

**MINUTES of the FIRST GENERAL MEETING for the
HAMLET OF MACPHEAT PARK**

JULY 3, 2004

Chairman's Cottage

Meeting was scheduled to begin at 2:00PM.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

Paul Heine explained that we would be discussing the priorities of the Park and this meeting was the Hamlet residents opportunity to provide their input on the issues of MacPheat Park.

Discussions started with the boat launch. The Chairman explained we would be documenting the Boat launch and the Beach and the current state of both. He went on to state The RM of McKillop is liable for public reserve in and around the beach as far as liability goes.

Doug Ridgeway Sr. voiced some concerns about the Dock. In Response, The Chairman said the dock would be considered with the Boat Launch and that the primary concerns with the Dock are the replacing/fixing the axle and some sort of ramp to get up to the dock.

Conrad Stephens raised the suggestion of a winch at the Boat Launch, as people tend to spin their tires coming up the slope. The Chairman indicated things may improve if the launch was swept, and the concrete was kept sand free.

Glen Quinton asked about moving some Rocks in along the beach. The Chairman responded that it was definitely a possibility. John Winter added that preliminary investigations allowed for it. He outlined that Hamlet resident Linda Winter made some inquires on their behalf which produced contact information for the Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans as well as a Conservation Officer for SERM. As well, we need to fill out a Shoreline

application Form to submit with a plan of what we would like to do. This information is attached to the end of the Minutes of the Meeting.

Doug Ridgeway asked about making the Boat Launch Wider. Paul Heine responded indicating that it is being considered. Paul Heine also pointed out that John Winter had suggested stairs down to the beach along the neighboring slope to help minimize the foot traffic on the launch to those launching watercraft.

John Winter outlined, First the Hamlet must develop a formal plan for the improvements of the Boat Launch facilities. Then the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has to approve the plan suggested. Once approved, the plan should be submitted to the SERM Conservation Officer (SE Contact). There is no charge for this submission.

Paul Heine explained that there is approximately \$4800 total, available for MacPheat Park maintenance/development for the year.

Al and Dianne Wirll added that they have been through the development of Hamlets before, and that there may be several grants we may be eligible for. John Winter added that we should investigate and confirm what, if any, grants the R.M may be applying for to avoid the embarrassment of two groups applying for the same grant. He also stated that some of the feedback from inquiries already made, indicates we may have to ask the RM to make the applications on our behalf.

Paul Heine indicated we might try to get the RM to do some work to cover the neglect over the years. John Winter added that the only way we can hold the RM accountable, according to the Municipal Government is through our votes when representatives are elected to the Council. Paul Heine added that now we are a Hamlet, we will be allowed to vote and that if and when the Hamlet population reaches 100 people, we would be allowed to elect a representative to the RM Council.

Dennis Baer raised the issue of our missing signs. The sign at the turn off for Belmont Beach and MacPheat Park as well as the sign at the gate are either missing or broken. Paul Heine indicated the signs will be addressed and he would like to see a few bulletin boards put up for Notices and information. These may be placed at the Gate, Boat Launch and Pump House (that we plan to build).

Al Wirll raised the question about a Pump house. Paul Heine addressed that as a possibility, as well as, investigating the option of getting a better rate for Water Wells if we have enough interested residents. Paul Heine added that we may want a feasibility study done for the Pump House and Wells. The option of tapping some of the nearby springs was also discussed.

John Winter raised an issue that Paul Heine had touched on just before the meeting was called to order, with respect to the tractor that Ida had to cut the empty lots and surrounding area to keep the grass low. Paul Heine said Merle Sawatsky offered us the use of the tractor and maybe there is an opportunity to purchase it.

Jason raised the question about clearing the gate during the winter. Richard indicated that in the last meeting this was discussed briefly and that we would pay an hourly rate to clear the snow by the gate as well as grade the roads in the summer. We would have to submit a request for any work to the RM.

The residents reviewed the current status of the undeveloped areas of MacPheat Park and how long the grass was. Brenda Heine made the motion that a bylaw be passed to require all grass be maintained at a respectable length. Glen Quinton seconded the motion. Carried. Paul Heine indicated a letter will be drafted to inform residents that the Hamlet is working towards this bylaw and that Grass should be cut and maintained.

Doug Ridgeway Sr. made the motion, to place our Boat Launch as first priority and to address the stairs and signs for MacPheat Park. Brenda Heine seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by the group.

Doug and Doug Ridgeway had to leave the meeting @ 2:45 PM.

Discussions then centered around possible Grants. Paul Heine offered some of the contact information he had received in some of his investigations for the Hamlet. These included:

www.municipal.gov.sk.ca
410-1855 Victoria Avenue

Regina SK S4P 3V7 306 787-2680

Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs

Municipal Relations Division

Provincial Municipal Relations & Advisory Services.

Paul Heine moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Glen Quinton.
Carried

Attendance:

Brenda Heine, Chairman Paul Heine, Dave Heine, Councilor John Winter, Wayne Winter, Dennis Baer, Al Wirll, Diane Wirll, , Glen Quinton, Doug Ridgeway Sr., Doug Ridgeway, Conrad Stephens, Councilor Richard Coppens

Attachments:

Contacts and Process.doc

Respectfully Submitted by Councilor Secretary, John Winter