

SVW Road Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The meeting of the Road Committee was held at the Community Services Building on 5/21/17 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees

Attendees included Committee Members: Matthew Sundal, Shirley Begg, Brian Fleming, Jodie Grisdale and Susan Cooper Parker; plus four residents of the Village.

Members not in attendance

Jodie Grisdale excused herself at 8:00 pm.

Approval of minutes

Since this was the first meeting there were no minutes yet to approve.

New business

Matt Sundal, the Village Representative, called the meeting to order and we went in camera in order to elect Committee positions. Shirley nominated Susan for Secretary and Jodie seconded. Brian nominated Shirley for Chairperson and Matt seconded. Both votes were unanimous. We then came out of camera.

Then Matt explained what expectations The Summer Village of Waiparous Council would have for the Committee. He related that the council is open to what residents want and wants the best option for the Village as a whole with regards to the bridge. They want the Committee to present a best case scenario but have an option if that does not work out.

He also reported that The Transportation Department has not contacted the Village since their first meeting with Council and they have no written communication from them. Some procedural requirements and rules were gone over and Matt explained that each of us would get an email address for the Committee from Sharon Plett.

Jodie presented examples of advocacy groups that she thought did a good job; Stop Ghost Clearcut and the Canmore Three Sisters project. Everyone agreed that postcards to the government are a good way to show solidarity in numbers. In fact the previous Road Committee had used this method. It was discussed whether we could afford postage or if that could be free when sending to government. Susan was assigned the job of finding out whether it could be free.

Next Jodie cited videos from Jeff Mah that were informative on the Canmore project. The three minute videos were educational and told who is who. It was deemed effective in the digital age.

Next a resident questioned whether the bridge needed updating. Shirley read a historical audit report saying the bridge had a life expectancy of 22 years which would mean it was indeed reaching it's life expectancy.

Jodie then asked who are the stakeholders? A discussion ensued where First Nations, Alberta Transport, Hatch Engineering Firm, the Road Committee, SVW Council, SVW Residents, MLA Cameron Westhead, OHV and Waiparous Wilderness Area Users, Tourism, MD of Bighorn and the Greater Neighbouring Community Residents were identified as major stakeholders.

It was decided that our next meeting would be June 6 at 7:00 pm. It would be advantageous to hold meetings on Tuesdays in the future and that they needed to happen twice a month per bylaws. However meetings could be done by phone if needed.

Driver expectation, traffic stats, safety, social impacts, historical concerns, stilling ponds were all briefly considered before it was decided that we needed to clarify where the Transportation Department is now and what is Hatch doing. It was decided that the Committee would write to the Transportation Minister to find current information. We would request the RFP or RFQ. See if they would then forward us Hatch's tender for the engineering contract and their response. Also we need a liaison with Hatch and Alberta Transportation for future communications.

Matt said all communication must go through Council and that Sharon Plett would put it on Village letterhead. He had the AMEC report scanned and that he would forward it to all committee members. Brian in particular was going to read over it to familiarize himself with the terminology for possible future interactions with Hatch.

We then examined full time versus seasonal residents and whether more families were living in the Village now than 20 years ago. Sharon MacDonald was brought up as someone we might contact in order to see how many children go to school in Cochrane. Multi generational families were important to the Village's history and that people are investing in the community. The number of building permits should be public record but the Council should have the Assessment Roles for 20 years ago versus today. Matt was going to attain those numbers.

Each committee member was urged to come up with items that Hatch needs to consider that have changed since original AMEC report was done or were inaccurate in the report. We need to present these things to Hatch in the near future. Also it was deemed necessary that the Committee put together a presentation for the annual picnic to inform residents on the bridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Susan Cooper Parker

6/6/2017

Secretary

Date of approval