

Fall Meeting, Sept 24th 2016

Ross' Garage. 1:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Rainbow	Bob Rainbow	Ross Renton
Bill King	Donna King	Chris Kurtz
Art Kurtz	Nadine Brossart	Kirk Brossart
Wayne Hoeft	Coleen Labatt	Ron Labatt
Thomas Kenworthy	Don Hnetka	Yvonne Laycock
Martin Isaac	Brent Shelest	

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 pm

Thanks to everyone for making the trip in the weather, and with the state of the sloppy roads, due to the rain.

There are still some challenges with communication with the R.M. Our Hamlet is no different than the others, we are all experiencing issues. Our Hamlet Board has been invited to a meeting with the Hamlet Committee on Wednesday, September 28th at 7 pm. Some of the agenda items today are relating to that meeting, based on the agenda we have received.

Our Board was invited to meet with the Collingwood and North Colesdale Boards, who will be joining us on the 28th. We met with the hopes of coming to some agreement on some items, in order to free up more time on Wednesday for more of our questions to be addressed.

PRIORITY LIST:

1. Water- everyone agrees this is our top priority.
2. Roads- this encompasses gravel/grading and snow removal
3. Grass/Maintenance
4. Boat launch and docks
5. Porta-Potty
6. Removing wire overhanging the beach road

Thank you to those who replied to the survey, we will be using your priorities as guidance to develop next year's budget.

The Hamlet budget needs to be delivered to the R.M by March, so this information will help us to develop the budget, and is why we requested your input at this time.

R.M. INFORMATION UPDATE:

A) Change to service providers-

Our grass cutter provider had issues with the R.M, as did Lakeview Septic, regarding WCB premiums. Kirk filled in for grass cutting- thank you Kirk! And we switched to Don Uhl to empty the beach toilet at a higher, but necessary cost.

We will be looking at options for next season, and on the agenda next week with the R.M is grass cutting, which may help form our options for next year. We do know they have said they may end up hiring someone to cut the grass in all of the hamlets. If we have any input, our position is that we would like to hire our own, if possible. We do have one proposal for next year, may need to ask for others based on our budget and remaining reserve in the R.M account. We don't want to draw on the reserve unless necessary. Yvonne to include all the information about what was spent on grass cutting this year when the minutes go out, including separate charges for grass and road maintenance.

B) Additional R.M Budget Charges-

There were insurance charges we've never seen, and others that we need to address with the R.M on Wednesday, along with the Co-op billing.

C) GAR-Tax line item-

This may free up some money in the budget, unless the residents decide they don't want the additional tax on our property tax bills.

If the residents decide they don't want to accept this extra tax personally, this would mean moving the cans to their winter position, building an enclosure, maintaining it and keeping it clean inside.

Another suggestion has been made that we could lock our garbage cans, instead of building a structure- that is what North Colesdale does. They just have tipping fees from Loraas instead of the driving costs. If only one can is emptied (they put an "empty" sign on one if it hasn't been used), its only \$30 per can apparently. If so, this may be an alternate plan to look into. If this new bylaw creates an issue, we can discuss at the AGM in June.

D) Snow Removal-

The R.M has a policy against volunteers who remove snow, from being paid. All snow contractors must be approved by the R.M. This applies only to the roadways within the Hamlet and using funds from the R.M account. Certainly if residents wanted to pay someone privately to clear their snow, that is perfectly acceptable.

Kirk plans on driving around with his blade down, as his form of entertainment.

E) Municipal Reserves-

On the agenda for our meeting with the R.M Hamlet Committee is:

“Meeting regarding Municipal Reserve and Environmental Reserve uses”.

This may or may not be directed to us, the hamlets, as it is listed after the discussion with hamlet boards, however...

The R.M is in the process of surveying and marking Municipal Reserves throughout all of the Lakeshore area. The motion at the council meeting was as follows:

“That public reserves, municipal reserves, environmental reserves and walkways within the resort communities in the R.M of McKillop 220 be surveyed and posts to mark the reserve areas be placed at the expense of the R.M. of McKillop 220, be completed over the course of the next five (5) years based on the priority of the area and that any additional improvements to be made to the area in an Organized Hamlet be made at the expense of the Hamlet Board for that Organized Hamlet based on the discretion of Council”

We will ask at our meeting what is meant by “priority of the area”

Collingwood has been done already. We aren't sure what the purpose is, but will keep you informed as we hear.

We felt it was probably wise to let everyone know that this will be happening, since R.M people may be wandering around and putting in stakes.

We believe that there are communities who are putting obstacles in the way, in order to deter visitors access to the water or beach areas.

Once we know more, we will let you know.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE- NADINE:

Thank you to Nadine for emailing the two proposals to all of the residents for our review. Although this meeting is not for any decisions, as the fall meeting is typically just an information meeting, if residents would like to vote on the proposals, certainly a special meeting could be held. We'd like everyone to read and understand the proposals before we make that determination. We could poll the residents as we did for the priority list, to see if a special meeting should be held.

Residents that are affected may want to look into what it is that they can do, without involving the community for their own properties. There is an existing committee (Ron, Nadine, Wayne).

-If the community wants to proceed, the R.M may help with costs., they may not.

-Renting a pump with Hamlet money has been asked of the R.M, we understand it will be addressed at the Oct. Council meeting.

Flooding does occur on Lynn's Bay as well as Kyle's Drive.

-Yvonne has copies of the proposals printed if anyone wants them.

The proposals do not include any of the actual work, just the amount to tell us what needs to happen to alleviate the flooding, and should be valid for 30 days.

-WSA does require a permit anytime that water is being pumped. Residents can install culverts, they should check with the R.M about whether or not a permit is required.

-Residents that are involved will work together to see about options, and the board will wait for direction from the committee, should that be necessary.

PORTA-POTTY COMMITTEE-COLEEN:

Thanks to Coleen and Jerry for volunteering their time and effort to keep the porta-potty clean. The budget submitted by Jerry will be helpful to the Board for our budget in March. The Porta-potty will be shut down after Thanksgiving.

BOAT LAUNCH COMMITTEE-RYAN:

Ryan was not in attendance, so we will wait for his input. We don't likely have the ability to get this done this winter, but will proceed to hopefully get the new boat launch in for the winter of 2017. There is no reason we can't fill in all the information in advance. WSA approval is first, then Council needs to approve it.

GENERIC EMAIL FOR THE BOARD:

The Board is looking into a generic email address, which would be just one single address that all Board members could access, giving residents one email address to send to and reach all three Board members. This may make it easier in the future when the Board members change. We haven't heard whether or not the R.M has an issue with it or not.

CHANGING DIVISION BOUNDARIES:

Collingwood had their AGM, and passed a motion to spend \$5000 to hire someone to co-ordinate a plan to encourage the R.M to redraw their boundaries. We did promise to ask our Residents if they would support this.

After a short discussion, it was decided that We will let Collingwood know that our community is open to co-operating with regard to a petition. Anyone not wanting their info given to Collingwood should let the Board know, in order to have their information omitted before it gets sent to them.

We have also heard that there are people working on creating a new Municipality that would incorporate all of the lake communities, with different Councilors, bylaws etc. We haven't heard anything further on that, so we can't speak to it.

The election is on Wednesday October 26th, 9am-8pm at the Bulyea Community Hall. Our Division Councilor is not up for election, but we can and should vote for the Reeve of the R.M. Information is up on the R.M website regarding who is running. The advance poll is on Saturday, October 4th, 9am-4pm at the R.M office in Bulyea. The last day to request a mail in ballot at the R.M office, is Wednesday, October 19th, until 4 pm.

DUST CONTROL:

We expect the R.M to ask us if we are interested in dust control next year, in order for them to purchase in bulk, allowing for a cheaper rate. The consensus is that no, we don't want to order it at this time

QUESTIONS:

Our goal at the meeting on Wednesday evening is to have the R.M treat all Organized Hamlets the same. If one community is allowed to have a gate at the boat launch, we want one too. If two communities are allowed to keep their speed bumps, we want to be allowed to, as well.

We will let you know what happens at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

One question we were asked to bring to the meeting on Wednesday was "Which section of the Act is the R.M relying on when they tell us what we can not purchase?"

Another suggestion was to hold the fall meeting on the long weekend next year. We can certainly address this at the AGM and see what the residents would prefer.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:15 pm