

Minutes

SUMMER VILLAGE OF BURNSTICK LAKE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 28, 2008 at the Community Centre

Informal Notes from Community Meeting

The annual community meeting of June 28 was called to order at 9:30.

Mayor Diane presented her state of the Village report as follows:

- A lot has gone on since our last community meeting a year ago on the Canada Day long weekend.
- August 2008 saw the acclamation of Councillors Irene Dunsmuir, Harold Esche and herself. We said good bye to two very hard working councillors Greg Pek and Fraser Spears.
- We saw lots of development within and outside our village boundaries. Five development permits were approved since last August with many more enquiries for this and next year. We also had a development appeal board hearing where local residents were able to make the final determination of the application of the Villages land use and development bylaw. I want to thank Pete Jess, Jerry Knight and Doug Lindblom and alternate Bill Post for serving on this committee the last few years and thank Pete and Jerry for agreeing to return for another three year term in this thankless job. I replaced Doug Lindblom on the Board.
- Regarding Development outside the Village but nearby, the Village Council received a proposal from a proponent to develop a waste recycling facility in the Burnstick Lake Area. The preliminarily proposed project will involve high tech intense incineration of waste into its basic chemical components. The facility was proposed for land at SW 1/4 Section 9 Township, 35 Range 7 W5M— to the west of the Pengali property. We have official word that the proposal was withdrawn – thanks largely to the thoughtful questions and concerns expressed by Village residents to a Council Meeting last fall.
- We want to welcome new residents of our Summer Village Dennis and Sandy Nordstrom (who bought the Roberts' place) and Adam Duckett and Marnie McMillan

- Our first annual tree sapling plant took place in the summer of 2007 and again in 2008 with double the order of saplings for planting on the reserve. The Village has now been put on the priority list for free trees so we expect an annual planting of White Spruce Lodgepole Pine the first weekend of May each year for the next several.
- Irene & George Dunsmuir represented the Village very well at last fall's Alberta Summer Village Association Meeting in St. Albert; and plan to do the same again this fall.
- Speaking of resident participation in village initiatives, many Burnstick Lake residents have taken on many volunteer jobs. I already mentioned the Development Appeal Board and The Capital Planning Committee made up of Dean McKenzie Glen Gray, Gordon Bussey, and Councillor Irene Dunsmuir. We also want to acknowledge Hazel Higgins who quietly took over from Lloyd Cumming to do the monthly Community water well testing and liaises with Waste management for the emptying of the transfer stations. Al Clark and Russ Down have volunteered to work on the Community Centre & Fire Caddy and associated Emergency Preparation. Patricia Knight is representing the Village on the Burnstick Lake Public Advisory Committee.

The meeting then heard from Dean McKenzie Chair of the Village's capital planning committee. The following projects were discussed:

- Community centre improvements - install electrical baseboard heaters as emergency back-up heat and other electrical improvements. Some residents suggested a kitchen in the centre.
- Boat Launch Improvement plans include fencing improvements. Gordon Bussey will be coordinating this work.
- Street Improvements & Drainage - The plan for a multi-year upgrading of roads and drainage in the Village. will be presented at the October 9th Council meeting.
- Other longer term plans include:
 - First Response for Fires and
 - Walkways & Environmental Reserve Rehabilitation.

In terms of additional projects, Edmund Fyten made a proposal that was acceptable to all at the meeting. That was to look into a second emergency road exit for the summer village.

Discussion of the draft Plebiscite Question and details of the August 4 plebiscite vote including the date and location of an advance poll were discussed and arranged subject to finalization at the - previously advertised - formal Council meeting following the community meeting.

The preliminary presentation from Hugh Nester regarding a Proposal for ATV Access to Forestry Reserve was not presented as Mr. Nester was not in attendance.

A presentation on forming a gas co-op was made by the area's Gas Co-op. A large number of residents preliminarily identified themselves as seriously interested in this proposal.

SPECIAL SUMMER VILLAGE OF BURNSTICK LAKE COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting began in the community centre after a 30-minute break after the above community meeting.

In attendance:

Mayor Diane Auld
Councillor Irene Dunsmuir

Administrator - Rick Butler

Call to order

Mayor Auld called the meeting to order at 12:30

Appointment of Returning Officer

Moved by Councillor Dunsmuir that Rick Butler be appointed as returning officer for the upcoming Village plebiscite **Carried**

Setting of Plebiscite

Moved by Mayor Auld that the Summer Village Plebiscite that the plebiscite/election be held on August 4 between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm at the community centre in the Summer Village of Burnstick Lake and that an advance poll for the plebiscite be held July 11th at Silversprings Golf Club from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and that the following wording appear on the plebiscite ballot **Carried**

QUESTION SET #1 - ENCROACHMENTS NEAR SHORELINE

1a) Owners of encroachments that exist near shoreline and placed on the land before November 26, 2007 (Date of Draft Encroachment Policy) should remove those encroachments and return the reserve land to its original natural state?

Choose/circle one: YES NO

1b) Owners of encroachments (decks and stairs only) that exist near the shoreline and were constructed and placed on the land before November 26, 2007 (Date of Draft Encroachment Policy) should be provided the opportunity to legitimize their encroachment by entering into an agreement with the Summer Village to ensure reasonable safety, aesthetics and no compromise of ownership of the reserve by the Summer Village?

Choose/circle one: YES NO

1c) Village residents should be provided the opportunity to build new decks and/or stairs near the shoreline subject to: i) receiving a permit from Village Council, and ii) entering into an agreement with the _Village to ensure reasonable safety, aesthetics and no compromise of _ownership of the reserve by the Summer Village?

Choose/circle one: YES NO

QUESTION SET #2 - ENCROACHMENTS NEAR PRIVATE PROPERTY

2a) Owners of encroachments that exist immediately surrounding or near private properties of residents and placed on the land before November 26, 2007 (Date of Draft Encroachment Policy) should remove those encroachments and return the reserve land to its original natural state?

Choose/circle one: YES NO

2b) Owners of encroachments that exist immediately surrounding or near private properties of residents and placed on the land before November 26, 2007 (Date of Draft Encroachment Policy) should be provided the opportunity to purchase the encroached portion of the reserve at fair market value?

Choose/circle one: YES NO

2c) Owners of encroachments that exist immediately surrounding or near private properties of residents and placed on the land before November 26, 2007 (Date of Draft Encroachment Policy) should be provided the opportunity to enter into an encroachment agreement with the Summer Village wherein there is no compromise of ownership of the reserve by the Summer Village?

Choose/circle one: YES NO

Date of Next Council Meeting

It was agreed that the next Council meeting would be held in September or October and advertised in the SVBL Newsletter

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55

Certified correct and adopted:

Mayor

Administrator