

## **Hamlet of South Bay – Turtle Lake**

### **Annual General Meeting Minutes – Sunday May 19, 2024 at 10:00am**

#### **At Livelong Senior's Hall**

**Attendance:** Bill Scheck, Clinton Smith, Linda Balon-Smith, Bob Taylor, Rick Haugen, Grant Bossaer, Jim Range, Ellen Jacobson, Wayne Keber, Cindy Roy, Darren Nordell, Karrie Nordell, Daniel Brunwald, Reg Beardsworth, Reg Brand, Rick Brand, James Anderson, Derek Chudy, Jason Volk, Louise Copeland, Glenda Parkinson, Kathie McKenzie, Barry Nordell, Coel Nordell, Greg Brunwald, Keri Wakefield

Agenda:

#### **1. Call the meeting to order**

- a. **Introductions:** Bill Scheck, Clinton Smith, Bob Taylor
- b. **Time:** 10:05am

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Amendments: none
- b. Motion to approve the agenda: Jason Volk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Range, approved

#### **3. Minutes of the 2023 meeting**

- a. Mailed out in an info package in advance. Extra copies were available in case people did not receive the.
- b. Amendments: none
- c. Motion to Approve 2023 AGM Minutes: Reg Brand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Keber

#### **4. 2023 Financial report**

- a. Mailed with copies on hand if requested
- b. Amendments: none
- c. Motion to Approve 2023 Financial Reports: Cindy Roy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Haugen

## 5. Business arising from the minutes

- a) None

## 6. New business

- a. **Policies**- Provincial changes to policies: to give us more guidance when conducting meetings. Forms were provided. Sign in, voter numbers are now being used.
- b. **Tender** - Received for Mowing, Bathroom and general Maintenance- open to the floor to submit any other tenders: There were no other tenders given. Barry Nordell will be granted the tender.
- c. **Tender** - Received for Grading and Snow plowing  
There were no other additional tenders. Gerry Nasby will be granted the tender.
- d. **Summer Student**- applied with RM and Sunset View to get a summer student for 4 weeks each to work with our maintenance person to do some tasks around the area (wage is about \$18 of which the province subsidizes \$10) (i.e. painting)
- e. **Dewatering** – Piping is completed pumps will be installing three pumps in case of large rain events to pump off any excess to prevent damage where possible.
- f. **No Wake Buoys** – will be installed again this year within the month.
- g. **Poplar Drive & Willow Street** – cleared some of the road allowance to improve snow removal and access for emergency and service vehicles. Still have a little bit more fine work to do but overall tree trimming is complete, Power pole removal complete and mulching complete. Plan will be to get the area to mowable state.
- h. **Markers** (for snow plow) installed rod markers in various places to mark hazards and infrastructure. Let us know if there is an area/item that needs to be marked.
- i. **Canada Day Celebrations** – Paige has had to back away from lead role. Alexa B. has worked with Paige in the past and has stepped forward but we would like some additional help. Volunteers are needed. If you are able please contact Clint Smith at

***info@southbayturtlelake.ca***. Clint thanked the committee, Paige and family for all their work.

- j. **Trunk & Tailgate Market** – As always it's the Third Saturday in July. So this year is July 20<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm. Kathy M. has coordinated this since inception and would like to step down after 2024. So we are looking for volunteers who could work with Kathy for the 2024 event to help facilitation transition coordination of this great event. Contact Clint Smith at ***info@southbayturtlelake.ca*** if you can help. Thank you to Kathy for you have done in this great event.
- k. **Community Safety Officer** – Bylaw contraventions or any other matter – CSO dispatch line 306-845-3512.
- l. **Turtleford & District Coop Development:** Coop is almost complete in it's expansion.
- m. **Website** - will be updated with new information from AGM. If you would like to submit information for possible publication on the site please forward it to ***info@southbayturtlelake.ca***
- n. **Swim Lessons** – two sets this summer, to register contact the following:
  - i. Bodi Laviolette July 8 – 12<sup>th</sup> 306-845-6310
  - ii. Jessilyn Morrison & Issac Turk July 29 – Aug 2. Jess 1-639-844-7779 & Issac 306-932-7746
- o. The Board would like to provide updates to the South Bay community through email to keep residents in the loop on events. If you would like to be added to the emails please forward you name, SouthBay Lot # and email address to ***Info@southbayturtlelake.ca***
- p. **Sask Power Tree Trimming & cutting** - trees have been marked for removal and trimming. They have the right to do this but often they will reach out to the resident to discuss options (trim vs. remove). The power can jump to the tree and is a safety concern. Questions were raised about SaskPower to bury the lines. Response: the resident normally needs to pay for it if it is a request. Follow up action: Board will inquire about SASKPower burying the lines in South Bay

- q. **Gravel & Dust Control coming:** the board has held off until some of the cabin moves have been completed. Some areas are really soft. Possibly reach out to Mitchell Brothers to review possible fixes. If you have any concern areas, please let one of the board members know.
- r. **RM of Mervin** Interaction between Southbay and the RM is improving. Currently there is commitment for 3 Annual Meetings between the RM and the various Organized Hamlet Boards (OH Boards). The RM is also including the OH Boards in a review of it's Community Plan & Zoning Bylaws. Finally, there is a commitment from the RM to review the Percentage Allocation of Tax Revenues between the RM and the OH. Presently South Bay gets 40% and the RM receives 60%.
- s. **Civic Signs** – The Board asked the people present if they were in interest in or in favour of new signs featuring civic addresses and possible owner names. Sunset and Kopp's have similar signage. A discussion regarding the advantages for emergency services was held. Action is to check into the cost of sign showing civic addresses but no owner names.
- t. **Speed Bumps** – It was raised from the floor that traffic on the roads is slower, therefore we should consider having fewer or no speed bumps as they are a hazard to golf carts and bicycles. Discussion: It was noted that the speed bumps definitely keep the traffic slower but very important around the playground. The placement of the speed bumps will be reviewed to be most effective. Presently, speed bumps are only located around the green space in the main area. Options to create a walking/biking path to the side or create a space between the speed bumps. The board will adjust the speed bumps. Rick H.: moved to remove the speed bumps from the roads. He then removed his motion.
- u. **Wayne K.** - attended the RM Fire Fighting Clinic on behalf of South Bay. South Bay does not have a lot of equipment or the experience. It was very informative and showed the importance of training and the variety of equipment located around the lake. He suggested that

more training, review of equipment and to run the present equipment more than once a year. There are liabilities regarding helping fight the fire. Clint suggested that the board get ahold of the Turtleford Fire Department to get some guidance. Jim spoke about the increased cost of fire preparation and fighting (millions of dollars) to the RM and the liabilities regarding what you can do. RM is involved regionally and becoming more involved in the wildfires and prevention where possible. The RM would like to have the ability to contact all cabin owners to notify of wildfires. The RM has to respect Freedom of Information Protection (FOIP) as they do not have permission to use emails. The RM can notify using text notifications. Please consider signing up for RM text notification. Information on the RM website.

- v. **RM of Mervin – Jim Range.** He thanked the Hamlet for increased and better communication and a shared community plan. The **bylaws** are presently being reviewed (to do one every 5-8 years). There is a new bylaw officer and a community officer (Jordan Starr). He is to provide education to anyone breaking bylaws. **Golf carts:** must hold a valid Class 7 driver's license to drive, liability insurance on your home policy and purchase a license plate from the RM. (go to RM office or online). A **traffic monitoring device** was installed to record traffic, speed, and size of the vehicle on Razor back road. There has been a change where speed limit posts are and the colour is now white (the law) instead of yellow (suggested). Speed in excess of 60 Km/hr where marked can now be ticketed. If you notice that the speed indicator or sign is down, notify the RM office. **Fire** is becoming a bigger issue as lots of money is being spent on it due to lack of experience and training. Access Communications is putting in **fiberoptics** at Turtle Lake in certain areas as a test. Lake population, although not exact, is comparable to Kindersley and Meadow Lake during the summer. Full time is about 1500 people while during the summer the estimated population is in excess of 5000 people (not sure as a count is not done). There has been lots of problems with

cell coverage going down and internet. The plan is to eventually have it throughout Turtle Lake area.

- w. **Watershed – Jim Range.** There is another ongoing attempt to do a water study. It will cost more than \$200,000 and there are grants available that they are trying to get. There is research being done out of Regina in which they will do core samples providing a historical look at what the lake used to look like to now and life. A water sample and fish census will be done on the lake in the near future. It was mentioned that the board (or wier) at the bridge is tilting and partially collapsed. It is a guide for the average water flow out of the lake. The wier was put in by the Department of Natural Environment many years ago. Efforts are ongoing to have the wier replaced.
  - x. **SK Lottery Grant:** the deadline has missed regarding the Saskatchewan Lottery Grant application. The SB Board is willing to pay someone to apply for the grant. See Clint Smith if you are interested. Jim suggested that we take it to the RM as they apply for many grants and know the process.
  - y. **Cardboard Recycle Bin** – It was asked a cardboard recycle bin could be located at South Bay. (through WYRA). There is a recycle station at Livelong but this may be a benefit. The board now has the garbage bins emptied now 2 times a week in May vs once a week last year. This seems to have corrected over filling. Board will follow up on possibility of Cardboard bin.
7. **Elections** – Bob Taylor's term is up. He has agreed to let his name stand.
- a. **Nominations:** Jason Volk nominated Bob Taylor. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Anderson.
  - b. Call 3 times: no other nominations from the floor. Reg Beardsworth asked that nominations cease.
  - c. Bob is appointed through acclimation.
8. **Next Meeting Date:** Sunday May 18, 2025 @ 10am.
9. **Motion to adjourn:** 11:30am Reg Beardsworth