

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 27, 2019.

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. In attendance were Mayor Walker, Deputy-Mayor Boychuk, Councilor Demers, and approximately 46 electors who signed the attendance register, and the Administration.

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

Carried

Moved by Jackie Cormier that Kim Bancroft serve as recording secretary.

Carried

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting: Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were presented by Mayor Walker. Nancy Demers moved and all were in favor that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried

Financial Statement – The 2018 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.

SUMMER VILLAGE MATTERS

Pumphouse Reserve Development

Residents expressed concerns that the plan for the pumphouse development was not conveyed to the residents prior to building. Another resident expressed that the plans have been discussed at the annual meeting for the past several years.

A resident asked if those backing on the reserve will still be able to use the pumphouse for storage during the winter months. Council confirmed that the gates would be open for a short time in the fall and the spring for items to be brought in and then removed.

A resident raised concerns that parking at the new park could become an issue. Council stated that if this became an issue they would address it at that time.

A resident asked if the new park would be wheelchair accessible. Council confirmed that the contractor was asked to make sure the new path and gate were wheelchair accessible.

Website

A resident requested that the summer village budget be posted on the website. Council asked that administration post budgets on the website from now on.

Boat Launch Parking

A resident raised a concern regarding parking at the boat launch.

Outhouses

A resident raised a concern about the condition of the outhouses on the beach. They should be updated. Council stated that they would be looking in to this in the future.

General Discussion

Discussion was raised about unsafe quading in the area. Is more policing an option? Unfortunately, the summer village does not have the funding to pay for enhanced policing.

A resident suggested that council look in to accessibility grants. Administration confirmed that they would look in to this.

A resident asked about the surveying happening in the village. Council explained that this is a 3 year plan to updated the survey of the village. It has not been done in a long time and It is important that everyone

be aware of where the property lines are. It is also important as we need to trim back the trees in the road allowances and need to know how far back to go. This is being paid for by grant money, not taxpayer dollars.

A resident suggested more access signs indicating where the beach was, and also that other roads were dead ends so that visitors would not drive down them looking for the beach. Another resident stated that they would prefer the beach not be publicized as it will attract more visitors. Council will consider this.

A resident raised concerns about off leash dogs. Residents are reminded that dogs are not allowed to be off leash when off their property. There are fines for allowing your dogs to run at large or to defecate on other resident's property. Residents should file a formal complaint with administration if they are aware of the offender's identity.

As there were no other concerns from the floor, Chairman Barry Walker called for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Chairman – Barry Walker

Councillor – Dave Boychuk