



R. M. OF VICTORIA BEACH - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

EAST BEACHES SOCIAL SCENE – 3 Ateah Rd, Victoria Beach

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: In-person - Mayor McMorris, Councillors Kumka, Randle, Axworthy
Virtual – Councillor Chadsey

Council would like to thank the many who came to today's Council meeting. The community feedback and discussion that resulted regarding ORV BYLAW and other ACTS influencing the use of ORVs in VB was appreciated and heard by Council.

Reminder to all there is zero-tolerance for verbal or physical threats or violence and you will be escorted from the meeting immediately and possibly restricted from attending future meetings.

Call To Order: 7:00PM

Res. 2023/028 – Kumka / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions: BYLAW 1643-Amendment to ORV BYLAW 1614. **Carried 5F/0A**

Res. 2023/029 – Randle / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that the minutes of the January 24th, 2023 regular council meeting be adopted as presented. **Carried 5F/0A**

Delegation: Regarding RMVB ORV BYLAW 1614, RMVB enforcement

1 Rob Monkman, VB resident

- Wants community collaboration;
- Speak up and let your voice be heard;
- ORV restrictions limit access to lake from VB property for work and recreation.

2 Blake Taylor, President VBCOA

- VBCOA mandate is to preserve character and unique history of the VRA;
- Understands other areas of VB have different community interests;
- VBCOA is open to compromise; quotes by R. Moreau (RMVB CAO for 30 years) were read.

3 Graham Cameron, VB resident

- Outdoor recreation over winter is healthy and needed by many;
- Snowmobiles have enjoyed access to lake and trails from within VB for over 60 years, why the change now?
- Local business is being affected negatively and states some issues are being over-exaggerated against the use of snowmobiles.

4 Sean Taylor, VBCOA (asked to be deferred to 21st Feb 2023 delegation agenda).



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5 Rene Degagne, VB Snowdrifters

- Overview of Snowdrifters history with over 193 members (~30 from VB);
- Snowmobile safety and training is high priority for all;
- Funding for a lightweight rescue trailer is on-going.

6 Dr. Paul Cooley, VB resident

- Resident since 1970's and thanks Council and Public Works for services provided;
- ORV restrictions limit access to lake where he works for the Federal government studying ice conditions;
- Understands issues from both sides and wants good relationship with police and Council and hopes BYLAW 1614 can be amended to allow ORV access so businesses can operate and people can enjoy safe outdoor recreation.

7 Luc Perrin, VB resident

- A VB resident who wants to enjoy cottage life to the fullest and the ORV bylaw limits this enjoyment;
- No desire to drive on roads, only needs to be on roads for egress/regress to lake and trails that are nearby;
- Questions the need for the swing gates and wants BYLAW 1614 amended.

8 Jerry Bourassa - Saffies General Store

- History of store and challenges faced by store in the off-season;
- BYLAW 1614 is causing harm to business due to lower customer volume as a result of Snowdrifters seeing VB as a place that is not very welcoming to snowmobilers;
- Provided a petition signed by many who support changes to BYLAW 1614.

9 Kevin Ateah, VB Resident

- A long-time resident who recalls over the years never having any issues with snowmobiles in VB, why have things changed?
- Stresses the importance of residents being allowed ORV egress/regress from property to trails and lake and says he feels like a “criminal” now when he is on his snowmobile;
- Raised questions about the ORV Act, Snowmobile Act and VB Bylaws.

10 Patti Ulrich/Matt Metcalfe (video); VB resident

- Residents need access to lake and trails from properties;
- Stresses the VRA and rest of VB are different and this requires attention when forming VB bylaws;
- Having to trailer snowmobiles to get from property to trails or lake is unnecessary, cumbersome and will get very expensive for many residents.



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During the delegation period, comments and questions were made by Council members and CAO to further help all stakeholders:

- 1) to understand the issues with ORV BYLAW 1614,
- 2) to help understand the requirement for an RMVB ORV BYLAW to transfer the governance of ORVs on RMVB roadways from the ORV Act to RMVB, and
- 3) to understand the authority of the VB Police Board and the VB police to enforce RMVB bylaws without Council direction or influence.

Res. 2023/030 – Randle / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that the following list of accounts be approved for payment:

- Accounts Payable Cheques #10947 to #10969, amount of \$88,951.09;
- January payroll, amount of \$85,883.40;
- VISA January 21 2023 statement, amount of \$2,711.75.

Carried 5F/0A

Previous Business:

Zoning bylaw review of activity to date: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is being completed and will be posted on VB website soon.

Res. 2023/031 – Axworthy / Kumka

Be It Resolved to approve Tourism Eastman membership in the amount of \$1,050.00 per year (TIER 4). **Defeated 0F/5A**

Agenda item “8b – Abuse Policy” was moved by Axworthy and seconded by Randle but was tabled to discuss details of policy further.

Agenda item “8c – ORV BYLAW No 1642” was not moved/seconded and thus removed to redraft a more comprehensive ORV BYLAW after all delegations are heard and in lieu of proposed ORV BYLAW 1614 amendments made in BYLAW No 1643, which was added to today’s agenda.

Res. 2023/032 – Randle / Kumka

BE IT RESOLVED to approve 1st reading of BY-LAW NO. 1643 to amend By-Law 1614: A By-Law to regulate the use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) within the Municipality.

Carried 5F/0A

Correspondence:

- High volume of ORV BYLAW community feedback was noted.



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Res. 2023/033 – Randle / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that the February 07th, 2023 regular council meeting be adjourned; next regular council meeting to be held on Tuesday February 21st, 2023 – 6:00 P.M., in Winnipeg. ***Carried 5F/0A***

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Penny McMorris – Mayor

Lon Turner – CAO