

Organized Hamlet of Little Fishing Lake Annual General Meeting

June 8, 2024, 7 pm in the Hamlet Utility Building

The sign in sheet and 2024 agenda and meeting packages were distributed. 23 people signed the attendance sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Hauth at 7:01 pm.

Motion 2024-06: by Stan Daniel that the agenda of 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Organized Hamlet of Little Fishing Lake be adopted as presented in the 2024 Annual Meeting package.

Seconded by Kirk Steeg

Carried

The invited guests in attendance were Constables Andrea and Nick from the Loon Lake RCMP detachment. They answered questions that the Hamlet residents had. Conservation Officers were invited but were unable to attend.

Kevin Hauth thanked the officers for their attendance at our meeting.

Motion 2024-07: by Rhonda Benkendorf that the minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Organized Hamlet of Little Fishing Lake be adopted as distributed.

Seconded by Garry Benkendorf

Carried

Motion 2024-08: by Rodney Marfleet that the Secretary's Report dated June 2024 be adopted as distributed.

Seconded by Sherry Olson-Leifson

Carried

Kevin Hauth presented the Revenue and Expense statement for the calendar year 2023 as well as the operating budget for 2024.

Kevin Hauth and Keith Scheidt attended the April 11th RM of Loon Lake Council Meeting to present our proposed 2024 operating and capital budget. The RM accepted our request to allocate 70% of the municipal taxes collected from the Hamlet in 2024 back to the Hamlet.

Motion 2024-09: by Kevin Hauth that the Revenue and Expense Statement for 2023 and the Operating Budget for 2024 be adopted as presented.

Seconded by Ruth Kondro

Carried

Old Business

Bridge

A 2022 bridge inspection report recommended reducing the maximum bridge load to 10 tonnes due to split and shifted pilings. Signage was installed to advise of the restricted weight capacity. In 2023, the RM of Loon Lake, on the Hamlet's request, distributed a request for proposals for the repair or replacement of the bridge. The proposals included repairing the bridge by replacing the piles, a few options for replacing the bridge, and installing culverts. The costs ranged from \$400000 to \$900000.

The RM of Loon Lake has advised that grants are currently unavailable to support the repair or replacement of the bridge but may be available in the future. The RM also advised they would be unable to provide significant funds to support the bridge replacement or installing culverts. Therefore, the Hamlet Board will continue to accumulate reserve funds to repair or replace the bridge. As of the end of 2023, \$105000 is in the bridge repair and replacement reserve and a \$65000 reserve addition has been budgeted for 2024. Repairs to maintain the bridge will be performed as identified in the regular inspection reports (every 3 years).

Allen Hewko asked us to contact Mystic Management as they have some experience in building bridges to support their forestry work. The hamlet board will follow up on this option.

Unsightly Property

The area outside of the fence of the yard at #12 Lake Street has been cleaned up and is being maintained. Three of the four vehicles have been removed. The area inside the yard remains to be cleaned up. Some of the back taxes have been paid and the RM of Loon Lake continues to work to have the balance of the yard cleaned up.

Bronson Forest Rec Site Burn Pile

Saskatchewan Parks has advised the hamlet about unlawful dumping of garbage at the burn pile site adjacent to Highway 21, opposite to the Peck Lake turnoff. This site is not a landfill. Brush and leaves are the only material to be dumped at this site.

In the fall, for the past few years, a group of hamlet and Peck Lake residents have removed the unlawful material from the dump site and placed it in a dumpster for proper disposal. The costs for this clean up are shared by the Hamlet and the RM of Loon Lake (representing the residents of Peck Lake). A work bee to clean up the tree dump site is planned for the long weekend in September.

Recreation Committee

Wayne Grassl has provided a budgetary cost estimate of \$125000 to \$150000 to build a pickle ball court. \$10000 has been accumulated in reserves for a recreation facility with no additional funds budgeted for 2024. If a recreation facility is to be built, the hamlet board would like a committee to design and oversee the construction.

Snow Clearing

We thank Terry and Donelda Anderson for taking the calls and Terry Anderson and Gary Benkendorf for operating the plow tractor this past winter.

Email Contact List:

The hamlet board is promoting communication with the hamlet residents by email. Everyone is encouraged to supply their email address on the sign in sheet. If anyone wants to be included on the email list, please forward your contact information to littlefishinglake@gmail.com.

New Business

Capital Budget

Kevin Hauth reviewed the 2024 Capital Budget as outlined in the meeting package. Streetlights could be considered by the hamlet board as a future capital project.

Capital Reserve Allocation

Motion 2024-10: by Kevin Hauth that the amount of \$75000 for the 2024 fiscal year be transferred from the General Account to the Capital Reserve Account in the following amounts to the following reserve accounts:

- \$65000 from the General Account to the Bridge Capital Reserve Account,
- \$10000 from the General Account to the Road Capital Reserve Account,

Seconded by Stan Daniel

Carried

Dust Control

Dust control application is planned for this summer. Contractors are being sourced with the timing of the application depending on when the contractor is available. Higher concentrations of calcium chloride are being considered. Grading and spot gravelling will be completed prior to the dust control application.

Hamlet Board Procedure Policy

As per Saskatchewan requirements, the hamlet board has drafted a policy outlining board procedures. The policy, when approved by the hamlet board, will be shared with the RM of Loon Lake and the hamlet residents as part of the board meeting minutes.

Election of a Board Member

Lori Scheidt has finished her term on the Hamlet Board. She has agreed to let her name stand for another term. Lori Scheidt was elected by acclamation.

Motion 2024-11: by Kevin Hauth that the 2025 Annual General Meeting be held on June 7th. The potluck supper will start at 5:00 and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

Seconded by Keith Scheidt

Carried

Motion 2024-12: by Kirk Steeg to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

President

Secretary