

SVW Road Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The fifth meeting of the Road Committee was held at the Community Services Building on 7/20/17 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees

Committee Members: Matthew Sundal, Shirley Begg, Susan Cooper Parker and Brian Fleming*.

Members not in attendance

Jodie Grisdale did not attend. *Brian Fleming called into the meeting and participated by speakerphone.

Approval of Minutes

Matthew Sundal moved for adoption of the previous meeting minutes and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

At the end of the meeting Susan Cooper Parker raised two concerns. As the survey pointed out 89% of the Village wanted to be contacted by email of Road/Bridge Updates. The email Sharon Plett sent out as a mini newsletter didn't really fit within that mandate. Susan thought the committee should have sent out an email that announced we would be giving a presentation at the AGM as many in the community do not read newsletters. The point was taken into consideration. Brian Fleming asked whether we could send out our own emails in the future and Shirley Begg said she would check.

Then Susan pointed out that in the third meeting we discussed the importance of getting more Villagers to attend the AGM since Cameron Westhead was coming. She was disappointed that we lost that opportunity as the committee had failed to follow up.

It was deemed a priority that we try to contact the Village the next day with a reminder. Susan was assigned the task of writing something to the Village that night, which expressed the need to show numbers and illustrate a vibrant Village to the MLA. Matt would forward it on to Sharon.

New business

The only item on the current evening's agenda was the Alberta Transportation(AT) Meeting on Monday the 24th. Shirley asked whether Hatch and AMEC were separate entities or if they were

related at all. At first glance Brian believed there could be some link. Matt said he would Google that information and find out.

Shirley wondered whether we should assign the questions between committee members, like we did for the AGM presentation. No one had an objection to that, however Susan pointed out that the list of questions were there for us to check off during the government presentation. If those questions were not answered we could then ask them. Susan also stressed that the list of questions should not take the place of the additional concerns and changes list.

Shirley added to the lists with the height of the proposed bridge and whether they had an updated HWY 40 plan. She stated that in the AMEC report they did not hire a Municipal Planner for a Social Concerns Study but instead used someone on staff. We also needed to know current standards for bridge and road design.

Next we discussed safety issues, the number of crosswalks in the Village and their location. Brian emphasized the need for fact based conversations and wondered whether we could ask the Villagers how many times a week they use the crossings and bridge by foot. It was deemed important to get a show of hands during our question and answer portion of the Road Presentation at the AGM to do so.

Shirley questioned driver expectation on HWY 40. Right now it is against “code” to have 80km drop to 30km without a staged dropping of speed. She wanted to know how AT would deal with this violation in the future.

We then considered having options to present on the road alignment. It was deemed necessary for future discussions with government on the road alignment, but premature for the Monday meeting. Shirley cited that her experts said the road through Waiparous should only be for residents. Also in 2000, 100% of the Village wrote a letter to Ed Stelmach stating that they did not want the bridge updated.

Shirley asked Brian to come up with an introduction on our position. She wanted to stress that we are in strong opposition yet we will work with government to achieve the best alternative. Brian felt strongly that this is a negotiation and we must get our questions answered and our concerns noted and resolved before we can support the AT plan. Brian said he would write a three paragraph statement that achieved those goals yet would also thank the government for the meeting.

Finally, Brian announced that Sharon Plett received a prestigious award for her roll in the coordination of a bus that goes from Cochrane to the mountains.

The following Committee Meeting would be on August 2nd after the AT meeting. It would be held at 7:00pm at the Community Services Building. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Susan Cooper Parker

8/2/17

Secretary

Date of approval