

**HAMLET OF DISCOVERY RIDGE
BOARD MEETING
Dec 9th 2010**

7:30 PM

Bergheim Community Centre

Board Members Present: Arden Sobush, Sarah Hill, Maury Wawryk

Hamlet Members Present: Kelly Olyksin, Bruce Enns, Tim Kozan, Ed Underwood, Sheri Praski

1) Meeting was called to order at 7: 40 PM

2) Approval of Minutes from June 12th 2010

Maury moved to approve the minutes as written from the last meeting, the motion was carried by Sarah

3) Road Maintenance – Discovery Road

ISSUE: Soft spot in the road near Carr residence, likely due to embedded organic material.

UPDATE: Discovery Road now seems to be OK - after what has been a very wet year, no further problems with the soft spot were observed. Sheri has attempted to contact Tammy on numerous occasions and received no response.

ACTION: All – Continue to monitor condition of Discovery Road but no further action to be taken for now.

4) Signage on Highway

Sign has been erected near the highway but logo/lettering is not yet installed. Work is being done by Jerry at ABE signs. Maury reported the sign should be completed by mid December, pending progress from ABE. It will feature "Discovery Ridge" in gold fleck inlay and will require no maintenance.

5) Safety at Intersection of Highway 5 and Bettker Road

ISSUE: When travelling east and slowing down to turn onto Bettker Road, it can be very dangerous due to overtaking traffic. This is especially of concern when there is traffic turning left and right simultaneously in both lanes. The new development at Saddler's Ridge, with the associated increase in traffic, will exacerbate this. It has been suggested that the solid line needs to extend further back, or better yet have no passing indication until after the intersection.

UPDATE: A road test was performed at the intersection July 8th 2010 by Maury Wawryk and Ken Aspen. Maury couldn't pass Ken at 108 kph and get back into the eastbound lane in time. It was a Sunday morning; there so much traffic it was hard to do the test. Ken is going to prepare a report on the road test, which we will send to the Department of Highways .

We discussed a dangerous intersection sign, or possibly flashing lights, or a widening of the road.

It was noted Department of Highways were parked at the mailbox site over the summer.

One idea: get developer of Saddle Ridge to finance a widening of the highway?

ACTION: Sarah to follow up with Ken, contact the developer, and also engage RMs of Blucher/Aberdeen/Corman Park to discuss a safety action plan.

A petition will be drawn up and passed around residents of Discovery Ridge, Strawberry Hills and Settler's Ridge

6) Mailbox site

ISSUE: big potholes, and water in the mailboxes

ACTION: Kelly will contact the post office concerning water leaks and the general condition of the site.

7) Discovery Trail sign

ISSUE: The sign is missing

ACTION: Sarah will contact RM of Corman Park and arrange replacement of the sign.

8) Finance Report

Financial Report was presented

ISSUE: BBQ \$735 dollars for catering etc., should we do it again? Everyone at the meeting agreed it was good!!!

ACTION: All: Let's do it again next year. Sarah, Maury and Arden to organize.

IDEA: Use the common land between Discovery Bend and Discovery Road for the next community event, rather than the Bergheim School site, this may encourage ideas from everyone about development of the common land. Agreed to also have this meeting within the first two weeks of June, and coordinate it around some of the main soccer tournaments.

9) Improvement of Hamlet Roads

UPDATE: Arden said he informed Tammy no gravel except on our approval; residents are encouraged to notify the board if gravelling is required.

Estimated 1K of road, approx. 300K to chipseal the roads in the hamlet eventually

Maybe a bulk deal can be arranged on drive gravelling if people are interested.....

ACTION: All: Come to the next meeting if you want to get involved in a group drive gravelling scheme.

10) Nature Trail

UPDATE: Many of the footpaths are swamped after the summer's heavy rain

ACTION: Sarah to resurvey and replan in the late spring when the new water table level is established.

11) Maintenance of Bergheim School yard

UPDATE: No volunteers for this that we know of.

12) Tower Malfunction

ISSUE: The tower has gone wrong - white lights at night, not red - which is disturbing some residents. (CBC and Global TV transmitter)

ACTION: Joanne Sanche took action and has received notification that the tower will be put it back to red at night.

13) Bettker Road

ISSUE: Poor condition of the road, which is the responsibility of the RM of Aberdeen.

UPDATE: PSI were engaged by Aberdeen to do some work on the road, their process is to grade, add cement, pack the road and then add clear coat after a year.

Aberdeen only paid for the first part, grade and cement, apparently 100K was spent (according to Gary, Aberdeen administrator)

Sheri discussed the work with PSI: Aberdeen could not blade the road; PSI removed boulders and added 'some cement'. According to PSI, no fly ash was added. A portion of poor road was dug out and

replaced. According to Sheri there are issues with subgrade structure on the road; Department of Highways originally used cheap methods of construction, and clay.

Nevertheless some concern was expressed at the meeting that fly ash was added, despite assertions to the contrary, due to increased levels of fine dust which have been observed.

Sheri: PSI are recycled asphalt specialists; a good base is required, which will cost 30-40K for 1 km of road. This will reduce washboarding and dust. The next step is to double seal the base, costing 70-100K per km. PSI now think the base is OK, but heavy traffic is a problem.

Arden: Aberdeen say we have to pay if they're going to improve the road further – note: Aberdeen was counting the traffic, but way up the road.

DECISION: this is an important problem and a subcommittee is needed. We should talk to Corman Park. John Germs is our representative.

We should canvass Strawberry Hills for a joint petition to both RMs of Aberdeen and Corman Park. This petition can be circulated at the same time as the Highway Safety petition.

ACTION: Jason Praski, Bruce, Arden, Sarah, Maury, Tim will hold subcommittee meeting Jan 13th.

ACTION: Maury - Ron Mills QC lives on Discovery Road; may be of assistance. Maury will contact him.

ACTION: Committee - Email blast to RMs from all citizens. We can agree proposed wording of email blitz at the Jan 13th meeting.

14) Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM

