



# Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay



Fall, 2016

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## Annual General Meeting

33 Ratepayers attended the Annual General Meeting held on July 2, 2016.

Administration gave a report on the 2015 audited financial statements.

A surplus of \$16,919, before amortization, was recognized in 2015.

During the year, \$731 was collected from bottle recycling and \$1,085 cash donations at Village social events.

Residents are encouraged to come forward with ideas for activities they would like to see in the Village.

Also, a special thanks to Melanie Russell for taking over the flower bed at Martin Rec Center.

Residents were reminded to watch for prohibited, noxious weeds growing in the Village. Some of the weeds that are prohibited by Alberta Environment are, Oxeye Daisy, Creeping Bellflower, White Cockle and Himalayan Balsam. To identify these weeds log on to the Village Website, click on "Useful Links" and "Alberta Invasive Plant Identification Guide"

Thanks to Mallaig Fire Chief, Ray Brosseau, who gave a short talk at the meeting.

He talked about the 26 member volunteer Mallaig Fire Department and the service they provide to the Summer Village.



Detailed AGM Minutes are available on the Villages website.

## Mayor's Report

At the A.G.M. Mayor Burns gave a report on behalf of council. Following is a summary of the items covered:

- ◆ There were no major problems during the year and residents seem to be enjoying their time at the Summer Village.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The MCSNet internet tower in the Village will be increased in height to 150 ft., which should improve internet reception.
- ◆ Thanks to the volunteers who helped with this years social events.
- ◆ Due to the provincial Government updating the Municipal Government Act, the Summer Village is expecting to have to make some changes to the way it does business. These changes are not yet known.
- ◆ Residents were reminded to have consideration for their neighbors regarding noise and smoke from backyard fire pits.
- ◆ Residents were reminded about the bottle recycling barrel at the waste bin site and encouraged to use it, as it helps pay for Village functions.
- ◆ The Gazebo at the Rec Center has been moved closer to the hall, making it more useable.

**\*\*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*\***

- \* The Village garbage bins are for **bagged household garbage only**. Please breakdown/crush cardboard boxes before putting them in the bin. **Do not** leave large items, such as appliances or furniture. The garbage truck cannot take them away, so someone from the Summer Village has to haul it to the land fill site.
- \* **Bottle/Can Recycling:** A barrel is located at the waste bin site for bottle/can recycling. The proceeds from this are used to fund community events for the residents of our Village. Your contributions are appreciated.
- \* **Recreational Vehicles: (5th Wheels, Trailers & Motor Homes)** Where more than one (1) recreational vehicle is to be placed on a lot for more than twenty-one (21) consecutive days, it shall require a development permit and shall be located in a manner satisfactory to the Development Authority. Permits shall not be issued for more than one (1) recreational vehicle per developed lot or two (2) recreational vehicles per vacant lot.

Village Dog Policy

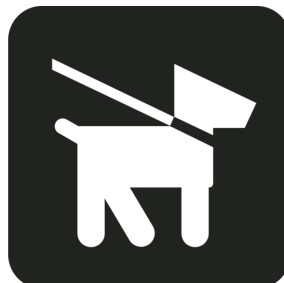
There were some issues this summer with dogs being at large. Therefore, once again, Village residents are reminded that at all times

DOGS IN THE VILLAGE

MUST BE TIED UP OR ON A LEASH

If residents continue to not attend to their dogs, Council will have to develop a dog Bylaw and taxes will be increased to enforce the Bylaw.

Therefore, Residents are urged to be considerate, responsible dog owners.



Miscellaneous

Welcome New Residents

Council and administration would like to welcome all new residents to the Summer Village. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the mayor, councillors or administration. Contact info is available on the Village website.

A Village newsletter is mailed to residents quarterly. Please read it as it contains important information.

Events Held This Year

- Pig Roast: July, 2015
- BBQ: May, 2016
- Roast Beef/Pot Luck: July, 2016

Enjoyed by all. If you haven't attended a Village event yet, plan to attend one next summer.

2017 is Canada's 150 Birthday. The Village is planning something big.

Martin Recreation Center

Martin Recreation Center is available for residents to rent for events, such as family reunions, birthdays or anniversaries. We even had a wedding there a couple of years ago. The Rec Center is heated, has indoor bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen and lots of table and chairs. The Rec Center recently underwent some improvements, such as a new floor and upgraded kitchen. Rental enquiries can be made at Administration: (780)645-4677 or call Elaine Staudzs: (780)645-7864.



Rec Center Flowers

A big "THANK-YOU" to **Melanie Russell** for taking over the flower garden at the Rec Center. She did a beautiful job. She also put planters on the deck and kept them watered all summer.

Crime Watch

This summer there were a number of thefts at the Summer Village. Residents are advised to leave a contact phone number with a neighbor or the Village administration to assist the RCMP in contacting residents who have had robberies or a break-in at their cottage. Also, take steps to prevent thefts by keeping items locked up or installing motion sensor lights.