

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF NORRIS BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
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 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res. 09-80

Moved by Councillor Hanson to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Res. 09-81

Moved by Mayor Keeler to approve the Organizational Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

Res. 09-82

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fowlie to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation: Al Olson & Jim Stevens, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

At 7:03 pm Council welcomed Al Olson and Jim Stevens of Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA). Mr. Olson gave some background regarding the issues related to low water levels and the effects of climate change in central Alberta. Water levels have been steadily declining since the early 1990's irrespective of the peaks and valleys experienced before that time. The dangers of eutrophic conditions in the lake were discussed as well as aquifers feeding Pigeon Lake. There are a great volume of wells (approximately 110,000) extracting water from the aquifers feeding the lake, but the level of water volume charging the aquifer has also declined. It was noted that Sylvan Lake is almost entirely aquifer fed and is viewed as a healthy lake. Evaporation also accounts for lower water levels in the lake, and increased warm weather has resulted in greater evaporation rates. Mr. Olson believes that science makes a solid case for the need to draw water from deeper in the aquifer and/or from the North Saskatchewan River to recharge the lake, similar to Lake Wabamun. This would prevent eutrophic action taking place in the lake, and eventually the water would return to the North Saskatchewan River. Discussion occurred regarding water diversion projects in other municipalities.

An overview of the water balance with regard to water coming into and leaving the lake is a necessity. The baseline study will provide valuable information to assist with decisions on how to proceed further. The study would provide a solid backing for the request to the provincial government to draw water from other sources. Worley Parsons has been retained to complete the study and all Pigeon Lake Summer Villages are asked to contribute \$5,000.00 each towards the total study cost of \$60,000.00. Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin have also been approached for funds. The PLWA will be funding the remainder of the cost of the study. The PLWA is asking for a commitment from Norris Beach Council and the funds could even be provided to PLWA next year as part of the 2010 budget deliberations.

Jim Stevens and Al Olson left Council Chambers at 7:38 pm.

BYLAWS

Bylaw #116 - Assessment Review Board

Res. 09-83

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fowlie to give first reading to Bylaw #116 - Assessment Review Board Bylaw.

CARRIED

Res. 09-84

Moved by Mayor Keeler to give second reading to Bylaw #116 - Assessment Review Board Bylaw.
CARRIED

Res. 09-85

Moved by Mayor Keeler to proceed to third reading for Bylaw #116 - Assessment Review Board Bylaw.
CARRIED

Res. 09-86

Moved by Councillor Hanson to give third reading to Bylaw #116 - Assessment Review Board Bylaw.
CARRIED

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Follow Up Sheet

Res. 09-87

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fowlie that Mayor Keeler locate a local individual to bring the buoys in from the lake and that they be paid at a rate of \$20.00/hour to perform this task.
CARRIED

Mayor Keeler will again store the buoys in his shed at the lake for winter.

Joint Services Committee

Deputy Mayor Fowlie provided a brief overview of the last meeting including the library's proposed rent increase.

Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Committee

It was noted that Grandview Council drafted a letter reaffirming their support for Option 1 as chosen by the Regional Wastewater Committee, in the same fashion as Leduc County.

Wastewater Bylaw

Legal counsel has been provided with answers to questions they had posed regarding the wastewater bylaw. A potential wastewater system inspector is communicating with Municipal Affairs regarding the composition of guidelines for inspection. Feedback received from all parties indicates that Norris Beach is proceeding in the right direction in terms of the development of the wastewater bylaw.

Public Works Projects

Border Paving has indicated that they will start paving in Norris Beach in two weeks' time. A liaison person to work with Border Paving will be determined closer to the date.

Strategic Plan

Administration will email the current version of the strategic plan to Council Members.

Pigeon Lake Summer Village Meetings

The Minister has requested minutes of the meetings taking place with the Pigeon Lake Summer Villages. Draft minutes and a draft Terms of Reference for the committee have been distributed to the committee members in attendance at the meeting in late August. The committee has also chosen the name of "Pigeon Lake Summer Villages Strategic Alliance".

Res. 09-88

Moved by Councillor Hanson that Mayor Keeler represent the Summer Village of Norris Beach on the Pigeon Lake Summer Villages Strategic Alliance and that Deputy Mayor Fowlie serve as the alternate representative on this committee.
CARRIED

Amalgamation of Four Summer Villages

The Summer Villages of Norris Beach, Grandview, Poplar Bay and Crystal Springs are investigating the potential of resurrecting the attempt to amalgamate the four Summer Villages.

Res. 09-89

Moved by Councillor Hanson that Deputy Mayor Fowlie represent the Summer Village of Norris Beach on the committee addressing the proposed amalgamation of the four Summer Villages of Norris Beach, Grandview, Poplar Bay and Crystal Springs and that Mayor Keeler serve as the alternate representative on this committee.

CARRIED

Water Balance Study – PLWA

Res. 09-90

Moved by Mayor Keeler that the Summer Village of Norris Beach allocate \$5,000.00 in the 2010 budget to assist with funding for the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association's water balance study and data collection of Pigeon Lake.

CARRIED

Council directed Administration to communicate the above to PLWA.

Municipal Inspection Report – Summer Village of Crystal Springs

Council and Administration noted some interesting recommendations and findings in the report; Council directed Administration to examine the recommendations with respect to Norris Beach's operations and report back to Council with the results.

Financial Reports

Discussion occurred regarding the financial reports and status of grant funding.

Res. 09-91

Moved by Councillor Hanson to accept the cheque log and financial report as information.


CARRIED

Adjournment


Res. 09-92

Moved by Councillor Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm.

CARRIED



Brian Keeler, Mayor
Summer Village of Norris Beach



Sylvia Roy, CAO
Summer Village of Norris Beach