

**Village of Buena Vista
Minutes of the Rate Payers Meeting
Memorial Hall, Regina Beach, Saskatchewan
July 24, 2010**

The meeting was opened by a statement from Mayor Roni Goulet, introducing the Council and Administration. The Council prepared a Power Point Presentation which included an agenda as follows:

- Sewage Disposal
- Current Water Problems
- Edgewood Developments
- Cost of Major Projects
- Dust Proofing
- New Development
- Present Debt
- Annual Financial
- Statement
- 2010 Budget
- IMUC
- Taxes
- Boat Launch Committee
- Amalgamation
- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Water Report
- Human Resources (Staffing)
- Village Meetings
- Questions and Answers

Sewage Disposal

- Buena Vista is committed to working with Regina Beach to establish a joint lagoon
- Buena Vista was successful in its application to transfer the \$500,000.00 MRIF grant to the joint lagoon project with the assurance that Buena Vista becomes a part owner of the lagoon system.
- Various proposals will be considered including the addition of as third cell.
- The completed project will be jointly owned and operated as a utility corporation or board.
- The contract has been signed and Buena Vista and Regina Beach have sent out Request for Proposals to various engineering firms for expansion ideas that are scalable, environmentally friendly within the overall budget and within the MRIF guidelines.
- Land is readily available and may need to be purchased.
- Project construction start date spring 2011 completion March 2012.

Current Water Problems

- Legislation
Provincial arsenic standards have been at 0.025 p/m.
- Federal standards are 0.010 p/m.
- Provincial Legislation is in process to adopt the Federal Standards.
- These standards are being adopted by the Province
- We consistently are at 0.016 p/m.

Edgewood Development

Septic Tank

The developer has been experiencing some problems with the system and they are being corrected at the developer's expense.

Service Agreement

We are re-negotiating certain segments of the agreement

2nd Street

Council reviewed the cist and decided against the opening of this street to the Edgewood Development. Rough estimate \$250,000

Drainage

Drainage issues are continuously being addressed by council

Phase II

Proceeding with Phase II is dependent on proceeding with expanding the sewage capacity.

Cost of Major Projects

Sewage

Along with the \$500,000 grant we have to match this and have committed an amount of \$350,000 along with the Regina Beach contribution.

Water Treatment

In October testing will proceed to establish the exact requirements for the reduction in the arsenic levels. Rough cost estimate \$800,000

Roads

Council has obtained an estimate to pave Grand Avenue from east to west at a cost of \$1,350,000

Dust Proofing

We have always used a product derived from tree sap.

We are experimenting with a canola product which is approximately 2.5 times more expensive. However there are supposed to be savings over time. The first two blocks on Highwood on the west end are treated with canola.

New Development

- We are in receipt of an application for a 24 acreage development. The acreages ranging around 4 to 5 acres each.
- In Addition to this there is an application for 10 large commercial lots.

Present Debt

- 2008 – 2018 Debenture – 6th Street Storm Sewer
- Amount of Debenture \$622,361.00
- 2008 to 2012 interest \$ 0.00
- 2013 payment on principal \$361,934.00
- 2014 – 2018 principal & interest
- Annual payments \$294,364.75
- Total \$656,298.75
- **Average annual payment \$ 65,630.00**

Annual Financial Statement

- The financial statement is not available at this time as the accounting firm for the Village has not completed them.
- The statement is expected to be available in August 2010.

2010 Budget for Joint Use under the IMUC Agreement

- Landfill \$160,000.00
- Lagoon operating and expansion \$115,000.00
- Fire Department \$ 30,000.00
- Library \$ 4,600.00
- Recreational Director \$ 10,000.00
- **Total \$319,600.00**

IMUC Cost Sharing Formula

1 Cottage = 1 Unit
1 Year Round Resident = 2 Units

Total Admin & Operating Costs
Total # of Units
=
Cost Per Unit

Cost Per Unit x Total # of Units = Amount Each Community Pays

2010 Budget

\$500,556	Last years gross municipal levy
<u>\$292,800</u>	Base Tax rate increased; 600 x 488 properties
\$793,356	Sub-total
- \$119,003	15% discount early pay
<u>- \$ 18,247</u>	Adjustments based on 2.3% on previous budgets
\$656,105	Sub-total
+ \$330,796	Other revenue including water, grants, etc.
<u>\$989,902</u>	Sub-total
<u>+\$ 31,118</u>	Debenture interest refund*
\$1,018,020	Total Revenue

*The Debenture interest paid is an expense line item; therefore, it has to be listed as income when refunded.

\$1,018,020	Account Class Totals (Income)
<u>-\$1,077,790</u>	2010 Expense Totals as per budget
-\$ 59,769	Deficit

Village of Buena Vista TAXES – 2010

Base Tax Rate on Land Including Improvements: \$1,065.00

Current Mill Rate: 6.9%

Prairie Valley School Division Mill Rate: 10.08%

Example:

House Value: \$200,000.00 X 6.9% **Total Revenue From Mill Rate: \$1,380.00**

Plus Prairie Valley Mill Rate + 10.08% **Total Prairie Valley Tax: \$2,016.00**

Plus Base Tax \$1,065.00

Total Taxes Payable to the Village: \$4,461.00

Minus 15% if paid early: \$669.15

Total Tax Collected on property: \$3,791.85

Minus Monies Paid out to Prairie Valley School Division: \$2,016.00

TOTAL VILLAGE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY: \$1,775.85

The Village charges taxes based upon the assessment data provided by SAMA.

Tax Increase

- Council decided to use the base tax to pay for the capital expenditures we are faced with, instead of the mill rate.
- All properties benefit financially from the increase in the Village's capital assets.
- Municipal Affairs recommends this method of taxation for capital expenditures.

Boat Launch Committee Report

- Cam McGillvery supplied a report on the progress so far regarding the boat launch.

Amalgamation

- No meetings have been held to date.
- The provincial government requires every municipality to complete an assessment of the capital property.
- We await the completion of the assessments as this will be a major part of the amalgamation study.

Buena Vista Parks & Recreation

- Donna Hall Chair
- Nancy Koszman Treasurer
- Darlene Bryden Secretary
- Jan Franklin
- Peggy Fry
- Carol Draper
- Brent Shannon
- Hank Heerspink

They are always looking for more members. There is always something to do. They meet on the first Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. at Village Office.

Annual Budget

- Sask Lotteries \$3,500
- Annual Bottle Drive \$2,800
- Chili Challenge \$ 800

Total \$7,100

Projects & Events

- Developing a picnic area at Buena Vista Beach
- Purchased playground equipment for Buena Vista Beach
- August 13th, Annual Picnic at Dobson Park
- Winter Festival early 2011

Buena Vista Parks & Rec. Past and Ongoing Activities

- 1986 Heritage Park, ball diamonds, stands and concession
- Dobson Park
- Buena Vista Beach washroom
- Edie Hastings Rink at Dobson Park
- Conexus change house at the rink
- Provide funding to ball association, arts & crafts etc.
- Gateways into the village and flower beds
- New Year's Eve dance for the last 10 years
- Annual bus trip to Moose Jaw Casino and Spa
- Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation Association (SPRA) would like to congratulate your association as a recipient of the **2010 SPRA Member of the**

Year Award. This award is presented to a member organization that has shown outstanding cooperation, thereby improving recreation/leisure opportunities in the community.

Water Report

A copy of the Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Report was provided to those in attendance. Copy will be mailed out to all residents.

Human Resources

Public Works Employees

- 2 full time, 1 part time, and 1 summer student
- Greg Stinson – Foreman, Neil Marvin, Frank Mayer, Jordan Butler

Administration

- Cindy Baumgartner was hired as our new Village Administrator as April 2010
- Daryl Boivin was hired as our part time Assistant Administrator as of January 2010.
- Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed 12:00 – 1:00 for lunch)

Village Meetings

- Council meetings are open to the public
- Held the second and fourth Thursday of every month
- Held at the Village Office at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Annual Rate Payers meeting will be held in July of 2011

There was an answer and questions period held through out the meeting to answer any questions regarding the information that was provided.