

**40 MILE PARK MEETING  
TOWN OF BOW ISLAND OFFICE  
OCTOBER 9, 2008**

1. Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7:05

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

**2. Minutes:** The minutes from the September 4, 2008 meeting were presented.

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

**Seconded:** Mike Janzer seconded the motion.

**Carried.**

**3. Financial Report – Mike Janzer**

Mike distributed the Financial Report as of September 20, 2008.

**Motion:** Blair McNeely moved that the Financial Report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded:** Bruce Vine seconded.

**Carried.**

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Marketing & Public Relations – Rob May**

Rob was absent, but he sent a letter with his report and some questions.

His newsletter has been well received and he would like to put out one more, around the end of the year.

Ads have been placed in the Commentator and the Shopper for a Park Manager.

He has heard several complaints about the new storage area; he suggested we look at planting some trees in the area and designating RV and Boat Storage areas separate from Dock Storage.

He also suggested charging a fee in the future for storing RV's and boats over the winter. It was asked if the Park would have any liability if we charged a fee, and Mike Janzer told us that he had looked into it and we would not be liable for any damage that could possibly happen over the winter. Most places that have RV storage, charge \$1 per foot per month rent.

Rob also suggested fencing off an area at the front gate for storing firewood.

**Operations – Len Varjassy**

The water lines were blown out last Tuesday.

We will be installing the tank at Jake's next week.

Spitz donated 20 large evergreen trees to the park; we just had to pay to move them. This cost \$450 per tree for a total of \$9000.

Len has pre-ordered 150 trees for next year. They are a fast growing tree and cost \$7.50 each.

He ordered extras so some of these trees can be planted at the new storage area.

Len would like to buy a utility trailer for hauling stuff in and around the park. GVN Structures has triple axle trailer for sale. He would like to make them an offer for it.

**Motion:** Blair McNeely moved that we offer to buy the trailer from GVN Structures for \$3500.

**Seconded:** Len Varjassy seconded the motion.

**Carried.**

Len would like to do some upgrades to the convenience store. Until this spring, we had not really done any work to the building for the last 3 years. The building belongs to us and we are responsible for any upgrades. Len would like to start by putting a patio in front of the store. This way the store owners could apply for a liquor permit and it would give them a better chance of making a profit. He would like to pour a 30' X 40' cement pad; the approximate cost would be \$7 - \$8 per square foot. Mike Janzer asked him to put together a proposal with the cost of the cement, patio doors, installing the range hood and getting potable water. Then we can budget for it for next spring.

In regards to the potable water, Len has talked to the Palliser Health region about whether we would be better off to put in a filtration system, or to put in a cistern and haul drinking water. He was told that we don't have to get a big elaborate system for potable water, and that we would be able to have testing done every Tuesday by bringing in a sample to Bow Island.

Blair McNeely said Lyle Stanger is still planning on getting us an estimate for potable water.

#### **Development & Administration – Bruce Vine**

Bruce hasn't heard anything from the County recently about Development Permits.

After the last meeting, Bruce typed up the amended Park Management Committee Rules and forwarded them to the County for approval; which they have given us. Therefore, there will be 3 leaseholder positions and 2 Seasonal positions to vote on at the Annual General Meeting.

Four leaseholders pulled their docks up on the banks this fall. All 4 were told to remove them and that if this happens again, they will not get a dock permit in the future.

The Advisory Committee meeting was postponed this month, but the Committee will be trying to re-schedule it. Bruce asked for items of concern to bring up at the next meeting. Suggestions were the Geotech Surveys, how the County arrives at the different land tax values, titles for leased lots, and putting in a fountain at the old swimming area.

In August, a letter was received from a Lease holder regarding the property taxes given back to the Park. At that time, we requested that the County send a reply to the letter. Tom Thacker said he was sure that no reply was ever sent. He said he would ask again for a response to be sent to the lease holder.

Bruce asked Tom why the leaseholders in the park aren't sent a copy of the Commentator like the other tax payers in the county. Tom said he would look into that as well.

#### **40 Mile Park Foundation – Vern Beck**

Vern reminded everyone, that if they have donated any money, goods or services to the park, to send in an invoice to him as soon as possible, and a tax deductible receipt will be issued. He would like to get the books done for year end.

He is going to post a letter on the website, explaining what the Foundation's purpose is and requesting donations.

## **Special Events & Fundraising – Steve Forbes**

Steve was absent, but we were told he is currently working on getting us on the Casino list

## **County of Forty Mile – Tom Thacker**

The County will be working on the 2009 budget in January and he is going to try to get some of the Recreational Grant money directed to the park this time.

## **SMRID – LeRon Torrie**

LeRon thinks we are off to a good start with our Dock Policy and he wants to make sure we stick to our guns as far as enforcement is concerned.

SMRID has decided they don't want to get involved in approving paths to the docks. As long as the paths are kept simple, the Park Committee can approve them, just please keep SMRID in the loop.

## **5. Other Items for Discussion**

Doug Dent has now missed 3 meetings in a row; what do we want to do? In the Park Management Committee Rules it is stated that any member missing 3 meetings in a row without prior Committee approval, can be suspended. It was decided to suspend Doug's membership and Brenda is to write Doug a letter requesting his resignation from the Committee.

For the Annual General Meeting, we will first review the minutes, then we will have a Question Period instead of doing Committee Reports. This will be followed by the election of new Committee members. The Nominating Committee will be comprised of Tom Thacker, Bruce Vine and Len Varjassy. Mike Janzer will post the Financial Summary letter that he attaches to his Financial Report on the website before the Annual General Meeting.

Mike Janzer presented a map made by Doug Hancock; it showed several of the ideas that had been discussed at a meeting about long-term development at the park in August. Len Varjassy and Larry Weatherhead also presented a map and a report with their ideas for development. The Committee asked Mike Janzer to bring in a consultant to look over our plans. It was brought up that there are grants available for Consultants, and it was also suggested that we ask Ken Sauer from Medicine Hat to help us with the grant applications, as he is very experienced with the process.

**6. Adjournment** – Bruce Vine moved for adjournment at 8:45 p.m.