

March 24th, 2023



AN ORGANIZED HAMLET

Collingwood Lakeshore Estates

March Newsletter

In like a lion, out like a lamb.

Let's hope the month of March is like that.

The volunteer Collingwood Hamlet Board, Lana Dwernychuk, Randy Birchard & June LeDrew hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

Listed below are a few Hamlet tidbits. If you have any questions please contact us at collingwoodboard3@gmail.com

★ **Many thanks** to all the Hamlet volunteers working behind the scenes over this winter to make Collingwood a stronger, more viable community. The volunteer hamlet board are not the employees of the hamlet but do carry out the legislative duties that are required by the RM Council and Municipal Government. That's why we really appreciate the efforts of community volunteers that step-up to help carry out tasks that need to be completed to ensure Collingwood is a safe and thriving community.

★ Have you increased your local fire insurance coverage yet? Local fire department call-out fees have increased. **The recommended minimum coverage is \$20,000.** Just a reminder that if a fire should start on your property, you are financially responsible for all the fire service fees should the fire spread beyond your property.

★ The Hamlet Board must designate a STARS helicopter landing area of 150m in diameter in Collingwood. The Strasbourg Fire Chief, Greg Yung, will be visiting us in the near future to assist in designating this safe landing area. See pages 5-6 for more info. on the Strasbourg Fire Dept.



- ★ Collingwood's annual budget was submitted to the RM by March 1st. While the Hamlet community approved a budget at our meeting in Sept. 2022, there were several additions and revisions made due to project and quote changes and end of year financial updates. After RM Council approves the budget, if the Hamlet community should decide to amend the budget at our spring meeting, a revision can be submitted to RM Council for review.
- ★ Collingwood is on Facebook at **Collingwood Lakeshore Estates.**

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Register with the RM of McKillop to stay up to date with all the latest RM news.

You can be added to the All-Net Connect system by either contacting the RM office by phone (306-725-3230), emailing rm220general@rm220.ca or using the All-Net Connect portal on their website <https://rmofmckillop220.com>.

Or click on the Connect link below.

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Save the Dates—2023 Hamlet Meetings

Save these dates for our 2023 Hamlet meetings: Saturday May 27th & September 16th. 10 a.m.—Noon, and not 1 second longer (It's a Rider game day May 27th people!). Location 20 Collingwood Road.

The Board is considering a Zoom option for community members to engage if not in Collingwood on the morning of the Hamlet meeting. Stay tuned.



Collingwood—Picnic Shelter Open for Building TENDER

At the Collingwood Hamlet meeting on [September 11, 2021](#), the community voted to support the building of a community picnic pavilion in the north end of the municipal reserve green space.

The community building will be an open wall unit with concrete floor and post & beam construction with a metal roof (similar to photo on right). The size will be 40x70 feet or 2,800 square feet. Initially it will be solely a picnic shelter but the community can add to it as viable in the future (e.g. kitchen). When having public events, Collingwood can rent porta potties for added comfort/necessity. The budget for the project was approved at \$150,000.



As required by RM Bylaws, the tender for this project is posted on the website [SaskTenders](#). The closing date for this tender is April 21st. It is anticipated the project will be finished by this fall.

Many thanks to Herb Exner for volunteering to spearhead this project and jumping all the hoops that needed jumping.

Collingwood—SaskPolyTech Viable Community Projects



As reported in the Collingwood newsletter of [January 24th, 2023](#), the Collingwood Hamlet Board decided it would be a wonderful opportunity to partner with Dean Massier (a Collingwood property owner & instructor at SaskPolyTech) and the SaskPolyTech Civil Engineering Program students in a Capstone Project. This would involve students mapping and collecting data in Collingwood this spring. The students would then research the various project (e.g. summer water irrigation system, boat launch usage, family public swim area, and municipal green space usage) challenges and feasibility and present a final report on the project options and costs in December 2023.

There is no cost to Collingwood to engage in this capstone partnership. All equipment, data collection costs and student travel are picked up by the SaskPolyTech Civil Engineering Program or the students.

Collingwood is fortunate to be invited into this partnership with SaskPolyTech students. It's a win-win situation!



Which Way to Collingwood?

Although a beautiful & functional homemade sign (shown to the left) exists, Collingwood has ordered a few more directional guidance signs to help our visiting family and friends find us at the lake.

If someone can volunteer to install the 3 - 4 new signs please email Collingwoodboard3@gmail.com



RM Community Boat Launch UPDATE



The RM of McKillop has 10 boat launches within different Hamlets. ALL RM boat launches can be accessed by any member of the public and are not just for the use of RM or Hamlet residents. Collingwood has a boat launch at the north end of the Hamlet.

Collingwood volunteers take care of the boat launch maintenance. Collingwood hamlet funds, disbursed to our reserve account are 43% of our municipal taxes, are used to repair and maintain the boat launch. The Collingwood boat launch is the property of the RM of McKillop, as are all items purchased with Collingwood funds. The RM pays the liability insurance on the boat launch.

The FINDINGS of the community survey on boat launches can be found on the RM website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Collingwood approved monies in our budget to repair/renovate the boat launch. Given the feedback from the RM survey and the safety, user-friendly issues identified, the Hamlet Board—with approval of the RM and Water Security Agency and after volunteer work over the winter by several individuals—has decided on the following actions and financial investments for the spring of 2023:

1. The original dock has been repaired and invoices paid. Yahoo! Thank you Rick, Doug, Ron et al!!
2. An additional section of dock and bumpers have been purchased which will be connected at the west end of the original dock and will be oriented north/south. We will then have an ‘L’ shaped dock for safer and more flexible landing of boats in various wave conditions.
3. The unnecessary vegetation has been removed from the rock beds beside the ramp area.
4. Aggregate rock will be installed over the large rocks on both sides of the ramp so the area can be safely walked on and making the dock easier to access.

The boat launch working group is also reviewing the need to redesign the parking area so launching boats is safer and user-friendly. There are several issues, negotiations, and approvals that must occur for this to happen but we are in talks with several community stakeholders on this issue. We’ll keep the community posted.

RENOVATING A COLLINGWOOD MUNICIPAL RESERVE FOR MORE FAMILY-FRIENDLY USE

There has been a request that the lakefront public Municipal Reserve (MR) in the middle of Collingwood (between 100 & 102 Gordon Drive) be renovated to be safer and more family-friendly. Currently, aside from mowing the grass, Collingwood has 1-2 picnic tables placed on this lakefront MR.

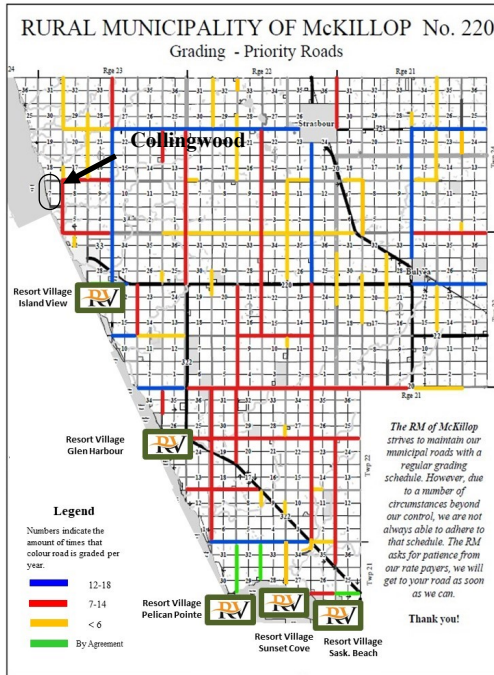
The Hamlet Board has been in discussion with the RM about possibilities. While a proposal will be presented to the Collingwood community at the spring meeting for review and a decision on action, Collingwood will have the SaskPolyTech students engaged in our partnership of a capstone project (see newsletter from [January 2023](#)) survey this area to determine its best use by the community. The SaskPolyTech students/instructor report should be available for community review in late 2023.

Until then, we will plan to temporarily adapt the public area for greater use by Collingwood families wanting to swim at the lake. Just a reminder to our community: the area between the bank and the water’s edge (often called the beach or foreshore) belongs to the Crown, not to landowners. *Note: this may differ from what you assume you own, or what you have been told by your real-estate agent or neighbours.* [CLICK HERE](#) for clarification from Sask Water Authority.

Can someone walk or sit on your shoreline?—YES. Can someone tie their boat to your dock?—YES.

Might be best to rename the shoreline at Last Mountain Lake—MALIBU AT COLLINGWOOD.

Think Collingwood should be a Resort Village? OPINION—DREAM ON?



There have been whispers in the wind that Collingwood, an organized hamlet, should apply for resort village status.

As of 2017, to qualify for resort village status you must have a population of 300, 150 dwellings (improvements = houses/garages) and have assessed property value of \$30 million (see legislated information in box below).

In 2022 Collingwood had an estimated full-time population of 62, 109 dwellings and a total assessed property value of \$31,240,800.

Within the geographical area encompassed by the RM of McKillop are 5, pre-2017, resort villages listed here with their respective 2021 populations: Sask Beach—322, Sunset Cove—21, Pelican Pointe—28, Glen Harbour—91, and Island View—134 (see graphic to left for location). These individual municipalities have formally elected mayors and 2-3 councillors. They are responsible to hire a qualified administrator (RMAA certified) to see that all the legislative requirements are followed, meetings documented, taxes collected and bills paid.

Presently, the RM of McKillop has difficulty getting some of the Resort Villages to pay for their share of road maintenance. This means our RM subsidizes road costs for several of these resort villages.



The takeaway from this message is that these resort villages nestled within the RM of McKillop may not have enough revenue to be good neighbors and pay their fair share of road safety costs.

Although it might seem advantageous for Collingwood to be independent and run our own resort village, there are many benefits to having the RM do our legislatively required administration. And as suggested in bullet 3 below, there will come a time in the future that these small 'independent' municipalities will be closed for business and must be absorbed into larger municipalities. Reality check—Collingwood had a challenge getting 3 people to volunteer for the hamlet board in 2022, never mind finding reliable volunteers that would run in a resort village municipal election.

P.S. The RM graphic above shows the current grading priority for RM roads.

The Legislation

Title: The Municipalities (Incorporation of Villages and Resort Villages and Establishment of Organized Hamlets) Amendment Regulations, 2017 **Minister:** Minister of Government Relations

Summary: On April 1, 2017, these regulations will amend RRS M-36.1 Reg 1 to:

- implement new criteria to establish an organized hamlet (OH) – (80 population, 40 dwelling/business premises, taxable assessment of \$4 million);
- increase criteria for new village/resort village (RV) incorporation – (300 population, 150 dwelling/business premises, taxable assessment of \$30 million with alternate criteria for RV incorporation, recognizing their seasonal population); and
- establish criteria for municipal councils or the Minister to initiate dissolution – (this will apply to towns, villages and RVs that remain non-compliant with any of four key statutory requirements for municipalities for two consecutive years and have not maintained a population of 100 or greater for two census periods, beginning with the 2011 and 2016 censuses).

See: [The Municipalities Act, sections 51 and 403](#)

Date Signed: March 2, 2017

STRASBOURG & DISTRICT FIRE & RESCUE 2022 UPDATE & NEWSLETTER

SDFR VOLUNTEERS

Felix Belgica
Steve Briere
Colby Decker
Gordon Decker - **Captain**
Dave Gorrill - **Captain**
Wyatt Gorrill
Ron Griffin
Bryan Heisler
Laine Henfrey
Don Josephson
Brian Karasin - **Training Officer**
Darryl Kerr
Justin Kerr - **Deputy Chief**
Rita Kerr
Chris Knopp
Brent Lee
Keane Lofgren
Brandon Matheson
Don Matheson - **Safety Officer**
Glen Munholland
Ihtisham Nasir
Keifer Scholefield
Scott Simle
Ben Strueby
Cole Strueby
Scott Taylor
Glen Thompson - **Safety Officer**
Chris Wszolek
Deacon Yathon
Brandon Yung
Greg Yung - **Fire Chief**

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF'S DESK

The SDFR had a busy year once again with call-outs, training, and Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) meetings. We currently have 31 members, including one junior firefighter. Our new organizational structure has been a success. It is helping with span of control on the fire ground, as well as helping to supervise the newer members of our fire team.

2022 saw Phil Laliberte retire and Karleen de Hoop move on to become a member of the Stockholm Fire Department. We wish these former firefighters the best of luck and thank them for their service.

Covid-19 is still proving to be an issue for us. Our pumper truck that was supposed to go in for a major overhaul has not been able to due to parts availability. Also, Covid-19 had decreased our training in 2022 with the regulations and lack of instructors.

The SDFR officer pool concentrated on Emergency Plans this year. We went through the plans at both William Derby and Bulyea Schools, as well as Centennial Manor in Strasbourg. By doing this, in the event of an emergency, all parties have a written plan to help organize the confusion should the need arise.

Twenty-six SDFR members completed the CP Rail training on pressure vessels and liquid container cars. This was in two-parts with both classroom and rail car training. Twenty-one SDFR members also attended an Anhydrous Ammonia refresher course courtesy of Prairie Co-op.

In 2022, SDFR attended 10 fires, 10 false alarms, four rescues (including a high-angle rescue, which was a first for the team) and two STARS landings. We averaged 14 members per activation for fire, 10 for rescue, and nine for STARS.

In June, the SDFR held a successful fundraiser in the form of a golf tournament. This was a first for us and it was well attended. We will be hosting another one in 2023, so get your clubs ready. The proceeds from this will be put towards the new fire hall.

SDFR would like to thank Bulyea Co-op, Craswell Seeds, Flaman Sales, Seedmaster, Solid Works Carpentry, Strasbourg Co-op, Leaning Maple Meats, and MLA Travis Keisig for their support of this event. Without help from the local community and sponsors, these events are not possible.

Some major things coming forward in 2023 are the Minimum Standards set forth by the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) and the Transportation Rescue Extrication (TRES) program by SGI. To ensure that we are meeting the requirements of these programs, we are ramping up training once again.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and have a safe 2023.

Greg Yung, Fire Chief SDFR
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SDFR EQUIPMENT & CAPABILITIES

The SDFR has the following equipment and inventory available for fire suppression and rescue services:

- 2011 Rosenbauer Tanker/Pumper Fire Truck
- 2000 GMC Fire Truck
- 1996 International Rescue Truck with associated equipment
- Jaws of Life with two hydraulic pumps, one small and one large cutter, one spreader, and three sizes of rams
- Ten complete breathing apparatuses with twenty spare air bottles, and one-third share in breathing air compressor
- Various other tools, ladders, hoses, nozzles, etc.

Every fire and rescue call-out are attended by the Tanker/Pumper Truck, the Fire Truck, and Rescue Truck simultaneously, and by all members available.

The SDFR has the following capabilities and can offer the following services:

- Offensive Firefighting – *entering a burning structure when a live person is known to be inside or something of significance is to be gained all while wearing approved breathing apparatuses*
- Defensive Firefighting – *protecting surroundings from nearby fire; nothing is to be gained by firefighting offensively*
- Vehicular Rescue – *removal of victims from all types of vehicles after an incident in co-ordination with EMS*
- Fire Investigation – *investigations into all types of fires for cause and origin*
- Assist STARS Landings – *as required at accident scenes, and for EMS upon request*
- Hazardous Goods Incident Attendance – *as required*
- Grain Rescue – *rescue from grain bins, grain trucks, etc.*



2022 CALLOUTS



- **3 motor vehicle rescues** (2 in RM 220, 1 in RM 250)
- **1 high-angle rescue** (1 in RM 220)
- **10 fires** (4 in RM 220, 3 in RM 250, 2 in Strasbourg, 1 in Glen Harbour)
- **10 false alarms** (7 in Strasbourg, 2 in RM 220, 1 in RM 250)
- **2 STARS Landing** (1 in Island View, 1 in Glen Harbour)

A NOTE FROM STRASBOURG TOWN COUNCIL

As per the below financial statement, the Town ended the 2022 year with a surplus of \$75,688.48 for the SDFR. A large factor in this surplus was the inability to spend the money necessary to pay for training and a large-scale repair to the pumper truck. The pumper truck repair will be upwards of \$25,000.00. The SDFR also intended to provide a lot of training, but due to Covid-19 restrictions and lack of instructors, training did not happen as needed. In 2023, a large portion of the budget will be spent on training (~\$25,000) to outfit the SDFR with fully trained members as per the SPSA Minimum Standards. As well, many materials/supplies did not arrive in 2022, such as turn-out gear, etc. and will be arriving and payable in 2023. Any surplus funds acquired in 2022, will be used to cover 2023 costs that were supposed to happen in 2022. After 2023 costs are covered, any remaining funds will be placed in the fire department reserve fund for future capital purchases.

Strasbourg & District Fire & Rescue Revenue & Expenditures

As of December 31, 2022

	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
FIRE DEPT OPERATING REVENUES		
Fire Callout Fees	65,480.72	50,000.00
Fire Levies (incl Strasbourg)	109,240.00	109,240.00
Capital Asset Sales - 10 SCBA Units	10,250.00	0.00
Total FIRE DEPT OPERATING REVENUES:	184,970.72	159,240.00
FIRE DEPT OPERATING EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	30,203.00	38,000.00
Benefits	561.11	250.00
Uniforms & Clothing	0.00	500.00
Dispatching Fees	1,200.00	1,200.00
Bulyea Fire Hall Rental	1,600.00	1,600.00
Ambulance/Third Party Fees	624.94	1,000.00
Training, Travel, Meals & Hotels	1,880.05	12,000.00
Fire Hall & Firefighter Insurance	16,381.20	16,400.00
Memberships & Subscriptions	1,162.26	500.00
Contracted Repairs & Services	5,163.20	12,000.00
Fire Hall Heat, Power & Water	3,358.66	3,400.00
Fire Hall Phone & Internet	1,326.79	1,500.00
Fire Hall Alarm & Fire Chief Cell Phone	3,697.33	3,800.00
Advertising, Stationery & Postage	0.00	1,000.00
Materials & Supplies	6,484.26	20,000.00
Repairs (Parts & Materials Only)	584.59	8,000.00
Fire Hall Building Repairs	773.72	1,000.00
Oil & Gas	4,048.13	5,000.00
Amortization	30,233.00	30,200.00
Total FIRE DEPT OPERATING EXPENDITURES:	109,282.24	157,350.00
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		
No Purchases for 2022	0.00	0.00
Total FIRE DEPT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:	0.00	0.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT		
Revenues	184,970.72	159,240.00
Expenditures	109,282.24	157,350.00
Capital Purchases	0.00	0.00
Surplus (Deficit)	75,688.48	1,890.00