

Firesmart Committee Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

Order: Chairman Drybrough called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the Community Hall.

Attending: Allison Jackson, Aubrey Loschuk, Gordon Drybrough

Updates:

1. Committee member Mike Buda has submitted his resignation and the Committee has been seeking a replacement.
2. The signs – street signs, lot directional signs and individual property address signs – have been installed. The cost of signs and installation was covered entirely by grant monies.
3. The vegetation mitigation project has been completed. Major work was performed along Lakeshore Drive with some additional clearing completed adjacent to Westcove Drive. The project was funded by the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) and the actual work completed by an experienced crew from Alexander first Nation.
4. FRIAA has officially announced that there will be NO vegetation mitigation project approved in the 2020 season and that project submission will deal on with the funding of educational projects.
5. As part of completion of the vegetation mitigation project the Summer Village is required to operate a public open house.

New Business:

1. Motion 2020-01 – Moved by Allison Jackson that Mr. Aubrey Loschuk be approved as a committee member for this Firesmart Committee. CARRIED.
2. Development of emergency egress roads was discussed and remains a priority for the Committee. The Committee was advised that some MSI capital funding from 2019 was request to completed survey work for potential roads on Westcove and Lakeshore Drives.
3. Motion 2020-02 – Moved by Allison Jackson that the Firesmart Committee, in conjunction with the Summer Village possible Laura Stewart, Firesmart Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, hold an open house on Saturday March 21, 2020 at the SV Community Hall during the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 pm. CARRIED

The Committee indicated that along with light refreshments perhaps prizes should be made available, suggesting awarding a prize to a child aged 5 to 10 years for the best firesmart related drawing and another prize to a child aged 11 to 17 years for the best 100 word firesmart related essay.

4. The Committee will gather on the open house date to set up the hall and displays and ensure that refreshments are in place. Aubrey volunteered to send out a notice on the Sandy Beach Buy and Sell web page. Gordon to provide a standard notice/invitation for the open house to Aubrey and the SV within the next week.

5. Request for block captains, as previously discussed, will occur during the open house.
6. The Director of Emergency Management for the Summer Village of Sandy Beach is investigating the construction and/or purchase of signage for muster points within the Summer Village as well as two fire hazard rating signs to be located at each entrance to the Summer Village.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Gordon Drybrough, Chairman