

ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA
BOARD MEETING OF November 24, 2014
6:00 pm, Royal Executive Inn, Edmonton, Alberta



ATTENDANCE: Peter Pellatt, Chuck Dechene, Leslie Ellis, Bob Yontz, Pete Langelle, Betty Forfyflow, Rob Dickie, Marlene Walsh, Joyce Megson, Glen Usselman, Beverly Anderson

REGRETS: Dennis Evans, Gary Burns

1. Call to Order

Peter Pellatt called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

2. Deletions & Additions to the Agenda

- 8.a.iii Resolution regarding amount to Nature Alberta in lieu of speaker gifts
- 8.b. Application by SV of Sunrise Beach / Abe Silverman for the Alberta Community Partnership Grant
- 8.c.i Decision regarding Letters to Minister McQueen re: Viability Review Process and Amalgamation (draft letters sent out earlier)
- 8.g Pigeon Lake In-Lake Treatment
- 8.h Meeting update on Chief Medical Officer of Health (Pigeon Lake)
- 8.i AAMDC Convention Report
- 10.e Land Stewardship Centre Framework for endorsement
- 10.f Recognition of Ma-Me-O Beach / Pigeon Lake Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Plan winning the 2014 Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence
- 10.g Sylvan Lake Cumulative Effects Management System

3. Approval of the Agenda

Res. 14 – 45

Leslie Ellis moved that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

4. Delegation

None

5. Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2014

Res. 14 – 46

Moved by Betty Forfyflow that the minutes of September 22, 2014 be approved as amended.

Carried.

6. Action Items

Action items were reviewed and updated.

The ASVA Annual Report should be sent (electronically) to the following Ministries (cc. Premier): Health, Culture and Tourism, Municipal Affairs, ESRD, Transportation; along with copies sent to AUMA, AAMDC,

WPACs, and adjacent counties (Note: send to DMs and ADMs and Directors (where appropriate) and include link to website and indicate that hard copies can be provided if requested)

Hard copies sent to MLAs associated with summer villages.

7. Financial Reports

(See 8.a.i for Conference Financial Report)

8. Committee Reports

a. Conference - AGM 2014

i. Conference Financial Report

Beverly provided a copy of the financial report relating to revenue and expenses as a result of the 2014 ASVA Conference.

Note: Two additional items will be included into the account: Amount given to Nature Alberta in lieu of speakers gifts (see item 8.a.iii) and \$165 cash received November 24th from an outstanding silent auction item.

ii. Lessons Learned review of conference feedback

- Generally the comments were good. There was a 92% rating in the range from neutral to excellent and 77% rated good to excellent.
- A number of comments on the food for the banquet being cold. Suggestion: next year have it a plated service
- Although concurrent sessions seemed to be good, suggest only having 2 concurrent sessions per time slot next year and give more time to each session
- Have an icebreaker at the beginning as many don't delegates don't know each other
- Split silent auction into having the larger items as a live auction (ask Paul Tercier from Bonnyville if he would be interested again)
- Leave the conference as a Friday to Saturday as many delegates are working and can only take off one day maximum; end conference around noon on Saturday
- Have a key session on Saturday to encourage people to stay
- Entertainment – agreed the youth portion was great; next year have Irish Dancers (contact Doris Bell) or Choir (Victoria School of Arts)

ACTION: Beverly to check with hotel manager re Irish dancing and floor surface

Beverly thanked Betty and Marlene for taking on the Silent Auction portion of the conference. It was greatly appreciated and the Board noted the amazing items that were donated this year.

ACTION: Beverly to write up a thank you email to those who donated items and sponsored the conference for Betty's (as Conference Chair) and Peter's signature and arrange with Marlene how to send it out via email.

iii. Amount to be donated to Nature Alberta's Living by Water program in lieu of speaker gifts.

Res. 14-47

Moved by Peter Pellatt that we donate \$500 to Nature Alberta's Living By Water program in lieu of conference speaker's gifts.

Carried.

- b. Lake Stewardship
- i. Application by SV of Sunrise Beach / Abe Silverman for the Alberta Community Partnership Grant
- Discussion took place around the expectations of the ASVA in regards to the SV of Sunrise Beach and Abe Silverman's request to apply for an ACP grant to undertake a business plan to harvest blue-green algae.
- DECISION:** Although the ASVA supports organizations in promoting lake health, we do not have the resources to write the application of behalf of a Summer Village.
- ACTION:** Bob Yontz and Leslie Ellis will draft a letter of support to the SV of Sunrise Beach explaining that although we would support them by supply a letter of support to their application, we do not have the resources to undertake doing the application.
- c. MSSAC – Beverly followed up on the action item from September's meeting by presenting 2 draft letters for Minister McQueen regarding AUMA's recommendations on the viability review process and their letter regarding amalgamation of municipalities. Of particular concern, is that the ASVA does not want to see the current process of dissolution followed if 2 SVs were to amalgamate due to existing legislation that a new (joint) Summer Village could not be formed.
- DECISION:** The Board approved the two letters regarding amalgamation of municipalities and the viability review process.
- ACTION:** Beverly is to send the two letters off to Minister McQueen for a response with a cc to AUMA President Rice.
- d. FRIAA – Peter indicated that the FRIAA project is on time and on budget. He noted that we have recently received a Call For Proposal from FRIAA to undertake the remaining 21 Summer Villages (noting 5 already had FireSmart plans in place through ESRD). The deadline is January 9th and the ASVA has already met with Mike Poscente (CPP Environmental Corp) to confirm that they are prepared to take on developing the Wildfire Mitigation Plans for these additional Summer Villages. ASVA will apply on behalf of the remaining summer villages.
- e. Fire Protection Strategy – Peter noted that Harold Wynne has been hospitalized and that the project has been set back slightly.
- f. AUMA Report – Peter Pellatt will be sending out the AUMA report shortly for circulation to the Board and the ASVA members.

- g. Pigeon Lake In-Lake Treatment – Pete Langelle presented a report completed by Aquality Environmental Consulting on the Solutions for In-Lake Treatment for the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities. The initiative was started three to four years ago and resulted in an expert panel workshop held in February 2014.
ACTION: Beverly to scan and distribute the Summary Report to the ASVA Board of Directors.

- h. Meeting of the Chief Medical Officer of Health at Pigeon Lake – Pete Langelle reported that representatives from the Summer Village of Grandview met with the Chief Medical Officer of Health. He was very receptive to the comments suggested by their summer village regarding the process used in closing lakes due to cyanobacteria sightings. The agency will be doing a follow-up meeting with Grandview in January.

- i. Beverly reported on her attendance at the AAMDC Convention and some of her observations and notes made at the convention. She circulated the AAMDC Annual Report to the Board as part of the correspondence package. The new Chair of the AAMDC is Al Kemmere.
ACTION: Peter will contact Al Kemmere to arrange a meeting of Leslie Ellis, Beverly Anderson and himself, to discuss improving our relations.

9. Correspondence

As circulated.

10. Further Business

- a. Bob Yontz's nomination on the Athabasca Watershed Council
Res. 14-48
Moved by Peter Pellatt that the ASVA nominates Bob Yontz to submit his name as a Director on the Athabasca Watershed Council.

Carried.

- b. FRIAA – As earlier discussed the Board is in agreement to the ASVA submitting a proposal to FRIAA in response to their Call for Proposals so that the remaining 21 – 26 Summer Villages can have their Wildfire Mitigation Strategies completed. As completed plans must be in place prior to application for implementation, the Board agrees to just submit the proposal to complete the plans for all 51 Summer Villages.

- c. As a result of the Strategic Planning session, the Board suggested that we bring in speakers to our Board meeting. Ideas for speakers were: Gerry Haekel (Jan or Feb) to inform the Board prior to use trying to set up a workshop; Kate Wilson (Mar-Apr); plan a meeting with the Ministers; Steve Young MLA together with another MLA (tbd).

- d. December 2014 Board meeting – Decision was to cancel. At January's meeting we will hold our Gift Exchange. Items to be given are items that one received but doesn't want (nothing purchased – regifted).

ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA
BOARD MEETING OF November 24, 2014
6:00 pm, Royal Executive Inn, Edmonton, Alberta



- e. Land Stewardship Centre Framework for Endorsement – Beverly provided correspondence from the Land Stewardship Centre requesting support by the ASVA for their Framework.

Res. 14- 49

Moved by Betty Forfylow that we endorse the Land Stewardship Centre’s Environmental Stewardship Planning Framework with the understanding that there are no financial commitments.

Carried.

- f. Recognition of Ma-Me-O Beach and the Pigeon Lake Villages Regional Emergency Management Plan – Beverly informed the Board that the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach was presented the 2014 Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence for Smaller Municipalities.

ACTION: Beverly will draft a letter of congratulations for Peter’s signature to the Summer Villages of Pigeon Lake on their award.

- g. Cumulative Environmental Management Strategy – Sylvan Lake

Joyce Megson provided information on a workshop recently completed at Sylvan Lake in regards to their CEMS project. Lessons learned from this workshop is to remember that we have new Councillors as of 2013 and that we need to ensure they are properly informed and brought up to date on projects and that we should be more often sharing our successes as we often don’t know what our adjacent municipalities are doing to improve lake health.

ACTION: Directors are to send Beverly a list of related committees and organizations that they sit on along with a brief biography.

11. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.