

**MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF BUENA VISTA
RATE PAYER'S MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011**

MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS:

I am Roni Goulet and I want to thank you for taking the time to attend the 2011 Buena Vista Rate Payers Meeting.

Seated next to me are your councillors, Hank Heerspink, Steve Hasiak, Parker Neuls, and Glen Knight. Each of these councillors will be addressing a specific topic and in some instances more than one. This is YOUR meeting. The emphasis will be on what you want and need to know as tax payers.

The majority of this meeting will be open to questions. If you would raise your hand I will recognize each of you in turn. Please stand; state your name and the name of the councillor to whom your question is addressed. The administrator will make every effort to record your questions and the answers.

If you do not understand the answer you are given please ask for clarification. Chances are that if you didn't understand there are others who are in the same position.

You should all have received a copy of the agenda as well as the Statement of Financial Affairs for the 2010 year as well as from January to May of 2011.

So without further ado I would like to call this meeting to order.

If you would take a moment to review the agenda I will allow for an opportunity for additions:

Any additions?

- **Non-confidence**

Reg Morris, resident of Buena Vista asked if we address the non-confidence vote and rescind the vote at the Rate Payer's Meeting. Mr. Hart, resident of

Regina Beach state that he also would like to have the vote rescinded and was there for support of the Mayor.

Ina Thomas, resident of Buena Vista made a motion to resolve the issue of the non-confidence report at the next regular meeting.

Jan Blais made a motion to rescind the previous motion made by Ina Thomas and rescind the non-confidence vote today at the Rate Payer's Meeting.

Reg Morris seconded the motion.

Tom Cumbers, resident of Buena Vista, stated that he didn't think that anything would be resolved today at the Rate Payer's meeting if they don't get along.

Reg Morris stated that certain duties as a mayor and council should be able to do their duties.

Clr Steve Hasiak discussed what the non-confidence was about and what the reasons were for doing the vote. One example was a requesting a work order to build a bridge on Adair.

Mayor Goulet stated that she did not ask for the work order to be done for the bridge on Adair.

Mayor Roni Goulet commented that the motion of non-confidence was "because I am a woman" she also added that at one time she had been told "to sit there like the queen and wave to the people"

Wally, resident of Buena Vista, suggested that the mayor and council sit down with SUMA to discuss the issues between them.

Clr Steve Hasiak responded to the questions that he had asked the mayor and the rest of council if they would get together with Municipal Affairs and discuss what their actual roles were. Clr Hasiak stated that the mayor refused to attend the meeting.

Kelly Erhardt suggested that maybe the meeting should be ran by the Administrator.

Jan Blais rescinded her motion to rescind her motion made previously.
Mr. Dyck seconded that motion.

Ina Thomas tabled her motion to the next regular meeting.

- **Questions to Administrator**

There was a question asked by Mr. Dyck, resident of Buena Vista, why the Administrator thought she had the right to open mail that was addressed to the mayor and if she did not open the mail if she could explain.

The Administrator explained the situation regarding the invitation that had been placed in the mail box that is on the front of the village office. When she found the invitation it was just sitting in the mail box, not in an envelope as stated in an email from the mayor. The Administrator explained that she called the owner of Pappa Geordies to find out exactly how the envelope was presented. She stated that the invitation had been in an envelope addressed to the Mayor, Council and Administrator. I also asked if there had been a letter asking the Mayor to speak at the Grand Opening, she said she had called the Mayor to ask her if she would like to speak at the Grand Opening.

Janet Hart, non-resident of Buena Vista, then asked the Administrator if I had found out who went through the mail box as that is a criminal offence. The Administrator stated that she would have no way of knowing that.

Ina Thomas stated that a public sector employee should not be drilled and asked questions as such at a meeting like they were attending and asked that no more questions be asked of the Administrator.

Dale Tilling, resident of Buena Vista asked if we could just carry on with the Agenda.

- **Boat Launch**

Tony Lovas, resident of Buena Vista asked if the council could explain why they weren't moving on with the launch.

Clr. Hasiak stated the launch that the committee had brought forward was not done this year for the reasons of the lake levels and funding to be used in areas such as road repair lagoon project and drinking water issues.

- **ROADS – CLR. KNIGHT**

Clr Knight explained about the work that is going to be done on Grand Avenue. The village is having ASL remove old pavement, put in a new base and put the reclaimed asphalt back on Grand Avenue. He also stated that they would also be putting some type of sealant on it to keep the dust down. This would give Public Works a chance to do any culvert repairs etc. that needed to be done and to raise more monies to repave.

Don Cumbers asked if we were planning on realigning Grand Avenue and how are we financing this.

Clr. Knight stated that we had put monies aside out of this year's budget to do Phase I and we may have to finance the rest but won't know this until we see what next year's budget is.

Reg Morris stated that they should just put Canola on Grand Avenue.

Clr Knight stated that lets just get something done.

- **BUDGET – CLR. HASIAK**

Clr. Hasiak talked about this year's budget and that thing look good. He also stated that we have not completely finalized our budget but would think that it would be approved by the end of month.

Clr. Hasiak also stated that the 2010 Audit will be completed shortly just completely the TCA Reporting.

Clr. Hasiak also stated that next year is a reval year with assessment and we will have to wait and see what this assessment with to do with tax increase and if possible we will be able to reduce the Base Tax.

Russ Boivin, resident of Buena Vista, asked if all of the amalgamation of lots is losing the village money.

The Administrator explained that the property is then reassessed now on a larger lot. The village would be losing the \$600 base tax on the one property. The Administrator also stated that we may have done a half a dozen amalgamated last year.

- **DISASTER RELIEF – CLR. HEERSPINK**

Clr Heerspink reported on the damage done to the walking path do to the flooding this year. He also stated that we have applied for disaster relief.

- **LAGOON – CLR. HASIAK/CLR. HEERSPINK**

Clr. Heerspink

1. June 28.

- a. Municipal Affairs called for a meeting with Buena Vista Council regarding their concerns with the lack of progress.
- b. The Director of Grants advised Buena Vista that they liked the joint municipal project.
- c. He is prepared to work on an extension to the March 31, 2012 deadline.
- d. He also stated that grant money (\$500,000) is not likely clawed back. So even if the deadline is not extended Buena Vista is prepared to spend the grant and a matching amount by paying for some of the engineering costs and buying the lagoon liner before March 31, 2012.
- e. Buena Vista shall submit a new schedule to the Director of Grants on July 15.

2. June 30.

- a. H. Heerspink and S. Hasiak met with Associated Engineering to discuss the project with the new information from Municipal Affairs.

3. June 30.

- a. Geo-Tech report completed by Clifton indicates a lack of sufficient material to construct the berms the soils found in the test holes show

sloughing sand. Further tests are to be performed immediately and alternate sources for clay type soils are to be sought. If material has to be hauled in to construct the berms it will increase the costs.

4. July 5.

a. IMUC meeting.

- i. Buena Vista is proposing to take the lead, in cooperation with Regina Beach, on the construction of Phase 1.
- ii. The completion of the Phase 1 project will be late 2012.
- iii. As it will run into another tax year, Buena Vista is prepared to fund the whole of Phase 1. The funding of Phase 1 by Buena Vista will constitute buy-in to the Regina Beach owned facility.
- iv. We will also be looking at possible other means of financing, long term loan.
- v. A Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed by Regina Beach and Buena Vista regarding the establishment of joint ownership of the lagoon system.
- vi. A joint ownership agreement needs to be prepared and be based on the Buena Vista contribution and the evaluation of the existing system.

A question was asked if the additional cell is required if we build a mechanical plant? The answer is yes as we need the additional cell for winter discharge.

5. July 7.

a. H. Heerspink, S. Hasiak and C. Abrey met with Associated Engineering and Clifton to discuss the Geo-Tech Report.

- i. Access to be requested to the land in question and test holes to be dug with a backhoe. Clifton to supply technical support.
- ii. Clifton to review findings and report within two weeks.

Associated Engineering to review redesign of berms.

Jan Blais wanted to know why other communities don't have to pay a fee.

- **AMALGAMATION – CLR. HASIAK/CLR. HEERSPINK**

Clr. Hasiak discussed the amalgamation study that was being done between Buena Vista and Regina Beach and read the motions that we had made at our last Regular Council Meeting.

Bill Dinu, resident of Buena Vista, that there was a plebiscite for an amalgamation study and will the residents have a vote before the amalgamation is passed. Clr. Hasiak stated that it would definitely be by a vote of all residents of Buena Vista and not decided by council.

Tom Cumbers stated that we need to do the study so that everyone can make a decision properly. A formal process needs to be done as long as residents get a say.

Jan Blais wanted to know if the Provincial or Federal government going to fund any of this.

Clr. Heerspink stated there are often grants available.

- **WATER – CLR. HASIAK/CLR. HEERSPINK**

Clr. Hasiak explained about the arsenic levels and the chlorine free regulations that the village needs to meet.

- **PUBLIC WORKS – CLR. NEULS**

The village currently employees 2 full time employees Colin Abrey who started in October 2010 and Frank Mayer who has been with us for 3 years, 2 summer students Jordan Butler and Tomolene Pierce that will be working until end of August. Staff hours are from 7am to 4pm and fulltime staff is on call in case of emergencies.

Roads

Public works has been working on widening roads and preparing for Canola treatment. All roads have now had the Canola applied there are 3 small areas that were missed in order to work on repairing the road properly; those areas are 2nd block pleasant, pleasant view between 6th and 7th as well as the bottom of Lakeview crescent.

If anyone is wondering how to get canola off of their vehicles us dish soap and rinse with water.

Beach Areas

We will not be putting any swimming buoys out this year as we feel it is not safe and people should be very cautious if using those areas.

Shoreline

We have arranged for a Loraas bin to be placed along the path we will be moving it to different locations along the shoreline as required some of the locations will be BV boat launch Lakeview crescent and possible Adair. We ask that you please do not over fill these bins or use them for household garbage as they will not be emptied.

We strongly urge people to take responsibility for cleanup of their boat houses and area.

Edgewood

Work has been completed on park area which involved replacing some dead trees and re-seeding grass this was done at the developers cost.

The septic tank should be removed and repaired by the end of July this also at the developers cost.

Water

Water is checked and monitored on a daily basis. We currently have one certified operator and the 2nd will be taking fall courses.

Boat Launch

The road to the boat launch has now been graded however we still recommend not using are for launching boats.

Summer projects

Staff will be working on the following throughout the summer not necessarily in this order.

- 1- Tree trimming along roadways and biking path.
- 2- Working on repairs to bike path.
- 3- Working on roads as mentioned earlier.
- 4- Working on park area by BV beach.
- 5- Working on projects around Dobson Park.

The question was asked “Who is going to remove the boat houses and junk from the shoreline.

Clr. Neuls stated that there has been a Loraas bin placed at 16th Street for any of the debris to put in, the village has since moved the bin to the bottom of Lakeview Crescent.

Laura Mihial asked about recycling bins. It was stated that there are cardboard and paper bins in Regina Beach and Lumsden has a number of bins that people can drop off their recyclables. Clr. Neuls stated that the bins are great if people used them for their purpose.

- **EDGEWOOD TANK – CLR. HASIAK**

David Green stated that Edgewood should have individual septic tanks. Clr. Heerspink stated that the Service Agreement states that they would have sewer lines running to the tank.

Tom Cumbers asked if down spouts are running into the tank. Clr Heerspink stated that they do not.

Greg Beattie as if Phase I & II apply to the service agreement. Clr. Heerspink stated they the agreement is for both phases.

Adjourned meeting at 12:30 p.m.