

SUMMER VILLAGE OF LARKSPUR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JULY 22, 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome and Call to Order: 10:00 AM Mayor Nick Tywoniuk

Election of Chairperson: Donna Crozier

Election of Secretary: Brian Crozier

Introduction of the SV Counsellors, Gerry Keane and Ken Schoenberg by Mayor Tywoniuk

10:00 AM – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

Motion: Approval of the agenda: Moved by Phillip; Second by Emily Keane.

CARRIED

Request for additions to the agenda:

- I. Tony Galiwoda requested discussion and clarification of the current land survey
- II. Emily Keane requested a discussion regarding garbage, recycle and Port a Potties on public reserves.

Minutes of the July 23, 2016 meeting distributed and reviewed.

- Change to the minutes: Fay Atkinson requested that the “e “ be dropped from her name.(page 3)
- No other changes requested.

MAYOR’S REPORT – NICK TYWONIUK

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Council members time commitment – 2 days per month on average – usually in Westlock.

Mayor Tywoniuk thanked Ken Shauenberg for his EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE !!!

Ken will be stepping down from Council.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST YEAR:

- County Refuse/Waste Assessment was excessive – Challenged by Council – REVERSED.
- New Website – all comments welcome.
- Powerline Route – Council made presentation – Route adjacent to lake was REJECTED.
- County\Village collaboration on grading, waste management, etc.

- **Mandatory training for all Elected Officials available at no charge from Province (classes in Ponoka or Edmonton.)**
- **Road work in Village delayed due to weather.**
- **Bears & beavers – on-going issue.**

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Port-o-Potty / Garbage cans on reserve shoreline area

Fay – - not a good idea – “there should be a Caveat against property owners in the event their properties are sold” should not be a financial responsibility of the “Village” to maintain.

Additional Comment from resident (Phillip ?)- His experience with a Port-o-Potty and garbage cans on the reserve was nothing but bad news and he removed the units shortly after installation. Citing the overflowing garbage cans and foul odours – boaters (non-residents ?) He saw it as an easy and convenient opportunity for non-residents and possibly residents to off-load their unwanted garbage.

Motion by Elaine Shauenberg Second Phillip (?)

“Summer Village of Larkspur should not allow the placement of Port-o-Potty, Garbage, Recycling bins on Village Reserves”

CARRIED.

Question: Emily Keane asked about whether or not the village had any responsibility related to the number of boat lifts / boats and non resident boats docked in the Village.

Answer: Nick Tywoniuk – The village has no official rules regarding the number of boats/ boatlifts in the village. It is only responsible from the “high water mark”

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gordon McDougal – asked about the remediation of the ditch on the west side of road adjacent to his property. The ditch needs to be fixed like the rest of the ditches along the village roads, allowing for appropriate maintenance.

Answer: Nick Tywoniuk – This issue needs county engineers involved to make sure the drainage is correct.

2. Comment: Scott – “**Canada Day 150” celebration** was great – organization / community involvement. He thanked the organizers for a job well done. He also commented on last Christmas / New Year celebration which his family also enjoyed. Where the lake was ploughed, skating rinks emerged, many winter activities were enjoyed.

Question: Is there a “VILLAGE” budget available to support similar events in the future. Council comment – no specific budget funding is available and if the event includes alcohol there couldn’t be any official involvement from the council.

3. ATV / QUADS / GOLF CARTS ON VILLAGE ROADS

Helmets are mandatory in Alberta, but are not being used by many riders. Speed on the roadways is still an issue.

Golf carts are actually illegal on the roads ,but are usually ignored by police (in other summer villages) if there are no infractions.

Quads and other off road vehicles are not to be driven on the grassed areas along Larkspur Road.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marion Bancroft provided highlights / explanation of statements

No questions or further discussion.

Motion to Accept 2016 Financial Statements as presented. Brian Getchel (1st); Ken Shauenberg (2nd) CARRIED.
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Announcement:

2017 IS ELECTION YEAR – Council positions are open for nominations – applications are available.

OTHER QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Scott Graffton – requested clarification of “Speed Bumps” / “Fire Smart Program” status

Speed Bumps:

- **Ken Shauenberg** – confirmed that 3 sets of “Speed Bumps” will be deployed as soon as the “Road Surface Repairs” are completed – which has been delayed, due to the wet summer season.
These speed bumps will be removed in the fall to allow for snow clearing.

“Fire Smart” progress

- The village applied for and received a grant for some “Fire Smart” activities , including cutting dead trees.
- Deadfall and ground cover clean up will begin very shortly. All of the public reserves will have dead trees cut down and removed. Trees are available to residents on a first come first serve basis.
- The Summer Village of Larkspur is not considered a “high risk” area by Provincial Authorities.
- Dead or suspect tree’s on the village reserves may be marked (tie ribbon on trees) by residents if they are thought to be dangerous or in need of removal.
- Wood chips will continue to be spread on the reserve paths and areas.

Water quality testing;

- **Fay Atkinson** – requested information on the “Provincial Water Quality Testing” that is being done over the summer months. Questioned whether the lake water is “Potable”
- **Mayor Tywoniuk** – advised that the water quality testing has been done in June & July; and, that it will be done again in August and September. Because this is a provincial service the results will be available and will be posted to the Summer Village of Larkspur Website - when the provincial department releases their findings.

Cell Phone Towers

- **David Boley** (spelling ?) – inquired about the possibility of a “Cell Phone Tower” to provide reliable service for the area.
- Several residents advised that inquiries have been made to the respective providers and the consensus is there will be no additional “towers” erected to resolve this situation. It was reported by two or three residents that they have installed the “Wilson Signal Boosters” which work great (retail price is \$400.00 to \$600.00 / unit)

Parking on Boulevards And Ditches

- Reports of Motor homes – vehicles and boat trailers parked on the subject properties over the last long weekend.
- **Gerry Keane** – advised that the official Village Bylaws do not allow parking or camping on property adjacent to the boulevards & ditches.

Motion to “Clarify Parking Policies” for all residents.

Scott (1st) & Ryan (2nd) –CARRIED.

Business Arising:

Mayor’s report

- **“FIRE SMART PLAN”** – Serves to confirm property boundaries as a survey of all property boundaries adjacent to public reserves is being conducted over three years (for economic reasons)
- **This allows the removal of excess combustible material from the “reserve areas”** – so the individual property owners are not directly responsible for this expense.

See updates on the Summer Village of Larkspur Web Page

Motion to adjourn the 2017 Annual General Meeting (12:15 pm)

Emile Keane (1st) Ken Shauenberg (2nd) MOTION CARRIED