

ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA
BOARD MEETING OF April 27, 2020
6:30 pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting



ATTENDANCE: President Mike Pashak, Duncan Binder, Rob Dickie, Peter Pellatt, Brenda Shewaga, Marlene Walsh, Pete Langelle, Morris Nesdole, Dennis Evans, Teresa Beets, Gary Burns

REGRETS:

RECORDING: Deb Hamilton, Executive Director

DELEGATION:

1. Call to Order

President Mike Pashak called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Deletions & Additions to the Agenda – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Res. 20-11

Moved by Gary Burns that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

4. Delegations – There were no delegations

5. Minutes – January 27, 2020 Board Meeting

Res. 20-12

Moved by Peter Pallett that the January 27, 2020 Board of Director Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

6. Financial Reports

Quarterly Report: For the Period Ending March 31, 2020: Treasurer Rob Dickie reported that being this report is only for the first three months of the year, not a great deal of activity has taken place other than membership dues being paid. Discussions took place regarding the annual conference and the impact this will have on the budget if there will still be limits in place for large gatherings due to the pandemic.

Res. 20-13

Moved by Duncan Binder that the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2020, be accepted as information.

Carried

7. New Business

a. Investments: GIC or AUMA High Interest Savings Account Program

The Board reviewed the RFD prepared for this agenda. At the January 2020 meeting, the board directed the Executive Director to invest the \$31,500 GIC into the AUMA High Interest Savings account, once it came due. The GIC did come due March 31 but because of the pandemic, the return on investment in AUMA high interest savings account went down substantially to 0.9%.

The RBC is currently offering 1.5% GIC special for a one year term investment. The Board was advised that the other two GIC's totaling \$20,700 do not mature until the end of June.

Res. 20-14

Moved by Duncan Binder that \$31,500 be re-invested in RBC's 1 year term special of 1.5% and further that options be explored once again in July when the two other GIC's mature.

Carried

b. ASVA Bylaw Review

The Board discussed the new draft bylaw that was previously circulated.

ACTION: Executive Director to research and amend as discussed with the final draft going to the next regular meeting of the Board.

c. Policy Update

The Executive Director discussed the need to update certain policies due to the proposed bylaw including a policy on the submission of resolutions to the AGM.

ACTION: Executive Director to review and updated affected policies as well as develop new policies as required for the next regular meeting of the Board.

d. Summer Villages by Region – Appointment of Directors

The Board reviewed the Summer Villages by region and a Director was allocated to each.

ACTION: Executive Director to update listing and distribute to each Board member.

e. Northern Mayor's Caucus

The Board reviewed an email stream with a City of Edmonton representative regarding the Northern Mayor's Caucus membership and meetings.

ACTION: Executive Director to identify which Summer Villages fall within the Northern Mayor's Caucus geographic area and advise them of the City of Edmonton contact information and membership costs.

f. Mixed Flower Seeds Update

The Board reviewed a report prepared by the Executive Director in relation to research done on which departments govern over the contents of mixed flower seeds sold in Alberta and the problem of some noxious weed content. Alberta Agriculture is aware of some of these issues and has invited ASVA to meet with them to discuss further.

ACTION: Executive Director to set up meeting with department of Alberta Agriculture, may have to be virtual due to pandemic.

g. Request to Present – Western Financial Group – Insurance

The Board was advised that the Western Financial Group is interested in speaking to the ASVA Board regarding insurance for lake lot properties. This item to be tabled until further notice from representative.

h. Sunrise Beach – Insurance Request Regarding Fires on MR Lands

The Board reviewed correspondence from the SV of Sunrise Beach in relation to two fires they have had on MR lands and the costs associated with extinguishing them. They advised that insurance did not cover any of the costs and requested if ASVA could assist in discussing this with insurance. The Board was advised that the Forest Resource Improvement Assoc. of Alberta (FRIAA) provides grant money for Fire Smart projects and that this is a possible avenue to pursue in regards to clearing up MR lands to reduce the risks of fires.

ACTION: Executive Director to provide the SV of Sunrise Beach with information regarding the FRIAA grant and recommended contacts.

i. Strategic Plan Review

In light of the need to carry on with virtual meetings, the Board decided to postpone the Strategic Plan Review.

j. May 2020 Board Meeting

The original May Board meeting was scheduled for May 11 however due to the postponement of the March meeting till April 27th, the Board felt another meeting was not needed until June.

Res 20-15

Moved by Mike Pashak that the next Board meeting be scheduled for June 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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k. 2020 Conference

Discussions took place regarding the 2020 Conference and the impact the pandemic may have on this event. The Board felt that postponing this item until the June 15th, 2020 board meeting may provide the time needed to determine whether it is even possible to hold the event this year.

ACTION: The Executive Director is to contact Corporate Registries regarding the AGM and if it could be held electronically even though the Bylaws do not provide for this opportunity.

l. TFA Municipal Letter of Support Template/Policy

The Board reviewed a draft template letter of support that could be utilized when providing a TFA applicant consent to install a dock adjacent to municipal reserve lands. The Board felt that this letter could be provided should any summer village request a template.

8. Review of Action Items – Reviewed as information.

9. Committee Reports

- a. AUMA Board Report – Mike Pashak: It has been very busy, focusing on policing and deferred property taxes as well as rural health care where a committee has been formed that is focusing on municipalities under 5000, committee made up of 4 members from AUMA and 4 members from RMA.
- b. Lake Stewardship / AIS – Marlene Walsh/ Brenda Shewaga: There is a webinar being offered.

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- c. MSSAC – Dennis Evans: Recently had a meeting but there were no issues relating to summer villages. Going forward the reports will be shared with the Board.
- d. AWC – Morris Nesdole: There are two objectives, just starting on drought resiliency with representatives from the WPAC’s participating. There will be an implementation review undertaken at the AWC June meeting.
There has been no movement on the Lake Stewardship Guide yet.
WPAC’s are being consulted when developing municipal statutory plans.
- e. ASVA Conference Organizing Committee – Rob Dickie: no action items to report on at this time as the committee has not met yet
- f. Executive Director – Circulated with Agenda

10. Correspondence – List of correspondence items was circulated with the agenda.

11. Round Table:

Gary: Are in the midst of redoing their Land Use Bylaw

Peter: Going through Land Use Bylaw as well

Morris: Also reviewing their Land Use Bylaw, working on Wastewater Bylaw, undertaking road work this summer, have heard a great deal of opposition to the TFA process.

Marlene: Working with the Director of Emergency Management on a Business Continuity Plan as well as emergency kits

Dennis: working on getting ready for taxes, discussion on Life Time Membership award

Duncan: Will be implementing a -0- tax increase this year, also deferring late payment penalty and reducing penalty from 18% to 6%.

Teresa: Working on approvals for the Wastewater Borrowing Bylaw, waiting on grant approval for the summer village to connect to the main wastewater line, zero increase in their 2020 budget, changed the TIP deadline so tax payers can join at any time.

Rob: Still working on 2020 budget

Gary: Sending in their shovel ready project details to municipal affairs for consideration under the new stimulus grant program.

Pete: Anticipate sewer system will be completed, there are 5 summer villages and the County involved, also working on their Land Use Bylaw and want the watershed management plan included

Mike: There has been some discussion regarding elected officials’ eligibility for CERB if they resigned from council.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.