

# Minutes of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach

## Regular Meeting of Council held on November 25, 2013

### PRESENT

Mayor Eric Upshall  
Deputy Mayor Gerald Worobec – arrived at 6:41 pm  
Councillor Larry Zemplak  
Councillor Chris Moffatt  
Councillor Fraser Murray  
Chief Administrative Officer Beverley Laird  
Maintenance Supervisor Lorrie Struthers

### ABSENT

No regrets

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present Mayor Upshall called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

### AGENDA

259/2013 Moffatt That the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried

### MINUTES

260/2013 Murray That the regular meeting minutes for the Resort Village of Manitou Beach council for  
Carried November 7, 2013 be approved.

### REPORTS

*Foreman Lorrie Struthers submitted a written report updating council on current projects that have been completed including the water control dam on the south end of Wellington Creek and the siding for the cold storage shed. Tire chains have been ordered for the grader as well as 3 new tires for the one ton..*

*Chief Administration Officer, Beverley Laird submitted a written report reminding council of the upcoming meeting with Rocky Kreinke from the Department of Highways and the upcoming Asset Management training workshop that Mayor Upshall, Councillor Moffat, Lorrie Struthers and Bev Laird will be attending. The audit is scheduled for March 7, 2014 and a request for holiday closure on December 27<sup>th</sup> was discussed.*

261/2013 Zemplak That the village office be closed December 27, 2013 with an emergency plan in place that is  
Carried presented to council for approval.

262/2013 Murray That the Chief Administrative Officer and Public Works Supervisor's reports be accepted.  
Carried

252/2013 Worobec That the Sewer Blockage Policy be approved as presented.  
Carried

### COUNCIL REPORTS

*Councillor Zemplak discussed perimeter requirements needed for the beach accesses that are being built as well as locations.*

*Councillor Moffatt reported that the Rec Board would still like to fund some playground equipment. Also discussed was the possibility of the village man power and equipment being used for the hiking trails and the costs being billed to the Rec Board and the Rec Board snowmobile being licensed under the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.*

*Mayor Upshall reported on the Asset Management workshop and discussions taking place with Sarah McKen in regards to having an ongoing theatre production. Also reported was the upcoming Hospital Foundation meeting.*

## CORRESPONDENCE

263/2013 Murray      That the correspondence having been read now be filed for information.  
Carried

## FINANCIALS

264/2013 Murray      That the Accounts for Approval, totaling \$25,776.94 be approved for payment.  
Carried

## OLD BUSINESS

*Councillor Moffatt updated council on the plans for the Park Model Development area.*

*The Water Sampling Committee item will be brought back to the next meeting.*

265/2013 Zemlak      **WHEREAS** the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014.  
Carried                **WHEREAS** Canada Post is preparing for the review by campaigning for major service cuts.  
**WHEREAS** Canada Post has already dramatically cut service by closing or downsizing public post offices, eliminating rural mailbox delivery and removing street letter collection boxes.  
**WHEREAS** Canada Post and the federal government should do anything in its power to prevent additional cuts during the upcoming review and instead deal with financial issues by adding revenue-generating services like many other post offices around the world, including lucrative financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** THE Resort Villlage of Manitou Beach write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request that the government consider innovative ways to generate postal revenue during the Charter review, including financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.

266/2013 Murray      **WHEREAS** the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014.  
Carried                **WHEREAS** the public has a right to have input on matters involving its publicly owned post office.  
**WHEREAS** the current Charter has a number of serious problems that need fixing.  
**WHEREAS** the government could use the Charter review to reduce our public post office's obligation to provide service (instead of improving the Charter) and even lay the groundwork for privatizing or deregulating Canada Post.  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Resort Village of Manitou Beach write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request; 1) that the upcoming review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter be open to the public input and 2) that the Charter be improved by:

- Ensuring that the moratorium on post offices closures in small and rural communities protects the public nature of post offices
- Eliminating the exceptions to the moratorium
- Extending the consultation process over possible closures and making the process and moratorium more transparent
- Establishing an independent Canada Post ombudsperson to report on Canada Post's performance in meeting Charter expectations
- Establishing a reasonable, uniform and democratic process for making changes to the postal and delivery network (closures, downsizing, removal of rural mailboxes, etc), but only after consultation with the public and other stakeholders.

## NEW BUSINESS

*The items listed under New Business were discussed and will be brought back next meeting when there is more information.*

ADJOURN

267/2013 Murray  
Carried

That the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:35 pm and the next meeting be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

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*Mayor*

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*Chief Administrative Officer*