



Waskesiu Community Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

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August 15, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

2020/2021 Councilors – Waskesiu Community Council

Jim Kerby, Chair
*Cottage Owners
Representative*

Rob Phillips
*Cabin Owners
Representative*

Bentley Crozier
Member at Large

Linda Lavallee
*Business Owners
Representative*

Jacqueline Judd*
*Permanent Residents
Representative*

Jennifer Wood, Secretary Treasurer*
Member at Large

(*Councilors Jennifer Wood and Jacqueline Judd attended the meeting via Zoom – audio only)

Present: There were 113 members of the Waskesiu Community Association present. In addition, representing Parks Canada Agency, Field Unit Superintendent, Calvert Martin, and Acting Townsite Manager, Scott Nesbitt were also present.

Community Council Chair (2020/2021 and Chair of the 2021 Annual General Meeting – Jim Kerby

1. Call to Order & Welcome - Waskesiu Community Council Chair - Jim Kerby 12:10 p.m.

2. Adoption of the 2021 AGM Meeting Agenda

Rob Phillips/Rene Marleau

Carried

3. Brief Introduction of 2021 Waskesiu Community Council Members & Administrator

Thank you to all attendees here today - your support for our community is appreciated and important.

Thank you to Cal Martin and Scott Nesbitt of Parks Canada Agency for taking time on a weekend to be with us, and to answer our questions.

Thanks also to the entire WSRA Board for agreeing, once again, to hold a joint AGM with Council. We hope that you like and appreciate this format rather than holding two separate annual general meetings.

A special thank you to Noreen Matthews - Council's wonderful Administrator - for putting this all together for us, yet again - herding cats is really hard Noreen, and somehow you make it seem easy!

Welcome new Councillors Linda Lavallee (amazing family heritage in relation to the Park, Lavallee Lake, etc.) and Councillor Jacqueline Judd (Archer Realty). Jacqueline is here virtually (on Zoom). With these new Council members, it's worth noting that - in my experience - this is the first time we have reached a 50% female/male composition on Council.

Welcome back and thank you to our returning Councillor Bentley Crozier (Communication Committee Co-Chair), and Councillors Rob Phillips (Vice Chair) and Jennifer Wood (Treasurer).

We have some procedural matters to get through on our Agenda - hopefully very quickly - after which there will be a very brief Chair's report, a tribute and gift presentation to acknowledge and thank our most recently retired Councillors - Bryan Matheson and Nancy Wood - two Councillors who combined served Council and this community for around 30 years, followed by a Q&A session with Council.

Please remember to support the Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Department fundraising BBQ - it's just down the block by the Trading Post - and if you present your ticket that you received upon registration for this meeting you will get a burger or hot dog, and a drink, for just a Toonie!

4. Adoption of the 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion:

“That the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Corporation, in the form presented to this Annual General Meeting, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.”

Dan Boehm/Lynn Flavelle

Carried

5. Financial Reporting (Chair Jim Kerby)

• Presentation and Adoption of the 2020/2021 Financial Statements of the Corporation:

Proposed Motion:

“That the Financial Statements for the most recent fiscal year of the Corporation, in the form prepared by Virtus Group LLP and presented to this Annual General Meeting, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.”

Mona Finlyson/Mike Gelsing

Carried

• Waiver of Appointment of Auditor / Appointment of Virtus Group LLP to prepare Review Engagement Financial Statements:

Proposed Motion:

“That the Corporation dispense with the appointment of an auditor for the current fiscal year and appoint Virtus Group LLP to prepare the Corporation's financial statements for the current fiscal year on a review engagement basis, with Virtus Group LLP's remuneration to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.”

Brian Morgan/Simon Kerby

Carried

6. Waskesiu Community Council - Recognition of Retiring Councillors

Presentation to Bryan Matheson and Nancy Wood.

Bryan Matheson - hard to know where to start. How about this - Bryan just retired from Council in July of this year after serving for a period of time so long neither he nor we are sure how long it was! What we do know is that Bryan retired as the longest serving Councillor to ever sit on the Waskesiu Community Council. What traits made Bryan such a valuable member of Council and contributor to its success? To state the obvious, experience - combined with a quick wit, an ability to cut through the noise and say it like it is, and under a (sometimes) gruff exterior, a genuinely kind heart. On a personal note I always knew I could count on Bryan's wise counsel in the background when needed. Anyway, this could go on for an hour - so let me conclude by saying that we sincerely thank you Bryan for everything that you have done for Waskesiu, as a Councillor and in other capacities!

Bryan's gift is titled "LORDE" and is a new release this year for Jason Bantle. "Lorde" is the alpha male or the "Leader" of a pack of wolves. His plaque reads: **BRYAN MATHESON In appreciation for decades of outstanding service to the Waskesiu Community Council and P.A. National Park - June, 2021**

Nancy Wood - Nancy retired from Council just before COVID-19 hit and, as a result, we were unable until now to publicly acknowledge and thank Nancy for all of her contributions to our community. Just like Bryan, it's easy to start listing contributions but almost impossible to know where to stop. In addition to having served almost 15 years on Council - the second longest serving Councillor ever - Nancy was an early leader as a female, and an entrepreneur. Above all, however, was Nancy's willingness to always roll up her sleeves to tackle the problem, help the community, and just plain get things done. She has a wonderful smile, and personality, and was always a great colleague. No one knew more about what was "really happening" on the ground in Waskesiu - and she had this great way of pretending to not get something- the phrase "dumb like a fox" comes to mind! Anyway, this tribute to Nancy could also go on for an hour - so let me again sincerely thank you Nancy for everything that you have done for Waskesiu, as a Councillor, and in so many other capacities! You rock!

Nancy's gift is titled "SOUTHPAW" and is also a new release this year for Jason Bantle. Southpaw has a white spot on his paw, that has never been seen or heard of before on a black bear cub, which makes him very rare and very special. Her plaque reads: **NANCY WOOD. In appreciation for decades of outstanding service to the Waskesiu Community Council and P.A. National Park - June, 2019.**

Ladies and gentlemen - if you were ever prepared to stand up and applaud two people for their absolutely outstanding service and contributions to our wonderful community, I would suggest that this was the right day, and the right time, to do so!

7. Chair's Year-End Report & Waskesiu Vision 2028 Community Action Plan

- Waskesiu Community Council Chair - Jim Kerby

It's been another busy year for your Community Council, and I thank my Council colleagues for all of their hard work and dedication.

Some of the accomplishments included (1) acquiring the intellectual property assets of the Waskesiu Wilderness Area Destination Marketing Organization when it folded, (2) completing, by working in conjunction with PCA, the new Water Shutdown Directive, the new Yard Waste Directive, and provided input into a number of key townsite communication pieces, (3) working with PCA to update the occupancy agreements governing the Spruce Ridge staff trailer park and - most importantly - providing advice regarding - and finally seeing the release of - three vacant lots on Elk Street!

We have also considered the water, sewer, garbage fees, and townsite issues that include drinking water quality, waste management, the status of the volunteer Fire Department, received regular reports from and many other initiatives that affect residents and businesses.

Given the fact we are short on time, however, I want to focus the balance of this report on "Vision 2028" - a Council led initiative advanced in conjunction with Parks Canada Agency and with input from all of the key stakeholder groups in Waskesiu.

The resulting draft of our proposed "Implementation Strategy" was sent to the entire community for comments - and the deadline for comments is August 31st. Please take the time to read this important document - which I commend to you - that looks to our future - on the 100th anniversary of the official opening of the Park back in 1928. It can be found on waskesiu.org.

With that, are there any questions, concerns, or comments for Council?

8. Fundraising BBQ

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9. Question and Answer Session

Special Guests from Parks Canada Agency - PANP Field Unit Superintendent Cal Martin & Waskesiu Acting Townsite Manager Scott Nesbitt.

The list of questions posed (and a summary of the answers provided) are set out in Appendix 1 attached to these Minutes.

10. Adjournment *Rob Phillips*

12:30 p.m.

Please support the Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Department's Fundraising BBQ immediately following the meeting.