

**Record of Proceedings  
Organized Hamlet of Casa Rio  
Annual General Meeting, of May 3, 2011 7:00 PM  
South Corman Park School Gymnasium**

**Purpose:** Annual general meeting of the Organized Hamlet of Casa Rio for the purposes of consideration of general information dissemination and any business arising.

**Attendance:** Mel Henry, Tammy Knuttila, Dean Ehrmantraut, Bev Jutras, Herb McFaull, Austin Beggs, Chris Eyerley, Shannon Hardy, Eric Nihilowich, Owen & Bonnie Hartman, Bernice & John Williams, Garry & Dana Derenoski, Jim Martin, Anita & John Jarrell, Don & Laurie Klassen, Melissa Ong, Fred Remilland (sp?)

**Adoption of Agenda:** Austin Beggs moved, Chris Eyerley seconded.

**Minutes of AGM 2010:** Austin Beggs moved to accept the Casa Rio AGM 2010 minutes. Chris Eyerley seconded.

**Reports:**

**1. Financial Statement**

Dean Ehrmantraut went over the financial statement (see attached).

Our share of the cost of the generator was \$67,000. We have now paid off the entire amount.

Our tax allocation for 2010 was \$50,405.95, down slightly from the expected \$53,000.

There is \$52,110.26 in our bank account. We anticipate approximately \$65,000 of net income each year, after normal expenses are covered. Therefore we believe our Dec 31, 2011 bank balance will be approximately \$117,000. The \$500 levy has been removed from our tax bill. Casa Rio East facilitated us paying off our debt to the RM about 4 years ahead of schedule. Most of the other hamlets do not have a positive cash balance in their accounts with the RM.

Motion to accept the financial statement made by John Williams.  
Seconded by Austin Beggs.

**2. Mel Henry**

a) Division Boundaries.

Mr. Henry has confirmed that there will be no change in division boundaries in the RM. There has not been a lot of opposition to the boundaries as they are currently drawn up. If we are still interested in having the boundaries redefined, we can get a petition to force the RM to have a plebiscite about the matter. Amel Hallin of Riverside and Curt Tischler of Beaver Creek have both done research on the boundaries and have ideas on how to approach the problem. Apparently some divisions discussed forming their own RM, but Tammy says the province only wants to deal with one RM around Saskatoon. At present, we have representation by zone, not by populace. The two divisions that are most concerned with the boundaries are our division, division 2, population about 2000, and division 7, population about 1700. In order to get a plebiscite, there has to be signatures from 15% of the population of the RM. It has to be signed by registered, eligible voters. There are 8349 people who live in the RM, so about 1250 signatures are required.

b) Loraas Levy

Mr. Henry has received many calls from unhappy residents about this levy. Council approved this levy before he became Reeve, so he must abide by their decision. He encourages us to write letters and make phone calls whenever we're dissatisfied with something.

A motion was put forth by Austin Beggs for the Hamlet of Casa Rio to advise the RM that we find this levy to be inappropriate and to question why some commercial companies are being charged and others are not. Dana Derenoski seconded.

Garry Derenoski said the levy against some businesses and not others was unfair. There are many commercial vehicles that are heavy and damage the road (school buses, Dakota Dunes buses). Also, there is lots of traffic going to the dump. Department of Highways said they would maintain the road, but the damage has been done. Tammy said the Corman Park dump only accepts local garbage and has since March 2010.

Tammy stated there are over 1000 miles of road in the RM and Lorass uses about 700 miles. They are charged \$30,000 per year for the entire RM, of which approximately \$330 is for Casa Rio. We are paying a disproportionate part of the levy.

Motion is carried. Hamlet board will craft the letter and send it to the Reeve.

c) RM financial overview and new developments in the RM

The RM is in good shape financially. They have just taken out \$500,000 to be used for graveling the roads this summer. There is still \$1.49m in the reserves. The roads are in desperate shape and need to be repaired. It costs \$80-90,000 to rebuild a road vs. \$2-3,000 to gravel it. The RM has purchased a better grader and high quality gravel, and hopes to be done graveling the roads by the end of August.

Mark Trimble asked about increased density in the RM. In the planning district, you can subdivide your property. Outside of the planning district, you cannot. This is under bylaw review and may change in the next year or so. Specific to Casa Rio, we are outside of the planning district and cannot subdivide. We will be informed by the RM about public hearings regarding subdividing.

Ron Boechler is our new police chief. We should be seeing more of a police presence on our local roads.

The RM is doing a bylaw review which will cost \$150,000 over two years.

Dundurn Water Use Association has revamped their bylaws and wants someone from the RM to sit on their board. There is a massive system and the RM is concerned about the liability that may be involved. They are in the process of deciding.

### **3. Fences and Roads**

The RM is funding an engineering study on Clarence Ave. and Baker Roads to discover specifically what needs to be done to repair them.

The RM needs to know what the base is before they fix them. This summer the RM is taking care of the gravel roads and next year will look after the dust-free roads. The province may be giving the RM some grants for our roads due to the amount of traffic on them.

We requested that counters be put on the Clarence and Baker. Mel and Tammy will take this suggestion back to the council meeting.

Herb explained now that we have excess money, we need a plan to spend it for the benefit of the hamlet. The small amount of money we have available to us each year is not enough to fix Clarence and Baker, nor is it our responsibility to do so.

We are responsible for maintaining the inner roads, signs, snow removal and mowing.

Part of the cachet or signature of Casa Rio is the white rail fences.

Some property owners have maintained their fences better than others. The Board has investigated the possibility of the Hamlet taking on the responsibility of fixing and staining the exterior fences. The board has been getting quotes and it looks like it will cost in the range of \$200,000. The RM has agreed to lend us the money (as per our water agreement), which we will pay back over 2-3 years.

The Board will communicate by letter to individual homeowners who the painter will be and the timeline. People with horses need advance notice so they can confine them. As project manager, we will have to make decisions on unique situations. We will ask the painter to make himself available to homeowner who would like more work done on their interior fences, at their own cost and after the entire Casa Rio project has been completed.

Mark Trimble moved that the Hamlet of Casa Rio use our monies to stain and repair the fences facing the roadways in all phases of Casa Rio, and to borrow from the RM as needed to complete the project as soon as possible. Laurie Klassen seconded.

It was generally felt that the fences, once all repaired and stained this year, would likely not require staining again for 5-7 years. If indeed we pay off the loan to the RM in the next 3 years, it does leave monies available in other years for resurfacing the interior roads with chip seal. It was agreed that our top priorities for our monies are fences and interior roads.

The board will mail out all the information to the homeowners regarding the contractor being used and the timeline. We will stress that the Hamlet is done first and individual jobs afterwards. Tammy suggested we should hold back 10% until the entire job is done to everyone's satisfaction.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **4. Other Business**

Bev Jutras' position as councillor is up for election. She has sat for two terms of three years each. In the Casa Rio Bylaws, a councillor is required to step down after two terms. Dana Derenoski volunteered to replace her and was accepted by acclamation.

**Mark Trimble motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dana Derenoski seconded.  
Meeting Adjourned**