

ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA
BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2019
6:15 pm, Royal Executive Inn, Leduc, Alberta



ATTENDANCE: President Mike Pashak, Rob Dickie, Peter Pellatt, Brenda Shewaga, Marlene Walsh, Teresa Beets, Pete Langelle
REGRETS: Morris Nesdole, Gary Burns, Dennis Evans
RECORDING: Deb Hamilton, Executive Director
DELEGATION:

1. Call to Order

President Mike Pashak called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

2. Deletions & Additions to the Agenda

The following was added to the agenda:

9. g) Septage Variance

3. Approval of the Agenda

Res. 19-34

Moved by Duncan Binder that the agenda be approved with additions.

Carried

4. Delegations – There were no delegations

5. Minutes – September 24, 2019 Board Meeting & October 17, 2019 Annual General Meeting

a. Res. 19-35

Moved by Teresa Beets that the September 24th, 2019 Board of Director Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

b. Res. 19-36

Moved by Brenda Shewaga that the October 17, 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes be accepted as information.

Carried

6. Financial Reports

- a. Quarterly Report: Year To Date – October 31, 2019:** Treasurer Rob Dickie reported that the conference expenses are included in this report thus this financial report better reflects how the association is doing in terms of comparing to the budget.

Res. 19-37

Moved by Treasurer Rob Dickie that the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2019, be accepted as information.

Carried

7. New Business

a. AGM Request – Action on Ice Huts

The Board reviewed a proposed resolution received at the AGM from the SV of Birchcliff. This resolution addressed the need for provincial regulations to address ownership of ice fishing huts in hopes of making owners more responsible for their removal. It was noted that this has been discussed with Minister Nixon and that possibly a follow up with the Minister advising him that the membership is in full support. It was noted that other provinces already have a similar process.

Res. 19-38

Moved by Pete Langelle that a letter be written to the Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks requesting a registration program be developed for ice hut placement.

Carried

b. AGM Request – Noxious weeds

Discussions took place regarding the information received at the AGM from the SV of Norris Beach. The information was in relation to flower seed packets sold at garden centers in box stores, many of which also contain noxious weed seeds.

Res 19-39

Moved by Pete Langelle that administration be directed to undertake further research as to if there is a governing authority that manages the types of flower seeds that can be sold in Alberta.

Carried

c. 2020 Conference Hotel

The Conference Committee is discussing the possibility of moving the conference to another hotel, primarily because there is a desire to have a larger room that can accommodate the delegates, the silent auction and the trade show all in one room. The Board was advised that the Executive Director had been contacted by the Best Western in Leduc and she will be making arrangements to meet with them to tour their conference facility.

d. 2020 Conference Budget

Rob Dickie presented the 2020 Conference Budget. He advised that the Conference Committee is recommending approval by the Board. The overall budget is close to last years with a suggestion to increase the registration fee by \$10, making it \$250 per delegate.

Res. 19-40

Moved by Duncan Binder that the 2020 Conference Budget be approved as circulated.

Carried

e. 2020 Membership Dues

Discussions took place in regards to the current rates. The 2020 proposed budget includes a zero increase in membership dues. Discussions took place regarding increasing the millrate rather than including a flat rate. The 2019 rate was \$.0242 mills plus \$50 to a maximum of \$900.00 per

member municipality. The Board discussed incorporating a slight increase in the millrate to \$.0262 and no flat fee and to increase the maximum to \$975. This would generate approximately \$2,250 in additional revenue for the association.

Res. 19-41

Moved by Pete Langelle that the 2020 Membership rate be set at \$.0262 mills to be multiplied by the 2020 residential equalized assessment of each summer village to a maximum of \$975 annual membership dues per municipality.

Carried

f. 2020 Budget

The 2020 budget was presented to the Board. The budget did not include any significant changes over last year. To note, insurance costs are estimated to be up \$500 over last year and the budget includes a workshop. The presented budget did not include the increase in the membership fees passed above therefore the Dues line will increase to \$43,000 and on the expense side, the Contingency Fund will now show \$2,250, in order to balance the proposed budget.

Res 19-42

Moved by Duncan Binder that the 2020 Budget be approved as discussed: Total Revenues: \$ 92,800.00, Total Expenses: \$92,800.00.

Carried

g. Recording of GIC Interest

The Board was advised that the GIC's have been re-invested with both principle and interest (except for one early in the year). It was suggested that the interest could be used to help offset expenses and to simply re-invest the principle. Current GIC's invested:

\$10,386.24 due Dec 31, 2019

\$10,475.04 due Dec 31, 2019

\$31,532.05 due March 30, 2020

Further discussions ensued regarding checking into the AUMA's high interest savings account program.

Res 19-43

Moved by Rob Dickie that going forward, The principle amount of GIC's be reinvested and that the interest be put into general operating: Interest Earned line item.

Carried

h. Board Meeting Dates for 2020

Res 19-44

Moved by Peter Pellatt that the following dates be set for 2020 Board meetings: January 27, March 24, May 11, July 20, September 22, December 1.

Carried

i. Date for Review of Strategic Plan

The Board discussed the Strategic Plan. It was decided that it would be reviewed at the March 24th board meeting.

j. AUMA Budget Analysis

The Board reviewed AUMA's analysis on the provincial budget. The various grant funding section was one area that was discussed in more detail.

k. AUMA Submission on Red Tape Reduction

The Board briefly reviewed the report AUMA submitted to the province on Red Tape Reduction. Discussion took place on boat mooring and dock placement in that a possible Red Tape Reduction component could be obtaining general authorization for boat mooring and dock placement rather than a full registration.

8. Review of Action Items – Reviewed as information.

9. Committee Reports

- a. AUMA Board Report – Mike Pashak advised the Board that he has attended one board meeting to date and that he has been placed on the Small Communities Committee. He reported that there was a great deal of discussion at the Board meeting on the provincial budget and the red tape report. He also advised that he was asked why there is a Summer Village Association when Summer Villages are already members of the AUMA. Mike explained what the mandate is for the focus of the ASVA and how the ASVA focuses on issues that are unique to Summer Villages. The AUMA does a good job of advocating on behalf of urban municipalities but there are times when the priorities and issues of Summer Villages are best managed and advocated for and by an organization that is closer to Summer Villages. Some examples provided were; many of their priorities are different in that they are focused on summer lake water quality, invasive species, lake recreation, lake health and management, and education resources, sustainability of Summer Villages, shoreline management, and MSI base level funding, etc. AUMA is undertaking a survey on the effectiveness of the AUMA.
- b. Lake Stewardship / AIS – Marlene Walsh/ Brenda Shewaga – Marlene quickly highlighted the report that was circulated to the board as part of this agenda.
- c. MSSAC – Dennis Evans – Absent
- d. AWC – Morris Nesdole – Absent
- e. ASVA Conference Organizing Committee – Rob Dickie presented a report from the Conference Organizing Committee: The conference evaluations and financial reports were circulated to all board members in this agenda. Overall the conference went very well. As indicated in the evaluations, the topics were well received. The tradeshow people would have liked to have seen more circulation of delegates in the room. The Committee is looking at possibly moving the conference to a hotel that has a bigger meeting room than the Lancaster so all can be together. As discussed during the budget deliberations, the silent auction did very well this year garnering more than \$1,000 over last year. Despite sponsorship being down this year, the 2019 net profit was very close to 2018 (which was a 60-year celebration). 2018 net profit was \$16,735, 2019 net profit was \$14,826.

- f. Executive Director – Circulated with Agenda
- g. Septage Variance – Pete Langelle sits on a committee in relation to this. He stated to build an infrastructure on sewage variances on farms and summer villages, inspectors to share information. Pete reported that the new government has left it to municipalities to deal with septic variances so the committee work has ended.

10. Correspondence – there was no additional correspondence that was not already circulated

11. Round Table:

Brenda Shewaga: Town hall meeting was held with MLA Shane Getson; revisiting a report done in the 1970's on the lake and looking for a citizen group to review the recommendations that were never acted upon. The Summer Village is quiet this time of the year.

Teresa Beets: Sylvan Lake Waste Water Com. having a meeting with Ministers Nixon and McIver to talk about a connector line; RMA – 3 people on Com. Gave letters on connector line and McIver said it is definitely on his radar.... it will happen. On December 17th a meeting will be held with both ministries again.

Pete Langelle: Sewage system near completion, hope to have it operating by summer, was done in stages with lagoon being built first, then main piping and now with 1/3 money from each of the three levels of government, working on internal lines, is 5 – 7 years in the making

Peter Pellatt: Forest Resources committee, Tanya taking over; is gathering information on insurance premiums, working with a company from Winnipeg that works with high risk groups, trying to find out what people in summer villages are paying for insurance premiums, risk is minimal with this company and is pitching to the AUMA.

Duncan Binder: Enforcing LUB on RV's on vacant lots (not allowed to keep on vacant lots for long periods of time) , is getting very interesting resulting in a lot of complaints and FOIP requests.

Rob Dickie: meeting with Parkland County who reported they lost 18 million in taxes (pipelines), SV Seba Beach contracts Parkland County for fire protection and their cost went from \$11,000 per year to \$130,000. His council is cancelling their agreement.

Marlene Walsh: Had an emergency management meeting, the Lac Ste Anne Emergency Partnership includes 12 summer villages but Castle Island may leave. Their annual fee into the partnership is \$2,750 per municipality.

Mike Pashak: Meeting with the Deputy Minister of MA tomorrow. Also tomorrow attending a luncheon and sitting with RMA President Al Kemerre as well as MA Minister Madu and Deputy Minister Wynnnyk.

12. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.