

# ANNUAL MEETING

## MARCH 9, 2010

### Attendees':

Estelle Costello  
Alan Miller  
Joe Dolphin  
Linda Griffin

Peter Williams  
Dianne Murphy  
Kimberlee Trainor(chairperson)  
Marj MacDonald (minutes)

The annual meeting was held at the Emyvale Rec Centre with approximately 14 residents in attendance.

Kimberlee welcomed the residents and explained the new procedures for the meeting.

Marj read last year minutes and they were approved by Joe and seconded by Dianne with no errors.

Valerie Docherty gave an update on the internet. She explained that no tower was needed in the area as previously thought but instead a voice switch was installed. Pole lines were installed from this switch. Valerie reported that for those residents that can't access a landline they will be offered a turbo stick which works very well.

Kimberlee informed the residents that meetings will now be held bi-monthly at 6:30 p.m. at the Emyvale Rec Centre.

Linda gave the report on the Black Fly Program. The company had made 12 trips last year to recheck the area and redo where necessary. They are hoping to be out earlier this year with better weather. The annual meeting was held early to approve this expenditure for the coming year. They treat anywhere there is moving water as long as they are given permission to go the land. She recently received a name of another company that is doing this for Crow Bush and she would look into them for pricing for next year. New residents will be contacted and old residents that had declined before will be contacted to see if approval can be given to go on the land. She also

mentioned Bonshaw and Hunter River are doing their own this year. It will take four people to do the Hunter River area which is approximately a 3 km radius and it will take approximately 28 hours to complete the area once. It is going to cost them approximately \$1600.00. When Linda checked with Bug Busters the labour and material are 50% of the cost. Other communities in the area are interested in having this done as well.

The report was approved by Joe and seconded by Estelle.

Joe gave the report on the bursary committee. They are in the process of refining the application and the procedures for applying. Last year there were four bursaries given out at \$500.00 each. The recipients were Derek Hughes, Erin Coady, John Ireson & Sarah Stewart.

This report was approved by Estelle and seconded by Alan.

Dianne gave the report on special projects. A wreath was purchased and laid for Remembrance Day. Two new signs for the area were purchased, one for Kingston and one for Green Bay. These will be installed in the spring. Valerie informed the council that Transportation will put the signs up for the community with no charge and if we will take them down for the winter they will put them back up in the spring.

This report was approved by Alan and seconded by Joe.

Kimberlee/Peter gave the report on the Planning committee. 16 different councils are meeting to go over the Judge Thompson report. The black fly issue is one thing that will be discussed. Judge Thompson would like to see the 75 municipalities that exist now to a smaller number. Suggestions from the Communities 13 were used in his report. The communities want input into forming a regional board. They would like to share resources for regional board. The ultimate decision will be made by the communities. Public meetings will be held before this happens to update residents. This group will also be working closely with the water shed group in the area.

This report was approved by Alan and seconded by Estelle.

Joe gave the financial report and a question on the fire dues was asked how they get their figure. Marj responded it is 7% of our overall assessment for the year. Joe explained how last year we were project a deficit and ended up

with a surplus. Question on the municipal grant funding and Valerie responded saying that grant money from Ottawa has decreased and this has affected us. Question on our surplus money and how we are going to use. This was answered with 2 motions being put forth later in the meeting. Joe moved the taxes will remain the same for another year at 12%.

This was approved by Peter and seconded by Dianne.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Valerie gave information on a program Jobs for Youth 16+ for non-profit groups. Government will pay up to minimum wage for students and the non-profit group can top this up. If we are interested or want more info on this we are to contact Valerie.

Marj & Kimberlee informed the residents we are working on a new webpage for the community. Marj & Kim will administer the webpage. There will be a section for comments from residents but the administrator will view before info will be posted.

### **The following motions were passed:**

Alan moved that Council apply \$25,000 from the current surplus to the APM Centre loan. By doing so, the principle will be reduced from \$48,754.99 to \$23,754.99, the term of the loan will be reduced from October 21, 2021 to October 21, 2014 and a total of \$19,141.49 of interest will be saved. This was approved by Peter and seconded by Joe.

Alan moved that the Council provide the organization in charge of the Emyvale Rec Centre a one time contribution of \$5,000.00 towards improvements needed at the centre. Council also encourages the organization to use these funds to seed further funding through various programs available. This was approved by Estelle and seconded by Dianne.

Peter moved the meeting be adjourned.

