

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CORMAN PARK NO. 344
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007 AT 1:00 P.M.**

Present

1. Reeve Ed Hobday, Councillors Alan Haight, Craig Riddell, Monty Vanhouwe, John Germs, John Rempel, Dick Friesen, Wendy Trask, Joseph Kasahoff and Len Kasahoff.

Regrets: Councillors Irene Pilka and Joanne Janzen.

Staff present: Judy Douglas, Assistant Administrator; Glen Grismer, Director of Planning; Doug Defosse, Director of Operations; and Eric McDougal, Planner.

Call to Order

2. Reeve Hobday called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

3. Friesen: That the agenda with the addition of the following items be approved:
 9. a) Public Works – Capital Equipment (Defosse)
 - b) Summer Roads (L. Kasahoff)
 - c) Flood Mitigation Strategy

CARRIED.

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Council Meeting**

4. Riddell: That the Notes of the Special Meeting of Council held In Camera on February 5, 2007 be received and acknowledged as reflecting the essence of the meeting.

CARRIED.

Delegation/Robertson

5. Maggie Robertson addressed Council to request that Council reconsider its February 12, 2007 decision to defer her request for subdivision of SW-24-35-6-W3 subject to:
 - i) recognizing that recent 1:500 floodplain information is anticipated from SWA; and
 - ii) until the applicant's surveyor can provide a revised plan of proposed subdivision indicating the elevations of the quarter section to determine potential identification of suitable residential building sites according to Council's policy.

Subdivision/Robertson

6. Vanhouwe: That the application of Webb Surveys for Kevin and Maggie Robertson to subdivide the SW 24-35-6-W3 into two parcels comprising approximately 80 acres for the purpose of creating two agricultural parcels be APPROVED.

MOTION LOST.

**Delegation/Saskatoon
Real Estate Board**

7. Maggie Robertson, Ken Suchan, and Henry Moulin addressed Council on behalf of the Saskatoon Real Estate Board. A presentation was providing outlining the current level and location of residential, commercial and industrial developments within the Municipality.

In summary, the group identified a major opportunity for the Municipality to accommodate the demands for these type of uses and stressed the importance of timing and proper planning to facilitate this demand.

Council received the written material provided and referred it to the administration for review and any action items that may be required.

Delegation/Croskery

8. Rachel Croskery, an R.M. of Aberdeen resident, addressed Council to express concern regarding a Saskatchewan Highways gravel pit that has been approved in the R.M. of Corman Park. She indicated that she did not have an opportunity for her objection to the approval to be heard prior to consideration of the application by the Corman Park Council.

Discussions centered around concerns with the communication protocol within the discretionary use process as well as discussions surrounding possible mitigative actions the R.M. may require of the developer to minimize the effects of their disturbance on area residents.

Council referred the matter to the Public Works Committee and requested that the Administration provide details of the Development Agreement associated with the approved mineral extraction activity to the Committee.

Delegation/Wanuskewin

9. Shelia Gamble, CEO of Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority attended the meeting to provide an update to Council on the Park's renewal strategy for future development of the park including additional funding available and proposed enhancements to the site.

She identified a number of new features and expansion projects the Park intends to undertake including, but not limited to, the following;

- i) The Park's acquisition of additional land, based on a 99 year lease, from the City of Saskatoon;
- ii) The total land area of the Park will now exceed 730 acres;
- iii) The return and pasturing of a small bison herd to the Park (approx. 20 head)
- iv) Seeding of some of the lands to natural prairie grasses;
- v) The announcement of 6.5 million dollars in building renewal including building additions, changes to the restaurant/cafeteria and visual displays to name a few; and
- vi) The consideration of an "Eco-Home" on site designed using "straw-bale" construction.

She also spoke of conversations with the Park's Elders about some of the visual impacts that expanding urban and rural communities will have on the Park. Sheila spoke candidly about the future of the Park and how its purpose as a peaceful gathering place may be in jeopardy with the constant country residential pressures faced by the Municipality. The hope of the Elders is, as much as possible, to be able to see the surrounding landscape as one would have a thousand years ago.

Council discussed the effects of enforcing buffer areas on adjacent land owners. Long range planning is intended to promote complimentary development in areas identified by the park as being sensitive.

SARM Delegates

10. Friesen: That Councillors Al Haight and Dick Friesen be designated voting delegates for the SARM convention to be held in Saskatoon from March 12 to 15, 2007. Further that Councillors Leonard Kasahoff and Joe Kasahoff be designated alternate delegates. CARRIED.

- Capital Equipment/
Backhoe** 11. Vanhouwe: That we purchase a 2007 Volvo BL70 Loader Backhoe with the optional thumb, from Redhead Equipment. CARRIED.
- Capital Equipment** 12. Council reviewed information regarding the Public Works Committee recommendation to repair the D7 Dozer and instructed Administration to present further information including the Capital Trust Fund balances at the next regular meeting.
- Spring Flooding/
Emergency Planning** 13. Director of Public Works Doug Defosse gave a report to Council regarding the plans to mitigate the spring flooding damage to roads.

EMO Coordinator Judy Douglas gave a verbal report regarding the Municipality's Emergency Planning Committee meeting held February 23, 2007.

Council directed that information be mailed to all ratepayers regarding their preparations for flooding and encouraging ratepayers to connect to Talk Mail.
- Planning Dept Work
Strategy** 14. Council was presented with a Planning Department Outstanding Action Items spreadsheet indicating the action items currently underway as well as a breakdown of time constraints associated with their completion. Council was provided with a list of tasks in a priority sequence for future reference.
- Receive Correspondence** 15. Trask: That the following correspondence be received:
a) M. Robertson – re: Subdivision of Quarter Section in the Floodplain
b) Town of Martensville – re: Request for Annexation CARRIED.
- Update – Sask. Water** 16. Council received a brief verbal and written summary of recent discussions with Government Relations and Saskatchewan Watershed Authority regarding non agricultural development standards and policies in the flood plain.
- Adjourn** 17. J. Kasahoff: That this meeting now adjourn at 6:00 p.m. CARRIED

Reeve

Administrator