

REGULAR MEETING
Wells Gray Country Services Committee
Wednesday, August 20th, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee held at the Community Resource Centre, Clearwater, BC, on Wednesday, August 20th, 2008, commencing at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

TNRD Director Bert Walker, Chair
Mr. Rick Dee
Mr. John Wilcox
Mr. Ted Richardson
Mr. Bob Rexin
Ms. Cheryl Thomas
Mr. Ray Jackson
Ms. Sherry Madden – Services Coordinator
Ms. Judy Panko – Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Ms. Hazel Wadlegger

GUESTS:

None present.

PRESS:

None present.

ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Walker at 7:10PM.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of June 18, 2008

**Moved by B. Rexin
Seconded by T. Richardson**

“That the Minutes from June 18, 2008, be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

It was noted that there were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

Moved by J. Wilcox

Seconded by R. Jackson

That the Agenda for August 20, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Vavenby Kiosk

See Appendix 1, Services Coordinator Report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

6. REPORTS

a) Coordinator's Report

See Appendix 1, Services Coordinator Report, for further detail.

TV Sites:

- S. Madden to check whether or not we are paying for a licence that we may not need (Mt. Lolo to Blackpool).
- There is a current agreement – may augment this with another company, but the company must prove 2 million liability first.
- S. Madden to find out if all TV channels will be going digital in the future.
- The CBC replied to our letter stating that other towns have no service, so we will not be receiving increased service.

**Moved by C. Thomas
Seconded by T. Richardson**

“That R. Jackson writes out a list of where CBC Radio frequencies are available/locations in the Clearwater and surrounding areas and give to S. Madden for an article for the North Thompson Times.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parks:

- Regarding the raw sewage – Eleanor Deckert brought in a complete package with photos. S. Madden forwarded to the TNRD in Kamloops. Interior Health needs to deal with this. This is a health hazard with the park nearby.

Please note that R. Jackson left the meeting at 7:27PM and returned at 7:38PM.

Star Festival:

Mosquitoes:

Information Session:

- There will be an open house and information session tomorrow night regarding recycling, from 3:00 – 7:00PM.
- From 7:00 – 9:00PM there will be a public meeting for questions regarding Birch recycling, closure of transfer stations and the proposed EcoDepot.

b) Member Reports

R. Jackson:

Attended the unveiling of the monument in Barriere on July 26th, 2008 as a representative of the North Thompson Communities Foundation. The TNRD Chair was there – Mr. Peter Milobar.

B. Rexin:

Becoming Shiloh Festival was a great success. Great music. A number of out of town guests were present. There are bands lined up to attend next year. Broke even regarding the overall costs. The event was well catered. Thanks to all who attended. Lots of volunteer hours were put into this event. Thanks to the WGCSC for all their help. This will definitely become an annual event. Will keep the event at Shirley DeVought's property as long as the festival does not grow too large.

J. Wilcox:

Attended the Blackpool Fire Hall annual BBQ. Wally Treseng passed away (previous captain).

Construction of the covered walkway area will begin shortly. Just working out some of the finer details.

Blackpool is growing – people are building and subdividing.

Jack Braaksma will be leaving the area – he is a Clearwater Council representative and he is also an Area “A” and “B” TNRD APC Director.

B. Walker:

The Star Lake Women’s Institute (SLWI) owns the Blackpool Hall. They may possibly meet with the TNRD and explore the option of creating a taxation area/base to support the Blackpool Hall. A counter petition process could raise up to \$10,000.00. The hall is already a designated heritage site. The SLWI would be eligible for funding from the North Thompson Communities Foundation.

Blackpool Fire Hall also sits on the same property. The property surrounding the hall might make a nice park area. WGCSC may want to explore options for developing another park in Blackpool, and forward their suggestion on to the TNRD.

C. Thomas:

Attended the following:

- National Aboriginal Day
- Annual Garden Tour
- Arts Alive
- Strawberry Festival
- North Thompson Homecoming
- Unveiling of monument in Barriere
- CFES Family Festival and BC150 Celebration

CFES event was excellent with many vendors and displays, good attendance. The group will possibly be switching this event from August to the May Day weekend in order to work with the Rotary Club – reinvent May Day and make it a larger event like it used to be.

Working with T. Richardson on the watershed atlas with the Fraser Basin Council. Met with Shirley Culver (Community Futures) regarding agricultural plans, which are at a standstill right now.

On August 26th, 2008, there will be a Buck Hill meeting/tour/lunch with MLA Kevin Krueger. Anyone wishing to attend please let C. Thomas know as she needs numbers for the lunch that will be served.

T. Richardson:

CFES event had very few volunteers that had to work very hard. On September 16th, 1:00PM, at the CRC, there will be a meeting regarding volunteer burnout and more coordination with volunteering. Cindy Wilgosh of CFES will chair the meeting. Possibly set up a volunteer bank. Build up more partnerships. Put on the website and maybe offer volunteers free passes to events at which they participate.

Community Forests – signed new agreement with Woodco and hired a new local contractor.

T. Richardson will be resigning from the TNRD APC as a member for Area “B”. B. Walker to check and see if Ted can remain as a member for Area “A” instead.

R. Dee:

Pleased with the way the park is progressing. Looking to finish the clean up where the school used to be and get grass established this fall.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) www.wellsgraycountry.ca Website

There was a long discussion regarding the use of the Wells Gray Country website and who should use it. Mike McPhee will have to take conceptual idea to the board. The WGCSC can change its website but have it linked to the original one through TWG.

**Motion by T. Richardson
Seconded by R. Dee**

“That the WGCSC approves the transfer of the Wells Gray Country website to Tourism Wells Gray if they so desire.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Wells Gray Country Logo for TWG

Discussion occurred regarding the use of the Wells Gray Country logo and who should use it. The use of the logo promotes this area and the Wells Gray Country logo is already known worldwide.

**Motion by B. Rixin
Seconded by R. Jackson**

“That Tourism Wells Gray is allowed to use the Wells Gray Country logo for business cards and other uses within TWG, however, the WGCSC will retain control of the logo.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) BC Hydro Trees

Some trees will be planted in Area “B” at Eleanor Lake in Blue River.

d) Park Site Planning

S. Madden is arbitrarily choosing where trees should be planted. There was a discussion regarding future planning processes – physical site planning and strategic planning for parks. S. Madden to bring forward a proposal for site planning when opportunities arise.

Please note that R. Jackson left the meeting at 9:25PM.

e) Audio and Tent Usage Guidelines

See attached Appendix 2.

**Motion by B. Rixin
Seconded by J. Wilcox**

“That the WGCSC adopt Guidelines Bulletin 00.08 and Guidelines Bulletin 00.09 as presented.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f) Request for Tents: Food Coalition

C. Thomas and T. Richardson will be responsible for the tents. They will pick up the tents on August 27th, 2008.

C. Thomas and T. Richardson would also like to borrow the tents for the Harvest Festival at the Barriere Community Garden on September 14th, 2008.

g) North Thompson Sustainable Watershed Atlas

This is moving ahead with the Fraser Basin Council.

h) Clearwater River Trail

There was a discussion regarding the Clearwater River Trail and who is responsible for its maintenance.

**Motion by T. Richardson
Seconded by R. Dee**

“That S. Madden write a letter to Tourism Wells Gray stating that the Clearwater River Trail is an important asset and that TWG consider placing the maintenance of the trail into its planning efforts.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i) Buck Hill

See attached Appendix 3.

DRAFT Vision Statement for the Friends of Buck Hill to take to the Provincial Government. The District of Clearwater and Tourism Wells Gray support this vision. This Friday the draft will go to MLA Krueger. This draft will be the basis for discussion at the August 26th meeting with MLA Krueger regarding Buck Hill.

j) Budget Planning Process

Budget planning meeting will be held on August 27th, 2008, at the Community Resource Centre. Please bring ideas or email S. Madden ahead of time. Dinner will be provided

k) www.clearwatertimes.com Advertising Opportunity

Not interested at this time.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th, 2008, at 7:00PM and will be held at the Community Resource Centre.

The budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th, 2008, at 5:00PM and will be held at the Community Resource Centre. Dinner will be provided.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Wilcox

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:45PM.”

Certified Correct:

Minutes Reviewed by:

Chairperson

Services Coordinator

SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

Marketing:

- Meet to discuss deliverables with TWG, DOC and TNRD reps on 22nd of July.
- Will be coordinating with Leslie of DOC to work on marketing for Economic Development shortly, Leslie is doing some groundwork at this time.

TV Sites:

- Some complaints of lost service. James Belton and Maurice have been keeping up as best they can.

Parks:

- Complaint of tree removal debris piled at Vavenby Community Park. 6' x 14' pile created by adjacent landowner. Opens us to liability. Bob will ask landowner/manager to deal with issue when they return from holidays. If that doesn't resolve it, I will go for a site visit.

Finances:

- \$1250 coded incorrectly on A/R last year, transferred out of our account this year when Harvest Studios invoiced. Sheila will consult with Sukh when he returns next week to see if there is a way for us to recoup this money into our budget.
- In process of reviewing where we are in our spending vs what was budgeted.
- Aug 27th budget meeting, please come with ideas. If you can send them to me ahead of time, this will allow me to come to the table with some information on costs.

Star Festival

- Approx 100 people attended the event.
- Budget at this point shows profit of \$371.20 with t-shirt sales continuing to increase this profit.
- Asking Sukh to hold this money in surplus for start up fund for next year's event.
- Not sure who is hosting next year, I don't mind continuing with it but may change depending on DOC and TWG direction.

Mosquitoes

- permanent sites, Clw, Blackpool, E Blackpool
- E Blackpool is same as normal, same species
- Blackpool is same where trap is, but area by Pumptown is definitely worse but they don't have a trap there
- Clearwater is very much near normal
- Water wasn't as high this year, when they treated with helicopter, but it stayed higher longer and they had seepage that wasn't in usual areas, so unless reported, may have been missed. They will treat if larvae present and reported.
- 2500Kg in Area A this year, 3200Kg last year.

Use of Audio System by Community Members

General

The following Guideline describes conditions required to allow the audio system to be used by members of the community.

Guidelines

The Wells Gray Country Services Committee will allow the audio system to be utilized by Wells Gray Country public under the following conditions:

1. The user group must be a recognized Not-For-Profit organization.
2. Transportation and oversight of usage must be done by a member of the Services Committee who has been trained in the correct set up and operation of the audio system.
3. Adequate protective cover (to ensure the system is not damaged by inclement weather conditions) and fused/surge-protected power must be provided for the audio system.
4. Damages which occur as a result of improper usage at an event must be paid for by the requesting group.

Procedures

1. Application must be made in writing a minimum of one month prior to the event where the audio system is required.
2. If the use of the audio system is in conflict with another proposed user group, the Services Committee will have priority.
3. If a trained member of the Service Committee is unavailable to attend the event, the audio system will be considered unavailable.
4. Ensure all users are fully aware of the approximate value of the audio system (\$6200.00).
5. The necessary approval for use will come from either the Area Director, Services Coordinator or discussion with a quorum of Services Committee members.
6. The requesting party must sign a liability waiver, which includes providing a credit card number.

WELLS GRAY COUNTRY AUDIO SYSTEM LIABILITY FORM

The Services Committee agrees to loan the Wells Gray Country Audio system consisting of;

TO: NAME: _____
COMPANY: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, PROV, PC: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

From _____ to _____.

The audio system has a substantial value and therefore it is necessary to take an imprint of either your Visa or Mastercard in the event the audio system is damaged while at your event. You are responsible for any such damage or loss that results from an unstable power source or inadequate cover (from inclement weather) being provided, as well as any damage resulting from individuals organizing or attending your event. You will be charged for any cost associated with repairing the audio system or the necessary replacement. It is recommended that liability insurance be purchased; a special events rider can be purchased for the use of the audio system through a commercial insurance agency.

It is therefore understood that by signing below you agree to the terms listed above and that the audio system is in good repair upon receipt.

MasterCard / Visa: _____ Expiry: _____

SIGNED by Borrower _____ DATE _____

Witnessed: _____

The audio system has been returned to the Wells Gray Country Services Committee in good repair.

SIGNED by WGC Rep _____ DATE _____

Witnessed: _____

Use of Tent(s) by Community Members

General

The following Guideline describes conditions required to allow the Tents to be used by members of the community.

Guidelines

The Wells Gray Country Services Committee (WGCSC) will allow the Tent to be utilized by Wells Gray Country public under the following conditions:

1. The user group must be a recognized Not-For-Profit organization.
2. Oversight of set up and break down must be done by a member of the Services Committee who has been trained in the correct set up and breakdown of the Tent.
3. Damages which occur as a result of improper usage at an event, or during transport by anyone other than a WGCSC member, must be paid for by the requesting group.

Procedures

1. Application must be made in writing a minimum of one month prior to the event where the Tent is required.
2. If the use of the Tent is in conflict with another proposed user group, the Services Committee will have priority.
3. If a trained member of the Services Committee is unavailable to attend the event for set up and breakdown, the Tent will be considered unavailable.
4. Ensure all users are fully aware of the approximate value of the Tent(s) (\$550.00/tent).
5. The necessary approval for use will come from either the Area Director, Services Coordinator or discussion with a quorum of Services Committee members.
6. The requesting party must sign a liability waiver, which includes providing a credit card number.

WELLS GRAY COUNTRY TENT LIABILITY FORM

The Services Committee agrees to loan the Wells Gray Country Tent consisting of;

TO: NAME: _____
COMPANY: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, PROV, PC: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

From _____ to _____.

The tent(s) has/have a substantial value therefore, it is necessary to take an imprint of either your Visa or Mastercard in the event the tent(s) is/are damaged while at your event, or during transport by anyone other than a WGCSC member. You are responsible for any such damage or loss that results from individuals organizing or attending your event. You will be charged for any cost associated with repairing the tent(s) or the necessary replacement(s). It is recommended that liability insurance be purchased, a special events rider can be purchased for the use of the Tent through a commercial insurance agency.

It is therefore understood that by signing below you agree to the terms listed above and that the tent(s) is/are in good repair upon receipt.

MasterCard / Visa: _____ Expiry: _____

SIGNED by Borrower _____ DATE _____

Witnessed: _____

The tent(s) has/have been returned to the Wells Gray Country Services Committee in good repair.

SIGNED by WGC Rep _____ DATE _____

Witnessed: _____