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# Collingwood Lakeshore Estates

## Community Projects Update

Happy New Year from the volunteer Collingwood Hamlet Board, Lana Dwernychuk, Randy Birchard & June LeDrew.

Listed below are a few Hamlet tidbits. If you have any questions please contact us at [collingwoodboard3@gmail.com](mailto:collingwoodboard3@gmail.com)

- ★ Again many thanks to all the Hamlet volunteers working behind the scenes over this winter to make Collingwood a stronger, more viable 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. Our thoughts are the south end of the Collingwood Green Space. Any other ideas should be forwarded to the Board.
- ★ Collingwood's annual budget is due to the RM by March 3rd. After RM Council approval of the budget in the spring, if the Hamlet community should decide to amend the budget, a revision can be submitted to RM Council for review.
- ★ Collingwood is on Facebook at **Collingwood Lakeshore Estates**.



### RM SERVICE TRACKER

The Collingwood Hamlet Board is the voice to the RM Council, however many community concerns & questions can / should be directed to the RM Office.

**SERVICE TRACKER** enables Collingwood members to submit requests or concerns to the RM and track (document) their progress.

You can submit items related to public works, administration, taxes, roads, mowing, culverts, development, bylaw enforcement, pest control, utilities, custom work, etc.

DETAILS of the request are VERY important so please include as much information as possible. Also include your email so you can receive updates about your request.

To submit a concern or question to the RM click here:

[RM SERVICE TRACKER](#)

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](mailto:rm220general@rm220.ca) or using the All-Net Connect portal on their website <https://rmofmckillop220.com>.

Or click on the Connect link below.



### Save the Dates—2023 Hamlet Meetings

Save these dates for our 2023 Hamlet meetings: Saturday May 27th & September 16th. Location TBD.

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.



## RM Community Boat Launch Survey—FINDINGS



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 from 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 can be found on the RM website by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Collingwood had the highest number of survey participants and, aside from Shore Acres in the south of the RM, was found in the survey to be the busiest boat launch. As far as Collingwood is concerned, the crux of the matter is

Residents would like the boat launch in Collingwood repaired and maintained better. Statements included, the ramp is too steep, water is too shallow at the end of summer, rocks need to be removed from within the water. Residents would also like the dock at the boat launch repaired or replaced (Summary, p. 1).

The Collingwood boat launch has been located at the north end of the hamlet for over 30 years. Thirty years ago boats were smaller in width, length, weight and also fewer in number. We've had many volunteers over the years installing, removing and repairing the dock(s) we've had as well as attempting to keep up with the necessary landscaping. The use of the boat launch area has grown, as Collingwood has.

Collingwood approved monies in our budget to repair/renovate the boat launch in 2024. 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 are being purchased to be connected at the west end of the original dock that 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 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. A proposal will be presented to the Collingwood community at the spring meeting for review and a decision on action.

# Collingwood—SaskPolyTech Partnership

## Summer Water Irrigation Project



Reviewing the journey on Collingwood’s Summer Water Irrigation System:

On Sept. 12, 2020 the Collingwood community approved a motion to budget \$10,000.00 to study both a summer lake water delivery system and/or potentially a deep well potable water delivery system.

On Sept. 17, 2022 at the Hamlet meeting a motion was approved to do a community survey prior to spending money on an engineering firm to ensure an irrigation system was the wish of the general community.

After the community survey results were shared Nov. 11th, 2022, showing bi-modal responses of the Collingwood community in the survey (e.g., similar #s for and against the project with slightly more of those that responded showing support), it was determined that the volunteer Hamlet Board hire an engineering firm to establish costs (feasibility) of such a project (or variations of one). This data will be available to community members to review and will be voted on **PRIOR TO ANY ACTION TAKEN** on one or a combination of projects.

January 2023 the Hamlet Board and community volunteers interested in a summer water irrigation system met with the Program Head of Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s **Civil Engineering Technology** cluster from Moose Jaw, Dean Massier. Dean and his family are new members of the Collingwood community (purchased a property in fall 2022).

SaskPolyTech has both civil construction and water resources specialty programs for students. After 2 semesters of basic engineering courses, students engage in a coop experience followed by courses in their chosen area of specialty (construction or water resources) ending the program with a capstone project (see below). During this educational journey the students are supervised by Applied Science Technologists (AScT) and Engineers (P.Eng).

The Collingwood Hamlet Board has decided it would be a wonderful opportunity to partner with Dean Massier and the SaskPolyTech program and students in a Capstone Project. This would involve a student mapping and collecting data in Collingwood this spring. The student would then research the project challenges and feasibility and present a final report on Collingwood’s water irrigation 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 student.

### WHAT IS A CAPSTONE PROJECT?

A capstone project is a culminating student experience in which students apply concepts that they learn to solve an open-ended, preferably real-life, problem.

A SaskPolyTech student will help the Collingwood community by mapping, collecting data, costing out and problem-solving the variety of potential summer water irrigation options we might realistically implement.

This is a win-win situation for both a student’s capstone experience and the Collingwood community.

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