

**THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER BEACH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2006
AT THE MULHURST BAY LEGION HALL
MULHURST BAY, ALBERTA**

Present:

Council:
Norm Majeski
Allan Watt
James Irving

Staff:
Wendy Nickel, Administrator
Ron Smith, Chief Constable, PLCS

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Approximately 30 ratepayers of the Summer Village of Silver Beach

A. Call to Order

Mayor Watt called Annual General Meeting of July 8, 2006 to order at 10.00 A.M.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Watt moved that the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

C. Introductions and Mayor's Address

Mayor Watt introduced Council and Staff to those present.

D. Review of Minutes

1. Annual General Meeting of SV of Silver Beach, July 28, 2005

Mayor Watt reviewed the items from the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and asked Councilor Majeski to speak on several items that were related to parks.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of July 28, 2005

Councilor Majeski noted that there are new parking restrictions at Ouimette Park, and signage will be placed shortly. The restrictions do not allow for the parking of RVs, boat trailers, and

trailers. He also noted that a new Boat Hoist / Lift Bylaw is in place, requiring that residents register their boat lifts and hoists. Councilor Majeski advised that Mrs. Nickel had brought registration forms and tags to the Annual General Meeting if anyone wished to register their property.

Jalna Rylie (#28) noted that despite the parking restrictions in the residential area, vehicles continue to park along Silver Beach Road, even when resident driveways are empty. She suggested that some kind of vehicle identification sticker be issued to residents to identify them as such. Peggy Juchli voiced support for a "Resident Parking Pass" program. Mayor Watt advised that Council would consider the options in this regard.

A resident advised that there have been boats coming into the Swimming Area. Councilor Majeski advised that better buoys had been purchased, and that they would be anchored with better concrete shortly to keep them in proper place. He also noted that signage has been purchased to mark off the Swimming Area, and that it would be installed shortly.

Councilor Majeski advised that only one application had been received for the two summer parks positions available, but there are possibly a couple of more interested parties and Councilor Majeski will be meeting with these individuals to discuss possible summer employment.

Phyllis Radis (#34) commended Councilor Majeski for his hard work on the parks and for putting in hours on his own time. Councilor Majeski noted that he has some great neighbours and lots of helpers that also work to keep the Village in good condition.

Mayor Watt noted that garbage had been an issue at last year's meeting, and that it continues to be an issue. The consensus of those present was that Council should be directing the Special Constable Service to issue tickets for violations. Mayor Watt advised that Council would issue warning letters to offenders when the Administrator is advised of violations, and that the Special Constable Service would be directed to issue tickets to repeat offenders.

E. Business Items

1. Constable Service Report

Mayor Watt noted that the Special Constable Service services ten summer villages, and Council of Silver Beach plans to meet with all of the participating villages in the near future to discuss and deal with issues, such as the hiring of a third full-time Special Constable. Mayor Watt commended the Pigeon Lake Special Constable Service for a job well done, and introduced Chief Special Constable Smith to the attendees. Constable Smith presented a verbal report, and handouts of the report were available to those in attendance. Constable Smith reported that there are minor issues in most villages, and that the amount of time spent in each village depends mostly on what is going on in each village on a daily basis. Special Constable Smith noted that it is difficult to deal with parking issues, especially on long weekends, when there is not enough time to hunt down information from residents as to whether cars parked belong to them or their guests, and there is no time to run plates for information. He noted that quite a few tickets had been issued on the July long weekend. Mayor Watt thanked Special Constable Smith for his report.

2. 2005 Annual Financial Statements

Copies of the 2005 Audited Financial Statements were available to those present. Mayor Watt briefly reviewed the statements for the attendees.

3. 2005 Budget and Status of Reserves

Copies of the 2005 Budget were available to those present. The information included Budget Variance figures, as well as a comparison to the 2006 Budgeted figures. Councilor Irving drew attention to the Village's reserves, noting that they are fully funded by cash held.

Lee Ahlstrom (#36) inquired as to grants available to the Summer Village. Councilor Irving noted that Council takes advantage of every grant available, in particular grants that are available for road infrastructure. Connie Bunnin (#133) wondered if country pavement would be a better option than what the road is now, if a total rebuild could not be managed because of costs. Blaine Hill (#80) advised that that Atco

may be redoing its service infrastructure in the village, and that they may have to dig up portions of the road to do so. Mr. Hill passed on the information in the event that Council proceeds with a road rebuild that will be disturbed shortly after. He also thought that perhaps Atco would assist with road costs if it did need to dig up portions of the road to improve service infrastructure. Councilor Irving noted that he has been in contact with Atco concerning any future service upgrading and the impact that may have on Silver Beach Road and any planned upgrades to the road.

Liz Holt (#113) commented that the education tax collected should not be part of the property taxes assessed. Councilor Irving noted that the issue of education property taxes is beyond the control of Council as it is set in provincial legislation, and he encouraged residents to write directly to the MLA about the matter.

F Business Arising from the Floor

Sonny Ouimette said that he believes a Dog Bylaw is required to control unleashed dogs that run at large. Jack Manson said he did not believe that unleashed dogs were much of a problem at all. A resident and former councilor noted that there are huge problems associated with the implementation of a Dog Bylaw, one of which is the village does not have a kennel to keep confiscated dogs in. Councilor Irving said that although some villages do have Dog Bylaws, the special constable service hours available are at a premium, and it is not Council's priority at this time to direct those hours towards dog control when they could be better directed elsewhere

Peggy Juchli observed that the dumpster placed on the May long weekend had filled up quickly, and that there were some residents that had taken numerous truckloads of waste material to the dumpster. Connie Bunnin stated that she believed that residents with large amounts of construction waste should be required to rent their own dumpsters, rather than be allowed to haul waste to the community dumpster. Councilor Irving noted that most residents are good about dumpster use as a rule, but that Council is looking into the need for a second dumpster.

Frank Cowles commended Council for implementing a website for the use of the residents.

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G. Adjournment

Mayor Watt asked if there was any further business. As there was none, Mayor Watt thanked those in attendance and adjourned the meeting.

Time of adjournment: 11:15 a.m.

Allan Watt – Mayor

Wendy Nickel – CAO