

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MEETING LAKE NO. 466
HELD IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 MAIN STREET,
MAYFAIR, SASKATCHEWAN ON THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025**

Present:

Randy Aumack - Reeve
Darrell Pollard - Division No. 1
Earl Holmes - Division No. 2
Rick Adam - Division No. 3
Jim Allchurch - Division No. 4
Kiefer Kitching - Division No. 5
Jack Pool - Division No. 6
Janelle Lavallee - Administrator
Lauren Liebaert - Assistant Administrator

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Reeve Aumack called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

HIRE EMPLOY **69/25. POLLARD:** That Ken Rose be hired as a seasonal mower/maintenance operator with a wage of \$28.00 per hour. **CARRIED.**

Kiefer Kitching entered council chambers at 9:48 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES **70/25. HOLMES:** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2025 be approved as read. **CARRIED.**

FINANC STATE **71/25. ADAM:** That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation for February, 2025 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

WATER REPORT **72/25. ALLCHURCH:** That council acknowledge the water treatment plant monthly report for February, 2025 and the Environmental Services Analysis Report from Saskatchewan Health, collected on February 18, 2025, result was negative. **CARRIED.**

WASTE LANDFILL **73/25. KITCHING:** That council acknowledge the waste disposal landfill monthly reports for February, 2025. **CARRIED.**

MEMBER SHIP **74/25. POOL:** That the Rural Municipality of Meeting Lake become members of the Hudson Bay Route Association with paying the membership fee of \$300.00. **CARRIED.**

CORRES **75/25. POLLARD:** That the following correspondence, have been read, be filed:
Water Treatment Monthly and Environmental Reports
Landfill Monthly Reports
Municipalities Today – February and March 2025 (copy by Email)
The Rural Sheaf/The Rural Dart Update – March 2025 (copy by Email)
SARM – Calls for Funding for Cleanup of Abandoned or Derelict Building and Yard Sites
SARM Calls for the Reintroduction of Strychnine to Control Richardsons Ground Squirrels
Fuel Lock - Fuel Consumption and Grader Hours Monthly Summary – February, 2025
APAS Updates – February 13 - March 13, 2025 (copy by Email)
Agriculture in the Classroom Virtual Annual Meeting, April 3, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Hudson Bay Route Association – Seeking Membership - \$300.00 per year
Rabbit Lake Health Care Centre - Highlights from March 5, 2025 Board Meeting
SGI – Business Recognition Assessment – Discount of 15%
Redberry Lake Biosphere Region – March 2025 Update
Ministry of Agriculture and Contacts - Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership
Premier Scott Moe – Responds to the Imposition of Tariffs by the United States
SAMA Website Updates – Help Educate Council (copy by Email). **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING **76/25. HOLMES:** That Reeve Aumack suspend the regular council meeting for public hearing with regards to the proposed expansion on SE 34-48-09 W3 – Boondocks Getaway at the time of 11:00 a.m. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING **77/25. ADAM:** That the public hearing be adjourned at 12:03 p.m. and that council resume with the regular council meeting. **CARRIED.**

Delegation – Rick Lamontagne and Rob Patton – 12:15 p.m. to 1:29 p.m. – Updating Council on equipment maintenance and discussed reclaiming.

Delegation – Blaine Lake RCMP Detachment – 1:32 p.m. to 1:56 p.m. – Updated council on positions within the detachment, and shared that crime seems to be down. Shared that Leoville is getting a building that is band funded for RCMP members.

VERBAL REPORTS	78/25. ALLCHURCH: That council acknowledge the verbal reports presented Council, Reeve and Administrator.	CARRIED.
NCTPC APPOINT	79/25. KITCHING: That Randy Aumack be appointed to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee.	CARRIED.
NCTPC MEMBER	80/25. POOL: That the membership for the North Central Transportation Planning Committee be renewed for the 2025-2026 year in the amount of \$576.00.	CARRIED.
HIGHWAY MAINT	81/25. POLLARD: That the RM of Meeting Lake will do the regular maintenance of the MG 30 on Highway 376 from Highway 16 at Maymont, to Highway 40 to Richard corner. Lauren Liebaert left council chambers at 4:02 p.m.	CARRIED.
TLE TRUST	82/25. HOLMES: That percentage of the Tax Loss Compensation Trust Fund, remain at 90%, through SARM.	CARRIED.
AG DONATE	83/25. ADAM: That a donation of \$100.00 be made to Agriculture in the classroom in the for 2025.	CARRIED.
RIVERS WEST	84/25. ALLCHURCH: That council approves of renewing membership to Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation Inc. in the amount of \$20.00 for the year of 2025.	CARRIED.
STARS DONATE	85/25. KITCHING: That a donation be made to Stars Foundation in the amount of \$500.00 for the 2025 year.	CARRIED.
MAYFAIR MINUTES	86/25. POOL: That the board meeting minutes and budget of the Organized Hamlet of Mayfair, dated February 12, 2025 be acknowledged by council.	CARRIED.
SEASON EMPLOY	87/25. POLLARD: That the employee committee and administrator be authorized to set date for new and returning employees to start work for the 2025 season.	CARRIED.
CU PROGRAM	88/25. HOLMES: That an application be made to the Innovation Federal Credit Union – Legacy Community Development Program for a generator for the Mayfair Hall.	CARRIED.
FIRST AID	89/25. ADAM: That Rick Lamontagne attend the First Aid course in Hafford on April 14, 2025.	CARRIED.
TRANSFER FUNDS	90/25. ALLCHURCH: That the Administrator be authorized to transfer funds from the RM savings account to the RM regular account as deems necessary but not exceeding \$100,000.00 per transaction.	CARRIED.
SEWAGE PERMIT	91/25. KITCHING: That council acknowledge the renewal of permit to operate a sewage works.	CARRIED.
WINTER WEIGHTS	92/25. POOL: That council acknowledge that the winter weight restrictions were removed as of March 14, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.	CARRIED.
WEIGHT RESTRICT	93/25. POLLARD: That this municipality follow the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure spring weight restrictions as to which this municipality participates in the restriction orders.	CARRIED.
SASKTEL LEASE	94/25. HOLMES: That the Municipal Lease Agreement with SaskTel on Plan AM3779 in Mullingar be changed to a 10 year lease (previous motion #49/25 indicates a 5 year lease).	CARRIED.

ISSUE CHEQUES	95/25. ADAM: That the following cheques be issued: Janelle Lavallee – Petty Cash \$150.18	CARRIED.
TRACTOR TRAINING	96/25. ALLCHURCH: That Ken Rose and Rob Patton be authorized to attend tractor/mower training provided by Schulte in Saskatoon.	CARRIED.
VISA INCREASE	97/25. KITCHING: That Janelle Lavallee increase the RM Visa limit to \$5000.00.	CARRIED.
BYLAW 03 – 25	98/25. POOL: That Bylaw No. 03 – 25 being a Bylaw to Control and Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads within the Municipality be introduced and read a first time.	CARRIED.
BYLAW 03 – 25	99/25. POLLARD: That Bylaw No. 03 – 25 being a Bylaw to Control and Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads within the Municipality be read a second time.	CARRIED.
BYLAW 03 – 25	100/25. HOLMES: That Bylaw No. 03 – 25 being a Bylaw to Control and Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads within the Municipality be given three readings at this meeting.	CARRIED.
BYLAW 03 – 25	101/25. ADAM: That Bylaw No. 03 – 25 being a Bylaw to Control and Regulate the Speed of Vehicles on Municipal Roads within the Municipality be read a third time and hereby adopted.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
ACCOUNT APPROVAL	102/25. POOL: That attached list of accounts, cheques numbered 9762-9794, direct deposits 1759 – 1766 and direct deposits 50 – 56 , in the total amount of \$74,094.75 be approved for payment.	CARRIED.
ADJOURN	103/25. POLLARD: That this meeting adjourn at 5:59 p.m.	CARRIED.

 Reeve

 Administrator

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TOPIC:

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear concerns, objections and representations regarding the proposed expansion of Boondocks Getaway on SE 34-48-09 W3.

PRESENT:

Reeve – Randy Aumack

Councilors – Darrell Pollard, Earl Holmes, Rick Adam, Jim Allchurch, Kiefer Kitching, and Jack Pool
Administration – Janelle Lavallee and Lauren Liebaert.

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Scott Nelson, Jim Walters, Colette Bussiere, Shirley Dauvin, Darcy Laventure, Brian McKay, Natasha King, Bonnie Hielman and Gary Panchuk.

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Aumack called the Public Hearing to order at 11:00 a.m.

Reeve Randy Aumack chaired the hearing and instructed those attending of the procedure that the hearing would follow.

Reeve Randy Aumack read the proposed development.

VERBAL PRESENTATIONS:

Scott Nelson – Owner - Stated that Boondocks currently has 96 seasonal sites with 6 nightly sights. Elaborated on the proposed expansion, that the 112 sites and amenities would be phased in over time.

Darcy Laventure – Spoke on behalf of the RM of Spiritwood sharing that their concern is the increased traffic up to Highway 12 to Shell Lake which means increased maintenance costs on top of the \$75,000.00 a year it costs already. Also shared concerns over some narrow straight-walled sections through the road and repairs often needed through sloughs. Shared that the RM did a traffic count on TWP RD 490. The placement of the counter was placed on the section of the road that traffic from Boondocks campground travels before turning into the Meeting Lake RM. The counter was placed over a weekend for 72 hours and had counted 618 vehicles in that time. Road maintenance records and maps of where the counters were placed were shared.

Shirley Dauvin – Spoke on behalf of the RM of Spiritwood stating that costs have increased for the RM and will keep increasing and are not receiving and compensation for the maintenance of the road. Would like a servicing road maintenance agreement to be considered to offset increased cost.

Randy Aumack – Mentioned that council will talk about a road agreement as that road is the main way in and main way out for public to access Boondocks campground.

Gary Panchuk – Shared concerns of if the power line would be big enough to supply the campground. Also mentioned how cell coverage seems to decrease drastically in the summer and feels it is from more people that are in the area in the summer months.

Natasha King – Shared concerns of bears in the area and would like to see proper bear proofing garbage disposal as well as the possibility of moving the garbage bins back from the entrance as living across from the entrance from the RV park the garbage lids slamming are noisy. Would like down lighting to be taken into consideration for protection of wildlife as well as how lighting may affect other operations such as guiding in the area. Also voiced concerns about the sustainability for lakes in the area.

Bonnie Hielman – Shared same concerns as Natasha adding that she is looking forward to some of the expansion ideas such as pickleball.

Brian McKay – Stated concerns of roads holding up with increased traffic and dust being an issue with south west winds.

Gary Panchuk – Shared concerns of the current sewage system, stating that there are two creeks that flow to sloughs/ponds that flow into Big Shell Lake and is concerned the sewage could be flowing into the creeks.

Scott Nelson – Shared that the sewage is being disposed of through a combination of a sewage pump out into two fields and being hauled away to be disposed of.

Reeve Randy Aumack referenced The Big Shell Lake Capacity Study about the concern of Big Shell losing its shoreline and once it is gone can not get the shoreline back. Look at keeping lakes healthy.

Shirley Dauvin – States that the area is habitat for migratory birds, and is concerned with the Shell Lake capacity study as it states the acknowledgement of boats causing erosion issues. Is concerned about the sustainability of lakes and forests and feels it is important to protect them.

Written Submissions:

Administrator Janelle Lavallee read the written submissions that are hereto attached as Schedule “A”.

Gary Panchuk – Mentioned how the RM of Leask has dropped the speed limit down to 40km/h on a portion of their road going into Iroquois Lake.

Brain McKay – Stated that people from Boondocks likely go to Iroquois lake as well as Big Shell. Also, would like dust suppression applied to help with the dust.

Bonnie Hielman – Inquired about how many residents have boats that currently attend Boondocks,

Scott Nelson – Replied to Bonnie with personally noticing 10-15 boats that he has seen on site.

Jim Walters – RPP, MCIP of Crosby Hanna & Associates. Shared that he has 28 years of experience in his profession. He understands the concerns presented and feels that there are some easy fixes such as the garbage and bird friendly lighting to be dark sky compliant. Was not aware of bears in the area, glad it was brought to their attention. He addressed concerns of power line being big enough to supply the campground and stated that if SaskPower deemed it was not sufficient the developer would have to bring in the power. As for cell phone covered, it isn't likely to change, they have no control over that. He is unaware of any developers entering into any road maintenance/servicing agreements and feels that is something the RMs need to enter into an agreement for. The use of certain lakes is not something that can be managed or controlled. He shared that there are 2 fields for sewage and that some RV's are pumped and taken to lagoon. That they have an agreement with Shell Lake to dispose of sewage there. Monitored by Water Securities and needs their approval. Traffic on the roads seems to be the biggest concern for the RM's, there can be bylaws for fees and taxes to be levied on the development. When it comes to councils' decision they can approve, approve with conditions or deny but the developer can appeal to the municipal board.

Scott Nelson - Shared that there are many steps involved in developing, permits needed and regulations to follow throughout the entire developmental process. Most of the camp sites are long term leases. The earliest the expansion would commence would be 2026, developing 15-20 sites at a time.

Bonnie Hielman – Questions if there are ways to meet concerns of lake sustainability such as restricting types of boats allowed on the lake.

Jim Walters – Response to Bonnies question that restrictions like that are done through the federal government, they are driven by local concerns and can be a long process. Regulation of boat speed limits is an option but are monitored by police.

Colette Bussiere – Shared comments on road usage, that RM's can have road agreements with each other. RM's can have bylaws to charge fees to RV user sites to help with road maintenance. The upgrading of roads can be done through a maintenance agreement with the developer.

Brian McKay - Feels with having over 200 lots is potential for having a lot of people entering the RM and feel there is a lot to consider when opening up to the public.

Scott Nelson – Mentioned that the demographics of clientele seem to have been respectful this far. He also feels that the traffic count states the number of vehicles but it does not tell you where the vehicles are going.

Darcy Laventure – Pointed out that the traffic counter was over a regular weekend, Friday to Sunday, not over a long weekend, counting 618 vehicles. He also mentioned that there is limited people that live on that road or that travel through that road.

Bonnie Hielman – Had questions regarding if there are regulations when it comes to things like limiting guests at camp sites.

Scott Nelson – Replied to Bonnie's question stating that there is some regulations but does not limit guests and camp site and the campground is relatively self-regulated.

Natasha King – Asked if rules and regulations can be adjusted over time.

Jim Walters – Mentioned that the RM does not have authority to put conditions regulating the number of people going to the campsites. But said that some campgrounds that have had issues have done things like banning alcohol over long weekends to help regulate and control residents.

Natasha King – Shared that living next to the campground, it is fairly loud every weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Reeve Randy Aumack adjourned the Public Hearing at 12:03 p.m.