

**MINUTES**  
**SUMMER VILLAGE OF BURNSTICK LAKE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Silver Springs Golf Club**  
1600 Varsity Estates Dr NW Calgary, Alberta  
**February 13, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Council:

Diane Auld  
Harold Esche

Apologies: Irene Dunsmuir

Administration:

Rick Butler, Administrator

Residents:

George Dunsmuir  
Patty Knight, Jerry Knight  
Morris Butler, Linda Butler  
Don Stuart  
Hazel Higgins, Lori Higgins  
Wendy Eshleman  
Lloyd Cumming, Beth Cumming  
Pete Jess, Judy Jess  
Phil Stevenson  
Brenda Madge, Robert Madge  
Cecilia Deus, Michael Deuss  
Audrey Palmer, Stuart Palmer  
Doug Lindblom, Diane Lindblom  
Terry Irvine, Doreen Irvine  
Adolf Becker, Brenda Becker  
Glen Gray  
Betty Post  
Brian Beirsca  
Share Manchester  
Martin Falvi, Anthony Falvi  
Ian Sanderson  
Bill Post  
Russ Down, Jill Down

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Diane Auld called the regular council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion** Moved by Councillor Esche that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

## **MINUTES**

**Motion** Moved by Mayor Auld that the Minutes to the December 5, 2007 meeting (Attachment 2.2) be adopted with corrections to residents in attendance

**Carried**

## **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

Rick Butler reviewed correspondence as outlined in attachment 2.3

- Letter from Terry Irvine that the Community Centre had recently frozen up and thus created frozen and cracked water tanks associated with the fire caddy. Al Clark and Russ Down volunteered to coordinate further action related to the restoration of the fire caddy once the immediate freeze-up issues are dealt with. It was also agreed that Rick would publish the existing list of committees and their membership to confirm all the committees and their membership. This will be brought to the next Council meeting and at least annually thereafter. It was also suggested that electric baseboard heating be considered for installation in the centre as back up to the propane heater.
- Letter from Lloyd Cumming was received resigning from Burnstick Lake Management Plan, SPOG and water well testing. It was noted that Diane Auld and Patty Knight had been appointed at the last meeting to replace Lloyd on the Burnstick lake Management Plan; and George Dunsmuir on the Sundre Petroleum Operators Group. Hazel Higgins agreed to take over the water well testing job. The Mayor then thanked Lloyd for his good work on these committees.
- Letter from Doreen Sawchuk resigning from the keys and deposit system for the community centre. Russ Down volunteered to take this function over.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Rick noted the following from his report per attachment #2.5

### **SVBL Appeal Board**

The Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting requested a review of the files related to appointments to the Subdivision and Appeal Board. Council has appointed the members to the SVBL Subdivision and Appeal Board as follows:

- Pete Jess (Chair as appointed by the Board) (4-year term expires March 9, 2008)
- Gerry Knight (4-year term expires March 9, 2008)
- Mayor Diane Auld (Council appointed Dec 5, 2007 until broader membership resolved)

It was agreed that these members would be renewed for another term if they agreed. This would be ratified at the next Council meeting once the intentions of Pete Jess and Jerry Knight are known.

### **Propane Possibilities**

Dean Mackenzie has been spear heading an effort to consider options for reducing propane costs in the Village. Further to those efforts, Superior Propane expressed interest. It was agreed that other Propane companies would be invited to present proposals to the Village.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT (Attachment #2.5)**

Rick went over the year-end financial statements (pre-audited).

**Motion** Moved by Councillor Harold Esche that the financial statements be approved.

**Carried**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Cell Phone Tower**

Councillor Esche gave an oral report that this work is still in progress.

## **Reserve Encroachments Policy (Attachment #4.2)**

Mayor Auld began the meeting emphasising the point that they were looking forward to hearing comments and suggestions from residents. Mayor Diane noted, however, that status quo or “no-change” was not an option—that something had to be done to address the encroachment issue that is now over eighty and counting. Rick then went on to summarize the various reports contained in Attachment #4.2.

Residents raised a number of questions and concerns; and there was an emerging consensus— that “private encroachments” off people’s private property (like fences, decks, fire pits and buildings) were one kind of encroachment and those developments on or near the **waterfront** (like decks, stairways, and benches) were another distinct kind of encroachment that perhaps should be treated differently.

One of the main alternatives discussed included the reserve being sold to residents as allowed in the Bylaw (if there is a 2/3 super-majority vote in favour). The property once sold, for market value, would allow the owners to deal with the encroachments as they determine. It was suggested by several residents that this might allow for greater freedom for residents - not having to work within the constraints that the Village Council has per the Municipal Government Act and Public Lands Act.

### **Motion**

Moved by Harold Esche that development permits would be issued despite owners having one of the structures near or on the shoreline. This is provided that the owner of such structures follows whatever the ultimate encroachment policy is. The Bylaw would remain in effect, however, for all those residents who have encroachments over or near their property lines. That is, no development permit can be issued until subject encroachments are removed. **Carried**

### **Motion**

Moved by Councillor Esche that a request to residents be issued for alternative proposals regarding how encroachments might be dealt with; and that any and all proposals should be received before the next Council meeting. **Carried**

## **Third Waste Transfer Station**

Although a third bin or transfer station had been ordered last summer, it appears to have not materialized. A third bin will be ordered and will be on site starting in

May. It is hoped, however, that residents will refrain from using this as construction or old couch waste bin.

**Date of Next Council Meeting**

It was agreed that the next council meeting be in April (later confirmed and published as April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7; 00)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

Certified correct and adopted:

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Mayor

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Administrator