

**Organized Hamlet of Alta Vista
Annual Meeting
July 1, 2023
217 Pickerel Street**

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

Present: Christa Bourassa, Rolf Buschow & Anneliese Krumnow, Lucien & Jacqueline Chouinard, Derek Eckert & Margaret Craig, Karl & Rita Fink, David Hall, Stacy & Chantelle Haw, Jeff & Bonnie Jackson, Jason & Laurissa Janssen, Les & Heidi Krenbrink, Terry Lueke, Brad Maier, Darryl & Charlotte Maier, Justin & Alex Maier, Larry & Kathy Manz, Janet Sauer, Rick & Cheri Schmalenberg, Kyle & Lindsay Schmalenberg, Joanne Sens, Pat McLaughlin & Rick Slaferek, Melody & Don Whitrow, Rebecca & Josh Whitrow, Karen & Steve Wolos

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:19 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

M. Whitrow/R. Slaferek

Moved that the minutes of July 22, 2022, be approved.

CARRIED

Farewell and Welcome New Residents

Fond farewell to: Ken and Betty Sparrowhawk; Ray and Marilyn Seutter.

Welcome: Traci Nelson and Tim Kimery; Derek Eckert and Margaret Craig to our Hamlet.

Council Report

Thank you to Don and Melody Whitrow for hosting our Annual Community Breakfast. Many thanks to all who helped. Also, thank you to all the residents attending our community breakfast and our meeting! Great participation!

Basketball/Pickleball/Badminton Court – Public Reserve

The cement pad for the Court is scheduled to be poured and the equipment installed next week by Agra Excavating Ltd. An Outdoor Shuffleboard will also be part of the pad! Residents are to supply their own equipment.

Culverts

Agra Excavating Ltd. has been contracted to replace the three culverts of concern in the Hamlet.

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.

Floating Dock – Shore Acres

Shore Acres declined our offer to install a 60' roll-in dock in the Boat Launch Area that was approved at our last meeting.

Locks – Garbage/Recycling Enclosure

The locks to our garbage/recycling enclosure will be changed on Monday afternoon. Please pick up your new key from Jeff Jackson after the meeting.

Garbage Dumpster/Blue Bin/Regional Landfill

The Summer Garbage and Recycling Schedule is as follows:

Garbage – Weekly on TUESDAYS. The Red Waste Bins are for household waste only.

All other waste is to be hauled to Last Mountain Regional Landfill, this includes branches/ grass clippings/furniture/appliance/ building materials, etc.

Recycling – Bi-weekly on MONDAYS. The Blue Bins are for single stream recycling.

Please do not bag materials.

The Regional Landfill schedule is posted on the Board.

Lorras Bin/Spring Clean-Up

The Hamlet again rented a Lorras Bin for our residents for Spring Clean-Up (**burnable material only**). It was very well used and appreciated by all!

It was agreed that the Board will arrange to rent a Bin for Fall Clean-Up this year.

Guest Dock – Marina

The guest dock has been installed in the Marina!

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.

Kayak Rack – Public Reserve

An 8-Place Kayak/SUP Rack has been purchased for the community. Rick Slaferek volunteered to assemble the unit.

Public Walkway

Please note, this is a Public Walkway and vehicles should not be parked on it.

Reminder

Dogs are to be leashed and to please clean up after your dog. Of note, this is also a Bylaw of the RM.

RM – Bylaws/Policies

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

Roads – Dust Suppressant

The canola oil based-dust suppressant, that it is environmentally friendly, was again applied to our Hamlet's roads.

Speed Limit

We have lots of young people in our community! A reminder that our speed limit is 20 KPH – please keep our children safe.

Of note: four new "Caution Go Slow Children at Play" have been purchased and installed around the community.

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 2023/2024 Budget

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

R. Whitrow/C. Haw

Moved that the 2023 Budget and proposed 2024 Budget be approved.

CARRIED

As an Organized Hamlet, we are allowed to make changes to our Mill Rate. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the Mill Rate must now be voted on annually.

D. Hall/P. McLaughlin

Moved to lower the Resort Hamlet of Alta Vista Mill Rate to 5% for 2023 (*in 2022 it was set at 7.765%)

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Marina Committee

Larry Manz presented the Marina Committee report. Noted:

- The water level is up making the Marina much more accessible!
- Two spaces are available.
- The Membership Agreement remains the same.

The purchase of an aeration system was discussed.

D. Whitrow/S. Haw

Moved that an aeration system be purchased from Pond Pro for the sum of \$4,000.00.

CARRIED

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, rototilled the sand, and general maintenance! Volunteers are always welcome.
- A Work Bee will be held after the construction of the court.
- Only service vehicles are allowed on the Public Reserve.
- Two "Warning Pesticide Use" Signs have been purchased and are stored in the shed.

Thank you to the committee – the Public Reserve is a great asset to our community!

Water Committee

Steve Wolos presented the Water Committee report. Noted:

- Maintenance was done on the pump this year and it is working very well!
- 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

Nathan Krenbrink, Terry Lueke, Larry Manz, Rick Salferek, and Steve Wolos agreed to remain on the Marina Committee

Public Reserve

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

Water Committee

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

Council/Board

Election for a new Council Member to replace Josh Whitrow as his term has expired.

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

Our elected Council Members are:

Jeff Jackson (2025), Steve Wolos (2026), Josh Whitrow (2027)

Pot Luck

Karen and Steve Wolos 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

Condolences

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

Fire Call-Out Fees

The Village of Silton Fire Department Call-Out Fees have increased to \$5,000.00 for one truck to respond. In most cases, the Fire Department will send two trucks to respond to a call. Residents were encouraged to discuss with your insurance provider an Emergency Call-Out Rider as the resident is responsible for all call-out fees.

Internet

Redbird Communications is working with SaskTel to improve our rural internet by increasing the broadband speeds. The timeline for the upgrade to our area is not known.

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 our Resort Hamlet of Alta Vista a wonderful community to belong to!

L. Manz/M.Whitrow

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED