

Hamlet of Taylor Beach
Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2021 10:00 am

23 Elva Street, Hamlet of Taylor Beach

1. Call to Order at 10:00 am by Brian Holowatuk, Chair. Additional Board Members: Dwayne Heimlich and Laurie Low, Laurie Kaczmar (minute taker), RM Representatives: Ron Palmer, Lee Carlson (Reeve)

2. Introductions of board members and those attending the meeting. Attendees are attached

- Discussion of rules of order for the meeting
- Dwayne's term is done on the board and he has agreed to let his name stand for another term
- Outline of today's meeting
- Discussion on eligible voters

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ron Palmer to approve agenda/carried.

4. Adopt the Minutes of the AGM for 2019

- Change the minutes to reflect that Brian's position on the board expires in 2022 (not 2021)
- Discussion on dredging of the delta and who paid for it. Laurie Low spoke about the process of why the creek was dredged. WSA prepared a report regarding the delta and what this report detailed. Why the action was taken by the Board because it was a public safety issue due to flooding. A plan is being put into place to manage the creek. Residents reminded the Board that in future they should consult those in residence a long time to ensure that they are part of decisions. Dwayne talked about the cost of work on the creek which was \$ 32,778 split between the Hamlet and the Provincial government grant. Brian spoke about the governance of decisions being made and changes to the policies and how they do business on the Board. The Board is a governing body that has to make certain decisions. The Water Security Agency is the ultimate authority if problems arise and their decision is usually final. Expenses are covered by the Hamlet and the RM.

5. Chairman's remarks on the state of the Hamlet

- Brian requested that the residents treat each other with kindness in stressful times
- He acknowledged that the Social Committee has brought us together
- The relationship with the RM is strong

6. Discussion on the 2020 Financial Actuals and 2021 Planned Budget

- Dwayne reviewed the lower Mill Rate in recent years
- The Hamlet is in a strong financial position
- 2020 Discussion of the revenues by Dwayne. The Base tax flows 60-40 split generally (guideline). It goes to the RM and they distribute it accordingly. Discussion regarding vacant lot taxes.
- Why was dust control applied on Invercauld when it's not in our Hamlet? Brian confirmed that we are paying for it because we use that road for access to our Hamlet.
- 2020 Expenditures discussion by Dwayne
- Mill rate of 1.75 has gone down slowly in the last 4 years.
- 2021 Financial Review by Dwayne. Gift cards and who they are going to was presented. Just over \$1,000 spent. Discussion on a different method of payment. The Board likes the gift card method and most members support.
- Anyone who wants to participate in the environmental study that is now going on can. Revenues show that if a project occurs every year that funding is available for them.
- Expenditures. Laurie spoke about cold mix on Invercauld and Lakeview. The road base has never been prepared and we will continue to have problems on Invercauld if we don't improve the base. We will patch but the RM has no cold mix available. This will have to happen in the fall.
- Budget Allocated Costs. Reserve fund – what are we doing about it? Balance is need. It is a good problem to have. The Hamlet has a 10 year Capital plan.

7. Environmental and Water Plan. Brian discussed the proposed work

- The budget is to be used to protect us from flooding
- The creek is a critical part of the risks to the Hamlet and must be managed
- Culverts are in place
- JD Mollnar is hired to do a study to see what needs to be done and what he has found is similar to other community's problems. Using the Sandy Beach study, we see many similarities. A LIDAR image was done and presented which shows where the dangers are. The consultant also looked at the Delta and problems associated with it. A meeting will be held and a discussion with the Hamlet will be held when more information has been prepared.

8. Update on Projects and committees.

- Base Tax question from the 2016 AGM. Brian spoke on the 2016 motion to increase Base Taxes on vacant lots to \$250. The Base Tax should be \$100 but some residents said that they are paying \$250. Lee Carlson confirmed that a clarification from the RM will be made.

Motion by Barb Kelly that the current Hamlet Board coordinate with the RM administration to have the 2016 motion implemented going forward with a Base Tax of \$250 on vacant lots. Discussion by many residents pro/con. Vote by those present conducted with 13 in favour and 18 against implementation of the 2016 motion. **Motion defeated.**

- Potential Lagoon Project. Lee Carlson from the RM spoke regarding this. Lee described the communication with Lebret regarding use of the new lagoon which is 95% complete. Lebret is a 50%

partner with Star Blanket Cree First Nations also a 50% partner. They both have to agree to the use by Taylor Beach residents. The new system is state of the art. No final word has been confirmed.

- Taylor Street Paving. Laurie reviewed the project from 2020 where a lift of cold mix was applied to Taylor Street late in the fall. The cold mix has not cured as expected. The cause was determined to be that the mix contained more oil than typically used. The RM made repairs to the areas damaged by the grader over winter and then also applied additional sand to the areas to blot the excess oil. We believe that the results will be a good surface and the Hamlet Board and RM will continue to monitor. The project was over budget because additional areas were included from the initial estimates.
 - The Hamlet recognized the members of the Social Committee and thanked them for their activities over 2020 and 2021. The cleanup day volunteers were recognized for their work for a successful clean up day. A resident suggestion for a children's play park and a basketball key has been made. The 2021 Fall Project Survey will include the playground structure as a potential project.
 - Proposed road work on Lakeview. Brian spoke regarding this. Ongoing project regarding the improvement of the road base. Includes 100 yards of base gravel for new drainage plan improvements. Discussion on additional work will be included as survey questionnaire. Please participate in the survey.
 - KLDC Development. What is the status of the agreement? What happened to the fund discussed in the terms of the agreement? Ron Palmer confirmed that an amount of \$17,000 has already been given to the Hamlet but the RM hasn't gotten anything. Lee confirmed that the RM is taking action with the developer and they still owe funds to the RM.
 - Ron Palmer **Motioned** that the Hamlet Board members are indemnified \$50 for each meeting as they meet every 3 weeks. Discussion by residents. How many meetings a year? Max of 12 meetings per year is reasonable. The Board purchased a Zoom membership in 2021. A resident suggested that Ron amend the motion to limit it to 12 meetings a year. Ron declined to amend the motion. Brian and Board members didn't accept the motion. No vote.
 - Barb Kelly **Motioned** that each member of the Hamlet Board receives a gift card for \$100. Brian and the Board Members denied the motion. No Vote.
 - Norm Johner reminded the Board that the road leading to the recycling bin location encroaches on the recently sold lot adjacent. Brian will talk to the property owners to plan a solution.
- 9. Election of Board Member.** Call for further nominations. Dwayne had been nominated by Brian. No further nominations received from the floor. Dwayne confirmed as Board Member by acclamation with his appointment being retroactive to 2020.

10. Board Member Announcement – Dwayne Heimlich

11. Date for 2022 AGM May 14, 2022 at 10:00 am with a location to be determined.

12. Other item - A resident requested that signs be installed at the point to warn people not to swim there. Brian confirmed that this issue would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

13.Motioned to adjourn at 12:06/Carried.

Attendees:

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| Laurie & Ron Palmer | Bev and Jim Paskaruk | Michael Fix |
| Laurie Low | Jim & Phyllis Kress | Lynn Tulloch |
| Dwayne Heimlich | Caroline Morin | Maria Canham |
| Brian Holowatuk | Rose-Anne Johner | Don Henry & Jill Henry |
| Marion & Bob Kelly | Norman Johner | Neil I Groeneveld |
| Barbara Kelly | Lori Kaczmar | Sharon Groeneveld |
| John Smith-Windsor | Pam Horsman | Allan McDougall |
| Kent & Maureen Smith-Windsor | Karen McDermaid | Lynn Lynch |
| Bernie McCallion | Brett McNabb | |
| Ben Bartok | Trent Horsman | |
| Lorrie Giesbrecht | Hossein& Jackie Alaghband | |
| Marlene Harker | Wanda Smith-Windsor | |
| Dave Brick | Dale & Becky Canham | |
| Bunny Bailey | Lee Carlson | |
| Garth Johnson | Janet Spicer | |
| Susan & Terry Schneider | Roger Perzan | |
| Doug Billet | Al Hauglum | |
| Lori Butterfield & Ron Kitchen | Tony Coppola | |