

SVW Road Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The twelfth meeting of the Road Committee was held at the Community Services Building on 2/13/18 and was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendees

Committee Members: Shirley Begg, Susan Cooper Parker, Jodie Grisdale, and Brian Fleming attended. One resident and one visitor were also in attendance.

Public Dialogue

First a Road Committee Code of Conduct was read by Chair, Susan Cooper Parker. This will be standard practice at all future RC meetings. A Villager wanted to know the status of the ROW Road Chart and letter. He understood that the Council Liaison would be covering it in the Council Update but asked for the opportunity to ask questions and make a comment after the report. Susan noted the request.

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Shirley Begg moved to adopt the previous meeting's minutes. All approved. In regards to the agenda, Shirley moved to approve the agenda. All approved.

Council Update

Brian Fleming briefed RC members that there weren't many updates as Council had not met, since the last RC meeting. He did make note that Sharon Plett, CAO, has moved up her retirement by 5 months and that she would get the Summer Village of Waiparous thru tax season. He felt Sherri Buryeko would be the new CAO as she had been shadowing Sharon. Then he reiterated the liaison, RC's, and Council's role. Susan expressed the need to go back to the agenda and go over each item under Council Update to clarify the status.

ROW Chart and Accompanying Letter: Brian explained that the Chart and Letter to Don Oliver had not progressed any further from the last RC meeting as the Council had not had a meeting yet. At this point the Villager who asked for input during the Public Dialogue section expressed his point of view because he was not going to be able to be at the next Council meeting. He was disappointed that Council had not acted because in December the Liaison said he would not wait until the next Council meeting to act on the letter. He didn't understand why this wasn't receiving Council's urgent attention. He stated his opinion that getting Village input before the

preliminary planning document was completed by the consultants was key to a positive outcome for the bridge project. He said it was just a letter and in fact was surprised that Council and/or the Road Committee had not been in monthly contact with Hatch to have input.

Susan then commented that she had been at a NDP get together that a Villager had at their home where MLA Cameron Westhead had been in attendance. Susan said she briefly talk to Mr. Westhead about the bridge as a private citizen. The MLA suggested contacting Alberta Transportation before they made their decision on where to place the bridge. She suggested reformatting the letter for AT and additionally ask for an updated milestone schedule plus a preliminary information session. The RC decided it would change that in their Priority Recommendations in the 2018 Work Plan.

RC Code of Conduct: A blurb to be read before each RC meeting was approved by Council. The Signage is pending for the Community Services Building.

Updated AT Milestone Schedule: There was no request yet to ask for one as there had not been a Council meeting.

RC Funds: Brian had not found out whether the previous RC funds were still in the General Reserve from 2016. Shirley asked why and clarified that that money was not from taxes and its purpose was to fight the destruction of the Village. Brian said, there was no need for those funds at the moment and we would cross that bridge when we need to use them. The Council would decide if and how much would be needed. Susan stated that it would be nice to know if those funds were still there, in case the B-4 location is preferred by the AB Government as an alternate Work Plan would need to be enacted ASAP.

Committee Vacancy: At the last RC meeting, Brian reported that the time period for seeking a new member for the Committee had expired without anyone coming forward to volunteer. The Committee wanted to understand if the position was still available as a mini newsletter was reporting a vacancy. Shirley wanted to know was it Council's position to reopen the matter and for how long would they be advertising for members? Jodie Grisdale wanted clarification because we are told one thing and then things change. Brian did not know the answer, as there had not been a Council meeting.

Old Business

Jodie and Susan presented the Work Plan that they started in June 2017 and finished up in Jan. 2018. The Work Plan is divided into three sections: Research, Recommendations and Communications. The Priority Recommendations were outlined in detail. Shirley applauded the document and really thought the three sections made sense and helped her understand RC's role.

Shirley had two thoughts one was value engineering and how the Consultants should be giving us a more detailed report. She wondered if we could ask for it. Susan said that it was not asked for in the government's Terms of Reference. Shirley also felt an update meeting with AT, the Consultants and SVW should be a priority recommendation. The RC decided to make #5 of the Priority Recommendations be an Update Meeting.

New Business

RC made a few minor revisions to the Work Plan and then Shirley moved to approve it. All approved. Susan would make those changes. Brian recounted Sharon's email that the Work Plan needs to be sent in to the CAO on Feb. 15th. Susan would also make the necessary changes to the Appendix and send them directly to the CAO and copy the Brian.

Susan asked if there were any changes to the Pros and Cons list of the two alignments. No one had any changes.

Susan read a proposed letter to Don Oliver asking questions about the financial roles of the SVW. Jodie explained that the Mayor had been sending her emails about roadway signage and the costs. She felt that those costs should be covered by the government. Susan concurred that if AT wasn't redoing the roadway then of course those costs would lie with the SVW, but because AT is changing the roadway before and after the bridge, it should fall under their budget. However, the need to clarify this is necessary so that if the RC needs to research those costs it can without being redundant. The letter was approved with one change. It was decided to review this letter with Council at the next meeting where we are presenting in order to be respectful.

Next on the agenda was the proposed joint information meeting hosted by Council and RC for the Village. Susan wondered if a March 17th date would work. Jodie and Shirley thought that it should be earlier in the month. It was decided to wait to see if Council approves it before we propose a date.

The last agenda item was the RC Presentation to Council on Feb. 20th. Brian thought that 15-20 minutes would be allotted. It was decided that Susan and Jodie would present and that the Priority Recommendations need to be the focus as an urgent response from Council is requested.

The next steps were laid out, Susan would make changes to the Hatch Questions Letter, the AT Letter and the Work Plan. Then send it along to the CAO. It was determined that if a Village Information Session was approved it would be necessary to meet soon, in order to plan for it. Thus, the next RC meeting would tentatively be on Tuesday Feb. 27th at 7:00pm at the Community Services Building. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Susan Cooper Parker

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Secretary/Chair

Date of approval