

SUMMER VILLAGE OF HORSESHOE BAY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
July 2, 2016

Martin Recreation Centre

Present: Mayor Gary Burns
Deputy Mayor Eli Gushaty
Council Vic Staudzs
Administrator Norman Briscoe
Recording Secretary Diane Briscoe

33 Ratepayers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gary Burns called the meeting to order at 10:05.

a) Additions to Agenda

9.k) Postal Strike Re: Property Tax Payments

Morris Sawchuk moved acceptance of the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Mallaig Fire Chief Presentation

Mayor Gary Burns introduced Ray Brosseau, Mallaig Fire Chief.

Ray gave a short talk to Villagers in attendance at the meeting. Following is a summary of his talk.

- Fire protection for the Summer Village is provided by the Mallaig Fire Department.
- The Mallaig Fire Department has 25 volunteer firemen and 1 chief.
- They have 4 emergency response trucks, 1 of which is a rapid response truck, which they built themselves.
- Response time to the Village is 15 – 20 minutes.
- Cost of a false alarm is approximately \$3,000, which is charged to the party making the alarm.
- Recommends keeping a truck water tank full in the Village during wildfire season, for quicker response time.
- The fire department is accepting applications for firefighters.

3. Minutes July 4, 2015 AGM

The minutes of the July 4, 2015 Annual General Meeting were presented for information and discussion.

Minutes were previously approved by Council at their regular meeting on October 2, 2015.

Mark Charron moved acceptance of July 4, 2015 minutes, seconded by Dave Amyotte.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gary Burns discussed the following projects and activities which took place during the past year:

- The Summer Village is doing well. Residents seem to be enjoying their time here and no major problems have arisen during the year.
- The picnic shelter/gazebo has been moved closer to the rec center so it is easier to use.
- Administration was thanked for their work on the Village website and the Newsletter.
- As a member of the St. Paul Regional Emergency Management Agency the Village applied for and received approval of a \$130,000 grant to upgrade communications equipment for emergency first responders.
- MCSNet will be increasing the height of the internet tower in the Village to 150 ft. which should improve reception throughout the Summer Village.
- The provincial government is in the process of updating the Municipal Government Act. As a result there may be some changes to the way the Summer Village does business. These changes are not yet known. (i.e. Training requirements, property assessment requirements, effect of carbon tax on the Village.)
- Thanks to residents who donate to the Village recycling barrels.
- Reminder that all dogs must be kept confined to the owner's yard or kept on a leash.
- Thanks to the volunteers who have helped with this year's social events.

6. **Administration Report**

a) **Financial Report**

Norman Briscoe presented the 2016 Administrators Report. A surplus of \$16,919, before amortization, was recognized in 2015.

The 2015 Audited financial statements are available on the Summer Village Website.

Richard Martin moved to accept the Administrators Report as presented.
Seconded by: Mark Charron.

CARRIED

b) **Recreation Report**

During 2015 \$732 was collected from bottle recycling. The cost of the 2015 “Pig Roast” event was \$1,701 and was paid for out of the bottle money and \$1,085 cash donations at the event. Thank you everyone who dropped off their bottles in the bins provided at the waste bin location. Also, a thank you to Vic Staudzs who takes the bottles to the bottle depot.

7. **New Business**

a) **FireSmart Public Education Day**

The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta has applied for a grant to provide a FireSmart Public Education day and wood chipping event for 5 events in the province. The Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay has advised the ASVA that we will participate in an event if their application is approved. If approved volunteers will be needed.

8. **General Question Period**

A concern was raised that the snow plows/graders are damaging the roads. Council felt it is part of the cost of having our streets maintained during the winter.

A question was asked about grass cutting along the roads. Administration informed that it will be done by the County sometime in July, subject to weather.

Speed signs and children playing signs on Horseshoe Bay Drive seem to be working. Similar signs plus school bus signs should be considered for Homestead Trail.

A question was asked if there are any grants available for environmental projects in the Village, such as solar panels for the Rec Center. More information will be available once the Provincial Government carbon tax is in place.

9. Announcements

a) New Residents

New residents were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

b) Education Tax Increase

The Alberta School Education tax for 2016 increased to \$39,238 from \$36,541 in 2015, which is a 7.38% increase.

c) Emergency Management

Residents are encouraged to sign-up to receive emergency alerts on their cell phone, internet or land line.

d) Living by Waters Property Consultation

Residents can sign-up to have a representative from Living by Waters assess their property and give suggestions about environmentally friendly practices that will help maintain shoreline and water health. They will be in the Vincent Lake area from August 4 – 7, 2016.

e) Weed Control & Invasive Species

The Village Weed Control Officer, Norman Briscoe, listed some wildflowers growing in the Village that are prohibited and asked residents to destroy them if they see them growing. Pamphlets are available to help identify any prohibited wild flowers.

In an effort to prevent Dutch Elm disease from entering Alberta, Alberta Agriculture has prohibited bringing any firewood into the province from other provinces. It is illegal to store or transport elm firewood within Alberta. There is also a provincial elm pruning ban from April 1 to September 30, 2016.

f) Provincial Boat Mooring Policy

The Federal government has passed the responsibility for boat mooring to the provinces. Alberta's policy has been put on hold until further notice.

g) Volunteers Needed for Social Activities

Volunteers are needed to organize social and community activities in the Summer Village.

h) Thank you to Volunteers

Covered in Mayor's report.

- i) Canada Day Pot Luck Supper
A Pot Luck/Beef-on-a-Bun will be held tonight at 5:00 pm. at Martin Rec Center.
- j) 2017 AGM Date – Canada 150
The 2017 Annual General Meeting is tentatively set for July 1, 2017. As it is Canada's 150 Anniversary, a special celebration will be planned for the residents of the Summer Village. Mark your calendars now.
- k) In the event of a postal strike, residents are advised to pay their property taxes via e-transfer, if possible.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Gary Burns moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Date

Administrator