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### **Northern Association of Community Councils Inc. Western Regional Meeting August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

#### **Present:**

Abbeygail Chartrand, Mallard  
Jordon Houle, Mallard  
Irene Chamberlain, Red Deer Lake  
Judy Popowich, Waterhen  
Aggie Bass, Spence Lake  
Ken Woods, Meadow Portage  
Carl Sabitson, Spence Lake  
Loreeta Welburn, Camperville  
Gloria Chartrand, Camperville  
Brenda Spence, Crane River  
Joseph Spence, Crane River  
Abby-Gail Mousseau, Rock Ridge  
Alex Delaronde, Barrows  
Brenda Hather, Barrows  
Julian Boucher, Duck Bay  
Mairlyn Genaille, Duck Bay

#### **CALL TO ORDER @ 10:00A.M.**

#### **1.0 DELEGATIONS**

Stew Sabiston, INR Staff, Dauphin  
Crystal Dumas, INR Staff, Winnipeg  
Tannis Shuttleworth, INR Staff, Winnipeg

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Alex Delaronde, seconded by Abbey Chartrand.

#### **3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the August 15, 2018 minutes be approved as circulated.

It was moved by Julian Boucher, seconded by Alex Delaronde.

#### **4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no items of business arising from the meetings.

#### **5.0 ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **Western Chairperson – Larry Chartrand**

Larry noted the following:

- There's new staff at NACC, Trinette Konge, NHFI Coordinator and Linda Payeur, Executive Director.
- The NACC office has moved to 20-395 Berry Street. The old office building had sold.
- There's a cell phone service committee that formed out of Winnipegosis. This Spring there will be a sub committee with myself and Sonny Kylne. We looked at options for cell service but it will be very costly.
- If any communities want NACC members to attend any meetings, please contact Linda at the NACC Office.

### **Western Secretary/Treasurer – Harold Fleming**

Harold noted the following:

- Winnipegosis council was told they are supposed to be getting a cell tower next month. Bell has no interest because everyone has contracts already, they won't make any money. Crane River is getting an emergency tower and would like it to be a cell tower.

### **Western Vice-Chairperson – Lorne Huhtala**

Lorne noted the following:

- I've been working with Weir on the Garbage dump to decommission Rockridge, Mallard, Waterhen, Meadow Portage, Spence Lake and Crane River. Holes were dug in the waste sites and created a mess.
- North Mallard road is in horrible state. Highway 77 is also in horrible state, and they have begun working on highway 276 in the beginning of August.
- Water plants are not working right, in all communities. Plants need these repairs to run right.
- Recycling is going very well in Mallard. The mayor said she is proud of the recycling being done by the residents.

**Barrows Community Council:** We have four summer students this year. Were working on renovations to the community hall. Our Admin is condemned, we have a music festival coming up at the end of August and have more community events planned for the year. Highway 77 is still not repaired yet.

**Camperville Community Council:** We are working with employee Manitoba to get a new job position – Environmental clean up operations. Also working with the Green Team on two projects, for 2019. (Public works and Youth Center) We are waiting on our new community truck to be delivered in the coming weeks. Lorne Delaronde retired on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as our P/W employee, he worked with us for 27 years. Fabian Welburn has filled his position. Canada Day festivities were held again in 2019. Activities were once again very well attended. We have revamped our Fire Department; we have upgraded many items that were needed. Level one training was undertaken earlier this year. Paging system tower requires extensive repairs though. Our Red Director has provided several programs for the youth/adults. The canteen at the Camperville arena is providing hot lunch for the school kids during lunch hour. Many items need to be addressed at our WTP that require extensive work. Our WDs also needs upgrades to meet environmental requirements. Our youth matters program started this year and is being overseen by the member of council. In the past the council has been putting on a Seniors Christmas meal. Due to limited funds in our budget the activity was forwarded to another community group. Community council, INR and crown lands are currently working with a large bison ranch corporation that has purchased large amounts of land around the Camperville region. Consultations are ongoing at this time. 911 has been established in Camperville this year and is now fully operational. Community roads are in poor conditions and require extensive upgrades and INR infrastructure audit must note that this is a priority. A highway upgrade



(repaving) from Camperville to Cowan PTH#20 is scheduled to start this summer. Our community's infrastructure needs upgrades and issues need to be addressed.

**Crane River Community Council:** The 2018/2019 winter skating schedule was a very busy season for the arena. The Crane River Winter festival committee held another successful winter festival on February long weekend. Our summer student programs began at the beginning of July and we were able to provide employment to 6 students through Summer career placement and Green team. The ball grounds were of steady use during the summer with Jordan's principal program using it as well. Our Canada Day event was a great success as well with kids' games, horseshoe tournament, free BBQ supper and ending the day off with fireworks. The recycle program which was started in the community has been a success, starting with two bins and having to add a third. We also added outdoor recycle bins to our baseball grounds, arena and park. BellMTS is in the process of installing a radio communications tower for emergency services.

**Duck Bay Community Council:** We are hiring summer students through the Green Team. NHFI program in community is going great. Our firetruck and council truck are not working properly. Our taxi service is only running 3 days a week, we need them to accommodate 5 days a week. Our water treatment plant is not working very well, some days no water. We need to hire a public works town employee. We need an extension to our hall; our recycling program isn't working the best. Our drop-in centre is going good though, and we just hired a Rec. Director.

**Mallard Community Council:** Abbey Chartrand is the new elected mayor and she is proud to be mayor. Jordan Houle is our dep. Mayor and Diane Trumbula is the new CAO. Our new public works employee is Melton Gabriel as well as our new garbage hauler is Wilfred Ewen. We have closed the waste disposal, and our recycling program is going great. We have two summer students this year. We will be having our Christmas party dinner & Santa in December. We're getting a new roof on our fire hall. We would like make to Basketball court for the kids. North Mallard road needs to be maintained better and more often.

**Meadow Portage Community Council:** The Meadow Portage Community Council is currently running with four members of Council. The Mayor position is currently vacant. The council consists of acting Mayor Harold Fleming, Councillors Richard Jantti, Ken Woods and Heather Bass. The past year has been pretty good for the community of Meadow Portage. The community of Meadow Portage is very fortunate to have a very active Rec Committee that works with the council planning and hosting several events throughout the year. In November the Rec Committee held craft nights every Wednesday night. The craft nights really went well. In December council along with the rec Committee held their annual Christmas party. The evening consisted of a full Christmas dinner, Christmas caroling and of course Santa made his special appearance. Also, in December the ice was made in the arena and skating began for the season. The arena had skaters come for several surrounding communities and some good games of hockey were played. In May the annual Mothers and Father's Day brunch was held. Flowers were given out as gifts to each family. At the end of May, the second annual music jamboree was held in Meadow Portage and there were local musicians from the area came out to play music and sing. The turnout was great for musicians and spectators. For the past 2 years the council has been working on trying to purchase a new tractor, In May the council finally was able to purchase new tractor. The council and community members also took part in the Seed of change program offered through NHFI. This program always goes over very well and is appreciated by participants in Meadow Portage. In June the council purchased a new community public works truck. The truck will also be used for hauling garbage to the new waste disposal site in Waterhen. In July our waste disposal site was decommissioned and turned into a transfer station. This meant we had to begin hauling the household garbage to Waterhen. Meadow Portage also began the recycling program this year and it is working very well within our community. In July council received four positions for summer students and two were funded through Green Team. We also got a third position from Canada Jobs and a fourth position from the Canada parks and recreation. The summer students spent their time



cutting grass, painting, working at seniors' home and other various jobs. The final repair of highway 276 have finally began and will be done within the next month. We are currently in the process of renovating one of our bathrooms in the hall for wheelchair access. We are also building a lean on the end of one of our sheds for extra storage space.

**Rock Ridge Community Council:** We have an upcoming Halloween dance in October. It will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year hosting our annual Christmas Party. We hired two summer students through the Green Team this year. We also put in two recycling bins and they are being used on a daily basis. Our community hall is open two days a week now to.

**Spence Lake Community Council:** Spence Lake Council has had a productive and busy year. We purchased a water/garbage truck and trailer. Started household garbage pick up in April 2019 with approximately 150 residents on this service. In the summer months we currently have 3 recycling bins our community and have requested a fourth. Last summer we started the beginning stages of a multi purpose facility. We received a grant for appliances and a grant of \$37,500.00 from Building Sustainable Communities. So, moving along slowly. We hired a new maintenance man & garbage hauler for Spence Lake, as well as we got two summer students through Green Team and 2 students through MMF. We also had another successful Canada Day.

**Waterhen Community Council:** 2018 (after NACC Conference) was a busy time with the Seniors Christmas Supper, Community Christmas party and yearly Christmas concert. Canada Day 2019 we planned and had a parade through the Community, to the Wayside Ferry Park where the Duck Race was held by the local Fire Department. Funds raised went to the Fire Departments. A potluck with traditional Canada Day celebration cake was shared, games were held, with residents visiting and having fun, followed later in the evening with fireworks at the East Lake side park. Each event was well attended, and council was happy with the community involvement even though the weather was extremely hot. Another Little Waterhen's day camp is planned for August 19-20, 2019. Waterhen Community council received money from Manitoba Hydro from the Bi Pole III Community Enhancement Projects and the money received went towards improving the Community. Six students were hired for Green Team through the Government of Canada and Council, with their work term from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We received free garden seeds from the NHFI program through NACC that were distributed to residents. We had some difficulty in getting these seed. Our community has received free Bear Proof recycling containers for our parks through Recycle Everywhere and they seem to be working. Our community residents are doing a great job of recycling. We also got a new truck for our Public Works employee. Manitoba Highways has removed their grader/snow plow from the Waterhen area. This is causing quite big concerns about grading and snow plowing for our community, with many meetings already held and a few more expected before everything is in place. The regional solid waster disposal site in Waterhen is now opened with the old site decommissioned. Council is still quite concerned about the on-going maintenance required as there is still no adequate equipment nor money to purchase the equipment that's needed to be successful in this endeavour. Possibility of flooding is a yearly ongoing concern with lower water level at present, the risks appear less, we can only wait and see what the future brings.

**Stew Sabiston's Report:** Welcome everyone, I'm able to meet with communities one on one with in the next couple days. Albert Sandburg's position is till available. Thompson & the Pas have shortage of staff, so the Dauphin office is currently covering their communities. Devin and Morley are always on the road busy with the water treatment plants. Communication – INR can do better communicating with councils. Councils always try to do post letters. Emails are always good. As for Capital projects, the waste disposal site in Waterhen is working well. The recycling programs are doing very well in communities. The waste management project in Duck Bay, Camperville, Pine Creek is in the planning process. The project should take place next year. The ICIT program cost share is in the break out session later today. It is a 50/50

program, goods and service purchasing over \$5000 you need to post on MerCs website. MerCs is vehicles, tractors, that have to through PSR and posted on MerCs. (Communities discussed concerns & complaints regarding merCs.) MRIP was coordinated by Municipal Relations, INR was given \$200,000.00 for all communities. INR has identified the roads. If you receive this year, you will not receive it next year. There are no resolution responses yet from last year, but the resolutions are gone where they need to be.

## **6.0 ELECTIONS**

The next thing on our agenda is elections for vice chair, secretary – treasurer and also resolution committee member. The way the elections work is that we open the floor to nominations if we get more than two candidates for position, the winners position has to have 51%. If we get that in the first round one candidate gets 51% then its finished. If we get below that, the lowest candidate is dropped out and the new vote again. That's the way our system works.

It was moved by Julian Boucher, and seconded by Alex Delaronde  
**Lorne Huhtala was elected Vice – Chairperson**

**Stewart Sabiston:** Having received no other nominations, I declare the nomination period closed and Lorne Huhtala is the Vice – Chairperson for the Western Region.

## **Regional Secretary/Treasurer**

The floor is now open for nomination for secretary/Treasurer.

It was moved by Abbey gail Mosseau, and Seconded by Julian Boucher  
**Harold Fleming was elected Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Regional Resolution Committee Member**

Larry explained what this position is and the responsibilities, asking for nominations.  
Julian Boucher, nominated Abbey-Gail Chartrand, Seconded by Alex Delaronde.

**Abbey-Gail Chartrand accepts the nomination of resolution chairperson.**