

## **Council of the Hamlet of Little Fishing Lake Meeting Sept 24, 2024**

The meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams and was called to order at 7:05 pm and was attended by hamlet board members, Chair Kevin Hauth, Director Lori Scheidt, and Secretary Keith Scheidt, as well as guests Rhonda and Gary Benkendorf, Mark Kondro and Ron and Eleanor Banda.

Chair Kevin shared the boards newly adopted policy outlining how the visitors can speak at board meetings. In future, visitors are to advise the hamlet board in writing of their desire to speak at board meetings. Details can be found in the hamlet board policy document. As the policy is new the visitors were advised they would be asked to share their comments in the *New Business* portion of the meeting under the *Other Topics* on the agenda.

### **Agenda:**

The proposed agenda was revised to remove Sharon Meiers from the correspondence discussion as this matter has been completed prior to the June Hamlet Board meeting. A fall newsletter was added to the New Business section.

**Motion 2024-09:** Motion by Keith Scheidt and seconded by Kevin Hauth to accept the September 24<sup>th</sup>, meeting agenda as amended. Carried.

**Motion 2024-10:** Motion by Keith Scheidt and seconded by Lori Scheidt to accept the June 29th, meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Summer Maintenance:**

Dan Withrow has submitted his resignation effective August 31, 2024. Nolan Wiebe and Ben Grassl indicated they would be available to cut grass this fall if desired. Dan, Nolan and Ben completed a feedback questionnaire. They felt the work done this summer was favourable, but they found the tree removal process to be hard work.

This summer many dead trees in the hamlet were cut down, either by the maintenance crew or a contractor. Most of these cut trees have been removed although some remain in the bush between Peck Lake Road and Spruce Crescent. About 20 additional dead trees have been flagged for removal by a contractor. They will be removed when a man lift becomes available.

Grass cutting went well. A new push mower should be purchased. Keith will get a quote for a new push lawn mower. Lori will build a map showing what type of mower (push mower, riding mower, or whipper snipper) is suitable for use in which areas of the hamlet.

Gravel pads were created for the garbage bins to reduce the ruts created by the garbage truck. The pads have been effect in reducing the ruts thus far.

Weed control could be added to the scope of work for next summer particularly in the fire hall area. The garbage bins could be repainted.

Gary and Rhonda Benkendorf left the meeting.

#### **Preparation for Winter:**

The Hamlet roads will be inspected this weekend, and a grader ordered as required.

Kevin will contact Sheldon Calelle and ask him to remove his boat lift from the ditch on Evergreen Street.

Road grading, gravelling and dust suppressant was applied in July. We have received favourable comments regarding the effectiveness of this procedure. Kevin Hauth will follow up with Lyle Knight regarding the sale of the pallet of CaCl<sub>2</sub>.

The riding lawn mower should be serviced and the CaCl<sub>2</sub> truck moved before the snow arrives.

**Saskatchewan Parks:**

No response has been received regarding upgrades to the boat launch. Kevin will continue to work with the Parks representative on this matter.

Forest thinning on the perimeter of the hamlet, for wildfire mitigation, is scheduled for this fall. The hamlet has not received any correspondence regarding the maintenance of the fire guard north of the hamlet, however we were told verbally that maintenance would be done if there was a wildfire threat.

**Tree Dump:**

Again, several inappropriate items have been left the tree dump area. Keith Scheidt will send out a reminder to the residents reminding them of what materials can be left there. A work bee to remove the banned materials at the tree dump site will be scheduled for 10:30 am, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Committee:**

The Fire Committee has not met this year.

**Correspondence:**

Messy Lot: No update. Keith Scheidt will contact the RM Office to get an update. The perimeter of the property has been maintained throughout the summer. No progress has been made on the bus or inside the fence.

Lot 13, Block 2 (Davidson/ Pollards): Lori Scheidt provided information to the RM Office as requested. Keith Scheidt will contact the RM Office to get an update.

**New Business:**

**Preparation for Winter:**

- The riding lawn mower should be serviced and the CaCl<sub>2</sub> truck moved before the snow arrives.
- The blade should be installed on the tractor.
- Heat trace will have to be turned on and building heaters will have to be installed activated in the buildings.
- Lori and Keith will check to see if building temperature monitoring will work with our current cell signal booster at the fire hall.

Jerry Jasper indicated he would be interested in assisting with plowing snow this winter. Kevin will contact Jerry and Gary Benkendorf to see if they are comfortable with plowing in peoples' yards. If not, the hamlet will not be plowing driveways in yards this winter. Residents will have to look after snow clearing within their yards.

**Parcs Annual Meeting:**

The Parcs (Provincial Association of Resort Communities in Saskatchewan) Annual Meeting will not be held this year due to lack of participation. Elections will be held virtually later this fall.

**Other:**

A fall newsletter will be prepared and distributed before the end of October. Topics will include updates on snow plowing, the forest thinning project, and a reminder to not leave trash beside the garbage bins.

The next meeting of the Hamlet Board will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. An agenda will be prepared and distributed prior to the meeting.

**Motion 2024-11:** Motion by Kevin Hauth and seconded by Lori Scheidt to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.