108 MILE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2024

Call to Meeting (Ziefflie):

The AGM was called to order at 2:04 pm by Roxanne Ziefflie, President.

The President introduced the current members of the 108 RCA Board present. She explained member's eligibility to vote and confirmed that the meeting had a quorum with over 20 members present. There was a total of 72 people present.

1. President's Report (Ziefflie):

The President's report was read to the Members (copy attached).

2. Adoption of the Feb 2024 Minutes (Ziefflie)

A copy of the Minutes was emailed to all members and uploaded on the 108 RCA website. No questions or objections were raised.

Carol Wise moved the motion to adopt the Minutes, seconded by Debbie Porter. Motion carried.

3. Adoption of 2024 Financial Statements (Mars)

A copy of the Financial Reports was emailed to all members and made available on the website.

An application was made to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to change the fiscal year to sync with the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) fiscal year, but it was denied due to outstanding tax returns for thirty years prior to the last two years.

The accounting system has been changed from Cash Basis (posting cash going in and out) to an Accrual system (accounts payable and receivable).

Our financial situation is comparable to last year's. The difference is the $40,000 in-kind donation from 100 Miles House for bingo equipment. Because of the value of the equipment, $30,000 of the donation will be deferred over the next few years.

Shirley McInnis moved to adopt the 2024 Financial Reports, seconded by Judith Merkel. Motion carried.

4. Group and Committee Reports

<u>Cariboo Regional District (Al Richmond)</u>

There is a maximum cap of $14,000 from tax payers for the green belt); the remainder comes from grants. Revenue sources are limited, but expenses are high. The beach cleaning contract was $9,000. A new truck for firefighters could cost between $500k and $850k.

Each community budget within the CRD is self-funded. We cannot move money from one community to another. 108 Mile Ranch has about 3,000 people (1348 homes) connected to our system.

108 does not have a water shortage. Everyone who pays taxes and uses the water service is entitled to water. CRD is looking at the new technology that shows precisely where the water consumption is.

We may see some increase from inflation but expect no significant new costs in the upcoming budget.

Changes to the bus route requiring elementary students within 3km of the school to walk to school have become a big issue. We are working with the School District to address the problem.

Greenbelt Committee (Herb Carter and Chris Betuzzi)

Replacing the 10 km of fences around 108 will start this year at $25 per meter (99% of the costs covered by a CRD grant). The first phase will begin around the Donsleequa Court area and then onto the north of 108 across from West Beach.

Replacing and repairing the gates due to the damage done by vehicles is an ongoing concern, especially in the area near the old airport road and the Heritage site. ATVs travel in Greenbelt properties, which are blocked off, by breaking the locks. Signs are put up but ignored.

The main beach gates are closed until late in the day so the frost can disappear. Otherwise, the roads are easily damaged—$22,000 was spent to resurface the road to the parking lot on West Beach. The gates are also closed at night in the summer due to youth partying, which requires cleanup.

The Gazebo on the main beach has been a big success. The boat launch installed two new multi-use benches. Unlike the cement benches, the unique design allows people in wheelchairs to slide in and out. The tables are also well-used.

We want to install a playground, but it is hugely expensive. We are looking for a grant of about $45k. We also want shade covers for the tables at the main gate for hot days.

Our outhouses are well maintained due to Paulson's hard work. There have been problems with injection needles. He looks out for them and has been trained to dispose of them in containers designed for the purpose.

Before money ran out, quite a bit of the lake trail was resurfaced, past the Main Beach, halfway down Sepa Lake, and parts of the west of 108 Lake.

Fisheries stocked the lake with 1,500 rainbow trout using the boat launch.

108 Mile Ranch consists of about 700 hectares of lots and 700 hectares of public lands - Over 50% of the land around 108 Mile Ranch is greenbelt

The greatest threat is wildfires. On average, BC experiences about 1,400 wildfires yearly—we have had 1670 wildfires this year.

We can't control the weather, but we can control available fuel through select harvesting, such as thinning the large forest around the Donsleequa pasture and reducing deadwood and green trees. We also hand-treated the younger forests.

Grasslands are a severe fire hazard. About 40% of the greenbelt is open or semi-open grasslands kept down by cattle.

Important to protect homes from wildfires: follow the guidelines on firesmartbc.ca

Fire Department (Chad Mueller)

The past 12 months have been quieter than previous years.

2021: 147 calls
2022: 166 calls
2023: 163 calls
2024: 155 as of today

155 calls comprised 92 medical incidents, 13 motor vehicle incidents, 20 wild ban fires, and 9 fires.

Sundays are the busiest day of the week, and most calls are received between 2 and 3 p.m.

Currently, the department has 17 active members; 11 are trained as first responders.

The fire department is constantly recruiting and will keep recruiting until they reach the needed numbers.

Airport (Ross Donahue)

Since the airport reopened, we have received good feedback after completing the $6.5 million runway upgrade, including the new lighting.

This year's events included the Grand Opening of the Runway on April 27th, an Open House and Fly-in on May 25th and September 7th, both of which were affected by the weather.

Joined the 100-mile flying club to fly the kids between 7 and 12. The free flights last about 20 minutes and raise interest in flying. Twenty-one kids participated, whereas up to 40 kids have participated in the past.

In 2024, the airport had 850 aircraft flights and 30 medivacs. It used 120,000 litres of jet fuel, reflecting one week of fire season.

We are getting the traffic, and people are happy with using the restaurant near the airport.

108 Lions Club (Laura Oliffe)

Ms. Oliffe read their report on the Lions' Club activities for the last two years (copy attached)

South Cariboo Pickleball Club (Larry Davis)

The Pickleball Club has about 105 members—a third live in 108. The average age of the players is 66, but young people play, too. We are looking for indoor venues for the winter and outdoor courts for the summer with flexible hours that are not too far for the players to travel.

The proposal is for a seven-court venue between the 108 community hall parking lot and the elementary school. No trees will be cut down. Plans are in place to deflect noise as per the guidelines set by the BC Pickleball Association.

We will work with the RCA Board to address community concerns.

The courts could open by next year with active fundraising, including the $125k grant from the South Cariboo Joint Committee.

Heritage Site (Kelly Carnochan)

The Heritage Site has 13 buildings on eight acres, including the Watson log barn—Canada's most enormous log barn at 40 ft x 160 ft. It's a beautiful two-story building.

Between the May long weekend and the end of September, we had over 12,000 visitors — only the ones we counted.

Our donations are way up this year—moving our gift store from the ice house into the museum made a significant difference. People visiting the museum have been generous, especially when they learn we are not government-funded.

The fires in Jasper helped our visitor numbers. Rocky Mountaineers would drop off a busload of a hundred people on the site. It will be great when the multicultural centre opens so we can work hand in hand with them.

We will need more washrooms for the number of people we receive. It's just going to get busier and busier. We have a new furnace and updated our cash register:

153-store project: Williams Lake donated the building with all of its contents. It gave us the feasibility study, which we are updating. We will have to dismantle the building, catalogue and store its contents, and move them to the Heritage site. We will need $2 million for this project.

First Nations Cultural Centre (Alana Dixon and Irene Gilbert)

The Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society completed building the cultural centre with the soft Grand opening on Sep 6th. The name of the building means "Our Culture Long Ago," and it was chosen by the elders and the language society.

Graham Leslie, Alana Dixon, and Elizabeth Pete were leaders among the group when the project started in 2003, 20 years ago.

Many partners are helping us, including Indigenous Tourism, UBC and the West Bank Heritage Museum Society.

We are delighted with the business plan completed in March 2023 with the help of Dave Jensen and Associates. They consulted widely with every sector of our community, including elders,

youth, university students, and professional people, to help us decide what information to share in the culture centre.

We are grateful for all the support we received, financial or otherwise, from the CRD, Williams Lake and 100 Mile House.

There is more work to do. We need to catalogue all our cultural items. People want to give us gifts and loan us items. We plan to operate with the seasons. We're coming into winter. If we were open, we would showcase winter activities and make presentations. The exhibits will be set up accordingly.

Once the building is complete, it will be available for rent.

Hall Manager (Emmy Lou Stoeter)

By the end of this year, we will have hosted about 40 public and private events. The RCA and the Lions Club have held successful events, as have many other gatherings, such as banquets.

We have lovely regular users, including Zumba and Pilates classes, Coffee Club and Music Circles on Sundays.

The Christmas season will be busy. There will be a good number of special events up until July.

It is a beautiful facility and an excellent resource for our community.

Membership/Events & Billboard (Ingrid Myer)

In 2024, we have 130 regular members, about 20-lifetime members and 44 business members.

We manage and rent the billboard space at the Canco gas station, which brings in about $3k/year.

The Christmas Market and the 108 Fair is our biggest event and brings in the most money. The 108 Fair started in 2010 and has involved the school, airport, and heritage site for the last three years.

Coffee Club (Carol Wise)

The Coffee Club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. We usually have 15 people, but there have been up to 20. Ladies take turns making coffee. Bring a few treats. Both men and women are welcome. We have a good time.

6. Election of Directors:

The President opened the nominations from the floor.

Ingrid Myers nominated Cindy Keates, who accepted the nomination.

Roxanne Ziefflie nominated Sandy Lee, who accepted the nomination.

There were only eight nominations, and all nominated directors were acclaimed.

7. Adjournment of Meeting:

Victor Daku moved the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathleen Turner. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Presidents Report:

This board has only been active for 9 months with 2 months being our summer break. The first couple of months were spent becoming familiar with procedures and reviewing financials. We discovered a few policies and changes that had been proposed by the previous board that did not meet standards. One being our year end date and also the recording of the disposal of our bingo equipment. Our treasurer will go over this with more detail shortly.

Hopefully you have all had a chance to use our new website. We have switched over to WIX to make it easier for a layman to maintain the site. It is still a work in progress. You can find our minutes from the directors meetings and monthly financials. We have a what's happening page to keep you informed of upcoming events. We have added an on-line membership application and accept e-transfer payment. We have also added an on-line inquiry to book the hall along with a calendar showing the hall bookings and availability which is being updated on a regular basis by our hall manager. To help increase rentals, We are working on a special wedding page. We would like to work with local vendors where we promote them on our website in exchange for them giving a discount to our clients. If you would like to participate or have any ideas or questions, please contact myself or Emmylou after the AGM. Currently we have a Christmas market coming up with more vendors wanting in than we can accommodate So we are looking at some different options to try and accommodate everybody.

Bingo has returned to the 108. We received a donation from 100 Mile House of a new machine and all the cards, tables etc. We started bingo in April and have had some good nights and some slower nights.

We closed during the summer months and restarted again late September. We are reviewing our options for increasing the attendance and revenue. I would like to thank the Lions as they have continued to volunteer to help us with our bingo's. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the running of the bingo's twice a month. If you would like to help out, please be sure to contact the board to let us know.

We have been busy continuing with the siding project started by the previous board. All funds are now in place and we were ready to start the project When we discovered our account had been flagged at the permit department and we could not proceed until we had an approved architect's report. We have been waiting for the architect's report for almost 4 months and finally received the report on Wednesday and are waiting on a new proposal from the contractor. We are hoping to start the project within the next month.
We had an outdoor clean up day to remove some of the debris around the storage shed. We managed to remove the 4 xmas trees from last year and a lot of other garbage that had been dumped there. There is still work to do on the actual storage shed and a few trees that need to be removed.

The current board is taking a slightly different direction than the last board in that we are focusing on doing more for the residents instead of just the hall. The hall still remains on our list of things to do, but we would like to see more projects geared towards improving the lives' of all 108 residents. We have formed a new committee to work on Outdoor Recreational projects to benefit not only our seniors but all ages. Some ideas presented are a fitness trail in the forested area towards Easee with both static and dynamic equipment, a gazebo with picnic table with a checkerboard as part of the table top for people to play checkers or chess, with possibly a BBQ for family get to gathers in the court area beside the building, and a much bigger project of a multi use outdoor covered recreation building with year round uses. If you think you might have some great ideas and some time to donate, please contact me after the meeting. The board has a lease agreement with the South Cariboo Pickleball Association for the use of a portion of our land. Larry Davis will be doing a presentation about the future pickleball courts later in the meeting. The board envisions the RCA lands as being a hub for outdoor activities for the residents. There is a lot of work to be done and lots of money to be found through grants to bring these projects to life.

We are near the completion of a new set of bylaws and once they are ready we will send to all members to review and we will call a special meeting for your vote.

We lost 5 directors due to work schedules, family and time commitments and 1 moving, leaving 6 directors. We are hoping to fill the other 5 director positions tonight. We are looking for positive people who are committed to putting in the time required and are willing to pitch in where needed and work as a team member with all the other directors. We are looking for People who are forward thinkers and are willing to look towards the future. It is more than just attending 1 meeting a month. Nominations for directors will be accepted later in the meeting and if we have more than 11 nominations, we will have a members vote. Executive positions will be voted on by the directors at their first board meeting in November.

Addressed current negative Facebook posting regarding Outdoor Recreation proposals.

- No trees being taken down
- Comments regarding pickleball and seniors reliving their childhoods - Seniors are looking for ways to stay fit.

108 Mile Ranch Lions Report
for 108 Ranch Community Association

Saturday, October 26, 2024

I've been asked to read this report on behalf of the 108 Lions Club.

We currently have 16 Lion members. Two of which are

Lifetime members. This report covers the last two years.

Special Events held over the last two years included:

1. Santa's Breakfast
2. Easter Breakfast with Easter Bunny this year
3. Providing Pancake Breakfast to the 108 Elementary school

Fund Raising Events over the last two years included:

1. Pet Value Dog Walk raising money for training Guide Dogs
2. Spaghetti Dinner & 50's Dance in 2023
3. Bingo Concessions
4. 50/50 raffles
5. Hosted Comedian -Kenny Shaw in 2024
6. Music in the Park Concessions
7. 108 Airport Fly-Ins - Concessions
8. 108 Spring Fling Concession in 2023
9. Bake Sale in 2024

However, we had to cancel some of our **Give Back to the Community** events due to the weather.

The Milk Jug Curling planned for the 108 Family Day Events in 2023 and 2024 were both cancelled due to the weather
A fishing derby for families planned for Father's Day this year **-IIIIt** was also cancelled due to poor weather.

Donations (financial and/or labour) made over the last two years included:

1. Four Bursaries of $750 over two years to 108 Graduates
2. Catered a memorial service in 2024
3. Installed two memorial benches in 2024
4. Partnered with the Fire Safety Program to provide safety information to the local elementary school.
5. Donations to 100 Mile Food Bank and to Loaves & Fishes
6. Purchased and delivered two food hampers to local families in 2023
7. Donation of wreaths for laying on Remembrance Day for the Royal Canadian Leigon
8. Donations to 108 Ranch Community Association
9. Donations to 100 Mile Soccer Association
10. Donations to South Cariboo Health Foundation
11. Donation to 108 Fire Department towards the purchase of a defibrillator
12. Donation to Scotch Creek Fire Hall, Replacement 2023
13. Donation to Creekside, Water Softener Replacement 2023
14. Donations to the White Cane Club
15. Donation of Individual Emergency Gift for repairing a gentleman's scooter
16. Completion of the Gazebo at the main beach for community use.
17. Helped at the RCA's 108 Ranch Community Green Space Project

Finally

We are always looking to welcome individuals to our club who want to meet new people, help out and give back to their community.

We meet on the first and the third Thursday of the month, downstairs in the Lions Den, come and join us!

Thank you
Laura Oliffe
President, 108 Mile Ranch Lions Club