

**HAMLET OF DISCOVERY RIDGE
BOARD MEETING
June 6th 2009**

3:00pm
Bergheim Community Centre

Board members present: Ken Aspen, Sarah Hill, Maury Wawryk

Hamlet members present: Arden Sobush, Jerry & Jo Haigh, Michael Rosenhek, Glen Nystuen, Cathy Mills, Jason & Sheri Praski, Bill & Jenn Carr, Bruce Enns, Tammy Knuttila

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from October 24th, 2008**

Maury Wawryk proposed a motion to approve the minutes as written from the last meeting, October 24th – motion carried

3. Board member positions

Ken Aspen will be rolling off as Chairman, and Sarah Hill will be Chairman until the spring meeting of 2010. Maury Wawryk will be Treasurer and Arden Sobush was voted in as Secretary and new board member to the Hamlet. Thanks goes out to Ken Aspen for all his hard work serving as Chairman of the Hamlet Board.

4. Road Maintenance – Discovery Road

Discovery Road still has a soft spot in front of the Carr residence. It is highly likely due to the fact that organic matter was placed in there at the time of building the road (i.e. Trees). This will likely be a continual problem until the matter is actually removed.

ACTION: Sheri Praski - Get quotations to fix the road, contact Rob M. to get contact information from original road builder for a quote, & get original road specifications.

ACTION: Tammy Knuttila - RM will see what responsibilities they may have to fix the road as they signed off on the road build. – Sherry P.

5. Bettker Road

ISSUE: Continual problem with road conditions.

Tammy Knuttila looked into grant options, but nothing is available because it is not deemed as a main road. Tammy discussed that she would like to look into getting an Engineer to place a seal coat surface the first 1.5 miles. Tammy talked to Aberdeen to see if they are interested in a joint effort. They are not interested in taking their general funds, but perhaps if there was a levy to Strawberry Hills, share with RM of Corman Park, and Hamlet of Discovery Ridge.

ACTION: Tammy Knuttila - to contact RM of Aberdeen to let them know that we are looking into the options for Bettker Road. Tammy will also look into getting an Engineer to get a chip seal estimate for the first 1.5 miles (to last main road to Strawberry Hills). At the next Public Works meeting with RM of Corman, there may be an invitation extended to the RM of Aberdeen. If they should come, Tammy will let the Hamlet Board know in advance as we may be interested in attending.

Still continues to be larger trucks on Bettker road, keep an eye out on this, and report back to RM if you have transportation company name.

ACTION: - Arden Sobush, Bruce Enns - It was discussed that this topic is so important, a small SUB-COMMITTEE should be established to look at our options this summer. In addition this committee would contact folks from Strawberry Hills to see what interests they may have in getting to a better resolution of the road. There are a few different routes to take which can be discussed with them. Arden Sobush volunteered to lead this committee and Bruce Enns also volunteered to be on the committee. Tammy Knuttila will also need to be engaged with this committee

6. Signage at Highway

The board agreed to have a sign erected similar to that at Settlers Ridge. Maury will contact Rob. M and let him know. We expect Rob M. will be paying for the costs of this sign.

7. Safety at Intersection of Highway 5 and Bettker

ISSUE : When traveling east and slowing down to turn on Bettker Road, it can be very dangerous. It was suggested that a solid line, needs to be farther back, or better yet, there should be no passing lane until after the intersection.

Ken has followed up with Dept of Highways, but the lines meet the regulations.

ACTION: Ken will look into getting traffic services to monitor.

8. Water from Lost River Water Corp

ISSUE: Minimum billing from Lost River Water Corp.

Jerry Haigh sent a letter expressing concerns and providing alternative methods for billing, however there has been no feedback. Due to the circumstances with Lost River Water Corp., Jerry will re-send his email.

Maury Wawryk contacted the Eagle Ridge Board and they do not have minimum billings on their list, as it seems that everyone is using much more than the minimum levels.

9. Broadband

Hill brought forward the potential to have Sask-Tel offer a DSL phone connection as opposed to wireless for improve signal response.

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No Report

10. Discovery Trail Street Sign

For some unknown reason, the street sign has gone missing.

ACTION Ken Aspen: Contact the RM of Corman Park for a replacement

Jerry found a sign in bush, Ken to contact Jerry to see if this is the right one. Otherwise, look at ordering a new sign..

11. SERVICE LIST

A service list has been put together, and we will post on our new website when it is completed. Anyone who wants to add to the list, contact Sarah Hill and she will get it on the website.

ACTION Sarah Hill – place the service list on the website.

12. Finance REPORT

Sarah Hill reported the current balance is \$17,866.44 Last year revenues were \$21911 (\$6262 grant \$15649 tax). Expenses were \$ 249 BBQ, \$ 3120 snow removal \$500 mowing \$175 meeting rentals

Tammy Knuttila mentioned that the RM has changed a policy whereby there will be interest earned (typical bank rate) on year ending balances for the following year. This is effective 2009.

13 Chip sealing

It was discussed that the Hamlet of Eagle Ridge recently chip-sealed all of their roads (3.8 kms) and have added pavement at intersections. This may be something that our Hamlet is interested in, and will be discussed in future meetings. In the meantime, the board encourages members to take a look at the roads at Eagle ridge to get their own opinion.

14. Nature Trail / Permissive Path

Sarah Hill has put together a path for Discovery bend and is soliciting feedback from a few residents to get approval to run the path through their property. The path is on the website with a trail on Discovery Bend. Next stage is a foot path on Discovery Trail. There is also some reserve land (approx 3 acres) that the Hamlet can use for future development.

***ACTION:** Sarah Hill - will continue to develop a trail*

15. Website

Sarah Hill developed a wonderful website and it is online and running. The Hamlet has its own personal URL, which will have minimum annual fees. The new website is located at www.discoveryridge.ca

Thanks to Sarah for the wonderful effort in getting this completed.

15. Controlled Burns

Everyone needs to be aware that if you are having a controlled burn in your land (outside of a fire pit with protective screening) you need to contact RM & the Fire department.

***ACTION Sarah Hill** - place this information on the website with contact numbers*

15. Animal Restriction

There may have been restrictions for animals with the original developer; however the enforceable restrictions are with the RM. For more information, go to the RM of Corman Park website

Tammy – Public Works meeting with RM of Corman, and if Aberdeen come, Tammy will let us know.

16. Hole in the road at the highway entrance

There is a nagging hole in the road at the approach to highway 5. This should be repaired once and for all.

ACTION Ken Aspen: Contact Highways to get it filled – Darryl Starling

17. Wind Turbines on property sites

Jason Praski brought up the fact that they are considering to put in a wind turbine. He wanted to know if anyone had any concerns about this. There were not specific concerns brought up at the meeting. It seems that others are also considering this option.

Get information on website www.raumenergy.com

Costs are approximately \$12,500 after grant

18. Recycling

Sheri Praski brought up the potential for a curbside recycling program. Feedback from members was that having something at the mailbox area might be a good option, providing all 3 RMs participated in sharing the costs.

ACTION: Sherry Praski to look into the pricing/cost.

19. Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be held at Bergheim Community Centre

Meeting to be called in late October – Sarah Hill to call next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm