

## Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting

2 PM August 10, 2021

### MINUTES

Location: Bill's house

Attending: Jane, Sharon, Mike, Lyle, Bill, Kathy

Guests: Ford Harrison and Phil Ashton from TaTa Creek

Regrets: Darcy, Debbie

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 2:05

#### 1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon.

Seconded by Mike.

Carried

#### 2. Review of Minutes from June 7, 2021

Move to adopt minutes by Sharon.

Seconded by Mike.

Carried

#### 3. Tata Creek Fire Event

Ford and Phil are here to tell us about the TaTa Creek fire event on Aug 4, about 500 sq' area on Wayne Aseltine's private property. Phil called Bill W and asked for help with the fire. Ford brought 1 water cube and Bob Cale brought 2 cubes to put out the fire caused by lightning strike, which was attended by 7 residents. Richard H was not home but had told people ahead of time to use his trailer so it was available if needed. Mira, Ford's wife, called people to come help. There seems to be general interest re fire at Tata Creek, as Kathy was contacted by 3 different parties when we did the FB FireSmart Blitz in May. Kathy forwarded those names to Travis Abbey, the RDEK FireSmart consultant. Ford and Phil have kindly agreed to be Tata Creek contacts for our news and events. One of our goals is to work with the Tata Creek folks (and others in our neighbouring communities) in the future.

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#### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT

##### NEW TRANSACTIONS

##### DEPOSITS

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
11	July 22	2000.00	BC Hydro funding for KIOSK

**EXPENSES**

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
33	June 7	282.39	Supplies: bottled water, 2 shovels, locks and chains for pumps, paint. Pay to Mike from Comm Inits funding.
34	July 20	18.71	2 buckets and lids for "wet water". Pay to Lyle from Comm Inits funding.
35	July 25	162.40	To Peak Exteriors for construction supplies: Tyvek paper, calking, nails, and staples. Take from Comm Inits funding.
36	July 27	106.92	Supplies: first aid kit, groceries for work party lunches. Pay to Kathy from Comm Inits funding.
37	Aug 4	1819.41	Unused funds from Community Initiatives Grant returned to RDEK July 31, 2021 with final funding report. This funding account is now closed.

**Bank Balance as of last statement June 30, 2021: \$5692.79**

**Accounts breakdown as of today's date (includes new transactions listed above)**

2019 BC Hydro Safety and Equipment:	.24
2019 RDEK/CBT Shelter fund:	0.00
2021 BC Hydro Kiosk	2000.00
FireSmart Canada 2021	500.00
Donations and Fundraising:	2752.22
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$5252.46</b>

Petty Cash: 100.00

**TOTAL \$5352.46**

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Sharon.

Carried

Move to move .24 to new BC Hydro funding account and close the old account by Lyle. (Kathy will check with Sally at BC Hydro.)

Seconded by Sharon

Carried.

## 5. Fundraising

- BC hydro \$2000 Grassroots grant application for kiosk was accepted, cheque received and deposited it in the bank on July 22.
- Columbia Basin Trust application \$2500 accepted for kiosk. CBT agreement signed by Sharon as Lions representative. Lyle moved we go ahead and arrange kiosk building and installation. Seconded by Sharon. Kathy will arrange with a red roof!

## 6. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

### a. Shelter Construction

- Construction completed and unused funds returned to RDEK along with report July 31. See report.

Great big thank you to Darcy for his donation of Hardy board siding and his supervision of its installation. There were 2 siding work parties with these community members helping at one or the other: Jack and Eric Morrison, Tom Braumandl, and Bruce Walkey. Darcy and Mike were at both plus put in a lot of additional time over the next several days to finish the job. Sharon and Kathy provided 2 lunches. Great work all!

- Floor concrete—waiting for RDEK new grant application results.

### b. Equipment

We purchased a few more items from the Community Initiatives funding: 2 shovels, first aid kit, locks, security chains for pumps (see new transactions under Financial items above). Mike received a donation of fire hoses from Mike Effrey at Strategic. Kathy will send a thank you note to Strategic Fire Control Ltd.

### Other:

- Mike reported that Kevin Bradley is selling hose, pumps, nozzles, fittings, and will set it up for people free or for a fee, we are not sure. He does not advertise on FB but does on Kijiji.
- Nexus Security system – still in process. Kathy is trying to connect.
- We need No Parking signs for in front of the fire hall. Lyle will look into it.

## 7. WASP

It was decided by email that due to concerns raised by the nearby Bill Nye, it would be good timing to arrange another bulk purchase of WASP sprinkler kits. The price has gone up to \$140/kit (includes tax) and with a \$50/kit profit for our group, we will be selling them for \$190 each. Kathy has received the bill for \$1440.01 and we are awaiting shipment. In previous years, we have received a free kit for giveaway with the community purchase but WASP has discontinued that offer. Free kit is now only provided to new customers.

Move to pay WASP bill by Sharon. Seconded by Lyle. Carried

## **8. Community Recognition Program**

We have completed the requirements for recognition in 2021. Kathy will be submitting the paperwork within the next while. Deadline is year-end but they advise everyone to do it sooner than later.

Review of our goals which will be carried forward into 2022:

1. *Hold an event annually*
2. *Work with other community groups—TaTa Creek*
3. *Encourage home-owners to have basic fire fighting equipment*

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **a. Fire Events**

General: 2021 a bad fire year throughout BC. Campfire ban on June 30 to October 15. Bill Nye fire mid-July to early August, burning nearly 3000 hectares. Lazy Lake was on alert for several weeks and under evacuation for about 1 week; no houses burned.

Jul 9 Close to midnight, a concerned neighbour called Lyle re campfire. Lyle investigated but it turned out to be a propane campfire.

Aug 4 Bill was called and attended grassfire caused by lightning strike in TaTa Creek. Good turnout from residents and fire was put out. See item 3 above.

**b. Mike's idea to lobby government** to deal with the forest fire hazard on crown land around Wasa. We want to address the most critical areas to community safety (to the south, ie upwind). Mike will call BC Timber Sales and investigate further. Nick McRae, a local kid, does a lot of planning for Canfor. Mike and Kathy will ask Amanda w BC Parks on Aug 20. Keep this idea on the back burner as it will have to be dealt with eventually.

### **c. Aways:**

Kathy and Mike away Sept 1 – 15<sup>th</sup>

Mike away hunting late Sept/early Oct

Lyle away Aug 23-28

Darcy away Aug 18 – Sept 14

Kathy will send out a note to everyone about who is away. Please send out reminders to everyone before you go.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE** -- Kathy will send note out in about a month or so. If anyone feels that a meeting is warranted before, please let everyone know.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** at 4:15 pm