

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 noon @ Terrace Gardens

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

- Call to Order & Welcome – Chair Jim Kerby and President Chris Arnstead
- Introduction of Special Guests and Directors of the Association
  - Directors present: Chris Arnstead, Jim Kerby, Brian Booth, John Stevenson, Mark Comeau, Pat McAvoy, Rob Phillips, Grit McCreath, Barry Chapman, Richard Chapman, John Day
  - Directors absent (with regrets): Lise MacIntosh, Audrey Mackenzie, Joni Mackay, Rick Lokken, Gerry Gilchrist
  - Guests: PANP Superintendent Alan Fehr and RCMP Sergeant Jamie Gabriele
- Adoption of Agenda for the 2009 Annual General Meeting
  - Moved by Grit McCreath, seconded by Sheila Brayford: *“That the Agenda be adopted as circulated”*.
  - *Carried Unanimously*

2. Comments and Presentation on behalf of Parks Canada Agency – PANP Superintendent Alan Fehr

- **Grey water disposals (Cabin area):** Grey water disposals will be left in place in cabin area

- **Former washroom sites (Cabin area):** The former washroom sites will be landscaped in next few weeks and residents should check with the Park administration office if they want to help with that work
- **Paving in the Waskesiu town site:** \$8.2 million to be spent on paving work within two years, with a plan to repave virtually the entire town site beginning with the easiest streets/locations in Waskesiu first.
- **Release of lots:** The Waskesiu Community plan, including release of lots, has been approved at PANP Park level, and now must be approved by higher levels within the Parks Canada Agency and, eventually, the Minister. The Park is trying to release lots strategically to ensure that, if possible, money garnered from the release fee can be maintained by and used within PANP.
- **Law enforcement:** There are now local law enforcement resources in Waskesiu who carry firearms (in addition to the RCMP) and who report to the Director in Ottawa. There are a total of 3 positions, 1 staffed (Norm Stolle), 2 yet to be filled, along with unarmed commissionaires also hired to do rounds in town site (at busy, noisy, late times).
- **Dogs:** Need to strongly reinforce the idea that all dogs must be leashed at all times in the Park.
- **Bears:** The Park has had to shoot 3 thus far this season, 4 have been relocated. All of us have a role to play in not allowing bears to find food.
- **PANP annual general meeting:** Scheduled for July 25, 2009 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM).
- **Question and Answer Session:**
  - Suggestion to block off Tamarack and/or Ajawaan in the winter to discourage break ins of the kind that happened last off-season
  - Suggestion to have more buoys to mark swimming areas near the town site
  - Request for clarification of roles for law enforcement, who should you call for what type of infraction: RCMP, wardens or commissionaires?
  - Discussion of issues with people not parking vehicles on their lot and leaving garbage outside dumpsters

- Spruce bud worm testing did not call for spraying this year, may in the future, funding would have to be considered then
- Comments about lack of access to washrooms and showers when beach houses are locked or during shoulder season. There may be increased access if a new washroom is developed in the seasonal workers' trailer area.

3. **Comments and Presentation on behalf of the Waskesiu Detachment of the RCMP (Sergeant Jamie Gabrielle)**

- Took steps this past winter to monitor traffic coming into the Park (in light of the cottage and cabin break ins) and monitors were installed at the East and South Gates. East Gate went off constantly (most likely due to wildlife) so that had to be discontinued.
- The RCMP are tasked with policing a large area – currently have been staffed up one more member and expect another member to be added to the detachment next spring
- **Question and Answer Session:**
  - Appreciation expressed that due to increased patrols and law enforcement presence in the town site there is less noise in day use area at night.
  - Discussion about speeding and ways to discourage the same (such as tickets, speed bumps, etc.)

4. **Waiver of Appointment of Auditor for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year:**

- Moved by Gordon Wintermute, seconded by Sheila Gagne:

*“That the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc. dispense with the appointment of an auditor for the current fiscal year of the Corporation and also dispense with the requirement that the financial statements of the Association be the subject of a review engagement for the current fiscal year of the Corporation.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

5. **Appointment of Accountant for the Current Fiscal Year:**

- Moved by Rene Marleau, seconded by Gordon Plaxton:

Brian Booth reported to the meeting that the accounts of the Wasquesiu Cabin Owners Association Inc. and of the PANP Cottage Owners Association Inc. were combined, following last fall's amalgamation of the two corporations to form the WSRA, on December 5, 2008.

The only material exception that has not been contributed to date is a GIC held on behalf of the former Cottage Owners Association which will mature in August of 2009, be cashed, and the proceeds will then be moved to the WSRA bank account.

Former Cabin Owners Association Assets Contributed to the WSRA:

Cash \$2,868.14 + Investments \$6,585.80 = **\$19,453.94**

Former Cottage Owners Association Assets Contributed to the WSRA:

Cash \$1,900.60 + Investments \$20,092.13 = **\$22,052.63**

WSRA Financial Position for the Period ending June 30, 2009:

Cash \$5536.92 + Investments \$37,175.99 = **\$42,712.91**

**7. WSRA President's Report**

- Thanks were extended by the Chair to all of the directors for their help and special thanks were extended to the following retiring directors:

Richard Chapman,

Rick Lokken,

Brian Booth,

Lise MacIntosh,

Joni MacKay,

Barry Chapman,  
Audrey Mackenzie  
Grit McCreath

Report on the work done by WSRA Board Committees

- Social Committee: Grey Owl Howl and the social to follow AGM
- Nominating Committee: Lining up new candidates to serve as directors of the WSRA
- Communications Committee: Preparation of the WSRA spring newsletter, the new WSRA email address and distribution list (website still to be updated)
- Membership Committee: Door to door campaign this summer
- Thanks to our Cottage and Cabin owner representatives on the Community Council: Herve Langlois and John Stevenson
- Donations will be made to Waskesiu Heritage Museum, Waskesiu Foundation, Waskesiu Children's Festival and this year a memorial donation to Friends of the Park (in memory of Audrey Sanderson)
- Reminders: no garbage outside dumpsters, parking on own lot with all vehicles, drive slowly, ask Park staff before planting on former washroom lots
- Encourage membership and keeping association active as we are the voice of the largest stakeholder group in Waskesiu and the group Parks Canada deals with on cabin and cottage issues

8. Nomination and Election of WSRA Directors:

- Moved by Wayne Simpson, seconded by Gail Gelsinger:

*"That the following individuals be nominated as Directors of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc. to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Corporation or until their successors may be elected."*

*John Stevenson, Gerry Gilchrist, Pat McAvoy, Jim Kerby, Steven Woods, Sheila Gagne, John Day, Mark Comeau, Rob Phillips, Herb Pinder*

*Carried Unanimously*

9. Close of Nominations:

- Moved by Grit McCreath, seconded by Marilyn Lambert:

*"I hereby move that nominations cease."*

**Carried Unanimously**

10. Report of Cabin and Cottage Owners Representatives on Waskesiu Community Council – (John Stevenson reporting on behalf of both himself and Herve Langlois)

- Council approved an amendment to Community Plan that they were in favor of releasing residential lots only if the money could be kept in this Park for infrastructure maintenance.
- Lagoon repairs (improving aeration and sand filtration) should be done by fall
- Reasons for utility fee increases – electricity for aerator and Lakeland has increased fee for taking garbage to their site
- Testing for DDT residue is being done
- Wayne Simpson, although he is retiring from Council, has agreed to represent Council on the paving project
- Slump in old highway near 15<sup>th</sup> hole has some temporary fill, testing is being done, report in fall leading to a more permanent fix
- Terrace Gardens to have upgrade in spring
- Council is working to update their website
- Fire Dep't in Waskesiu is looking for a chief, have one captain and 10 volunteers

11. Recognition of Retiring Directors and Officers Jim Kerby thanked all retiring directors and made a special presentation to Brian Booth, Audrey Mackenzie and Chris Arnstead on behalf of the Association.

12. **The Wasquesiu Foundation Inc.**

- The Chair reported that the Foundation had held a very successful Fundraising and Donor recognition evening the night before

13. **Other Business:**

- Grey Owl Howl Sunday, August 2 at 7:30 - Annual Family Dance

14. **Question and Answer Session**

- Suggestion from floor that the Park allow Wasquesiu associations to raise funds in a "cabin lottery" using the residential lots to be released for use
- Paving – whether there will be enough to get everything done depends on price of asphalt, Park is confident they have enough money set aside to do all needed areas
- Leases issued at 7/12 when in reality we can't use our places for that amount of time because of frozen water/sewer lines, suggest association should try to open negotiations to change this. Jim commented that there would be a low likelihood of success if we pursued this on our own as this is the same lease used in other National Parks and it should be pursued with others
- Wayne Simpson made an impromptu report on the progress of the paving committee: June 29- conference call with Terry Arnett, Program Manager, Public Works, team identified July 10 – chaired meeting of team, 14 areas – had visual inspection, survey work begun by Clifton & Associates to determine scope of work July 23 meeting to prioritize cost estimates No pavement this fall – may be prep work only about 6.8 of the 8.2 million dollars will "hit the ground" Are hiring a project manager, could be one tender for all 14 areas or break in sections, "slump" mentioned previously is not part of this tender.
- People are encouraged to volunteer to sell memberships in our Association to people on their block. Please volunteer by speaking to John Day or Brian Booth.

15. **Adjournment** 12:00 noon

Chairman

