

2018 ANNUAL RATEPAYERS MEETING
SPECIAL AREA NO. 3, SUBDIVISIONS #4, 5, 6
Cereal Community Hall, June 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., with approximately 24 ratepayers in attendance.

Moved by Bruce Peacock to nominate Travis Foot as Chairperson for the meeting. Seconded by Sheldon Hertz. Aaron Rude moved nominations cease. **CARRIED.**

Moved by Sheldon Kroker to adopt the 2017 minutes as presented. Seconded by John Kimber. **CARRIED.**

Advisory Council Member Reports

Travis Foot:

Commented on;

- RDR municipal users group, BCMDB, and the ASB.

Kevin Wilson:

Commented on;

- BCWMC, BCMDB, Dr. Recruitment, MPC, Palliser Planning, and Badlands Tourism.

Sam Shadlock:

Commented on;

- ASB, Farm Family Award going to the Duque family, SAMDA, business expansion program, Travel Special Areas program, and the Duque Road Construction.

SPECIAL AREAS BOARD REPORTS

Jordon Christianson, Chair, Special Areas Board:

Commented on a number of items including;

- SAB presently consists of Doug Noble, Brent Horner, Daryl Swenson, & Jordon Christianson,
- Special Areas involvement in the Oyen railyard project,
- Hanna Climate Change Taskforce investigating a 120 MW solar project,
- Oyen assisted living care 20 bed project,
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs has closed the file on a review of Special Areas, and
- SAWSP.

Darcy Ferguson, Director, Finance and Administration:

Commented on;

- Financial status, grants, assessment, bad debt, drilling tax receipts are up, and the Provincial Government refunded us the school tax on bad debt from the oil industry.

Owen Francis, Director, Municipal Services:

Commented on;

- Secondary highway agreement,
- 886 GBC from Buffalo North,
- Road construction,
- Automated monitoring system at the Jenner water station,
- Emergency Operations Centre in conjunction with grass fires and weather events,
- New fire trucks, staff training, and
- Road side turnout and washrooms at Carolside.

Trent Caskey, Director, Property Administration:

Commented on;

- Nearing the end of the 2004 TRLS agreements,
- Assessment is approximately 4 billion,
- Cultivation lease rates are remaining steady,
- Grazing lease rates are up with the increase in the price of cattle,
- Renewable energy projects,
- Community Pasture rate increase,
- Remount allotment decreased by 20% as a result of the fire,



- TB issues in the Community Pasture are now over,
- Working on a policy for abandoned rail lines,
- CARB appeals,
- Regulatory reviews, and
- Considering a policy to promote economic development.

DISCUSSION:

There was discussion on a number of items including;

- The Sheerness Solar project which Special Areas is investigating as a 1/3 partner;
 - o At this point the business case is being looked at,
 - o Kelly Kroker stressed the need for public engagement before proceeding.
- The Sheerness Generating station future.
- Existing gas wells to generate power.
- Twenty additional assisted living and dementia beds at Oyen;
 - o Concerns that 20 beds may not be enough.
- Netago,
- Ray Rude road, and
- TRLS.

There was considerable discussion with regard to renewable energy wind farms;

- Tower size,
- Setbacks,
- AUC and LUO,
- Land owner property rights and neighbors, and
- Operational issues such as ice, fires, water table, etc.

Motions:

Moved by Lane Madge to have Special Areas allow a conversion of up to 7 quarters in total from grazing lease to cultivation lease per ratepayer. Seconded by Mark Perrault. **CARRIED.**

Moved by Lane Madge to hold a referendum on wind energy in Special Areas. Seconded by Bernadine Coates-Perreault. **CARRIED.**

Moved by Aaron Rude to revisit the guidelines and regulations Special Areas has in place for future wind projects. Seconded by Sheldon Kroker. **CARRIED.**

Moved by Bruce Peacock and Seconded by Mark Perreault to appoint John Kimber to replace Sam Shadlock as Road Committee member for the NW corner of Special Areas 3-5. **CARRIED.**

Sheldon Kroker moved for adjournment at 5:15 pm.

Darran Dick

Darran Dick, Administrator
Special Area No. 3, Oyen