

# Summer Village of Mewatha Beach

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach, held at the Boyle Senior's Drop In Center on Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. In attendance were Mayor Walker, Deputy-Mayor Boychuk, Councilor Demers, and approximately 18 electors who signed the attendance register, and the Administration.

**Chairperson:** Mayor Walker called for nominations for chairperson. Moved by Nancy Demers and all in favor that Mayor Walker serve as chairman for this meeting.

Carried

Moved by Naomi Boychuk that Kim Bancroft serve as recording secretary.

Carried

**Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting:** Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were presented by Mayor Walker. Maryanne Homeniuk moved and all were in favor that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Financial Statement** – The 2017 statement of Revenue and Expenditures, a Balance Sheet and the auditor's report were presented by Mayor Walker. The full statement is available on the village website. Mayor Walker moved that his report be accepted as presented. Moved by Leslie Lefebvre that the financial report be approved

Carried

## **Summer Village Matters**

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Barry Walker advised that the pump house was demolished over the winter / spring. The ground has been seeded to grass and we will be ordering an architectural landscape drawing to show how we can turn the area into a park / greenspace. Feedback brought up the abandoned equipment that was left on the reserve and council stated that it would be removed in due time. Council was also questioned regarding the pipe that went from the pumphouse to the lake and stated that the pipe will remain in the ground but has been capped off in the lake. It was also mentioned that in the process of returning this reserve to greenspace, the road going to the pumphouse would likely be removed. A resident brought up a concern about wanting to be able to drive down to the beach.

Mayor Walker stated that the village is currently working on a long-term plan which will be made available on the website when complete. This report has been required by Municipal Affairs and will be complete by the end of next year. There will be a community consultation before the report becomes finalized. A resident requested that these long-term plans be available for everyone on the website once complete.

### **Roads**

Deputy Mayor Dave Boychuk reported that roads are in good condition. Feedback created a discussion about the potholes and residents are encouraged to report potholes to Deputy Mayor Boychuk so that he can have them fixed as needed.

### **Signage**

Councilor Demers reported on the new signage for the village. The new signs have been installed at each entrance and the old signs will soon be removed. We are getting quotes for a new bulletin board to be built at the boat launch.

### **Landfill**

Councilor Demers encouraged people to haul to the landfill as the facility takes all items. Landfill hours of operation can be found via a link on the village website. A resident asked if there could be more free weekends at the landfill, but council stated that it has no jurisdiction over the landfill. A resident had heard that the landfill was free if you stated that you were from Mewatha Beach, this is incorrect. The landfill only has no charge for County residents as they pay higher landfill taxes.

### **RCMP**

As our RCMP representative did not show up as scheduled, administrator Garth Bancroft presented information received from the RCMP at a different meeting. Quads are not to be driven by drivers under the age of 14 and golf carts are strictly prohibited on all roadways. For more information residents are encouraged to contact the RCMP directly.

### **General Discussion**

The possibility of selling the reserve the pumphouse was on was brought up by a resident and there was discussion among those present. A vote was called for discussion purposed and the majority were not interested in proceeding with this. Mayor Walker stated that council would not be pursuing this option.

Discussion was raised about the possibility of a dock at the boat launch. It was decided not to proceed with this at this time.

Evidence was presented that a bear has been seen in the village as recent as 10 days ago. Residents were reminded to practice caution.

Concern was raised about the walking pathways that have been filling in with overgrown trees. Council will review this.

Some concern with dangerous trees has been noted and residents are asked to tag dangerous / dead trees on the reserve area for removal.

Concerns were raised over the parking at the boat launch. Some residents would like a time limit on how long vehicles may remain there.

Concerns were raised about illegal parking in the summer village. Someone recommended partnering with a towing company in Boyle to have them remove any vehicles parked illegally. Council agreed to look into this option.

Concerns were raised about ATV's doing donuts on the roadways and making ruts in the ditches. Deputy Mayor Boychuk stated that he was aware of who was responsible and would have a word with them. Residents are encouraged to call the RCMP directly when an issue arises.

Concern was raised over the damage done to the roadway by a house doing construction. Residents were assured that the resident in question would be responsible for the costs of repairing the road.

Concern was raised over a bench down on the beach that is old and has nails sticking out of it. Council stated that it would be removed this year.

As there were no other concerns from the floor, Chairman Barry Walker called for adjournment. Moved by Nancy Demers That the meeting be adjourned 11:35 p.m.

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Chairman – Barry Walker

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Councillor – Dave Boychuk