

Summer Village of Birchcliff
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the Summer Village of Birchcliff, Province of Alberta, held October 12, 2023, in the Summer Villages on Sylvan Lake Administration Office at Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

IN ATTENDANCE	Mayor:	Roger Dufresne
	Deputy Mayor:	Ann Zacharias
	Councillor:	Frank Tirpak
	CAO:	Tanner Evans
	Public Works Manager:	Justin Caslor
	Recording Secretary:	Carolyn Widmer

CALL TO ORDER The Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Mayor Dufresne.

AGENDA

BCC-23-149 MOVED by Councillor Tirpak that the agenda be adopted as amended:
Add Encroachment Policy to D.1.A.
CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Public Works Update

BCC-23-150 MOVED by Mayor Dufresne to meet onsite to discuss corrective actions and to move forward with the bridge in the location proposed. The existing path will be altered into an S shape starting from the crosswalk on Birchcliff Drive.

BCC-23-151 MOVED by Mayor Dufresne to recess at 9:32 a.m.

Council recess at 9:32 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Dufresne declared the Public Hearing for Use of Reserves, Parks, and Bylaw #249-23, open at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Dufresne provided the procedure for the public hearing.

Tanner Evans, CAO, provided the background on the reason Council is proposing changes to the Use of Reserves, Parks and Pathways Bylaw #249-23.

The reason for the proposed changes is for council to allow specific encroachments in the form of stairs to access the lake and the storage of dock sections on lands considered to be environmental reserve. Council and Administration are trying to ensure that the granting of rights is consistent across

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landowners and compliant with the MGA. Previous agreements were entered into in contravention of the MGA as the required bylaw pursuant to Section 676 of the MGA was not passed prior to the agreements being made. That is the purpose of the bylaw amendments in question today – to satisfy section 676 of the MGA which allows a Council to permit a certain use on Environmental Reserve lands.

Written submissions were received and included in the agenda package from:

Mary & Thom Jewell of 385 Birchcliff Road who were opposed.
Scott Gray & Sonia Bhardwaj of 411 Birchcliff Road who were opposed.
Brad & Stacey Lockyer of 369 Birchcliff Road who were opposed.
Mike Virtue of 371 Birchcliff Road who was opposed.
John Puddifant, Marilyn Slawinsky and Gillian Marriott of 433 Birchcliff Road who were opposed.

Other written submission that were not included in the agenda package and read into record in opposition of the proposed changes were received from:

Terri & Larry Cameron – 383 Birchcliff Road
Steven Johnson – 415 Birchcliff Road submitted on behalf of:

Thom & Mary Jewell – 385 Birchcliff Road
Toyo & Hidie Sato – 389 Birchcliff Road
Arne & Lori Donovan – 441 Birchcliff Road
Brad & Stacey Lockyer – 369 Birchcliff Road
Brian & Lydia Buckley – 435 Birchcliff Road
Bryan & Valerie Viala – 413 Birchcliff Road
Lois & Mike Virtue – 371 Birchcliff Road
David & Rebecca Szybunka – 409 Birchcliff Road
Diane Wade – 437 Birchcliff Road
Russell & Heather Yard – 439 Birchcliff Road
Don & Nancy Neilsen – 405 Birchcliff Road
Lawrence McCallum – 427 Birchcliff Road
Allan & Jackie Kay – 395/397 Birchcliff Road
Scott Gray & Sonia Bhardwaj – 411 Birchcliff Road
Mehad & Marilynn Debaji – 431 Birchcliff Road
Steven & Louise Pritchard – 365/367 Birchcliff Road
Michael & Christine Wells – 399 Birchcliff Road
Susan & Grant Bell – 403 Birchcliff Road
Terri & Larry Cameron – 383 Birchcliff Road
Monica Morcom – 421 Birchcliff Road
Keith Edgar & William Zaleski – 391 Birchcliff Road
Mackenzie Askin & Sarah Martin – 419 Birchcliff Road
Bryce Thurston & Brittany Wieliczko – 423 Birchcliff Road
Stephanie Pritchard & Arlen Olsen – 375 Birchcliff Road

Mayor Dufresne opened the floor for comment.

The following residents spoke in opposition:

Michael Wells – 399 Birchcliff Road
Arnold Donovan – 441 Birchcliff Road
Mehad Debaji – 431 Birchcliff Road
Steven Pritchard – 365/367 Birchcliff Road
Robert Betteridge – 379 Birchcliff Road

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Grant Bell – 403 Birchcliff Road
Jeff Yard – 439 Birchcliff Road

Residents' comments have been heard by Council and questions answered by administration and Council.

Seeing no further people wishing to speak, Mayor Dufresne declared the public hearing closed at 10:48 a.m.

Council break at 10:48 a.m.

Council reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

BCC-23-152 Bylaw #249-23 and Encroachment Policy Public Hearing
MOVED by Councillor Tirpak that Council give second reading to the Reserves, Parks & Pathways Bylaw #249-23 as amended, removing the references to fees.

CARRIED

BCC-23-153 Encroachment Policy
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Zacharias that Council table the encroachment policy.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

BCC-23-154 MOVED by Mayor Dufresne that being the agenda matters have been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

ROGER DUFRESNE, MAYOR

TANNER EVANS, CAO