

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
10:30 A.M. – via Microsoft Teams

File: 0105-19-01

IN ATTENDANCE:

Name

Margaret Blokhuis, Ward 1 - Chair
Marina Krainer, Ward 4 - Vice-Chair
Lisa Rosvold - Member (Council)
Lynn Brown, Ward 2 - Member-at-Large
Alice James, Ward 3 - Member-at-Large
Deb Grady - Staff/Recording Secretary

Delegations

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair M Blokhuis called the meeting to order at 10:41 p.m.

2. REGRETS

None.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by M Krainer that the agenda be adopted with no additions.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by L Rosvold that the minutes from the October 20, 2020 CSB meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- a) Election of Chair – Margaret Blokhuis
Election of Vice Chair - Marina Krainer

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Benchlands Lagoon – M Krainer updated that there is now a beaver happily living there and cutting down some of the poplar trees, not all the neighbors are welcoming this new resident & Kendra Tippe is on management of this development. Not much else can be done about an outflow regulation gate until spring. **Keep this item as old business**
- b) CS Contacts List – updated copy accepted as information and will be in December MD Newsletter (mailed Nov 30).
- c) September 15 and October 20, 2020 Action Items
 - i. Bow Valley Food Charter DRAFT feedback – no feedback provided by CSB members.
 - ii. Rock Painting in DMF – next spring in River’s Bend playground, will see if there is enough interest to also run in LdA and HH playgrounds, or else invite those residents

to also participate in DMF.

- iii. Discuss options for larger or unsuitable items left outside waste bins – ongoing with Operations, will be able to get further now that fall rush is over.

ACTION: D Grady Keep on agenda as old business.

- iv. Children in Wards 3 & 4 attending school in Cochrane – Awaiting replies to emails to both school boards who may not be able to provide that info.

2016 Census Data & Extrapolations				** Assumed split	
		Bow Valley	Ranchlands	North	South
		Totals	totals	Ranchlands	Ranchlands
MD total					
0 to 4 years	75	45	30	10	20
5 to 9 years	80	55	25	9	17
10 to 14 years	60	45	15	5	10
15 to 19 years	60	35	25	9	17
	275	180	95	32	63
Census data available for only these Ranchlands & Area communities:					
		Benchlands	Waiparous, SV	Ghost Lake, SV	
0 to 4 years	5		5	5	Ghost & Waiparous SV's are NOT included in MD totals
5 to 9 years	0		0	10	
10 to 14 years	0		5	0	
15 to 19 years	0		5	5	
	5		15	20	
**MD assumes a 34/66% split between North and South Ranchlands based on 2011 Census proportions					

- v. M Krainer provided an update on how Casinos are now working by after conversations with Casino Advisors: Groups without a date yet will be delayed 4-6 months, those that had dates during shutdown are being reallocated. Revenue is estimated to be approx. 50% compared to before COVID. Casinos are reopening and installing barriers to increase their capacity at different rates. Elbow River was one of first to reopen.

Bighorn Library now has January 13/14, 2021 (Tues/Wed) for their replacement dates.

- vi. Draft statement to applicants regarding the average size of usual CS Grants (modified from AB Eco Trust's statement).

The Community Service grants annual budget is approximately \$27,000 with many groups that apply for these funds

ACTION: D Grady to get this statement reviewed/edited by J Kassel and R Ellis for acceptable wording and ask if it needs to be approved by council since it is not a change in policy, only a clarification for applicants.

7. **REPORTS**

- a) Community Services Coordinator Report- reviewed and accepted as information with added update on Bow Valley Elves program including 18 area MD seniors gifts.

Additional discussion on Devil's Head Wildfire response;

- Benchlands and Jamieson Road area Community Emergency Contact volunteers (CEC) Marina and Alice and fire departments found daily ESS updates from D Grady very helpful to round out what was received in the MD's twice daily

updates of information from AB Forestry with better area map information to help locate the fire.

- More frequent Forestry information was needed, along with what residents should be doing to prepare their homes and livestock.
- With Emergency Notifications (via Notify Me subscriptions) it would be very helpful to add the impacted area in the current title: **Notice of Wildfire**.
- GWAS members have had in discussions with MD's Ag & Env Services Board about the need to protect that watershed area from fire by working towards solutions on recreational uses. This has not brought about any response from the MD to date. GWAS is asking for the MD's support to move up in regional and provincial levels conversations.

ACTION: GWAS will write letter asking for support directly to Council and cc D Grady.

D Grady to pass on the Notify Me title suggestion to L Rea and K Tippe

b) Community Service Board Members – verbal updates.

L Brown, Ward 2/DMF

- Highway Garbage pickup rescheduled from May to September went well
- Recreation Committee took the rink/play surface proposal to Council as a delegation on Nov 10.
- Temporary rink is set up for the year again
- Submitted an article and pictures on the DMF Community Garden for December newsletter, will be in March 2021 edition.

M Krainer, Ward 4/Benchlands

- Wildfire was the biggest local event
- No COVID here yet, all being very cautious, getting more isolated and lonelier with colder weather
- With cooler fall weather, parking and camping on the roads inside the hamlet has decreased. R Lyster has said the Municipal Reserve Lands Bylaw needs to be updated to address recreational use. It is hoped that this will happen before spring.
- Speeding on Hwy. 40 is an ongoing issue with visitor and resident offenders, photo radar would be helpful.

ACTION: D Grady to pass this on to MD Bylaw to pursue.

A James, Ward 3/Jamieson Road

- Devil's Head Wildfire was a big concern
- 4H club was not able to form in time for this year, interested kids are in other groups for this year and will work on this earlier to ensure it is in place for September 2021
- Coyote Creek Trails new boarding facility next to the trails, increased equestrian and walking interest in the area trails now. There are some cross fences that K Tippe and Bylaw are working on to have removed by adjacent landowners. Poorly built bridges were removed in 2012 when trails were decommissioned due to lack of use and high maintenance needs.

L Rosvold, Ward 2 Council

- Council has been very busy; 2021 budget and 5 year capital plan have now been approved and are available online to review.

- Many emergencies to deal with over the last 8 months
- Boards and Committees are all meeting regularly again via MS Teams
- Nov 12 was a special council meeting to receive and review the Hydrogeologist report on Exshaw groundwater flooding. More data is needed to determine full cause and possible mitigations.

M Blokhuis, Ward 1 Exshaw

- Children's community Christmas gifts delivery method will be needed this year – possibly firetruck or horses and dogs with carts/sleds?
- Will watch Hydrogeologist report meeting recording online now that they have arrived in Ontario.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

- a) Diabetes Donation Bins - stats to Oct 31/20 compared to all of 2019.
- b) Expense Claim – complete and submit via photo or scan emailed to D Grady.

10. DATE/LOCATION OF NEXT MEETINGS

February meeting via Microsoft Teams, date to be set in January based on availability of L Rosvold, L Rea, L Hill and D Grady. Options will go out via doodle poll in January

- Community Services Annual Calendar review and update/extend.
- Progress on Action Items

MOTION by M Krainer that the meeting adjourn at 11:55 am

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY