

**Hamlet of Beaver Creek
Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
South Corman Park School Auditorium
Tuesday May 7, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Larry Anderson, Nancy Bellegarde, Cam Ewart, Marlys Bilanski, Dave Bilanski, Mike Chapman, Carol Colville, Glen Colville, David Fox, Lorna Fox, Freddie Gallais, Sandy Hartwig, Larry Harwig, Collin Hirschfeld, Linda Janzen, Stan Janzen, David Larsen, Susan Lamarche, Ray Lamarche, Ruth MacLeod, Ian MacLeod, Meghan McLaughlin, Tryggvi Nupdal, Donna Mitchell, Modest Mycyk, Brian Newman, Norm Osback, Kathy Sarrazin, Bryan Sarrazin, Kelly Shaw, Wendy Stables, David Stables, Norma Tischler, Kurt Tischler, Zak Waldner, Scott Weir, Sharon Weir. Judy Harwood, Adam Tittlemore, Warren Gherasim. (39 in attendance)

1. **Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Marlys thanked everyone for coming and introduced the Hamlet Board.
Chair: Marlys Bilanski
Secretary: Donna Mitchell
Member: Scott Weir
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Norm Osback asked to have first responders added to the agenda.
Moved by Larry Anderson to approve the agenda.
Seconded by Sandy Hartwig. Carried.
3. **Approval of the 2018 minutes.** The minutes were sent out via e-mail in a package. It was requested that members read the minutes prior to the meeting.
Ray Lamarche moved that the minutes be approved as read.
Seconded by Wendy Stables. Carried.
4. **Introduction of Guests:**
Judy Harwood reported business as usual with in the R.M. This year has been heavy with fires and there continues to be much growth and development with in the R.M.

Adam Tittlemore:

- The mill rate is set and will result in 1.26% increase in taxes.
- The fire ban continues.
- The R.M. is in the process of looking at offering fire coverage that will allow us to know exactly how much we are responsible for. The proposal is that we will be responsible for up to \$20,000 coverage. This is still in the risk assessment stage and once completed, a report will be made to council, a decision made and the results conveyed to residents.
- Edgemount Estates development is going ahead. Located south of the SPCA on Preston, it is a 2 phase development of 99-half acre lots.
- Silversky (East of Furdale) is still in the planning stage. Their application is yet to be submitted.

Questions from the floor:

Adam was asked about the funding costs for Rge Rd 3054.

Discussion: It is felt that a fair cost-sharing split between the hamlet and the R.M. should be requested.

Moved by David Fox: that he hamlet approach the R.M. to look into a cost sharing funding formula that would fairly address the increased usage by those not from the hamlet. A sharing split of 50-50 was deemed to be fair and appropriate by the members.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of expanding the Hamlet to include residents close to the hamlet.

Adam can help with documentation to make application, however where there would be tax dollar advantages for us as our tax base would be expanded, the outside members may not see the proposal in the same light due to the difference in how they are assessed and the tax advantages they presently have. The expansion discussion was waved.

The motion was seconded by Ian MacLeod
Carried.

Question to Adam about Road Maintenance Agreements between Lorass and the R.M. What happens with that money?

Response: Lorass pays \$60,000 per year as a road maintenance levy that goes into general coffers. He indicated that he could look at pairing down how the levy might be applied to our area and see if it can be funnelled back into the community in some manner. The board will follow up with Adam regarding further information on this point.

Police Chief Warren Gherasim : reports that there are currently 8 officers with the Corman Park police force. He anticipates 2 more coming for the 2 approved vacancies they presently have. The plan is to eventually have maybe double this number over the next years, however each application for new members faces the considerations of the needs at the time. Approvals are made on those factors.

Chief Gherasim relayed the priorities of the force as follows:

- More patrols: you should be witnessing more cars running through each of the sub divisions in the R.M. The commitment is for residents/non residents to see a stronger police presence. This is in response to the request for police to be out there and seen.
- Traffic enforcement and cracking down on impaired driving. The officers will be out during the night 7 days/week.
Mandatory breath samples are now required on all traffic stops after 6 p.m. (when the officer has the screening device with him). This no discretionary approach will help reduce complaints that officers may be picking and choosing who to test. Impaired arrests have increased because of this.
- Weight restrictions on the road: The emphasis on checking and ticketing for overweight has proven to save many dollars in road maintenance over the years.

- Increased working relationship with the RCMP.
They have shared jurisdiction on many aspects of law enforcement. Chief Gheresim sees his background as an RCMP officer as a natural plus for this priority.

Chief Gherasim reported on a speeding complaint handled in the hamlet with the set up of the “spy box” to track and analyse traffic activity and because the analysis warranted it, officers were sent to monitor. Both the east and west side of the hamlet were monitored by officers some time during the month of March.

And yes some tickets were handed out.

5. Business from 2018 Minutes:

a. Crime Watch-Larry Hartwig

Larry is organizing the Crime Watch program for the hamlet. The communication tool is “What’s App”, a free app that you download onto your phone.

CONTACT LARRY at thehartwigs@live.ca He will share the information on how to get involved. The only thing you must provide to be eligible to gain access to the group is a Criminal record check from the RCMP detachment on Brand Road (by the car dealerships on the south end of the city). There is no cost. Once on the app, we communicate what we see and hear in our neighbourhood. The purpose is to help our selves by helping the police.

If interested, you may also go on the saskcrimewatch.ca sight and sign up for your area. This is an RCMP web sight where you can register suspicious vehicle complaints in your neighbourhood or anywhere. You never know how your observations may help the police with their job.

b. Garbage and Recycling-Larry Anderson

The program is set up and fully running with alternate week garbage/recycle pickup.

Contact Loraas to confirm the price, set up your request and have your bins delivered.

c. Hamlet Subdivision Survey-David Fox.

The question on the survey was: Are you interested in subdivision of your 10-acre plot?

Yes-15 No-21 Maybe-10

David felt this did not yield a strong enough positive result to warrant going ahead with the project. Although the survey is considered a worthwhile endeavour, it was suggested by David that the project be parked until such time that others may be interested in pursuing subdividing.

6 Reports

Report from the Chair: Marlys reported on the duties carried out by the board and events that occurred this year. Following is a synopsis of those points:

- Follow up with our MP regarding the 2018 spring fire on the Dundurn Military Base.
- Procurring a road base assessment for Rge Rd 3055
- The chair attended a council meeting to submit a request that council consider a revised funding formula for hamlet funding. Request denied.
- In an effort to continue the good community spirit that was experienced at the 2017 Canada 150 celebration, the Bilanskis hosted a Hamlet potluck/bonfire evening where 16 people attended. The hope is that the event continues and should you decide you want to be this year's host, contact a board member to express your interest.
- The board continued to support the committees who work hard to improve where we live. Example: garbage and recycling, Crime Watch, septic clean out, fibre optic Internet.

- Donna and Scott attended the all hamlets meeting.
- The board has worked closely with the R.M. to try to procure federal and provincial funds for infrastructure projects such as what we are working toward in 2020. (Rge Rd 3055 improvement and fibre optic project).

(A hard copy of the full report is placed in the Hamlet binder.)

Road Report Marlys read her road report which conveyed the following for 2019: Resurfacing of the “Lorne Ave Extension” was not completed in last years plan because it just got too late in the year in order to complete and so it goes ahead this year. Resurfacing of Poplar Grove Drive on the road schedule for this year and will be requested

Range Road 3055 is requiring more extensive repair. The analysis provided by ‘Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions’ gave us data to help consider the way forward. The possibility of infrastructure grant money could make it possible to do asphalt surfacing at a reasonable cost however funding would still have to be procured. We would look at a 10-year term at 2.95%

In the report it was initially thought that the board would ask for approval to move ahead on the major repair and widening of Range Road 3055 subject to federal grant approval . We would then request a loan assistance from the RM for the cost of the road work less the applicable grant amount.

A brief discussion followed. It is clear what work will be done in 2019. It was moved by Larry Anderson that the Hamlet and the RM continue to work toward the proper resolution to the road work needed for Rge Rd 3055 for the 2020 season.

Seconded by Glen Colville.

Carried

The full road report was sent to the residents for reading prior to the meeting. It is also included in hard copy in the Hamlet Blue binder.

Fibre Optics:

- The hamlet board supports the initiative for reliable and consistent high-speed internet service that would bring a fibre optic line to each home in the hamlet.
- The committee considering the project received two quotes. One from Redbird Communications and one from SaskTel. These two companies were approached based on experience from other hamlets within Corman Park. The company chosen by the committee for the project is Sasktel with a quoted cost of \$274,000.00. This equates to just under \$6,000.00 per household.
- This amount could be impacted downward if we are successful in our application of a federal/provincial infrastructure grant.
- The advantages of the project being carried out in 2020 are the benefit of the grants we may qualify for. These types of grants are not always guaranteed in years to come so can end at any time.
- At this point it is impossible to say what we could get. The range is perhaps as broad as 25% to 75% of our cost. We hope for the best, but expect likely somewhere in between if our Expression of Interest is accepted.
- The board will look at the finances in 2020 and should we be in a position to provide some funding toward this initiative, that will be seriously considered.
- **Of importance is the fact that this project can be done as a Local Improvement Project. Financing can be offered to us at a favourable interest rate of 2.95% over a 60 month amortization period. Several payout options are available. This is rather unique as most R.M.s in the province do not offer more that 2 or 3 years for the same project type. We work closely with the R.M. on this and all questions for your personal circumstances are welcome and can be answered by Adam Titemore.**
- If you have an idea of current costs for your internet service, television and telephones you will be able to compare your present needs with the bundle of services offered by SaskTel on their website.
- SaskTel is making a complete presentation and explanation of what this project will offer for our homes now and well into the future. **This meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at SCP school on Tues May 14th.** We highly recommend that you attend this presentation. It is the best opportunity for you get all of your questions answered.

7. 2018 Financial Statement:

Explanation of the financial statement by Marlys.

Discussion:

Noted change in the dropping of funding of septic tank clean outs to free up money for the budget and the roads.

Reminder from the floor that a change to such a project in place for so many years would require a motion and a vote.

Motion: Ray Lamarche: That the hamlet forgoes subsidizing of the septic pump out for 2019.

Seconded by Kathy Sarrazin.

Carried

Septic tank cleanout will still be organized by the board.

Information to hamlet members on the logistics of that will follow this summer and fall.

There was a comment from the floor that the financial statements include a bit more information that might allow us to make a more informed vote on some of the board's proposals that require larger financial commitments. The board has offered to look into this to see if it is in fact helpful addition to the report.

Motion to adopt the 2019 budget. Seconded.

1 abstention.

**8. New Business-
Hamlet map**

Brian reminded us of the original intent of the map which is for Hamlet use only. It is not to be distributed outside the hamlet. Many consider this map very helpful, and we know in the event of an emergency it can become an indispensable tool to help us easily communicate with each other.

An updated map is created each fall. You will be notified when that is happening and you can make changes to your telephone numbers at that time. New names are also added as changeover occurs.

The floor offered a collective thank you to Brian for his work.

9. **Board Elections**

We have a three-member board. Each member is on the board for 4 years. In order for that to work, we need only elect new members 3 out of every 4 years. This is an election year.

Marlys called the floor open for nominations

Nomination of Modest Mycyk by David Fox
Modest accepted the nomination.

Marlys called 2 more times for nominations.
There was no need for a vote and all were in favour of Modest entering on to the hamlet board. Welcome Modest!

Kurt Tischler stood and made a formal motion to have it added to the minutes that the hamlet would like to formally give its thanks to Marlys for her hard and dedicated work over the past 4 years. We are fortunate to have had such a talented person on our board.
Everyone seconded the motion. Carried.
Thank you Marlys!

Last bit of information: Nancy Bellegard has started a facebook page that we all are welcome to join. On Facebook, go to **Hamlet of Beaver Creek** and follow the prompts. We can use this to communicate about lost animals, announcements about events of interest such as the upcoming garage sale on Poplar Grove Drive May 25th the community bonfire???? Who wants to offer?
Thanks Nancy

10. **Motion to Adjourn Ian MacLeod**
Seconded Donna Mitchell
Carried.

The meeting ended around 9:30 p.m.

