



REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee held at the Community Resource Centre, Clearwater, BC, on Wednesday, September 17th, 2008, commencing at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Bob Rexin

GUESTS:

None present.

PRESS:

None present.

ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Walker at 7:07PM.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of August 20, 2008

Moved by R. Dee
Seconded by C. Thomas

That the Minutes from August 20, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

It was noted that there was one change to the Agenda. There are no items under Delegations/Guests.

**Moved by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by R. Jackson**

That the Agenda for September 17, 2008, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

None present.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Blackpool Park Proposal

Met with the Star Lake Women's Institute (SLWI) Discussions around establishing a community park on their property (where the Blackpool Hall and Blackpool Fire Hall are located). Just a proposal at this time. SLWI member in attendance left the meeting with Director Walker with the intent of taking this information to their SLWI meeting the following day where all their members would be in attendance. Mr. Krauseneck called Sherri the next day to say that the SLWI had unanimous support for this proposal, please proceed with exploring the options. Will probably need to get the property surveyed. Need an official document. Establish taxation to allow a start on this project in 2009 if it receives TNRD support. The SLWI liked the idea – outdoor celebrations/augment the hall. Highlight the hall as a meeting place, bring the community together. Create a place for children in the neighbourhood to play. Services Committee to work on a long term plan.

**Motion by R. Jackson
Seconded by C. Thomas**

That the WGCSC Board asks the TNRD to enter into discussion with the Star Lake Women's Institute to establish a community park on the Blackpool Hall property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) 2009 Budget

Results of the budget meeting. A discussion took place regarding the budget for 2009 and some changes were made. A 23% increase in taxes but taking on a new community park in Blackpool.

**Motion by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by R. Jackson**

That the Services Coordinator submit the budget, as amended, to the TNRD Director of Finance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Reversing the Tide Seminar PG

See handouts on pages 14 – 17.

T. Richardson and S. Madden (on TNRD behalf) are attending this seminar C. Thomas would also like to attend. Discussion occurred around this being the last excursion in the budget year.

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

That the WGCSC send C. Thomas to the Reversing the Tide Seminar in Prince George on October 6-8th, 2008. C. Thomas to report back to the Board upon her return.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Clearwater and District Chamber of Commerce – Invite

This is for the “Of the Year” dinner event on October 17th, 2008. They are looking for an attendee as well as someone who would speak. By donation for dinner. J. Wilcox will confirm attendance by the end of the week to Services Coordinator who will book 2 seats for WGCSC.

b) Clearwater Festival and Events Society – Thank You

CFES thank you for the loan of the tents.

c) Clearwater Festival and Events Society - Invite

Invite to a meeting to discuss the ways different event coordinators can support each other. Ted attended, Services Coordinator was unavailable.

6. REPORTS

a) Coordinator's Report (Appendix 1)

S. Madden presented her report.

b) Member Reports

R. Jackson:

- Attended North Thompson Community Foundation boat cruise and planning session.

J. Wilcox:

- The Blackpool Fire Hall is having a problem with the building permit – final repairs may have to be delayed until next spring.
- No TNRD Advisory Planning Commission meetings lately.
- Going to a TNRD meeting tomorrow in Kamloops for B. Walker.
- J. Wilcox will run for TNRD Area 'A' rep in the fall.

C. Thomas:

- She is on the 2008/09 Board of Directors for the BC Food Network.
- Barriere Garden – had final Harvest Fest.
- Bits and Bites – interconnects people in a digital way. The North Thompson Valley and the North Thompson Food Coalition is involved. Mapping our assets and atlas. Develop food charters for Barriere and Clearwater.
- The Hospital Auxiliary annual Dessert Extravaganza will take place on October 18th, 2008.
- Fall community flea market will take place on September 27th, 2008, in the same location as the Farmers Market. This will be the last day for the pancake breakfast.
- Success by 6 has started up again. Aboriginal celebration on Sunday, November 23rd, 2008 – Louis Riel.

H. Wadlegger:

- Please notice the new Rotary signs on the highway, made by Colt Bond.
- Rotary Casino Night will take place sometime in October – no date set yet.
- Friday, September 19th, 2008, tenor Ken Lavign will perform at CSS in the Pit. There is an article in the newspaper. He is excellent.

T. Richardson:

- Community Forest working with the Outdoor Club and others to improve trails/brush out (especially Candle Creek area). There is a cut block in the same area – hopefully will not interfere with trails. Grant McGill is doing a great job. Met with the Valemount Community Forest Board and had a good exchange of information.
- Meeting on Friday, September 19th, 2008, regarding getting firewood for seniors or those in need. Working on this – there are liability issues. This would benefit the community.
- The District of Clearwater asked if there was any information to take to the convention at UBC. Buck Hill is moving ahead on homework for the application.
- There was a meeting yesterday with Clearwater Festival and Events Society – how to enhance local events/collaborate. TWG might take on this role? There is a concern regarding coordination – there is a need for this.

R. Dee:

- Birch Island is looking great. Doug has the contract/keys for the upgrading on the old foundation site.
- There will be a Dorothy Findley memorial, where the school used to be. Possibly plant some red oak trees in the spring.

B. Walker:

- Going to Penticton for UBCM next week.
- Will be off for 5 weeks, so will be absent for next WGCSC meeting.
- J. Wilcox will be attending TNRD meeting in his stead tomorrow.
- November 15th, 2008, elections in Clearwater. September 30th – October 10th, 2008, time frame for local nominations. Forms can be picked up at the DOC office.
- New Directors will be sworn in in December 2008.
- A discussion took place regarding the Christmas Social and it will be held on Friday, November 21st, 2008, at the Wells Gray Inn (in the old Monroe's). Spouses are included – order from the menu – the committee will pick up the bill. Also invite Sylvia Arduini, Lynne Frizzle and Leslie Groulx.

7. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no more questions at this time.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th, 2008, at 7:00PM and will be held at the Community Resource Centre. B. Walker will be unable to attend this meeting – J. Wilcox to chair.

The November regular meeting will be held on November 19th, 2008.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Richardson

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:50PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

Minutes Reviewed by:

Chairperson

Services Coordinator

SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

Economic Development

- Approval to attend Reversing the Tide conference to gain some knowledge on rural economies. Not sure if funding will come from TNRD staff training account or Area "A" accounts.

TV/Radio:

- Have forwarded question regarding affect of going digital, no answer to date.
- Article in the Times a week or so ago outlining response from CBC and local frequencies to utilize when travelling our area

Parks:

- BI irrigation being winterized.
- Dirt being arranged, high quote, ensuring funds are there before proceeding with the work.
- Trees from BC Hydro are being planted by our contractors.
- Arena still requires repairs for boards.

Finances:

- Budget meetings with Sukh will start after Thanksgiving.

Miscellaneous

- Attended 2 days of Emergency Operations Centre training for Planning and Finance & Admin functions this week.
- Notified Mike McPhee of TWG with regards to logo and website usage.
- Notified Mike McPhee of TWG that Clearwater River Trail is an important asset and requires maintenance, as requested at last meeting.
- Oct 1st meeting with TNRD reps at Vav Community Hall around monies transferred from DOC.
- Vav Community Hall repairs in process.
- BPDFD repairs in process, being help up momentarily by oversite on building permit application, hope to resolve this week.