

MINUTES OF THE HAMLET OF SORENSEN BEACH-JUNE 11, 2021

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.
- B. Quorum established with all 3 council members in attendance, Bonnie Holzapfel, Vern Solie and Daryl Holzapfel.
- C. Bonnie Holzapfel was appointed as recording secretary.

Daryl welcomed Don Whitrow (Division 1 Councillor), Bob Schmidt (RM Reeve) and Sonjia Johansen (from Pelican Pointe).
- D. Adoption of meeting agenda. Moved by Les Kuntz seconded by Tom Ash, carried.
- E. Adoption of minutes of the September 27, 2020 minutes. Moved by Janice Ryan seconded by Dale Griesser, carried.
- F. Sonjia Johansen (from Pelican Pointe) made a presentation with respect to the development of a large recreational campground between Sun Dale Resort and Pelican Pointe. For more information please visit lmna.ca
- G. We have had numerous requests by individuals from Heritage Valley respecting the joining of the Hamlet of Sorensen Beach and Heritage Valley. Bob Schmidt described the process of the potential joining of Heritage Valley with the Hamlet of Sorensen Beach, being (i) first the approval of Sorensen Beach, (ii) secondly 70% approval by Heritage Valley residents, (iii) thirdly the approval of the RM of McKillop, and (iv) approval of the Government. Bob Schmidt described that the advantage of joining would be financial gain (in receiving 43% of the taxes from Heritage Valley) and the disadvantage would be that we would be a bigger entity which would require more expenses incurred. A vote will take place by the residents of Sorensen Beach as to whether we want to entertain this request by Heritage Valley or not.
- H. Old Business arising from last AGM.
 - 1. Beach erosion. Permit has been obtained from Water Security Agency and we are awaiting estimates. It was discussed that the repair will probably be done in the fall so as to not disrupt the beach during the summer.
 - 2. Community Water-Daryl described the process Collingwood took and that because of costs and the efforts to obtain further information Collingwood

decided to not proceed at this time. It was discussed that it would not only improve the residents of Sorensen Beach but as well provide water in respect of fires. Lois Burch made a motion that 3 volunteers be created for a committee in order to obtain further information and cost estimates. That committee will consist of Dean Hickey, Dave Moscaliuk. Daryl Holzapfel offered assistance as well.

3. A reminder that everyone pick up their key from Bonnie Holzapfel for the defibulator compartment located at the maintenance building.
 4. It was decided that in the fall we will register the AED which includes free training. We will then arrange for training for anyone interested at that time.
 5. Buoys will be placed into the water shortly at the beach area to allow for a safe swimming area.
 6. Bonnie reported that a new spring toy (truck) was ordered for the playground and will be here in approximately 2-3 weeks.
 7. Discussion took place with respect to purchasing a diving platform for the beach area. Lois Burch made a motion to not proceed with obtaining the platform, seconded by Bob Matt, not carried. It was decided that we would proceed with obtaining a stationary platform to be placed in the water that would have only a ladder.
 8. Bonnie reported that a picnic table was purchased for the beach area and will be set out shortly. Justin Ewanchuk volunteered to paint the existing table and another table may be purchased once available.
- I. Ecoli Report-Tom Ash reported the test results for ecoli and blue green algae are well below the maximum normal acceptable percentages. He will keep us advised if anything develops.
- J. New Business
1. All-Net Connect with the RM-Bonnie advised that everyone can now register with the RM of McKillop in order to stay up to date with all the latest news, upcoming events, emergency alert messages from Canada's national emergency alerting system (Alert Ready), and weather for the RM of McKillop, as well as fire ban notifications. Everyone is encouraged to visit the RM website (at

- <https://rmofmckillop220.com/p/register-with-us>) and register online.
2. Fire Callouts-Bonnie advised that fire callouts are now \$3,000 for Siltan Fire department and \$5,000 for Strasbourg Fire department and approximately \$15,000 total. This was set out in order for everyone to ensure they have adequate insurance coverage.
 3. The RM had been considering reducing the percentage of taxes to the Hamlet from 43% to 40%. Reeve Bob Schmidt of the RM has advised that this is no longer being considered.
 4. Dust control – It was advised that another coat of the calcium will be put down on the roads shortly, especially because the road coming into Sorensen had not yet been done because of construction. It was discussed that we may consider reclaim asphalt for next year. Daryl will look into this for the September meeting.
 5. It was advised that an email was sent to the RM requesting information with respect to any grants or funding available for the new boat launch.
 6. Garbage fire – Daryl advised that Sorensen was asked to participate in a pilot project for individual garbage bins be used at Sorensen and Heritage Valley to reduce the amount of garbage. Discussion took place respecting what issues may develop in the winter with bins being left out. The RM will advise us if this will be proceeding.
- K. Financial report. No comments from anyone.
- L. Other Business
1. RO Water-Sun Dale. Reeve Schmidt advised that water will be available for pick up at Sun Dale once the cost has been established and metering system installed.
 2. House numbers. Bonnie asked that everyone ensure that everyone has the house number associated with the house number on tax assessments/tax notices. As some numbers may have changed due to tying lots, please contact Bonnie or Daryl if replacement numbers are required.
 3. Bob Matt requested that the boat launch and boat dock be put in on a specific date (i.e. beginning of May) and out on a specific date (i.e. end of September/beginning of October). No commitment was made to actual specific dates as it depends solely on the weather.
 4. Bob Matt made a motion, seconded by Yvonne Solie, that he will look into the costs and permits required for building a pickle ball/tennis court on the public reserve at the north end of Sorensen Beach, which will be brought forward at the September meeting. Carried.

M. Election of Officer

Vern Solie's Board position has ended. We all thanked Vern for his years on the Board.

Les Kuntz nominated Tom Ash, seconded by Al Weinberger, carried.

N. Motion made by Tom Ash to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in order to determine whether Sorensen Beach wishes to entertain the amalgamation of Heritage Valley with Sorensen Beach, as well as a brief discussion on other matters arising from AGM.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.