



## Reynolds Pond Meeting – June 21, 2022 5:30 pm

### Attendance:

Cam Hurst – NRO  
Dylan Perteniak – NRO  
Andrew Prokopchuk – NRO  
Graham Walker – Lac du Bonnet NDP  
Kathy Majowski – Concerned Citizen/LDB NDP  
Loren Schinkel – Reeve RM of Lac du Bonnet  
Julie Hylash – works with MLA Lisa Naylor  
Lisa Naylor – MLA/ Environment Critic  
Michael Doig – Forestry  
Pam Fulton-Regula – Manager Tenure, MOG  
Justin Paille – Environment  
Constable Ryll – RCMP Steinbach  
Constable Trim – RCMP Steinbach  
Daryl Mueller – Deputy Fire Chief  
Nelson Chmuhalek – Public Works Manager  
Kim Furgala - CAO  
Sherri Pearch - ACAO  
Reeve Turchyn  
Councillor Thurston  
Councillor Buley  
Councillor Holmes  
Councillor Webster  
Councillor Huzel  
Councillor Zalitach  
Councillor Yarmill

### Items for Discussion:

Reeve Turchyn opened the meeting having everyone introduce themselves and that we were discussing Reynolds Ponds as a follow up from the last meeting held on July 29, 2020. One minute of silence was observed for the fatalities that have happened at Reynolds Ponds. Reeve Turchyn expressed that the RM of Reynolds realizes the Reynolds Ponds are not the RM's responsibility.

Cam Hurst spoke of the 2021 season with a forest fire that took place there, a fatality, on going littering issues, they do not have a count on the number of people and vehicles that go into Reynolds ponds.

Councillor Holmes asked if any of the enforcement was aware of the Facebook Page that is out there, which they are aware of. Concerned of the motorized boats on the stocked trout ponds, the number of campers going into there, its treated like a park but its like the wild west, its free to go there.

Councillor Yarmill asked about facts, figures and road counters to be obtained for the area.

Cam Hurst said they are aware of the safety issues, but nothing has changed. Natural Resources doesn't have any land plans or strategic plans for the area. The NRO's don't have the influence to make changes to the Enforcement Act. There was an onsite meeting held at Reynolds Ponds with IRMT which is one person from each branch from Natural Resources. CAO requested minutes from the meeting.

Justin Paille said if there are any littering complaints to notify him or pass people onto him. They have gone out there and went through the garbage to find names to contact the people, but if there is no name there isn't much they can do.

Councillor Zalitach asked about people going to the bathroom there and if there's anything Justin can do about that. Justin said that witnesses can help identify people if they come forward.

Councillor Yarmill mentioned lessees having problems with vandalism, what can be done about that.

Pam Fulton-Regula said that Quarry leases the operators are held to follow the regulations in the Mines Act. Public on leased land isn't in the regulations, and she will be looking into that. The lessee only has rights to the minerals for extraction therefore not responsible for the land/trespassers cannot regulate or prevent people from entering the lands as they are crown

Discussion was held that the Crown Lands Act is quite outdated and permits camping without a permit

Cam Hurst said to manage people on the land, if we need that changed it needs to go up whether its to the MLA's, Jeff Wharton Minister of Manitoba Conservation & Climate. Questioned was asked if anything from the meeting held July 29, 2020 was sent further up and it was discussed at regional level. Councillor Yarmill responded that yes the information has been forwarded to the Eastern Regional Municipal Committee.

Councillor Yarmill asked if enforcement can continue to fine and enforce rules there. Dylan said they will but it's a safety concern. When they did a joint effort with the RCMP there were 8-10 officers and then hundreds of people.

Councillor Holmes asked if it can be turned into a Provincial Park, and the NRO's stated they can't hire the staff already within the parks they have.

Councillor Yarmill asked if it could be restricted access, but because it is crown land you cannot restrict access unless under the Fire Act.

Micheal Doig suggested that the CAO attend an IRMT meeting, and he will send contacts to her. Cam Hurst suggested to ask at the IRMT meeting to have traffic counters put up.

The CAO asked if there can be any signage put on Fire Guard Road 13 as rate payers are complaining of people getting stuck and them having to rescue the people. Google maps directions takes them down Fire Guard 13 to get to Reynolds Ponds. Michael said it is a Fire Guard Trail it is not maintained and there is a sign there. It's a resource extraction trail.

Graham Walker asked if the lessees can block the area, put up fencing, trespassing signs. Suggested that trail cameras are used up north on traplines, could they be charged with trespassing then.

Andrew Prokopchuk said some provinces have permits for camping on Crown Land.

Councillor Holmes spoke about Lafarge pits as they don't do any work there, how long can they have a lease and not use it. Dylan Perteniak explained that their lease gives them access to the mineral rights and most contractors in the area don't have a casual quarry permit. Pam explained the leases only allows them to have access to the mineral rights, the Casual Quarry permit and Work Permit allows them to work/remove the product. Once a lease is done the area needs to be put back into its original state. Currently Lafarge has a 10-year lease with the rights to renew.

Lisa Naylor said to move forward a meeting needs to be held with Jeff Wharton and Wayne Ewasko. Get advice from Wayne Ewasko how to move forward with this and be very clear of what we want. Mentioned this government currently likes to privatize, would privatizing this area into a park be an option. She will write advocacy letters.

Micheal Doig suggested we update our website in regard to Reynolds Ponds suggesting that people take their garbage when they head home.

Cam Hurst said to move forward attend an IRMT meeting, get in touch with the MLA continue to have an email chain going.

Meeting was closed at 6:39pm

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Trudy Turchyn, Reeve

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Kim Furglal, CMMA, CMML  
Chief Administrative Officer