

Council of the Hamlet of Little Fishing Lake Meeting June 29, 2024

The meeting was held at Kevin's cabin at Little Fishing Lake and was called to order at 9:06 am and was attended by Kevin Hauth, Lori Scheidt, and Keith Scheidt.

Motion 2024-06: Motion by Keith Scheidt and seconded by Kevin Hauth to accept the May 23rd, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Old Business:

AGM Minutes:

The draft minutes from the June 8th AGM were reviewed and edited. A copy of the draft minutes will be forwarded to the RM office. The draft AGM minutes will be distributed by the email list to the hamlet residents.

Summer Maintenance:

Staffing Update Dan Withrow has agreed to lead the maintenance activity in the hamlet this summer. He will be paid \$35/hr for this task. Ben Grassl (\$19/hr) and Nolan Wiebe (\$16/hr) will be assisting Dan.

Lori Scheidt and Dan Withrow have flagged the dead trees on the public hamlet land and a contractor has been hired to cut those trees down. Dan and the boys will assist in the removal of the cut trees and with the clean up of those areas. The cut wood will be available for pick up and use by the cabin owners.

Road grading, gravelling and dust suppressant application has been scheduled for early July. A third party has been contracted to apply the dust suppressant. Kevin Hauth will contact Lyle Knight regarding the sale of the pallet of CaCl₂. The Hamlet is considering acquiring a load of coarse gravel to use to repair the large pot holes on Evergreen Avenue and in front of the firehall.

The retaining walls at the bridge on Peck Lake Road should be checked as some maintenance may be required.

Saskatchewan Parks:

No response has been received regarding upgrades to the boat launch. With higher water levels, the launch is working for most boats. Kevin will continue to work with the Parks representative on this matter.

We expect to receive an update on maintenance of the fire guard north of the hamlet later today.

Fire Committee:

Lori Scheidt will send out an email to the Fire Committee asking about the progress on fire equipment set up procedures.

New Business:

Items arising from the AGM:

Keith will contact the RM office regarding their thoughts about using a bridge similar to what has been installed by the forest harvesters on the road to Bronson Lake. Is that style of bridge suitable for upgrading the bridge on Peck Lake Road between the campground and the boat launch?

Hamet Playground:

Kevin Hauth was approached regarding the creation of a playground within the hamlet. A location for and design for the playground will have to be determined. A playground will be added to the list of potential recreation projects. The hamlet provided some funding, in the past, for the existing playground in the campground.

Dead Trees:

Lori Scheidt and Kevin Hauth met with Sharon Meiers and addressed her concerns regarding the dead trees adjacent to her property on Lake Street.

Messy Lots:

The exterior of the property has been cleaned up and maintained. One vehicle remains and the area inside the fence has yet to be cleaned up. The RM continues to work with the representatives of the owner on this matter.

The hamlet received a request from the RM regarding the status property at Lot 13, Block 2. The RM is considering taking over lot to recover the overdue property taxes. Lori Scheidt has responded to the RM.

Fireworks:

Fireworks were set off from the Little Fishing Lake boat launch on the Canada Day weekend. The boat launch is located on crown land and is subject to Saskatchewan Parks regulations. There is a bylaw prohibiting the discharge of fireworks within the Hamlet.

Wildfire Mitigation:

The Hamlet has received a proposal from Saskatchewan Public Safety, Wildfire Management Division, to thin the forest adjacent to the Hamlet. Wildfire Management representatives plan to meet with the Hamlet board later today to review their proposal. Details of the proposal are outlined in this link. https://drive.google.com/file/d/16otffUvyFkY_98N0HCfdyjSIM3XPkjEQ/view?usp=drive_link. The work is scheduled to commence in late fall this year. The hamlet board supports this project.

Wildfire Management officials are working with Saskatchewan Parks to prepare a response to the request from the Board to disk the existing fire block north of the Hamlet. Initial feedback from the Wildfire Management official was that disking and upgrading the fireguard would happen when a forest fire threat is present. A formal response from Saskatchewan Parks is expected.

Small Trailer for Hamlet Maintenance

The purchase of a small trailer suitable for towing with a quad for the maintenance of the hamlet has been proposed. The board does not support the purchase of a trailer but will support the rental of a trailer on a mileage or a flat fee basis.

Procedure Policy:

The proposed Organized Hamlet of Little Fishing Lake Board Procedures was reviewed, amended and approved. The amended policy can be viewed at this link. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GTSlYhxiowt-q9hd6oeaTks1qqSkb_yf/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=108995415206757085874&rtpof=true&sd=true

Motion 2024-07: Motion by Keith Scheidt and seconded by Kevin Hauth to accept the Organized Hamlet of Little Fishing Lake Board Procedures as amended. Carried

The next meeting of the Hamlet Board will be held prior to or on the long weekend in September. The exact date and time is to be determined.

Motion 2024-08: Motion by Kevin Hauth and seconded by Lori Scheidt to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.