

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF McKILLOP No. 220**  
**RECREATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Committee meeting held in the R. M. Council Chambers**  
**Bulyea, Saskatchewan**  
**September 28, 2016**

Present:	Reeve:	Gary Gilbert
	Committee Members	Marilyn Labatte Olga Thompson Brent Johnson
	Council Members	Andrew Kuderewko
	Administration Officer	Crystal Mytopher
	Collingwood Lakeshore Estates	June LeDrew
	North Colesdale Park	Garry Dixon Dave Hval Don Paridaen
	Mohr's Beach	Yvonne Laycock Martin Isaac Brent Shelest
	Public	Kevin Patzer Rudy Thompson

Reeve Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

*Minutes*

June LeDrew expressed concern that the minutes should have been allowed to be reviewed, not approved by the boards so they could review and see what other hamlets concerns were.

Brent Johnson stated that these are for the Committee only and not on the website unless it is attached by a report. If a Committee brings it to Council then it is presented at Council. It's not a legal document just a discussion.

Olga Thompson stated it is the responsibility for administration to release them.

June LeDrew stated that administration expects the Organized Hamlet to supply their minutes.

Gary Dixon wanted clarification on resolution regarding budget form. Is the whole document repealed?

Gary Dixon wondered about the meaning of legal fees toward the Organized Hamlet. Does it mean the RM hires a lawyer and is the Hamlet stuck paying?

Olga Thompson stated it is a budget amount that she doesn't expect that an Organized Hamlet will need.

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Chair

June LeDrew needed clarification on the document (police service levy, Bylaw Enforcement Officer) as these fees shouldn't be in the template.

Gary Dixon inquired if Council has ever approved the Council procedure booklet?

OlgaThompson stated it is still in draft and we want input.

Brent Johnson stated that care must be taken as this is the lawyer's interpretation.

Olga Thompson clarified that she meant day to day operation.

Olga Thomspson stated that the Council doesn't have time to attend to day to day operations.

June LeDrew stated confusion arises as you say this now but the messages are always different. The document is a cut and paste and it is an interpretation anyways. I enjoy the working for the community not a paper pusher for the parent cooperation.

Brent Johnson stated that the RM was getting into bad situations for liability.

June LeDrew responded that the pendulum has swung too far the other way.

Marilyn LaBatte stated that the Ex Director for Municipal Affairs said if the project benefits and the Hamlets have the money, let them do it. Don't spend the money on lawyers, spend it on the residents.

June LeDrew and Kevin Patzer stated that they didn't want stairs now a ramp, it took 2 months, too long.

Brent Johnson stated that the RM had to allow access for everyone.

Kevin Patzer responded that there is not enough room for a ramp, someone should have come and looked at it.

Marilyn LaBatte stated that this is where we need common sense.

Marilyn LaBatte stated in the minutes that 8 & 9 were never discussed at the meeting.

Olga Thompson stated that there is an issue with the ATV bylaw and we haven't heard back from. Brent Johnson responded that we have.

Review of the minutes and discussion about campers. June LeDrew asked for clarification regarding previous members that attended are invited the others should be listed as guests. Brent Johnson responded it was invitational but open to public.

For the minutes remove the Patzers and Gary Dixon as they were public.

Johnson:

"That the minutes for the Recreation and Planning Committee meeting held on August 24, 2016 be amended to identify Kevin and Debra Patzer and Gary Dixon as public observers and not as participants and that the amended minutes be approved as presented."

CARRIED.

*Discussion*

Discussion with regard to the following topics occurred:

1. How can the R. M. Council and Hamlet Boards have better liaison?

Gary Dixon opened the discussing – wanting a smoother communication, wanting to work together.

Gary Dixon has talked to Municipal Affairs and they are the rules we follow, they were many years old and need to be changed. Once something has been submitted to a lawyer, MA drops out and allows the lawyer to stand.

Gary Dixon – advisor and policy and procedures – they tell us the intent of the Acts not. Talk above the advisors and go to the policy advisors.

Brent Johnson - those guys wont back it up, no documentation, they won't write it down.

Olga Thompson – lawyers not a judge. We should have waited for SARM direction.

Brent Johnson – we had a guide, it got sent to the lawyer and now we have this. This is the legal opinion now.

Kevin Patzer – we have never had the guide

Olga – the one from 2 years ago that administration made

Brent Johnson– we worked on it as Council and it went to a lawyer

June LeDrew – the black little book, cut and pasted from *The Municipalities Act*

Brent Johnson – we didn't just fix the flaws we went overboard

Olga Thompson – moving forward, liability insurance, without going overboard

Yvonne Laycock – more meetings like this, this is good. Treat us all the same. Speedbumps, fireworks and gates – we were told no and yet others get them.

Yvonne Laycock - I received a letter and be patient.

Brent Shelest – take the others hamlets speedbumps out.

Gary Gilbert – far as I know you can't just put them in.

Marilyn LaBatte – how many hamlets want them.

Yvonne Laycock – we jumped through the hoops and submitted the maps and paperwork and we are still waiting 1+year later.

Brent Shelest – how long should we have to wait.

Brent Johnson- we need to have the bylaw in this exact stop. Policy needs to be followed through.

Yvonne Laycock - we saw them and want to be treated fairly.

Brent Shelest – gate the Loraas bins??

Brent Johnson- do you want a lock and gate?

Yvonne- if we can't, then no one else should be able.

Olga Thompson - I don't want to fight with the ratepayers.

Brent Shelest – it's a fight either way, some people aren't going to be happy when they loose stuff.

Gary Dixon- Hamlet boards used to get input on the development permits, give the Hamlet Board the chance to respond.

Brent Johnson - used to be permits were never at Council

Yvonne Laycock - Mohr's didn't want to know the permits

Gary Dixon- Council has a lot of committees, involve the Hamlet Board, there is a lot of knowledge out here. Good way to communicate

Brent Johnson – can get political

Olga Thompson - discuss, listen and no vote, good idea

Marilyn LaBatte - thought it should be AG, Development and Lake reps

Martin Isaac- submitted 26 questions over a year ago – communication could be improved if the questions were answered.

Brent Johnson - Council wants to make this group your go-to for problems, bring them here. There will be new Council members

Marilyn LaBatte - do you still have the questions? Fax them to me

Yvonne Laycock - I got a strong tongue lashing, and a be patient. I want one person to get answers from.

Kevin Patzer – Council email addresses are not on the website

Marilyn LaBatte – gave out our personal ones

Yvonne Laycock - when council passes resolutions affecting our services, new changes should be communicated, email or a letter. Council needs to follow up that administration is doing the communication. If administration makes the decisions to affect my service let us know, common courtesy should be respected.

Brent Johnson - he isn't paying his wcb,

Yvonne Laycock – not my problem

Brent Shelest - we were given the ok to use him for years and now we weren't informed

Olga Thompson asked Don about wcb, Don says without covered he becomes your problem

Yvonne Laycock – we are all volunteers

Marilyn LaBatte – a lot of things have gone astray

Brent Johnson – some things have blown up and maybe some things have fallen to the side

Yvonne Laycock – came from a rate payer, which part of the Act do you rely on when you tell us what we can't buy? They are reading the meetings and see that Sorensen's Beach got fireworks and we want it. You are falling for it.

Gary Gilbert – the liabilities on fireworks is huge

Brent Johnson - Council has caved to the pressure

Brent Shelest – once you lose the trust, people pick out your mistakes in the minutes

Brent Johnson - discussed the meeting timelines

June LeDrew – your agendas are weak, there is no motions attached, they are lacking

Marilyn LaBatte – we didn't get this as it was supposed to, follow the timeline, the agenda only was received on Thursday

Olga Thompson – read from Handbook, I will print it out and put it on the website, this is how committees are to operate.

Brent Johnson - we are putting parameters around this, we aren't disagreeing it gives more time

Gary Dixon – May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting – Next steps, agreement, preparations, will there be agreements coming to the Hamlet board?

Brent Johnson – we are doing this instead

Gary Dixon - we have no agreement in place to deduct SaskPower, no policing agreement, we don't know the formula, fire protection no agreements, we were told they were forth coming

Andrew Kuderewko – tabled policy that needs to be revisited.

Gary Dixon - motion from Andrew Kuderewko that no Hamlet input needed

Brent Johnson - the discussion was we come up with a document and then ask for comment

June LeDrew - the motions need some discussion added to them

Gary Dixon – discussion is never added to the minutes

June LeDrew – you reap what you sow

Gary Gilbert – how long have the Hamlets been operating, This Council is taking it upon themselves to try and rectify the problems. We are trying.

Kevin Patzer – the hammer hit us in the head, there were no answers, softer hammer is required

Olga Thompson - we can't keep saying we are working on it

June LeDrew – I keep asking for stuff on the website and about the elections but I never see results

Olga Thompson - we don't have the ability to come into this office and do the work, simple communication would be so beneficial

Brent Johnson - sometimes communication is used to trip people up to get the staff to get work an issue, staff get gun shy for answering,

Marilyn LaBatte - over 2 years the communication has not improved. We recognize there is an issue

Yvonne Laycock - I agree that Brent Johnson may be right about the staff but need to have communication Council needs to have consistent staff.

Brent Johnson – sometimes staff just want to end the bullying

June LeDrew - the bullying goes both way. There are two letters that need to be investigation. There is a letter from an employee that needs to be investigated.

Rudy Thompson– not acceptable. You can only choose to make excuses. We are trying to build a community here but I am calling you out on this

Martin Isaac – Mohr's has rented a pump for water/drainage issues. We were told it will be brought up in October. We want to know that this is an agenda item.

Yvonne Laycock – can we purchase it? Discussion regarding overflowing water in the ditch.

Marilyn LaBatte – hoping that we can have policy before the election

Brent Johnson - if you need a pump we need to get you a pump,

Brent Shelest – very careful where the water is going and the liability needs to be looked at

June LeDrew - worried that the election that it is an inclusive election. The bylaw for the mail in ballot is not right.

Gary Dixon – copy of the id sent with the request. The bylaw is to approve a mail in ballot

Brent Johnson - so the Act allows that? This bylaw was from 2012.

Marilyn LaBatte – we defeated the purpose of the mail in ballot

June LeDrew – the process is ridiculous, to appear in office during office hours, why can't it be on the website

Rudy Thompson – provincially you have to enumerate and build a voters list

Gary Dixon – the RM does not have to have a voters list

Rudy Thompson – this upsets me. How are you going to fix the problem? When you mail the tax notice out let people know they have to come in to vote

Brent Johnson - something has changed I'm not sure what but you can't do that

Andrew Kuderewko – Gary is correct no voters list is required. If the voters want a list they should be asked and be prepared to pay for the assembly of the list

Brent Johnson – more people can vote than pay taxes

June LeDrew handed out a newsletter created by Collingwood regarding the election and the processes

Brent Johnson - clarified that we don't have to enumerate – no we don't. Agrees with Andrew (spouses, adult, children, renters, etc.) can vote

Yvonne Laycock – we would like a voters list it would be handy for Hamlet elections

June LeDrew – be cautious of the Returning Officer, the information is not accurate

Kevin Patzer – I was told I couldn't run against Brent Johnson as I was in the wrong division

June LeDrew - Returning Officer is not putting the documents on the website

Gary Dixon – discussion about the assessment and voting

Rudy Thompson – what about corporations

June LeDrew – ratepayers are not understanding that they can vote

## 2. Dust control

Collingwood – does their own, please get the requests in early and we can bulk buy, we picked and choose which road gets more dust control, we want to be there

Mohr's Beach – no, we would rather have speed bumps we don't want dust control

North Colesdale Park - Gary Gilbert – roads have to be graded first

Marilyn LaBatte - we would get prices from three different products in January

Kevin Patzer – we still haven't paid for ours two years ago, should we send in who we used last year?

Marilyn LaBatte – \$ 13,000.00 that is a lot

Olga Thompson – the more we do the better the deal

Brent Johnson – some Hamlets are different

3. Grass cutting – Contract or use own

Collingwood – getting quotes on contractors

North Colesdale Park – do their own

Mohr's Beach – had a contractor this year, last few years usually with our own equipment, could we have a list of contractors that are RM approved

Marilyn LaBatte – this is hamlets choice, let us know by email

Gary Dixon – we cut the road and ditch but this is where the liability comes into things. We take care of it. How do we get around the liability and volunteerism?

Brent Johnson – we aren't worried about the little bits, it's the large spaces the Public Reserve, are you using RM equipment or the Hamlet equipment? We need to know who you are and like an employee. If you are using your own equipment you are like a volunteer or contractor. How do you see the situation?

Gary Dixon – snow removal?

Brent Johnson – throwing rocks, people can be snow stayed

Don Paridaen – if I have my tractor on your property, it's my liability.

Yvonne Laycock – if the Hamlet board asks you to cut it then it becomes the RM liability

Rudy Thompson – points out Don Paridaen's knowledge and background

4. Organic volunteerism

Marilyn LaBatte – we are looking into it

Brent Johnson – regardless we have to be careful



June LeDrew – this will kill volunteerism, the pendulum has swung too far

Olga Thompson – go through the minutes there was never direction to go to the lawyer

Kevin Patzer – I don't believe that this will happen

Rudy Thompson – contact the Saskatchewan Roughriders to see their volunteerism rules and how it works

June LeDrew – it's a slippery slope and think of all the "could happens and may happen"

Martin Isaac – the likely hood is small that a rate\payer will sue but it will be the neighbor's kids who is visiting that will gets hurt and will sue

Kevin Patzer – the RM will never be sued

Brent Johnson – why we didn't leave it as it was because it was working? I don't know

June LeDrew – a lawyer provides interpretation not gospel

Discussion regarding snow plowing,

ATV – discussion around the bylaw and the legalities

Collingwood – has a guy that comes and cleans it

Marilyn LaBatte – take it from your Hamlet funds and pay it

Collingwood how many fulltime residents – 33

Mohr's Beach – 5 they have a guy that removes snow and a good system

North Colesdale Park – 13

What about seasonal use (weekend fishing etc)

Marilyn LaBatte – please think about what Hamlet's want and submit it

Brent Johnson– school route first

June LeDrew – volunteerism is spontaneous

##### 5. Garbage – Information

Brent Johnson - We found that it appears double charging, a levy now but not before, locking is defined as a fence, we can learn from our mistakes, the rate went up to cover the additional increase

Kevin Patzer – treat us all the same

June LeDrew – we want the lock program, I will email you tomorrow

Yvonne Laycock – the garbage works out to about the same, it will come up at the AGM, why didn't the notice come with the tax notice?

Olga Thompson - we should be identifying the resolutions on the website

Gary Dixon – why can't it be user pay like AG, we lock our garbage cans and pay tipping and travel, if the travel goes up we pay the increase

Martin Isaac – is there any way to influence Loraas to expand their green program – leaves, grass, etc.

Marilyn LaBatte – take it back to your Hamlets for discussion

6. Meeting regarding Municipal Reserve and Environmental Reserve uses

The date was not established – some key players are still on holidays

WSA, Community Planning and a CO

Gary Dixon – the Act is clear for Municipal Reserve as whatever Council allows

Rudy Thompson – when have you been trumped by other agencies?

Kevin Patzer – explained the Municipal Reserve situation in Collingwood

Yvonne Laycock – is the RM marking out the Municipal Reserve? Why?

Marilyn LaBatte– explained the Collingwood situation and the need for pins as the stakes move

Gary Dixon – tipping and the lagoon, fees at the gate, all the extra will go into the pocket of the hauler

Brent Johnson – the lagoon will have annual expenses, let the supply and demand work out, there are other haulers

Olga Thompson - I have asked the questions but Michele isn't in the office to answer

Gary Dixon – the RM is better because of the lagoon, why can't all the rate payers pay a small tax annually?

Rudy Thompson – why not do an annual contract?

Kevin Patzer – why can't everyone with a septic tank pay the same fee

Yvonne Laycock – what is the water operators concern? What does Council need from us? WSA is happy with our operator.

Brent Johnson – we need to ensure that the operators are up to snuff

Andrew Kuderewko - the lagoon is a new service, maintenance we should consider a blended option


Brent Johnson – blending equals more cost, two options = gate fee or on your taxes but now we have other municipalities which adds difficulty

Brent Johnson – consider becoming a district on their own, Katepwa works, you can't do it individual but work together

*Next Meeting*      The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2016 beginning at 7:00pm in the R. M. Council Chambers in Bulyea, Saskatchewan.

*Adjourn*            The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

  
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Chair

  
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Administrative Financial Officer