

**40 MILE PARK MEETING
SMRID OFFICE, BOW ISLAND
MAY 1, 2008**

1. Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Lorne Buis, Blair McNeely, Bruce Vine, Tom Thacker, Vern Beck, LeRon Torrie, Ron Lane, Larry Weatherhead, Len Varjassy, Mike Janzer, Brenda Hallett.

2. Minutes: The minutes from the April 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

One Error in the minutes – we will not be waiting until the end of the season to get surveyors in to survey for the docks, we will be doing so right away.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that the minutes be adopted as corrected.

Seconded: Bruce Vine seconded.

Carried.

3. Financial Report – Mike Janzer

Mike reviewed the financial report. So far we have received \$98,000 in lease fees.

Motion: Bruce Vine moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Blair McNeely seconded.

Carried.

4. Committee Reports

Marketing and Public Relations – Rob May

Rob wasn't present, but he emailed a question to the Committee members that had been asked of him – Could the minutes of the Committee be posted on the website? Other than names of residents or confidential matters being put on the website, no one had any objections.

Motion: Mike Janzer moved that the minutes be brought to the next meeting for approval; after deletions, the minutes can be posted on the website.

Seconded: Len Varjassy seconded the motion.

Carried.

Operations – Len Varjassy

Beach - After spending a few weekends trying to clean up the rocks and clay hauled in with the sand for the beach, there is still a fair amount to be cleaned out of the sand. Len suggested a few options; the first was to take the sand off the beach, either pushing it down into the water or hauling it away, then hauling in new sand. Option number two was to purchase a machine made to clean up beaches. He had a pamphlet showing a small model, which costs \$14,000.00. The third option was to bring Eric Lodders in with a machine that can clean up the sand some more, and then possibly haul in some of the Torrie sand to put on top afterwards.

Len had a sample of the sand from Torrie's at Grassy Lake, which is drift sand, and a sample of the sand on the beach now.

After a long discussion, the consensus was to bring Eric Ladders in to clean up the sand some more, then we can assess whether more sand should be hauled in.

We need more gravel on some of the roads in the park. After Mike Janzer suggested we get plans in place for projects in the park so he can finalize the budget, a date was set for all available members to come out to the park to decide what projects should be done this year. On Thursday, May 8th at 1:30 p.m. everyone who can come, is to meet at the park.

Dandelions - The dandelions are starting to bloom, and we need to get them sprayed now. The County has committed to spraying the noxious weeds in the park, but not the nuisance weeds like dandelions. At the Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday night, Mike Janzer requested a letter from the County, stating that the Committee is required to have a licensed Pesticide Applicator to do any spraying in the Park. Len Varjassy told us he has a quad sprayer we can use. Lorne Buis is a licensed applicator and he told us he would be willing to spray the weeds. Lorne asked if the County and SMRID would be willing to share in the cost of the chemical.

The County told us they could possibly spray the dandelions in the fall, once their sprayer is not as busy.

Water Pump – we are still getting proposals from 2 companies on a pumping system to better serve the park. Part of the problem is that the water line is only 4” and it should be at least 6”. Even if we order a new pump today, it won’t be here for several weeks, so we will have to use the 5 horse pump again this year, but we can start up the 30 horse pump when demand is very high.

Development and Administration – Bruce Vine

Bruce has received a permit application from Gordon Specht in Lot D18. He would like to pour a garage pad and put a temporary shed on it until he gets around to building a garage.

Motion: Bruce Vine moved that we approve the application for development on D18 to put up a temporary shed with conditions.

Seconded: Mike Janzer seconded.

Carried.

The Advisory Committee, which is the joint Committee between the County, the Park and SMRID met on April 29th. The Park Committee gave a report on the activities planned in the park for the year.

The Day Use position on the Committee has not been filled yet, which is leaving the Committee short-handed. Before the next election, a change will have to be made to the Committee Regulations and be approved by the County, to change the Day Use position into another leaseholder position.

SMRID is okay with our new Dock Policy, although they thought we should be charging more. Everyone who had a dock last year can have the same spot this year.

The County is still concerned about the Our Last Resort Club. They would like to be sure that it is put in writing, that any property purchased by the Club for the Park will become the property of the Park. They also do not like that the Club is not accountable to the Park for any of the funds raised. No events should be advertised as being in conjunction with the Park

Motion: Bruce Vine moved that any and all donations made by the Our Last Resort Club to the 40 Mile Park become the property of the Park.

Seconded: Mike Janzer seconded the motion.

Carried.

It was decided at the Advisory Committee meeting that it would be a good idea to have a Tour of the Park with a Barbeque to follow for the SMRID board members and the Forty Mile County Councilors some time this spring. This would give everyone an idea of what the Park Committee is doing in the park and what problems or concerns the Committee is facing. A date for the tour will be set later this month.

40 Mile Park Foundation – Larry Weatherhead

There has been conflicting information coming from the Government, one letter saying the Foundation is re-instated and one saying it is not.

Mike Melham will be chairing the Foundation and he would like to get a board set up soon and get things rolling. He is asking for one County representative and the Town of Bow Island and Village of Foremost representatives to be on the board. The board will meet a few times a year.

5. Report from the County – Tom Thacker

Tom thought a tour of the Park and a BBQ might help to educate some of the new councilors and make them more amenable to helping out the Park.

6. Report from SMRID – LeRon Torrie

LeRon wanted to warn us that there is a possibility that SMRID could be pulling the reservoir down halfway, later on in the year.

7. Other Items for Discussion

Vern Beck had a print out from a grant program called the Building Canada Fund. It is a partnership between the Federal and Provincial Governments and can be used for things like drinking water systems, waste disposal, roads, bridges and other infrastructure items. It might be well worth our while to look into it.

At the Advisory Committee Meeting when Bruce was giving a report on how we were making out with up-dating our by-laws, we were informed that new by-laws had already been adopted by the County. Bruce handed out a copy of the new by-laws to everyone. Tom Thacker said he didn't think the copy received was correct and he said he would check into it.

Mike Janzer had received a letter from Gerry Fode. He has 2 adjoining lots, but only 1 dwelling on one of the lots. He requested that he be treated the same as a couple of other leaseholders with the same situation, and only be charged one water fee.

Motion: Blair McNeely moved that we only charge Gerry Fode for one water fee.

Seconded: Mike Janzer seconded the motion

Carried.

If Gerry ever builds a dwelling on the other lot he will then have to pay 2 water fees.

Lorne Buis has an overhead streetlight he would like to donate to the Park; he will deliver it soon and he thinks he knows a good spot for it.

Len Varjassy said he would like to thank Randy Garrecht at Viterra for donating a mini-bulk bag of fertilizer to the park.

8. Long-Term Planning

Mike Janzer handed out some maps of the park printed up for us by SMRID. He showed us some of the changes he would like to see made in the park. He asked everyone to take a map and draw out their ideas for plans for the park and bring them back to the next meeting for discussion. Mike has talked to an engineer and he has agreed to look over any plans we might come up with, to see if they are feasible.

9. Adjournment – Mike Janzer moved for adjournment at 9:30 p.m.