

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF HORSESHOE BAY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
July 1, 2017

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 10:01 a.m.

a) **Additions to Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Jim Vincent moved acceptance of the agenda. Seconded by Gary Meehan.

**CARRIED**

2. **Minutes July 2, 2016 AGM**

The minutes of the July 2, 2016 Annual General Meeting were presented for information and discussion.

Minutes were previously approved by Council at their regular meeting on August 2, 2016.

Richard Martin moved acceptance of July 2, 2016 minutes, seconded by Morris Sawchuck.

**CARRIED**

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### 4. **Mayor's Report**

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

- Introduced other members of council.
- The Village had a good year. There were no major problems. The Village finances are good, with no budgeted deficit for 2017.
- New residents were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.
- A reminder to recycle bottles, which pay for Village activities.
- Gave report on Blue Green algae and what is being done by the province.
- Gave update on Invasive species prevention being done at provincial lakes. Boat inspections are now mandatory to prevent invasive species entering Alberta lakes and rivers.
- Discussed new chain link fence which is being installed at the park.
- Information on upcoming election nomination process.
- Information update on Village annual road/street maintenance. Crack filling is done annually.
- Gave an update/summary of the collaboration projects the Village is participating in with the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point.
- Discussed the new Municipal Government Act and its effect on the Summer Village. Under the new act most government grants are only available under collaboration projects with other regional municipalities.
- Thanked Diane Briscoe for her work on the Newsletter.

#### 5. **Administration Report**

##### a) **Financial Report**

Norman Briscoe presented the 2017 Administrators Report. A surplus of \$10,336, before amortization, was recognized in 2016.

The 2016 Audited financial statements are available on the Summer Village Website.

**Dave Amyotte moved** to accept the Administrators Report as presented.  
Seconded by: Charles Bradbrooke.

**CARRIED**

b) **Recreation Report**

During 2016 \$909 was collected from bottle recycling. The cost of events held in 2016 was \$898 and was paid for out of the bottle money. \$869 cash donations were also collected at the events. 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.

6. **New Business**

a) **Regional FireSmart Community Program**

FireSmart is a national program adopted in communities across Canada aimed at reducing the risk of wildfire to homes and neighbourhoods. The Region of St. Paul is implementing a number of FireSmart preventive measures on municipally owned lands to mitigate the risk of future wildfires. The Summer Village which already has a FireSmart Plan will participate in this program.

Some ways to FireSmart our Communities would include assessments of the communities where there is a Wildland/Urban interface. This includes fuel reduction projects such as the removal of deadfall and dead standing trees.

b) **Recreation Committee**

The need for a Recreation Committee to plan and organize Village activities was raised. There was considerable interest from people attending the meeting. After the election administration will organize a meeting for people who are interested in volunteering.

c) **Bottle Recycling**

A volunteer is needed for the bottle recycling job. Melanie Russell volunteered and will look into what services are available in the community.

7. **General Question Period**

A question was raised about the new fence that is going up around the park. Some residents felt it was not necessary and were concerned about the esthetics. The mayor explained that the fence was necessary to keep off-road vehicles from damaging the grass. The fence will be brown, to blend into the buildings in the park.

A question was raised about use of the park area around the Rec Center for campers and RV's when renting the hall. There is a Village Bylaw, dated January 16, 1985 which prohibits overnight camping in all parks in the Summer Village.

**8. Announcements**

a) New Residents

New residents were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

b) Nominations for Council

Nominations for Council for the 2017 municipal election will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Saturday July 1, 2017.

c) Weed Control and Invasive Plants – Reminder

Administration gave a reminder to watch for invasive plants growing in the Village. Several examples were given. A detailed list can be accessed in the Village website link to Alberta environment.

d) Canada Day Pig Roast

A Pig Roast will be held tonight at 5:00 pm. at Martin Rec Center.

e) Thank you to Vic Staudzs

Councilor Vic Staudzs will not be running again for council. He served on council for 8 years and his service to the community is appreciated.

**9. Adjournment**

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

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Date

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Administrator