

**HAMLET OF DISCOVERY RIDGE
INITIAL SETUP HAMLET MEETING
October 24th, 2008**

7:00pm

Bergheim Community Centre

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

Hamlet members present: Arden Sobush, Kelly &Carolynn Oleksyn, Jerry & Jo Haigh, Ken Aspen, Michael Resenhek & Cynthia Stock, Pat Wegner, Carol Spanks, Ed Underwood

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Maury Wawryk proposed a motion to approve the minutes as written from the last meeting, June 7th, 2008 – motion carried

3. Board member positions

Ken Aspen – Chairman – term 1 year

Sarah Hill – Treasurer – term 2 years

Maury Wawryk – Secretary – term 3 years

At the next meeting it is anticipated that Ken will roll off as chair, Sarah will take over Chair, and Maury rolls into Treasurer. We will need a new member from Discovery Trail, Ken will be soliciting members for the board.

4. Road Maintenance – Discovery Road

UPDATE: There was a private estimate of \$4000 to get the road fixed. The RM of Corman park was approached, and they added some gravel. It has definitely helped. We will continue to work on the road on our own and hopefully we will not need to spend \$4K on fixing.

ACTION:WAWRYK – contact RM to have the road repaired

UPDATE: Oct 24th – The road was repaired by the RM of Corman Park and is now in good shape. No further action is required. We will see what the spring brings us.

5. Bettker Road

There has been concern over the condition of Bettker road on an ongoing basis. This spring, the road has improved somewhat, however there is still valid concerns that a long term solution is required.

ACTION ASPEN: find out what the status is of maintaining or improving the road, and report at the next meeting. Send a letter to RM of Corman Park on our concerns and cc RM of Aberdeen.

UPDATE: Oct 24th – Ken is recommending that if you have any concerns on Bettker Road, please send them to a member of the board (in the form of a letter) and the board will direct them to the RM of Aberdeen and the RM of Corman Park

6. Bylaw 1 mile radius

The majority of people from the Hamlet are not in favor of this change within the RM of Corman park. However this has now been approved, and there is really nothing we can do at this point.

ACTION HILL: It was agreed that we will still send a letter to the RM of Corman Park

UPDATE: This was completed and no further action is required.

7. Signage at Highway

Agreed that we will move forward and contact the developer regarding the sign. Jodi Kozan recommended we keep with the theme of our current driveway signs.

ACTION WAWRYK: Contact Metanzuk and let him know the Hamlet expects a sign, but it will require Hamlet board approval prior to installation.

UPDATE: Oct 24th – Maury brought forward an example of a sign from Rob M. The board along with members agreed that it may be too difficult to maintain over the years. The general consensus was 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.

8. Excessive speed on the Discovery Ridge roads

UPDATE – if there are concerns, Ken is open to a phone call. We will hold off on signage and see how things go.

UPDATE: Oct 24th – there have been no reported incidents from our last meeting. Nice to see that everyone is being careful on the road and respecting our speed limits.

9. Safety at Intersection of Highway 5 and Bettker

UPDATE: 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.

ACTION ASPEN: Contact department of highways and address our concerns to them

UPDATE: Oct 24th – Ken has contacted Dept Highways and they have said they will be coming out to look at it. Arden Sobush suggested to go out and take a look at improvements that were made further east on Highway 5 at an intersection. This intersection at Bettker is really busy, and deserves immediate attention from Highways.

10. Water from Lost River Water Corp

There are a lot of concerns regarding the water, including maintenance in the future.

ACTION: Bill Carr and Jerry Haigh will contact Sask Water and Lost River. And report at the next meeting in Oct.

UPDATE: Oct 24th. Jerry reported that there has been no progress made to date with Lost River Water Corp. Jerry also stated that it is anticipated that Sask Water will be removing the minimums in 2009. There were several other questions relating to ownership of the water lines, etc. that could not be answered in confidence by all. Agreed that we invite Rob Metanzuk to our next meeting so he can answer questions from our Hamlet members.

ACTION: Jerry Haigh – Write a letter to Lost River expressing out expectations that should Sask Water remove the minimums in 2009, we would fully expect Lost River to follow the same. This letter would be endorsed by the Hamlet Board. In addition we would invite Rob M. to our next Hamlet meeting on June 6th, 2009.

ACTION: WAWRYK – contact Keith Martel from Eagle Ridge Board on their position with regards to the minimum billing and potentially have both Hamlet boards present a position to Lost River.

11. Broadband

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

If there is enough people interested, they would consider bringing in the land link DSL. Cost \$44.95/month 5 MB download – premium service. Sarah will write up to SaskTel. If you want to get their attention Hill recommends you go to their website, click on contact us, and tell them that you are interested in the DSL service for Discovery Ridge

ACTION HILL: to investigate the potential to have the changeover. Provide details at the next meeting for general discussion and interest level

UPDATE Oct 24 – Sarah is making some progress with SaskTel – ongoing and report at next meeting.

12. Discovery Trail Street Sign

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

ACTION ASPEN: Contact the RM of Corman Park for a replacement

UPDATE: Ongoing and expect the sign to be completed shortly.

13. SERVICE LIST

- It might be a good idea to prepare a small service directory for the residents of Discovery ridge, listing services such as snow removal, bobcating, fence etc. This information may be gleaned from 'long time acreage dwellers', which will be very useful for 'first timers' like myself. This could include those residents who offer services/have businesses in the relevant areas – like Dick (the gentleman from Strawberry hills who does snow removal) That will help us to support each other's business too) **ACTION WAWRYK** – at next meeting provide sign up sheet for potential services to be listed by attendees. Circulate thereafter

Update: 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 Maury Wawryk

14. Finance REPORT

UPDATE Oct 24th – We currently have \$21,911.11 in revenues for 2008. Current expenses year to date take us to a net income of \$20,704.11 We do expect however that there will be additional charges that will be applied to this revenue. Another report will be available at next meeting

ACTION HILL: At the next meeting, we will have an update on expenditures to date

NEW BUSINESS

15. Gravel for Roads – It was discussed that the roads are low in gravel, especially Discovery Bend. Moreover in spring with the lack of gravel, we would expect to have problems. Therefore if we are going to get more gravel, we need to act quickly before the snow flies.

ACTION: *Kelly Oleksyn*. volunteered to calculate how much gravel we will need for all three roads, and then get an estimate from the RM of Corman Park. Thereafter Kelly will contact the Hamlet Board for authorization to move forward.

16. 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.

17. Nature Trail / Permissive Path – Sarah Hill has volunteered to draft up a potential nature trail throughout our Hamlet. This trail would encompass a permissive trail through everyone's property so that Hamlet members could enjoy a wonderful walk, and it could be used for cross country skiing in the winter. There was positive feedback on the idea at the meeting. It was also noted that there is some reserve land (approx 3 acres) that the Hamlet can use for future development.

ACTION: *Sarah* will continue to develop a trail on paper, and will email out members for feedback.

18. Website – Sarah Hill brought up the idea that we should have a website for the HAMLET. She has also volunteered to set one up. All members were very interested in getting this set up

ACTION: **HILL** - website development

19. Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be held at Bergheim Community Centre

Saturday June 6th, 2009 @ 3pm
BBQ and events to follow meeting.

ACTION: **WAWRYK** - Book Hall & send out reminder notice in spring

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm