



REGULAR MEETING
Wells Gray Country Services Committee
Wednesday, July 15th, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee held on the Community Bus leaving from the Community Resource Centre, Clearwater, BC, on Wednesday, July 15th, 2009, commencing at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Mr. Tim Pennell, Chairperson, TNRD Director Area "A"
Ms. Cathy Tucker, Vice-Chairperson, TNRD Alternate Director Area "A"
Ms. Hazel Wadlegger
Mr. Joe Short
Mr. Murray Stockton
Ms. Mitch Miller
Mr. Bob Rexin
Ms. Sherri Madden – Services Coordinator
Ms. Judy Panko – Recording Secretary

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Jack Schaffer – bus driver

ABSENT:

None.

ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pennell at 5:05 PM.

1. MINUTES - Minutes of June 17th, 2009

**Moved by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by C. Tucker**

That the Minutes from June 17th, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

There was one addition to the agenda under Unfinished Business as
4.a. \$6,100.00 from Vavenby – Results

There were two additions to the agenda under New Business:

- 7.c. 4th Annual Star Gazer Festival**
- 7.d. Parks Review**

**Moved by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by C. Tucker**

That the Agenda for July 15th be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

Director Pennell introduced Mr. Jack Schaffer – our bus driver for our road trip/tour of the parks.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) \$6,100.00 from Vavenby - Results

- The mail in vote resulted in a majority decision to bank the money for 5 years. Another payment will be received from the District of Clearwater in August and will be held by the TNRD.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

6. REPORTS

a) Vavenby Community Water System Report

b) Coordinator's Report

- The Vavenby Community Hall rear porch and the bleachers have been advertised as separate bid packages with a closing date of July 22, 2009. Contractors can choose to bid one, or both, of the works to be undertaken.
- Inspection of the community hall suppression system was completed today.
- The Blackpool Fire Hall exterior repairs and maintenance have been completed with an approximate cost of \$29,000.
- The rebroadcast repairs contractor was in the area recently and performed work on a few of the rebroadcast sites to ensure that service will see fewer interruptions.
- The Birch Island Community Park irrigation timer has gone awry and a service will be done soon to rectify the issue.

c) Member's Reports

J. Short:

- Working on establishing the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program in the Vavenby area.

H. Wadlegger:

- Has been to several Tourism Wells Gray (TWG) meetings.
 - TWG is working on branding logo – interesting process.
 - Publicist working on first draft and tag lines.

B. Rexin (Appendix 1)

M. Stockton

- Nothing to report

C. Tucker

- Nothing to report

M. Miller

- Nothing to report

d) Director's Report (Appendix 2)

- Director Pennell is meeting Thursday with a representative from the Pioneer Log Home Group to discuss the potential of establishing a pellet plant in the area.
- Meeting with a candidate tomorrow who may be able to oversee the proposed Youth Activity Trust.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) skaan.net Request for Letter of Support (Appendix 3)

- Looking for letter of support for \$20,000.00 Telus grant.
- \$50,000.00 grant would have been for equipment only.

Moved by H. Wadlegger

Seconded by C. Tucker

That Chairperson Pennell writes a letter, on behalf of the WGCSC, of support for this grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Farmer's Market Request for Grant-in-Aid (Appendix 4)

- Chairperson Pennell to use funds to send one person to conference this fall at Sun Peaks.
- Letter from Suzanne Gravelle asking for \$500.00.

**Moved by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by C. Tucker**

That the WGCSC donate \$250.00 to the 2009 2nd Annual Clearwater Farmer's Market Strawberry Festival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) 4th Annual Star Gazer Festival (Appendix 5)
- TWG might take over this festival in the future.
 - Event taking place on Tuesday, August 11th at the Clearwater Stockcar track.

**Moved by J. Short
Seconded by M. Miller**

That the WGCSC donate \$250.00 to the 2009 Star Gazer Festival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d) Parks 2010 Budget Planning and Field Review (Appendix 6)

- Parks tour included:
 - Ferry Road
 - Proposed Blackpool Park site
 - Birch Island Park
 - Vavenby Riverside Park
 - Vavenby Community Park

S. Madden to investigate irrigation at Vavenby Riverside Park.

**Moved by C. Tucker
Seconded by M. Miller**

That the WGCSC Service Coordinator investigate the feasibility or need to repair/replace the standpipe by the rink at the Vavenby Community Park prior to the installation of an insulated shed.

CARRIED WITH ONE OPPOSED

8. QUESTION PERIOD

What is the status of the Upper Clearwater Hall?

- It is under the jurisdiction of the TNRD.
- There is a local hall committee.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17th, 5:30 PM, at the Resource Centre (dinner will be provided).

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, 7:00 PM at the Resource Centre.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Miller

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Certified Correct:

Minutes Reviewed by:

Chairperson

Services Coordinator

Bob Rexin

Vavenby Member Report July 15, 2009

- We experienced a water shortage in June due to a blown fuse that was so old nobody makes them anymore luckily the electrician could replace the fuse and holder, at his suggestion and TNRD permission I hired a young apprentice to draw out a schematic of the wiring of the pump house.
- At the last meeting of the fire dept. committee it was decided that new roofing for the fire hall would be top priority we also will look into a mast for the radio antenna.
- Kevan Sheffield is hoping to get a building up for the rink in the next few months.



WGCSC Member Report

Wells Gray Country-Electoral Area 'A'

TNRD

Date: July 15, 2009

Meetings and activities for the past month include but are not limited to:

June 18	Wells Gray Country Community Forest
June 19	Pioneer Group, Williams Lake
June 23	Mayor Harwood re Economic Development items
June 24	Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Implementation Committee
June 24	TWG, Info Wells Gray, CoC, DOC &WGCSC
June 25	Thompson Regional Hospital District
June 25	TNRD Board
June 25	Blackpool Firehall Committee (Unable to attend)
June 26	UBCM Rural Directors Forum
June 30	Wells Gray SAR Grant Presentation
July 6	Vavenby Firehall Committee
July 7	Forest Minister Pat Bell, MLA Terry Lake, DOC
July 8	Mayor Harwood and Chamber of Commerce
July 13	Joint Services Advisory Committee
July 13	SKAAN.NET
July 13	Blackpool Community Hall
July 15	WGCSC

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

July 16	TNRD Board
July 17	Pioneer Group, Williams Lake
July 23	Blackpool Firehall Committee
July 25-Aug 7	Vacation
Aug 10	Joint Services Advisory Committee
Aug 10	Vavenby Firehall Committee
Aug 12	TNRD Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Merritt
Aug 13	TNRD Board in Merritt

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From: Kim Annis [kim.annis@gmail.com]
Sent: July 15, 2009 4:12 PM
To: Sherri Madden
Cc: Tim Pennell
Subject: skaan.net letter of support

Skaan.net is requesting letters of support from different community leaders and representatives so that we may supply high speed (900 Mhz) wireless Internet to Vavenby (600-1500kb/s) and later to expand to Birch Island. We plan to supply this through an initiative between Telus and Network BC found here:

<http://about.telus.com/digitaldivide/>

It is our hope that through government grants and local support that we can supply high speed Internet for \$45-\$55 a month, and a one time setup fee of approximately \$50-\$150, no equipment purchase necessary by the users. We have the means an ability to do a complete "Ramp up" within 1 year of start up.

Our current status, is that we have submitted a business plan to this organization, and they require support letters showing that we have community interest and backing. Tim Pennell is currently helping organize extra grant money to bring initial capital/set up costs down, and with the support of Telus' initiative, the possibility of supplying a stable and high speed solution to Vavenby in the next few months is very plausible. To complete the obligations to the application for this we need 3-5 letters of support showing that Vavenby (and the surrounding area) does want this to go through, and that they will allow skaan.net<<http://skaan.net>> to take the role to become such a provider.

Thank you for your time,

Kim Annis
Part owner of Skaan.net

From: Guy and Suzanne [mailto:guysuz@mercuryspeed.com]
Sent: July 10, 2009 6:45 AM
To: Sherri Madden
Subject: Strawberry Festival

Hi there Sherry

I hope that the TNRD will be able to assist us in our efforts to keep this Strawberry Festival going. If possible can you put my letter on the table for the next meeting. Leslie Groulx suggested that I send you a letter with this request as the market certainly does take in vendors and customers from the area from Avola to Barriere. We are very proud of our market and would like this festival to promote the growing of strawberries in the area and a general interest in gardening, local production and sales. Please let me know if there is anything else that might be necessary. The attachment is our budget for the Festival.
Suzanne

Dear TNRD

It is with great pleasure that we announce our Second Annual Clearwater Farmers Market Strawberry Festival to be held on Saturday July 18, 2009. Instead of being part of the BC 150 Celebrations of last year, we are partnering with the Living Well/Chronic Disease Prevention Program to put on the Festival and the Strawberry 5km Fun Run. Again this year we will be assisted by CFES, the Elks, The Kettle Restaurant, IWE, Rooted by the River and loyal volunteers. The berries for the Strawberry Eating Contest and all the prizes and supplies will be purchased locally. The baking contest will this year put out a challenge to local chefs to showcase their talents and promote their local restaurants. The Event tent will again feature a display of the history of Strawberries in the Valley. The schedule of events will be available in the paper, through the Living Well team and at the market. To further our cause and to allay some of the costs that were covered by BC 150 last year (when we won in our category and now have our shiny new white Event Tent!) we are asking if the Regional District has a way to grant us funds in the sum of \$500. We are hoping to make this a sustainable event as its importance to the early summer economics of our area brings more vendors from the area we already serve, from Vavenby to Barriere, and vendor fees to assuage costs in the future. Contact our Market Manager Brenda Barber at 250-674-3259 for more information.

Hoping to see you all there, I remain,

Yours truly,
Suzanne Gravelle

2009 Proposed Star Gazing Festival Budget

<u>Revenue:</u>	Forecast	Actual	Comments
2008 Surplus	\$386.20		carried over
Grant from WGCSC	\$250.00		request to July 15th meeting
Grant from DOC	\$250.00		request to July 14th meeting
T-Shirt Sales	\$0.00		
Donations at the gate	\$0.00		
Total Revenue:	\$886.20	\$0.00	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	Forecast	Actual	
Posters	\$130.00		
Banner	\$75.00		update dates
Banner Installation	\$150.00		will request BC Hydro
Balloons/posters	\$50.00		purchase ballons and string, tarp
Copying for colouring	\$20.00		colouring distributed to SM#5
Children's prizes	\$100.00		and Pharmasave
Bathroom supplies	\$30.00		purchase
Advertising	\$75.00		purchase
porta potty rental	\$100.00		local papers and such
Honorarium - Presenter gas	\$75.00		if stock car doesn't fix
Honorarium - Scouts/Parking	\$75.00		
Total Expenditures:	\$880.00	\$0.00	
Profit		\$0.00	

Parks 2010 Budget Planning & Field Review

Ferry Road

- Establish a streetlight at the end of Ferry Road, nearest to the park. Pole number is 2163854 (preferred) or 2314058 (secondary). There is a private residence (Hemmerling) adjacent to this park and providing extra lighting will provide better security to our site and anyone drawn to this park after dark, as well as for the adjacent resident. Resident has requested this streetlight thru John Wilcox originally.
- The onsite trail seems to be unmaintained. How far does it go and is it TNRD responsibility?
- What is the total hectares of this site?
- Need to establish a recycle barrel.
- Previously there were discussions on extending the existing dock. WGCSC discussion centered around utilizing the existing dock and not extending it because it would entice children to venture further out into the current and faster water.

Birch Island Community Park

- The old building adjacent to the roadway and fence is a School District 73 liability. Discussions have occurred between SD73 and the TNRD about TNRD facilitating the disposal of this building thru burning, with the involvement of the Clearwater and Vavenby Fire Departments.
- Need to establish a recycle barrel.
- M. Miller will provide specifications for the shed to be built adjacent to the hydro supply for assessment as to whether it fits into the budget this year or not.
- Need to replace the two top caps on the playground.
- Establish supply of dog poop bags.

Birch Island Cemetery

- Grant in aid provided to the BI Cemetery Committee by TNRD annually.
- Records are held by Linda Moss, M. Miller oversees the maintenance.

Vavenby Riverside Park

- Issues with dogs coming into the park from adjacent properties. Find out who established the fence between the properties and then block them off accordingly (Carl and Tony Schuhardt)
- The well needs to be filled in (Director Pennell indicated that he may be able to have a volunteer with backhoe, fill and dump truck undertake this work).
- Need to establish a recycle barrel.
- Establish supply of dog poop bags.
- Need a garbage can.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " feed to irrigation from swing set towards basketball court to bottom of slope to establish a green area of grass.

Vavenby Community Park/Hall

- Need to establish a recycle barrel.
- Establish supply of dog poop bags.
- Continue to investigate options of establishing irrigation on the ball field surface.
- Cement walkway near main entrance needs to be fixed as it has broken and become uneven.
- Roof over entryway is sloped so that the snow sheds over the walkway, need to look at redesigning this if the building is ever given a facelift.
- Replace the broken lightpost and light.
- Get the tennis net reestablished (store in the basement for the winter).
- Request Kal Tire come and remove the Homecoming Tire.
- Xeric garden?
- Dig up arena standpipe and repair so it won't freeze again.
 - MOTION within the minutes
- B. Rixin to discuss standpipe issue with R. Schuhardt on requirements to dig up the standpipe and repair the issues so it won't freeze again.