

**108 MILE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCT. 29, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 1:50 p.m.

Ingrid Meyer welcomed everyone, and introduced the RCA members in attendance: Dan Jackson, Donna White, Michele Spence and Kayla Pede (the new hall manager).

About 56 community members of the general public were present.

Minutes will be posted on the RCA website.

Treasurer Michele Spence noted the RCA financial accounts are not in a healthy position, as the association finished last year with only \$5,000 in its account. The association will close this year with \$8,900 in the bank and long-time renters continue to be a source of revenue.

Spence also introduced the new hall manager Kayla Pede and thanked outgoing managers Carol Thorne and Bruce Biedler for their commitment to the hall and the community in general.

The RCA will be embarking on strategic planning sessions and a long-term vision that supports growth and the needs of this community and encouraged the public to submit any suggestions they would like to see included.

Ingrid Meyer read the President's Report, highlighting the uniqueness of the 108 Mile community with its lakes, trails and greenbelt and other amenities such as the airport, supermarket, school, golf resort and home-based businesses that make the area special. She noted house prices continue to climb, drawing more people to the area and urged the community members to make themselves familiar with the local rules and regulations.

She noted the South Cariboo Pickleball Association members Larry Davis and Len Aune also had an information table at the meeting and encouraged people to check it out.

Citizen of the Year

Sandy Foster and Donna White announced the Citizen of the Year: Dan Jackson. Jackson has lived in 108 Mile Ranch since 2006 and has been the hall maintenance director since 2012. He is also a member of the 108 Mile Citizens on Patrol and delivers Welcome Packages to newcomers in the community.

108 Mile Community Service Awards were also presented to Graham Allison, Chris Betuzzi, Mike Marcuzzi, Robin Nadin, Carol Thorne, Robbin Edwards, Herb Carter and Ross Peddie for their contributions to the community.

Ralph Dumbs and Kevin Oliffe received Certificates of Appreciation for donating their time and skills to the projects at the hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dan Jackson asked the public to let him know when there are new neighbours in town so he can deliver Welcome Packages as he hasn't had many requests.

Ingrid Meyer, president, noted there was a membership booth at the AGM and appealed for more people to sign up. She reported there are currently 47 business members, 36 lifetime members and 51 individual members, which is "quite low considering the number of people in the 108."

Community hall rentals: **Carol Thorne** reported the hall continues to see a lot of rentals for pilates, music circle, bingo and martial arts as well as a games club in November, AA Club, Oktoberfest, weddings and birthday parties. The Christmas market is also slated to return this year. She said she is happy to pass on the torch to Kayla Pede.

RCA Events Report:

Ingrid Meyer reported that it had been a busy year for events, with last year hosting the Christmas Market, a Santa celebration and the first-ever 108 Mile Fair, which included the community hall, fire department, school and the South Cariboo Airport. A senior lunch on Sept. 24, 2022, was also well attended with 45 people. The food was donated by local businesses.

Community Hall Management:

Dan Jackson reported that maintaining the hall's five furnaces and electric is a big job. The outside of the hall will have to be repainted this year. The roof is 14 years old and will also have to be reinspected.

Beach Report:

Ingrid Meyer reported a good turnout at the beach last summer with lots of swimmers, paddleboarders, boats and people fishing. Two truckloads of Rainbow trout were also delivered to the main beach. She added it was exciting to receive a new fishing dock, installed by New Waves Docks. The dock, a project of the Freshwater Fisheries Society, was paid for by every person who bought a fishing license. Meyer also thanked the CRD, Greenbelt Commission and Darren Paulson, who kept the beach clean of goose dung.

Website report:

Donna White (reporting for Karen Douglas) said the 108 Mile Ranch website had a monthly average of 2,410 hits between October 2021 and October 2022, with 375 unique visits and 592 visitors who returned more than once. Popular pages included Community Resources, the 108 Mile Volunteer Fire Department, the South Cariboo Regional Airport and local businesses. She said Karen will continue to volunteer to maintain the website.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Al Richmond, Area G director for CRD acknowledged several volunteers for their work in the community. Work is underway to develop a low mobility trail to the main beach, to connect with the dock and picnic tables. Bree Construction was also slated to start work on creating a new creek and bridge installation at 108 Lake. The work will replace an historical dam that resulted in flooding last year. Complaints about speeding in the 108 has promoted the RCMP to put a commercial enforcement unit into the community Richmond reported there have also been complaints of garbage truck breakdowns and noted that Gold Trail Central Cariboo had been bought by a company back east.

Richmond gave credit to Enbridge, noting the company contributes \$25,000-\$30,000 to the fire department in taxation. It recently donated a new incident command vehicle to the 108 Mile Volunteer Fire Department.

He reminded the public that ATVS are not allowed on the greenbelt trails or across the highway as that is private land. More signs are needed on the trails, he said, as ATVS are destroying the grasslands.

Chris Betuzzi gave an update on fire mitigation, noting half the greenbelt lands have been treated since 2017. He hopes to start harvesting another three areas in the spring but said the work requires small equipment to minimize disturbance to the soil. Burning is ongoing in two specific areas this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Foster nominated the current directors and extended a callout to anyone present who may wish to stand for Director. Kelly Sinoski, Laura Oliffe, Shirley McInnes and Deb Savoie agreed to let their names stand. The board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. The term is for one year.

108 MILE RANCH REPORTS

Donna White reported that Coffee Club has returned to the hall after two years. The RCA was encouraging newcomers, but it has turned into an “old timers coffee club” with 11 people attending in October. The coffee club is held the first and third Thursday of the month. Each person is asked to bring \$2 for coffee and cookies.

A potluck dinner will also be held at noon on Dec. 10 at the hall.

108 MILE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Parchomchuk reported that calls volumes are increasing, with medical calls the most prevalent. Weekends are the busiest time.

Membership is holding steady in the department, with 20 active members. Ten of those are trained as first responders while four are undergoing training. The department received a new incident command truck from Enbridge and will receive a Lucas 3 chest compression device on a short-term loan. The mobile unit, which is secured around the patient’s body, is equipped with a pump capable of 102 compressions per minute. The department has applied for grants for firefighting equipment.

108 MILE LIONS CLUB

Don White said they are always looking for new members for the club, which meets the first and third Thursday at 7 p.m. The club has donated to several causes over the past year, including the 100 Mile House Legion, 100 Mile Hospice, Loaves & Fishes, 100 Mile Food Bank Society and the Pet Guide Walk.

It also refurbished its food trailers and handed out six community appreciation awards to businesses and one to an individual for helping the Lions. Fundraising efforts include Bingo on the first Friday of the month, a Murder Mystery Night and a reflective address sign program throughout the community. It has also restarted food services at events. It provided two \$500 bursaries to students, \$200 to the White Cane Club and sponsored youth soccer. Last year it held a Santa Celebration and plans to do so again this year on Dec. 10.

SOUTH CARIBOO REGIONAL AIRPORT

Airport manager Ross Donahue reported that it's been quiet at the airport, likely because of the cold spring and fuel prices. There were 1,000 take-offs and landings, 300 helicopters and 36 medivacs coming through the airport, as of Aug. 30. As it wasn't too busy, it allowed them to do line-painting on the runway although he said a runway overlay is still needed. A new snowblower was donated to the airport by the Prince George Airport Authority and a new camera system is expected by mid-month.

Ingrid Meyer adjourned the meeting 3:25 p.m.