

Clear Lake Cabin Association

Board Meeting Agenda July 2, 2017

1. Call to Order (10:05 A.M.)

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Patrick Gordon

Seconded: Keith Vinthers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence for Trevor Winter was held. Brad spoke of the many positive things that happened during Trevor's time on the board and acknowledged that he will be missed by many.

4. Introduction of the CLCA Board of Directors and Invited Guests

Brad Collett, Garry Roberts, Patrick Gordon, Keith Vinthers, Esther Mark, John George, Joyce Harland, Nelda Didychuk
Kevin Bachewich, Town Site Manager, Parks Canada (PC)

5. Approval of July 3, 2016 Minutes

Moved: John George, 4 - 4th St. N

Seconded: Jeff Simms 12-4th St. N

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reading be waived and that the minutes of the July 3, 2016 membership meeting be accepted and approved as posted and circulated.

CARRIED

6. Unfinished Business:

Vehicular Speed - Old Campground

- A motion was made at the September 2016 meeting to reinforce the speed limit in the campground.
- Brad Collett contacted the RCMP and it was agreed that speed bumps and RCMP enforcement are not the desired option.

- Garry Roberts contacted MPI who agreed to provide their Speedwatch program for free. We will need to man the signs. Although it is felt that the overall vehicular speed has dropped in the campground since the last meeting it is felt that it's important to get the signs so that we can send the message that the speed is being monitored and make drivers think about their speed as they drive through the campground.

Q: Canton 33-2nd St. S

If the pattern of vehicular speed is decreased is that success.

A: We will start with the Speed Signs and if that is not helping then the RCMP will be asked to come in and start enforcement.

Parks Canada Infrastructure Priorities

Wasagaming Tenants Association (WTA) is a group consisting of members from Clear Lake Cabin Association, Clear Lake Cottage Owners Association, and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce

Clear Lake Cabin Association (CLCA) is represented by Brad Collett, Patrick Gordon, and Andy Urbanowicz.

Each group within the WTA was asked to provide PC with their priorities – the CLCA provided priorities as presented are:

- Boat Cove Road
- Sidewalks
- Boat cove itself redeveloped
- Canoe and kayak storage
- Signage

- PC reported that the \$56 million fund to fix the roads/sidewalks/boat cove has been deferred.
- PC advised that they will be moving ahead with three specific projects:
 - They will be looking at making some cottages and more businesses 4-season.
 - Additional paved parking spots
 - Improving drainage.
- Boat Cove Road is not going to be paved but they are going to be patching it.
- PC advised that they are going to increase video surveillance but when asked for clarification they declined to provide specifics
- We have communicated the problems with the Boat Cove Parking lot, now we need to present some solutions to PC.

Reforestation Plan

The CLCA has asked to have a plan for some trees replace the ones that are or will be coming out.

Emergency Evacuation Plan

Three years ago PC presented the Board with a plan but nothing has been discussed since the internal staffing changes. We are anticipating that we can work with PC as they move forward with this plan.

- **Utility Connections – Old Campground**

62% of the cabins are connected to water and sewer. That does not mean that all the cabins that are connected have all the amenities working in their cabin but they are hooked up at the green box on the street.

When PC approaches us to say that some washrooms are being considered for closure the CLCA can see where it's most effective and makes the most sense. However, most likely this will not be looked at again until October 2019. Brad stressed the importance that every cabin owner that wants to hook up to water and sewer MUST have a permit, regardless whether a contractor is hired or the work is being completed by the cabin owner.

Q: Canton 33-2nd St. S

What do you mean by connected?

A: It has been considered "connected" If the line from the green box in the ground is run to your cabin.

- **Large Item Garbage Collection**

Nelda Didychuk has requested that we ask PC to help us with removing the big garbage items by having a scheduled collection day, once or twice a year.

Q: Redman 40-1st St. N

Where have the recycling bins been moved to?

A: They have been moved close to the RCMP building at the end of Ta-Wi-Pit Drive

Q: Lucenkiw 30-3rd St. N

Are TVs and couches going to be part of large garbage removal day?

A: Depends on what PC decides and what direction the Board takes.

Q: Cobbe 19-1 St. S

Could we have a garage sale?

A: We need to be careful about those sorts of things. We don't want to institute such a program and have those not participating have items removed from their leased area. Such a program would take considerable organization to coordinate.

Q: Lee 53-3rd St. S

Street lamps can they fix the lights so they are not so bright. Maybe they have them more pointed down?

A: We talked to MB Hydro (MH) about LED replacement. We are also talking about the night sky preservation

Q: Clarke 31-4th St. N

Could we ask MH to move the Old Campground to a higher priority?

A: We can ask.

Q: Sim 12 - 4th St. N

We have LED lights on our street at home and they are blinding. When you are talking to MH be cautious and get some samples so you are sure that they are appropriate. There are different size heads and lights.

A: Kevin Bachewich –Different styles create different patterns of light on street. They also come in different brightness, as measured in Kelvin's.

Q: Botterill 5-4th St. N

Would prefer the smaller lights.

A: Likely not our choice

7. Parks Canada Report & Update – Kevin Bachewich, Townsite Manager

- Canada Day 2017 was a huge success.
- PC has enhanced special events programming and added more staff. They have added a volunteer ambassador program, way finding program and other specific initiatives and programs to recognise truth and reconciliation.
- Marketing strategies – We are focusing on families, millennial and new Canadians by using increased visibility on Social Media.
- There are still volunteer positions available.
- The winter events were very well received.
- There will be a Pride week in September.
- Chocolate and Wine festival will occur in the fall at the visitor centre
- Increased garbage pick-up will occur this summer due to anticipated traffic. 1 more day pick-up added.
- More parking sites made available by moving the recycling bins and organising the lot.
- More garbage containers within the town sites as we anticipate up to additional 100 000 more visitors will increase the garbage
- Recycling relocated the depot in order to maximize the parking spaces to Tawapit and Fox, and Lily/Tawapit. Locations may be reassessed in the future.
- Plan is to resurface and organise the large parking lot by next spring, waiting for storm sewer project and funding confirmation.
- We will be getting a recycling bag for each cabin and are looking for volunteers to distribute them.
- Extended washrooms hours and an extra washroom set up for the summer throughout the town site.
- Parking along Columbine will add 53 spots.
- Free entry to the park is for 2017. Other fees still apply.
- Staff at the gates will provide info to visitors
- Added 128 sites to campgrounds – electrified the sites – the campground has a 70% increase in booking in the first week from previous year.
- Reserve backcountry camping will be available
- Over-night security has been doubled – their mandate is to observe and report
- Aquatic invasive species – program - you need to be re-inspected - running program same as last year. Canoes/Kayaks are expected to be removed by the

end of season.

- Friendly remind if you are doing any changes or development including water hook up – call the office acting development officer – you need a permit
- Emergency Response and plans - the intention is to get you to be prepared. – make your plan and the PC will facilitate the emergency side of things. Getprepared@gc.ca as the infrastructure program moves forward the plan is to incorporate components of the emergency program.
- Trees from hwy 10 are being removed is to help protect the town site from fire.
- Improved culverts on hwy 10 to improve fish populations
- Parks Canada is on Treaty 2 lands and we work with 7 first nations to increase programming opportunities within the park.
- Some infrastructure program funding we anticipated has been deferred
- Infrastructure programs – PC has invited input from the Cabin Owners to provide priorities through the board for input for consideration.
- Planning on FALL start for Wasagaming storm water project..
- Boat cove road will be included for improvements and scheduled as other work occurs
- Kevin shared the concept on how the new parking spots will look like in the new big parking lot
- Agassiz's site has been cleaned up and currently is being utilised as a day use site.
- Conservation of heritage buildings is an ongoing project that has been funded.
- Visitor centre renewal project – will be opportunities to engage ideas in the near future.
- HWY 10 – phase three this fall will be completed in the park
- The Hwy 10 improvement project also includes improving culverts to stop beavers from clogging up culverts
- Revitalization project for East Gate – increased the use of the area including gate parking. Planning an opening this fall for this
- Deferred projects included. Park has submitted applications for funding and is hopeful.
- Rehab of old campground assets
- Boat cove area
- Town site projects

Q: Robinson 70-4th St. N

Is there any plan for rehabilitation of campground assets? Repair of the sidewalks is important for both the disabled and children. Should we be lobbying through the association to get this done? It's definitely a safety and mobility issue.

A: Yes please go through the association

Q:-Rac 117-3rd St. S

Several questions:

- Garbage pick-ups – The residents of the Municipality of Harrison Park are bringing their garbage to Clear lake to dispose of.

- A lot more people living and camping so we need to improve the traffic in the area
- Bathroom maintenance -showers need to be improved
- Sticker programs for the boats - this is the third year that they enter the information why are we redoing it again and again?
- Water everyone asks if it's ok – we need to let people know the water here is good to drink – we should let people know that we have great ~~filtered~~ treated water

A: Harrison Municipality helps fund the Garbage Pick-up in the park so it's not a problem for them to bring their garbage into the park.

PC is working on improve parking and thus the traffic will be improved

- The community is talking about being more environmentally friendly – there are more educational opportunities available now to inform people about the water quality.

Q: Lee 51- 3rd St. S

People coming from outside the park to fill jugs to take it back to their cabins outside the park

A: We have had many discussions with Harrison Park to work together with them regarding water/garbage/recycling.

Comments: Wallace 118- 3rd St. S

The RM has helped pay for the water/ recycling / garbage – it's a shared agreement so the RM helps with the cost

Comments: George 4 -4th St. S

We have some of the best water in any national park.

A: Storm water – from our area to the marsh we will see any effects here

The storm water comes in and runs through the parking lot.

They will also address the breakaway gates at the same time.

Comment: Lee – 51 - 3rd St. S

Congratulations to the Park Staff they did a great job this weekend.

Q: Vinthers 18A – 2nd St. S

In front of our cabin on 2nd street there is always a puddle after it rains, can we get the drainage fixed?

A: PC is looking at how to fix that problem. There are a few concerning spots that we are looking at.

Moved: Keith Vinthers

Seconded: John George

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the verbal presentation and update provided by Kevin Bachewich,

Townsite Manager on behalf of Parks Canada be accepted as information.

Carried

8. Treasurer's Report

Joyce Harland's report as of today:

Bank Reconciliation as of July 2, 2017: \$14,467.66

Paid up members to date are 412 which is 78% of all cabin owners.

Q: Sim 12 – 4th St. N

We seem to have a lot of money and since this is the second year of the membership should we be finding some way to spend the money? If the board want to invest in a legacy program – recognize the legacy of the campground.

A: We are looking at different ideas, including looking the possibility of working cooperatively with Parks Canada to do some projects including signage for the Old Campground.

Moved: Joyce Harland 18 -2nd St. S

Seconded: Ron McPhail 7 - 2nd St. S

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 2, 2017, having been presented to the membership, be accepted as information and posted on the Association's website.

CARRIED

Comment: Canton 33 - 2nd St. S congratulations to Joyce for doing a great job on communicating with members.

9. Adjourn [Next Meeting Sunday, September 3, 2017 – Park Theatre]

Moved: Jeff Sim 12 – 4th St. N

Seconded: John George 4 -4th St. S

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting does adjourn at 11:28am.

CARRIED