

**Organized Hamlet of Alta Vista
Annual Meeting
July 31, 2021
217 Pickerel Street**

Chair: Steve Wolos
Secretary: Jeff Jackson
Board Member: Josh Whitrow
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Jackson

Present: Christa Bourassa, Loreley Chekay, Morley & Laurie Crowle, Karl & Rita Fink, Kaleena & David Hall, Stacy & Chantelle Haw, Darren & Iris Howden, Jeff & Bonnie Jackson, Jason & Laurissa Janssen, Aaron & Mikey Karpan, Les & Heidi Krenbrink, Tracy Krenbrink, Reid Kvisle, Larry & Kathy Manz, Janet Sauer, Joanne Sens, Barb & Michael Tchozewski, Bill Weir & Janet Cook, Melody & Don Whitrow, Rebecca & Josh Whitrow, Karen & Steve Wolos

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:15 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

K. Wolos/M. Tchozewski

Moved that the minutes of August 1, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

Farewell and Welcome New Residents

Fond farewell to: Shirley McKinstry and family; Brent and April Sjoberg and family.

Welcome: Laurissa and Jason Janssen and family to our Hamlet.

Council Report

Thank you to Don and Melody Whitrow for hosting our Annual Community Breakfast. Thanks also to all who helped. The amazing number of residents attending our community breakfast and our meeting was noted with great pleasure – thank you!

Roads – Dust Suppressant

Once again, the dust suppressant applied to our Hamlet's roads used Canola Oil to make it completely environmentally friendly. All pleased with the results.

Public Walkway

We are very thrilled to announce that after many, many years, the Public Walkway has been completed! Please note, this is a Public Walkway and vehicles should not be parked on it.

Garbage Dumpster/Blue Bin/Regional Landfill

The Summer Garbage and Recycling Schedule is as follows:

Garbage – Weekly on Thursday. The Red Waste Bins are for household waste only. All other waste is to be hauled to Last Mountain Regional Landfill, this includes trees, branches, grass clippings, building materials, etc.

Recycling – Bi-weekly on Mondays. The Blue Bins are for single stream recycling. Please do not bag materials.

Items Accepted: Paper and Cardboard, Plastic (must be clean), Tin and Aluminum (must be clean)

Items Not Accepted: Styrofoam, glass, ceramics, light bulbs, soiled cardboard, hazardous chemical containers, scrap metal, car parts, plastic toys, household garbage.

The Regional Landfill schedule is posted on the Board.

Lorras Bin/Spring Clean-Up

The Hamlet rented a Lorras Bin for our residents for spring clean-up (burnable material only). Initially it was rented for one week (one dump) but was so well used, the Board extended it to two weeks (two dumps). This will now be a yearly endeavour.

Thank you to Stacy Haw for packing it down with his backhoe several times!

Fire Water Valve – Public Reserve

The Silton and District Volunteer Fire Department did a trial on our new fire water line and all worked well!

EpiPen/Defibrillator/Stretcher

In the case of an emergency we have available: EpiPens (adult and child); a defibrillator, and a stretcher. They are stored at Don and Melody Whitrow's home, front closet.

Hamlet Residence Civic Address/Map

As required by 911, all residential property numbers are to be posted and clearly visible from the road. Our updated map/phone list is available.

Quiet Time

In our community, there is a quiet time in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Reminder

Dogs are to be leashed. Please clean up after your dog.

RM – Bylaws/Policies

Residents are invited to visit the RM's website at www.rmofmckillop220.com to view current bylaws and policies.

Snow Removal/Sand

Thank you to Don Whitrow for clearing and sanding the hamlet roads!

Speed Limit

A reminder that our speed limit is 20 KPH – please keep our children safe.

Work-Bees

When a Committee needs volunteers or a work-bee, please let Bonnie Jackson know and an email will be sent to our community.

Financial Report and 2021/2022 Budget

Last year's financial statement and proposed new budget as attached to the agenda, were discussed.

J. Sens/I. Howden

Moved that the 2021 Budget and proposed 2022 Budget be approved.

CARRIED

Residents were informed of the following changes to our budget:

The RM of McKillop increased the Fire Service Levy from \$600.00 to \$1625.00

The RM is now charging communities for Bylaw Enforcement – our cost will be \$1600.00

At last year's AGM, it was agreed to purchase a 60' floating dock to be installed at the Shore Acres Boat Launch, as the majority of our residents use it. As the Boat Launch was in dire need of repair, we chose to invest the funds there rather than the dock.

Committee Reports

Marina Committee

Larry Manz presented the Marina Committee report. Noted:

- No meeting of the Marina Committee to date.
- The low water is a problem for the current members.
- Currently four slips are being used.
- The Membership Agreement remains the same.

Thank you Marina Committee.

Public Reserve

Kathy Manz presented the Public Reserve report. Noted:

- Thank you to all that have mowed the grass/picked weeds/helped maintain our Public Reserve. Volunteers are always welcome to help out!
- A new sign, "Alta Vista", will be installed on the Public Reserve.
- Robs Construction will be doing a gravel road to the Pump House (hopefully this year).
- Only service vehicles are allowed on the Public Reserve.
- Approval to construct a half-court basketball on a cement pad was received. Quotes are currently being reviewed.

Thanks to all – the Public Reserve is a great asset to our community!

Water Committee

Steve Wolos presented the Water Committee report. Noted:

- All is working well this year with the exception of two breaks at start up.
- \$30,000 has been approved for the construction of a new Pump House.
- Residents are responsible for their own shut-off valve and are asked to ensure that the valve is closed whenever they leave.
- Fees remain the same:
 - \$50 for the first lot plus \$10 for very adjacent lot per year.
 - \$50 for every lot when not adjacent per year.
 - New properties – hook-up and lines \$800 (no annual charge first year).
 - Existing properties – (hook-up and line in place) \$400 (no annual charge first year).
 - When properties are sold, owner may sell the rights to the water providing they are paid and in current status.

Thank you to the committee for their work.

New Business

Hamlet Elections:

Marina Committee

Terry Lueke, Larry Manz and Steve Wolos agreed to remain on the Marina Committee.

Public Reserve

Kaleena Baulin, Aaron Karpan, Kathy Manz and Karen Wolos agreed to remain on the Public Reserve Committee.

Water Committee

Dave Hall, Rick Salferek, Jeff Jackson, Terry Lueke and Steve Wolos agreed to remain on the Water Committee.

Council/Board

Election for a new Council Member to replace Jeff Jackson as his term has expired.

Jeff Jackson agreed to accept the nomination once again. All in favour, Jeff is elected to Council for another four year term. Thank you Jeff!

Our elected Council Members are:

Steve Wolos (2022), Josh Whitrow (2023) and Jeff Jackson (2025)

Fire Ban

RM of McKillop No. 220 has been implemented a Ban **PROHIBITING ALL FIRES** until further notice.

Pot Luck

Barb and Michael Tchozewski will host our annual Pot Luck Dinner! Date and time will be emailed to the community.

Christmas Social

Hosted by Melody and Don Whitrow, date and time will be emailed to the community.

Other Business

Street Sign

The street sign on the corner of Pike and Perch was damaged this winter, the post was bent and the sign removed by persons unknown. A new sign/post has been ordered.

Fire, July 3, 2021

At 12:15 a.m., July 3, there was a fire on both sides of the road leading into Alta Vista. Fireworks are suspected to be the cause. We are extremely grateful to the Sherratts for calling 911 and alerting us immediately and also to the Siltan and District Volunteer Fire Department for their prompt response! Of note: Prior to the fire, a vehicle was seen leaving Alta Vista, stop, set off fireworks in the middle of the road, then drive away. We recognize how lucky we were as this could have turned into a tragedy.

Swimming Area Buoys

With the changing demographics of our Hamlet, and more children swimming at the shore, a request was put forward to install buoys to mark the perimeter of our swimming area. It was agreed that an email will be sent requesting feedback on this.

Fireworks

The RM of McKillop will now allow the detonation of fireworks from our Public Reserve! In the past, we were allowed a budget of \$1000.00 and our residents, if they wanted to contribute, could donate either fireworks or cash. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the best time would be during the May Long Weekend or the September Long Weekend.

Condolences

An expression of condolence will be sent to members of the community whenever possible.

Thank You!

Thank you to Anneliese Krumnow and Rolf Buschow for planting and maintaining the flowers in the Alta Vista sign/planter. It makes a warm welcome to our Hamlet!

Thank you to all community volunteers for your numerous contributions!

Thank you to all the residents for making Alta Vista a wonderful community to belong to!

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.