

MacPheat Park Community Meeting
June 1, 2013 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:05

1. Additions-approval of the agenda – Doug Ridgway/Nancy Markwart motioned/seconded approval of the agenda. Passed by show of hands.

Wayne then asked people what their vision for the hamlet is. He asked people to send him their thoughts via e-mail or to talk to him.

2. Introduction of Councilor – Wayne introduced R.M. councilor Garry Dixon

3. Presentation by Councilor:

- Noted that we have an organized hamlet guide and said the Board should have a copy of the Municipalities Act.
- Fire Agreement – Strasbourg established the fire department and has an agreement with R.M. If they are called to a fire there is a flat charge of \$3,000.00. He suggested that people look at their insurance policies and see how much it covers for call-out and increase it to \$3,000.00 – the additional cost is quite low.
- Mail-in ballots for R.M. elections. We will have to go to the R.M. office to register to receive a ballot by mail anywhere and then you can mail it in from anywhere. Take ID with you to register.
- Sewage Lagoons are a big issue in R.M. New development was frozen because we didn't have waste disposal capacity. Effective June 2017, there will be no more landspreading. Last Mountain Waste Management Steering committee was formed to get input and do a feasibility study for lagoons. Suggested two lagoons and it will likely take four years before they are built. The cost is \$5,000,000 and we don't know what fed or prov money is available
- There will be a bylaw officer again this year. Not sure if it will be a complaint basis or regular patrols but he will be starting soon.
- Amalgamation of R.M.s. The province is pushing for this. It could possibly take ten years.
- There was a question about who is liable in the event of a fire if a fire truck can't get through due to road conditions or snow. Dixon felt the R.M. was liable but noted that if the R.M. has to do snow removal it may charge the hamlet.
- There was a question about the levy for lagoon – Dixon replied that as a result there is about \$230,000 sitting in reserve.
- Al asked a question on permanent residents. Do we get extra money due to having permanent residents? Dixon said that "no, we don't." from the R.M. It was asked if the portion we get from the R.M. can be negotiated. Dixon replied that it can be but Paul (previous chair for the hamlet) said they tried to negotiate at one time but the R.M. refused to change the amount. Jim MacPheat had a discussion with Garry about

how much the R.M. has and the fire department.

Wayne said that there may be money for full-time residents. This was from the Census and he was checking into it.

R.M. has suggested to Wayne that perhaps we may reduce our share from the R.M. from 43 per cent to 40 per cent in exchange for snow removal. R.M. will get back to us on this. Wayne said he did not think it was viable.

4. Financial Statements to Date – There was a quick review of the annual statement from the R.M.; the first quarter statement from the R.M.; and the financial to May 26 that Margaret Semeniuk had prepared. There were no questions.

5. Snow removal – Sandy stated her concerns about the inability of permanent residents not being able to get out during the winter. She said the road has to be kept open. There was disagreement over what the budget was. There was then discussion as to what is acceptable for due diligence and understanding that sometimes the roads will not be cleared immediately. Garry explained that this year was unusually bad because of various issues – shortage of grader operators; shortage of equipment. There was discussion of who was liable. Wayne then publicly read out an e-mail on snow removal saying that custom call-outs should not be undertaken by the R.M. There was general discussion about the dissatisfactory snow removal over the winter. Debbie Wilkie made a mistake on the budget and that added to the problem.

5a. Snow Removal Committee - Wayne recommended a snow committee that is made up of fulltime residents. Rod noted that this is \$250.00 custom call-out fee if the R.M. comes out when it is not part of its regular rounds. Sandy MacPheat moved to have a snow committee to tell the Board when to remove snow and the committee should be made up of fulltime residents . Snow clearing would be approved by one board member based on recommendations of the committee. Lee seconded the motion. A show of hands then approved this item.

6. Streetlights – Deb Kreklewich spoke on streetlight. She lives at the corner where the two new streetlights were installed and would like the one that is in front of their yard turned off. It is too bright in the yard and it shines into the front room. It shines into her bedroom. Rod argued that safety is too important to take both lights down. Deb said she had a petition with 37 names on it requesting removal of the one light. There was then discussion and some disagreement over whether or not people who were not affected by the light should have say in its location. There was then disagreement over who marked the pole.

After heated discussion, Patsy moved that we turn off the light in front of Deb's place until next spring and see if there is a problem. Sandy MacPheat seconded. Tracy said she likes the light and suggested moving the position of the light. This idea was not discussed. With a show of hands the attendees approved turning off the streetlight.

7. Extension of boat dock – Sandy MacPheat suggested adding an extension to the boat dock . This would likely cost about \$2,000.00. Wayne will give the number of the firm that sells the equipment to Dennis and Dennis will follow up to get costs.
8. Voting Procedures – Doug Ridgway said we needed to have more time to study issues. He complained about how streetlight was handled and added that he did not want a streetlight. Wayne said that there was a lot of thought put into the lights. Ridgway felt the residents should have had drawings provided to them and questioned whether SaskPower standards had been followed. There was no resolution regarding voting procedures.

There was a question from Rod about the bulletin board and the streetlight at the park entrance and whether it is on MacPheat property. The question was not answered.

Wayne said we are looking into issues relating to the landscaping so it is on hold. Paul did volunteer that he has snow fence however there was no decision regarding putting up a snow fence.

9. The 2013 capital plan was presented. It includes \$3,000.00 for re-gravelling the roads and \$500.00 for a “Residents Only” parking sign at the boat launch. Also presented was a list of potential projects for future years. Patsy moved the motion and Nancy seconded to approve the 2013 capital plan. It was approved by a majority show of hands.
10. 2013 Hamlet Budget – the hamlet budget for 2013 was provided to residents. Deb K. moved. Betty seconded to approve the budget. The motion was approved by a show of hands.
11. Community Clean up day – The day was originally to be June 8, but the water is way up so it will be difficult to do much. However it was decided that June 8 will be “Dock put-in” day. Residents are to meet at ten a.m.. at the main beach to put the dock in.
12. Community Barbecue – July 21 was selected for the community barbecue date. Wayne called for volunteers to organize the barbecue. There were none so Dennis suggested that people just bring their own basket of food and that we meet at the main beach. Residents felt that was a good idea and there was a show of hands approving the date and the approach.
13. Use of Open Lot offered by developer – Sandy said that the lot on the far north side of the park could be set up for recreational use. As an alternative she then suggested that perhaps we use public reserve for horseshoes. There was not particular interest in something organized. Jim and Sandy said they would just talk individually to people about the idea.

14. Resignation of Secretary – Debbie Wilkie resigned her position, effective June 15. Wayne thanked her for her work.
15. Resignation of Treasurer – There was an e-mail from Margaret Sememiuk resigning from her position as treasurer.

Rod officially thanked Marg and Debbie for the work they have put into it.

16. Election for positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Wayne asked if anyone was willing to volunteer for either position. Eventually Doug Ridgeway agreed to take on the secretary's job and there was a show of hands approving him as the new Secretary. Wayne said that he would send out an e-mail seeking volunteers for the treasurer's position.

The new Secretary is Doug Ridgeway effective June 15. Debbie Wilkie provided him with a binder that held past minutes, etc and said she would clean up the minutes from the June 1 meeting and finish that work off.

17. Windrows-Wayne then discussed windrows which were a concern of residents last year. He said that he was told that when there was gravel on the road we wouldn't have the problem with the windrows. It was asked if the re-gravelling would reduced the dust and Garry Dixon said the only way to avoid dust is oiling or driving slow.
18. Water Co-op – Al said he hadn't done much work on the idea because he needed more information and wanted to get a list of people who are interested in forming a water co-op before it becomes worthwhile for him to do the research. Al handed out a paper and requested that people who are interested in a water co-op sign it so he would know whether or not it is worthwhile to do the research. It was noted that Russ would be a good source of information as he has some experience with a water co-op.

19. Other Items

Grasscutting - Al asked about cutting the grass in the ditches. Wayne said the individual from Strasbourg was very expensive. He raised the possibility of a get-together to do some grass-cutting. Debbie noted that there was money in the budget for the cost of gasoline for volunteers who cut grass.

Assessment - Garry Dixon explained how assessment works and explained that our taxes are divided between municipal and education taxes. He said that the R.M. has said it would be 'revenue-neutral' but it has not said yet where the bulk of collection of taxes this year will take place. He suggested that back lots may be hit this year but not to the extent that lakefront lots were hit the last time.

20. Meeting Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.