

Wasa Lake Land Improvement District

Box 133, Wasa BC V0B 2K0

MEETING MINUTES for June 27.13

at

Wasa Community Hall Board Office

Attending: Clay Tippett, Naomi Miller, Sharon Prinz, Alex Jensen, John Nesbitt

Guests: Bill Wilson, Laurie Kay

Recorder: Kathy McCauley, Secretary

Meeting was preceded by an informal discussion re flood (discussion actually preceded budget meeting, but it seemed more appropriate to note comments with regular meeting minutes)

Naomi: water much dirtier than previous years due to rapid rise of Kootenay river and degree of overland flooding

Alex: frustrated with some of the RDEK reports, namely that RDEK said river was higher than Hansen Channel but measurement was taken in the wrong place. Hanson Channel is a disaster zone.

John: people are asking him why nothing was done to prevent another flood after last year's flood. Discussion re Hanson Channel as to who owns it and the necessity of it being "cleaned out" as it is high mosquito production area.

Sharon: compared this year's flood to last year, more extreme because water came faster. River higher this year, mud in lake and flowing over highway.

Clay: Showed spreadsheet of 2013 flood measurements compared to 2012. Measurements taken by Clay and Alex clearly documented that water rose faster and higher, and dropped faster in 2013 than in 2012. Observation well 363 is best source of information about water behaviour. Mentioned that he blocked culvert with plywood to control water. A board member asked that it be recorded in the minutes, in case of liability issues, that he did this as a citizen, not a representative of the WLLID.

Topic	Discussion	Action Required
1. Call to Order	Chair Clay called meeting to order at 8:25 pm	
2. Addition of Late Items		
3. Adoption of Agenda	Moved by John Seconded by Sharon	

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	to adopt agenda. Carried.	
4. Adoption of Minutes from June 3.13	Moved by Naomi And seconded by Sharon to adopt minutes. Carried.	
5. Financial report	Balance as of June 17 Is \$23,282.70 balance Plus GIC of 5,041.61 To be deposited 401.80 Accounts receivable 6843.01 Moved by Alex To accept report. Seconded by Naomi Carried. Sharon moved that 4000.00 be moved to GIC. Seconded by Alex. Carried.	Kathy will contact Danella (treasurer) to transfer 4000.00 to GIC
6. Business From Previous Meeting		
a. Taxation rate and bylaw	John moved tax rate be set at 60.00. Naomi seconded. Carried. Formal acceptance at separate meeting to follow.	Clay and Kathy will sign and seal 3 copies, 2 of which Kathy will send to Ministry.
b. Communication strategy re overdue accounts	Many tax notices are being returned on account of wrong addresses. Residents have reported that they have not received notices. Alex moved we contact RDEK re tax role address updates. John seconded. Carried.	Kathy will contact RDEK and further investigate address updates. Kathy will ask Danella for returned notices.
c. Lake measurements data from 2012		Sharon will print data sheet from last year.
d. E-coli testing of lake water		Alex will get bottles from IH and oversee testing.

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New Business		
a. Correspondence	None	
b. Budget 2013	John moved acceptance of new 2013 budget and Naomi seconded. Carried.	
c. Measuring stick-gauge	Gauge should be moved to higher elevation in winter.	Sharon will oversee moving gauge.
d. Flood control engineering	Clay presented a document prepared by him and John that outlined a rationale and plan to proceed with engineering and hydrology work (including feasibility study for pumping water between lake and Kootenay River to maintain summer recreational water levels) intended to prevent future flooding of Wasa Lake. First stage of plan is to call for proposals. John moved and Alex seconded the motion with the stipulation that Alex chair the committee hereafter known as the "Flood Prevention Committee." Carried. Proposal follows minutes. (Note: there is confusion re who is on committee. We need clarification on this.)	
8. Next Meeting	July 22.13	
9. Adjournment	Moved by Alex & seconded by	

	John.	
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Flood Prevention Committee Proposal (copy emailed July 10 by Clay for public distribution)

Passed Unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District - June 20, 2013

Whereas the entire community of Wasa has been negatively affected by major flooding events in the subsequent years 2012 and 2013 and

Whereas climate scientists predict that more variability in climate is highly likely in the future,

Be it resolved that Flood Prevention Committee of the board consisting of John Nesbitt, Alex Jensen and Clay Tippett, chaired by Alex Jensen, create and distribute Request For Proposals from qualified engineering firms chosen by them for:

- A. Engineering and hydrology work encompassing both feasibility and detailed design work which will substantially reduce the chance of further flood events by:
 - i. Repairing and upgrading the failing structure of the old highway on the south end of Cameron Pond to prevent overland flow from the Kootenay River
 - ii. Ensuring the control structure on Hansen Channel is adequate for preventing overland flow from the Kootenay River
 - iii. Stopping overland flow into Wasa Lake northward from Cameron Pond
 - iv. Pro-actively pumping out excess water from Wasa Lake when the flooding source is a prolonged high water table
 - v. Improving the egress of water from Wasa Lake back to the Kootenay River by repairing and upgrading channels which allow this flow, considering but not limited to Hansen Channel and Thunderhoof Ranch and
 - vi. Potentially designing additional structures for preventing overland flow from the Kootenay River

- B. A feasibility study for:

Enhancing the summer enjoyment of Wasa Lake in low water years with a relatively constant lake level, by sourcing and adding clean water on a continuous basis over the summer months.

As pumping is considered a key component of both parts A and B, the engineering firm will look for opportunities to co-ordinate these two goals.

The interviewing of the engineering firms is a process in which all board members are encouraged to be involved to enable them to make informed choices on the hiring selection.

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Tax By-Law Meeting June 27.13 at Wasa Hall

Chair Clay called meeting to order at 9:30 pm June 27.13. Clay read tax by-law aloud. Sharon moved adoption of Tax by-law #61 (2013) and Naomi seconded. Carried. By-law was signed by Clay (chair) and Kathy (administrative officer). Kathy will submit 2 signed and sealed copies to Ministry. John moved meeting adjourned at 9:45. Seconded by Alex.