

ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA
BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2020
6:30 pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting



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

REGRETS:

RECORDING: Deb Hamilton, Executive Director

DELEGATION:

1. Call to Order

President Mike Pashak called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

- 2. Deletions & Additions to the Agenda –** 7. f) The Future of Municipal Governance
g) Wetland Development Policies
h) previously f)

3. Approval of the Agenda

Res. 20-31

Moved by Rob Dickie that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

4. Delegations – There were no delegations

5. Minutes – July 27, 2020

Res. 20-32

Moved by Morris Nesdole that the July 27, 2020 Board meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

6. Financial Reports

Quarterly Report: For the Period Ending June 30, 2020: Treasurer Rob Dickie reported that not much has changed from the previous meeting held a month ago. We are under budget in a number of areas. Further discussions took place regarding the honorariums that have accrued since the April board meeting as they are not included in this financial report. Board honorariums will be paid after the September board meeting.

Res. 20-33

Moved by Rob Dickie that the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2020, be accepted as information.

Carried

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7. New Business

a. Letter of Support for Invasive Species Council

The Board reviewed a draft letter of support for the Invasive Species Council's application to the Real Estate Foundation's Community Investment Program for funding to update the Identification Guide of Invasive Plants in Alberta.

Res. 19-34

Moved by Peter Pellatt that the Executive Director be authorized to send a letter of support for the Invasive Species Council's application for funding under the Real Estate Foundation's Community Investment Program.

Carried

The Executive Director is to indicate a carbon copy to the ASVA President and Board of Directors.

b. Transport Canada – Minor Works Order

The Board discussed the need for the ASVA to send a response to Transport Canada's consultation for the Minor Works Order. Three key messages were identified to be included. Further discussions took place regarding the importance for as many summer villages to respond as possible, this is a Canada wide consultation process.

Res 19-35

Moved by Mike Pashak that the ASVA draft a letter to Transport Canada in response to their consultation process for the Minor Works Order, to include three main points:

- ***Primary recommendation: move all regulations/requirements pertaining to the placement of temporary seasonal docks from Federal jurisdiction to Provincial jurisdiction***
- ***Need to reduce the 5 meter set back to 3 meters in order to accommodate 50 foot lots***
- ***Need to change the proposed 30 meter maximum dock length to a line of navigation or 1.2 meters depth***

And further that a copy of this letter be circulated to all summer villages encouraging them to submit a response and to include all or some of the ASVA points within their submissions.

Carried

c. Municipal Stimulus Program

The Board was advised that all municipalities should have received their information on the amount of MSP dollars they would be receiving. It is for shovel ready projects and was based on the Federal Gas Tax funding formula. There was base funding allocated of \$50,000 however summer villages only receive \$5,000 in base funding. Projects must be completed in 2020/21. Applications must be in by October 1st and final reporting must be completed by December 31, 2021.

Res 20-36

Moved by Mike Pashak that the information received on the Municipal Stimulus Program be accepted as information.

Carried

d. Assessment Model Review

The Board was advised that the new provincial Assessment Model Review primarily focusses on changing the assessment model for industrial and linear assessment (this includes oil and gas wells, pipelines and machinery and equipment linked to oil and gas wells and facilities). One major concern is the negative effect on the amount of taxes collected for these types of facilities as there is a suggestion to further reduce the base level depreciation model. This will have the biggest impact on rural municipalities where the majority of these types of facilities are located. The changes being proposed will affect the distribution of education tax between urbans and rural municipalities as well as the police funding requisition.

Res 20-37

Moved by Mike Pashak that the information received on the Provincial Assessment Model Review be accepted as information.

Carried

e. Local Government Fiscal Framework

Information was provided to the Board on the new Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) that will replace the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) program and Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG). The MSI and BMTG was shared by all municipalities, there was no segregation. Under the LGFF there will be two components for money distribution, one to the Charter cities (currently Edmonton and Calgary) and the other to all non-Charter municipalities. This will be effective in 2022. The annual grant will be linked to the provinces total revenue but is indexed at 50% of the change in provincial revenues. It is anticipated that this will result in a more transparent and simpler mode, be equitable for all municipalities and neutral to local decisions.

Res 20-38

Moved by Mike Pashak that the information received on the new Local Government Fiscal Framework be accepted as information.

Carried

f. The Future of Municipal Governance

Information was reviewed by the Board on the Future of Municipal Governance research being contemplated by AUMA. The theme of the research is to explore and assess governance options that will enable municipalities to build thriving communities into the future. A Steering Committee will be formed and AUMA's summer village rep, Mike Pashak, hopes to be appointed to the committee.

Res 20-39

Moved by Mike Pashak that the information received on the Future of Municipal Governance be accepted as information.

Carried

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g. Wetland Development Policy

Discussions took place regarding what if anything are summer villages and other municipalities doing in relation to wetland policies. Some reference wetlands in their Land Use Bylaws and some in their Municipal Development Plans. Typically, an engineer does a study to determine what areas in a municipality are deemed to be a wetland. There is an interactive map on AEP's website that could be of some assistance to municipalities.

h. 2020 AGM/Resolution Session & Advocacy Panel Discussion

i. Notice of AGM & Poster

- The Executive Director advised that notices went out regarding resolution submissions, McIntosh Bulrush Award and Life Member Award.
- Email sent advising the membership that there would only be an AGM and Advocacy Panel Discussion through a virtual means this year due to the pandemic and gathering restrictions
- Registration will be via email to the Executive Director. In order for a member to vote, they must register under their own email address.
- Deb and Marlene working on poster
- This year, other organizations have stated that registrations to these types of events have been down when the program is limited and set in a virtual environment. The Board discussed a registration fee but felt that there should not be any fee charged this year with such a limited program. The Board felt that having a draw for a prize at the end of the session may entice members to register and remain on the meeting.

ACTION: Prize to be obtained, possibly have something donated.

ii. Sponsorship Update

- Deb and Marlene have been working on sponsorship. A notice requesting sponsorship has gone out to all that sponsored last year, two levels of sponsorship will be available this year, Gold for \$500+ and Silver for \$300+. Because the exposure is very limited this year, the dollar levels were decreased. Letter to be shared with all Board members in case some have new companies they wish to approach.
- With no registration fees or a silent auction, funds are very limited this year, the association garners revenue from the normal conference to help support its operations.

iii. ASVA Advocacy – Panel Discussion

- Historically the President, Vice President and Treasurer form the panel.
- Topics typically discussed are projects the ASVA worked on this past year and what may be looked at in the coming year. This will be discussed further.
- Discussions took place regarding having pre-recorded videos from the Ministers of MA and AEP and even the Premier. Possibly a pre-recorded snippet as well from the Invasive Species Council to add more content to the program.

ACTION: Mike Pashak will further investigate the Minister's and Premier, Deb will check with Executive Director from the Invasive Species Council.

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iv. Annual Report

- Annual Report to be drafted and ready for review at the next Board meeting in September.

ACTION: Deb and Mike will work on this document.

8. Review of Action Items – Reviewed as information.

9. Committee Reports

- a. AUMA Board Report – Mike Pashak: Nothing to report
- b. Lake Stewardship / AIS – Marlene Walsh/ Brenda Shewaga: Nothing to report
- c. MSSAC – Dennis Evans: No meeting since last report, nothing to report
- d. AWC – Morris Neddole:
 - Water for Life – committee reviewed and updated wetland policy and going in February to the Alberta Water Council for their review as well.
 - Drought Mitigation Project – hiring a consultant to undertake the work
- e. ASVA Conference Organizing Committee – Rob Dickie: previously discussed
- f. Executive Director – Circulated with Agenda

10. Correspondence – Included in agenda package.

11. Round Table:

Dennis: repairing roads in Val Quintin but have limited resources

Morris: Sunset Beach in discussions with Whispering Hills, West and South Baptiste on IDP's; lots of road and ditch work going on in summer villages

Duncan: Wrapping up summer programs, had 20 – 30 kids participating; in discussions with Athabasca County on IDP and size of planning boundary; still reviewing LUB and MDP

Mike: Discussions on IDP including watershed policies and setbacks and re-development; AUMA President was out to visit Sylvan Lake area, a number of summer village Mayors met with the President to discuss summer village issues

Marlene: In discussions with Darwell Lagoon Commission and Tri Village Commission to tie into Tri Village Sewer system, county involved in discussions.

Pete: Sewer line getting finished, water levels still high, fires a concern

Peter: Busy at the lake, reported that two adults have drown in the lake

Teresa: Boat launch continues to be extremely busy, lots of traffic and garbage; waste waterline is moving through the approval process

Gary: Completed drainage engineering study, now working on how to get funding to complete the project.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Next meeting is September 22nd, 6:30 p.m.