



## ***Agricultural Informational Meeting***

### ***The Royal Canadian Legion***

***July 26, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.***

#### **Attendance:**

Reeve Schinkel

Deputy Reeve Mandzuk

Councillor Kellendonk

Councillor Easton

Councillor Enns-Preston

CAO Sandra Broek

DCAO Deanne Duke

Director of Operations David Atkins

Public Works Consultant Ron Bueller

Colin Gluting – Northeast Watershed District

Madeline Dessler – Northeast Watershed District

John Fleming – EMO

Gord & Kelly Wells

Tracy & Alan Neurenberg

Braden Neurenberg

Rupert Theuerer

Kelly Jacobson

Darren & Donna Heckert

Betty Matchizen

Hans Husler

Jenueth Johanson

JD McIntosh

Paul McIntosh

Orest and Terry Kaminski

Lynn Fosty

#### **1. Northeast Red Watershed District Presentation & Discussion**

- Tree planting program through summer staffing, the district funds the trees, manpower and equipment to plant the trees.
- Provincial funding /Grow trusts – money is in the trust. Annual funding. If someone had private property, we go through the district to divert it to retain it elsewhere.
- The district automatically receives annual provincial funding.

**Action:**            **Appointments to subdistrict committees – August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Are there community members already in mind or do we send an email to all participants asking for interest?**

#### **2. Wardrop Creek Drainage**

- Discussion regarding jointly working with watershed district and maple creek/province.
- Allan - Compensation package for all the drainage damage. Tracking all damage.
- Paul – minister suggested off the record the only way to resolve maple creek is through litigation.
- Registered drains – we need to maintain them.
- Lift Station/ Watershed
- Warddrop Committee



- Resolution – lobby the province. – treasury board –

Action: Arrange meeting with Minister/NE Red watershed district to discuss issues and remedial options.

Action: Reach out to RM of Alexander to consider joining the watershed district to address our issues in Ldb.

Action: Drainage – registered drains maintenance.

### 3. Drainage & Grading

- Gravel standards for the agriculture roads.
- Grading policy
- Gravel standard policy
- NW of Brightstone – Orest Kaminski - skimpy on gravel, not brushing roads, signs too close (dead end road) to the edge for farm equipment to pass/turn safely.
- Mower – need wider and better mower like RM of Brokenhead.
- Ditch spraying – Agassiz Weed District they spray - chemical drift – not considering the wind direction. And how close they spray to the field. Using the wrong sprayers but were changing the nozzles.

Action: Councilor Kellendonk & Deputy Reeve Mandzuk will bring spraying concerns forward to Agassiz.

Action: David Atkins will touch base with Mr. Kaminski regarding concerns and for site visit.

### 4. Snowmobiling/Off-Road Vehicles

- Trespassing – no off roads by-law – POA would be able to ticket the trespassers.
- Education component – people may not realize how this damages fields.
- **Billboards** – sharing the roads with farmers, etc.
- Inserts – newsletter – website – social media
- Sno-riders Club - 325 km of trails on west side. Spend money on signage for everyone to stay on trails.

Action: Work w/ all the snowmobile clubs to communicate and to hear about where the problem areas are.

Action: Set up Service Tracker category for snowmobile complaints.

Action: Communications Program - CAP/ Provincial Farmers program for communication on farm respect.

Action: POA



## 5. Marketing

- Promote our strat plan with agriculture community.
- Harvest time communication and what ag contributes to the area
- Agriculture – dollar value for ag properties etc., revenue – scope of business.
- CDC performing community assessment with agricultural community – survey for information.

**Action:** Communications Program - CAP/ Provincial Farmers program for communication on farm respect and promote strategic planning with agricultural components.

## 6. Transfer Station Fees

- Old pointe road – lots of landfill dumps
- Chemical jug disposal sites – provincial – labels off, rinsing jugs for provincial pickup.
- Clean Farms – pickup locations
- Grain bags not being recycled in Manitoba yet??

**Action:** Research Clean Farms program to facilitate the jug disposal pickups and grain bags.

**Action:** Review the Transfer Station By-law for Farm Properties. Currently, it is only farm properties that do not have a dwelling that have a “commercial – black card” and have to pay for using the TS. If they have a dwelling, they would have a white card and access to use the TS.

## 7. Development Plan

An update on status of Development Plan/Zoning By-Law RFP process which will be followed by many consultations.

## 8. Highways

- Keep pressure on MTI for highways that are being shared by farmers and traffic.
- Meeting with RCMP – lobby for more enforcement.
- Road restrictions –

**Action:** Arrange a meeting with Cory – RCMP to lobby for more enforcement on the highways.

Information session adjourned at 11:20 a.m.