence in the Smaller Communities Category. The award was presented by Minister Dianna McQueen at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) convention in Edmonton on September 25, 2014. The award will be presented again at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) convention in November.

13. Lakeshore Group – Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

Residents from the north side of the lake have formed a lakeshore group to examine what to do with the arrival of rotting algae on their beaches due to south winds.

14. Reduction for Community Hall Hourly Rate

A second local area resident is requesting the use of the Community Hall at a reduced rate to offer exercise classes. This is similar to another request received on this agenda; the two requests will be brought to the next Council Meeting and will be accompanied by a recommendation by Administration.

G. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Listing

Res. #14-135

Moved by Councillor Langelle to approve the cheque listing as information.

CARRIED

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. AUMA Board News
2. Stewards in Motion 2014
3. Municipal Affairs - New Home Buyer Protection
4. Municipal Affairs Dispute Resolution Program

Res. #14-136

Moved by Councillor Langelle to accept the above four items as information.

CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT

Res. #14-137

Moved by Mayor Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 pm.

CARRIED



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



Sylvia Roy, CAO
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