

## Minutes

### **P.A.N.P. COTTAGE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY JULY 14, 2007**

**2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**LIBRARY HALL, MONTREAL DRIVE, WASKESIU**

#### **1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks:**

The Association President (and Chairman of the meeting), Jim Kerby, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Following the call to order, the Chairman introduced the following individuals to the meeting:

- Association Board Members in attendance – John Stevenson, Joni McKay, Barry Chapman, Grit McCreath
- President of the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association – Ms. Chris Arnstead
- Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief -Larry Zadvorny.

Following the introductions, it was moved by Doreen Kerby, and seconded by Mona Finlayson:

*“That the Agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated.”*

**Carried unanimously.**

#### **2. Waiver of Appointment of Auditor For the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year:**

Moved by Al Ross and seconded by Barry Evert:

*“That the P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners 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.”*

3. **Appointment of Accountant for the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year:**

Moved by John Stevenson, and seconded by Tom Quinn:

*"That the P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners Association Inc. re-appoint Bill MacKenzie, Chartered Accountant, to prepare the Corporation's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and Balance Sheet for the 2007/2008 fiscal year of the Corporation."*

**Carried unanimously.**

4. **Presentation and Adoption of Financial Information**

Barry Chapman inquired about the level of interest income evidenced on the financial statements. Higher returns are now possible.

It was also noted that the annual membership fee for the Association has been reduced from \$25 to \$10 for the upcoming year.

Following discussion, it was moved by John Stevenson, and seconded by Mona Finlayson:

*"That the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and Balance Sheet for the last fiscal year of the Corporation, in the form presented to this Annual General Meeting, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted."*

**Carried unanimously.**

5. **Adoption of 2006 AGM Minutes**

Moved by Steven Woods, and seconded by Jack McDonald:

*"That the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Corporation, in the form presented to this Annual General Meeting, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted."*

**Carried unanimously.**

6. **Nomination and Election of Directors:**

Moved by Tom Quinn and seconded by Al Ross:

*"That all of the current members of the Association's Board, being John Stevenson, Grit McCreath, Joni McKay, Lise McIntosh, Barry Chapman, Audrey MacKenzie, and Jim Kerby, be nominated as Directors of the P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners Association Inc. to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Corporation or until their successors may be elected"*.

**Carried unanimously.**

7. **Special Guest**

Chris Arnstead, President of the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association, was invited to speak to the Association about the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association.

The Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association represents 451 cabin owners in the townsite of Waskesiu.

Leases have now been negotiated with PCA, and by 2008 all cabins must be hooked up to sewer and water services.

Activities of the Association, in addition to dealing with the foregoing issues, include supporting the Grey Owl Howl, lobbying to improve Waskesiu roads (which are in grim shape), dealing with Cabin guidelines, and dealing with removal of common washrooms and local garbage control problems.

8. **Special Business**

- Potential "Merger" Discussions of our Association with the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc.

The Chairman indicated that the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association Inc. is in favor of pursuing discussions with our Association to, potentially, bring the two organizations together. Our Association's Board is, therefore, presenting the following motion for consideration and debate by our members at today's meeting:

Moved by Grit McCreath and seconded by John Stevenson:

*"That the Association hereby authorizes and directs its Board of Directors to enter into discussions as soon as possible with the Board of Directors of the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association Inc. concerning a proposed merger, or other form of combination, of our Association with the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association Inc. If a merger or other combination of the two organizations is deemed appropriate by the Board, that a detailed recommendation be brought forward by the Board for approval by the members at the Association's 2008 Annual General Meeting, or at a special meeting of the members (in 2008) called for such purpose."*

There was considerable discussion among the members, including (but not limited to) Jim Hamilton, Mona Finlayson, Linda Everest, Jack MacDonald, John Stevenson, Al Ross, Alan Dyker, and Barry Chapman.

Some perspectives included concerns that we may be taking on additional issues and problems that don't relate to cottage owners' issues, there are not 100% common interests between the groups on all issues, the number of cabin owners (451) dwarfs the number of

cottage owners (119), and that the effect of any municipality on the townsite is still a factor with many issues to be considered – therefore this may be premature.

A number of members spoke in favor of exploring the potential amalgamation, indicating that there were too many organizations in Waskesiu, there would be strength in numbers in dealings with PCA and others, that leaseholders in Waskesiu (cabin or cottage) have far more in common than they do apart.

After an excellent discussion, the motion was **Carried**.

9. **The Waskesiu Foundation Inc.**

The Chairman provided an update on the status of the Waskesiu Foundation, and the excellent work in our community being undertaken by the Foundation.

The Chairman reminded the group that the annual donor recognition dinner was being held tonight, at the Hawood Inn.

The Chairman asked the Association to consider making a contribution to the Foundation to assist the Foundation in its work and fundraising efforts. Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Grit McCreath, and seconded by Al Ross:

*“That the Association make a \$2000 donation to the Waskesiu Foundation.”*

**Carried unanimously.**

10. **Municipal Status for Waskesiu – Discussion & Update**

11. **Other Business Discussed:**

- Members should continue to visit the community website (which our Association helps to fund) for information and updates - [www.waskesiu.org](http://www.waskesiu.org)
- Upcoming Waskesiu Community Events were identified and discussed
- Spruce Budworm – some concern that the situation is once again affecting the townsite and becoming a problem – the same is being monitored by PCA and others
- The potential release of vacant lots by PCA in the townsite was discussed
- The members were advised that:
  - sewer and water costs will be increasing
  - boats are not to be stored on the shore of Waskesiu Lake and PCA will be cracking down on that

- use of the main beach parking lot at night, with drinking and other problems, has arisen and steps may be taken to close off access to that area at night
- the museum continues to be very successful, and members should visit and continue to support the museum's efforts
- the role of the local volunteer fire department in the community was discussed with the Fire Chief, and additional volunteers are being sought for the Waskesiu Fire Department.

12. **Question and Answer Session**

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by Grit McCreath and seconded by Joni McKay:

*“That the meeting be adjourned.”*

**Carried.**