

Spring Bay Hamlet – AGM – Minutes 2022

May 25, 2022, via Google Meetings (virtual) 19:00-20:00

Attendees

- Karen Kramer - Chair
- David Price - Secretary
- Calvin Fisher - MAL
- Farrell Ager
- Ken Beal
- Amanda Geck
- Wade Hoffman
- Sheldon Kainz
- Brent Kolbeck
- Arlynn Kurtz
- Joann Liebe
- Neil Schmeltzer
- Eric Sveinbjornson
- Ron Weir

Attachments : 2021 Financial and 2021 AGM Minutes sent prior to meeting.

1. Announcements

Meeting called to order. Reminder of time limit on meeting – 60 minutes for google meetings.

- Gravel was put down today for next week's dust control
- Dust Control –Done
- Speed bumps are laid out on where we believe are good locations, we will spike them down in a couple of weeks.
- AED unit – Back on main post. If anyone would like a refresher, pls contact the board to setup a session. We have also ordered additional Signage to highlight the units location and at Kevin Macleod's place for the winter months.
- Free Yard Waste day – May 29th

2. Review of 2021 Minutes

- Review of the 2021 AGM minutes.

- Dave asked for a motion to accept the 2021 minutes.
 - Motion : Sheldon Kainz
 - 2nd : Wade Hoffman
 - Accepted

2. Financials

- Karen walked thru the 2021 financials.
- Our mill rate will remain at 2.4% and should stay at this rate until the next SAMA assessment. The board at this time would need to review our expenses and adjust accordingly.
- We are currently operating at a balanced budget
- Our reserve account is at ~\$210,000. Contrary to Facebook and other social media posts, the Hamlet reserve accounts, under Provincial legislation are secure to the Hamlets.
- East/West access road into the hamlet is now our responsibility – Has been in the past however the RM had managed. We have arranged that Karen will request 1-2 cuts a year with the RM based on height and 1 final cut in fall.
- Grass and Snow removal fees are not on the final statement as the RM is tardy on posting. We anticipate that to be Similar to prior year for grass (~\$1800) but snow removal to be up a bit due to the snowfall this past season.
- RM had put a motion forward to charge a 2% administration fee to all hamlets. Spring Bay was the only Hamlet to refuse. RM was unable to provide explanation to what this fee was for.

4. RM Environmental & Waste Management – Joann Liebe

- The RM is appealing to all residents to use the landfill for materials that should go there and stop filling lorrains bins with furniture and other none garbage items.
- Recycle bins are for recycling items. If a bag of garbage is tossed in that bin .. the entire bins cannot be recycled and now goes to landfill..
- RM is looking to start a pilot project on Food Composting/Recycling. This will be a subsidize program with a yearly charge of ~\$175 to the resident to participate.
- RM is looking for opportunities to reduce/minimize waste as they prepare to open another landfill cell.
- Signage will be updated on the bins to what should be put in. everything else residents should be responsible and take the landfill or proper disposal sites. Please do not leave toilets, propane tanks beside the bins.

- ACTION : Joann will lead the Spring Bay participation if there is interest. Please reach out to her.
- ACTION : to help reduce yard waste in the garbage bins, Joann has offered to accept grass clippings at her north end gate for composting. If you bag your grass clippings, please take to her instead of filling the bins.

5. Q/A, New Business

- Ron Weir has asked if there is community interest in building a pickleball court in the park. Court sizes would be approx.. 30ftx60Ft If there enough interest Ron will gather build cost estimate for review and resident vote on the expenditure. *(Ron's microphone was not functioning during our session. If you have questions/comments, please reach out to him directly or via the board members)*
- Sheldon Kainz asked for an update on the widening of the gate at the north end. Amanda Geck and Calvin Fisher provided commentary that the current width is difficult to get small wagons (fisher price type) through. Creates a need to unload and load to passthru.
 - After last years discussion, the board contacted Rudy Thompson to understand his position as land owner of the adjacent property. He did not support widening the gate to allow for motorized traffic.
 - The gate was approved at a AGM meeting many years ago to prevent thru traffic to Rudy's property and reduce hamlet traffic and potential theft opportunities. The gate was approved by the Hamlet board and residents at that time and paid 100% by Kevin MacLeod.
 - The board will discuss again with Rudy Thompson on the widening of the gate. And Seek historical information from Kevin related to the gate and intent at that time.
 - **Addendum (May 30, 2022)**
 - *The land adjacent to the Spring Bay north gate is private property, owned by Rudy Thompson.*
 - *There is no reserve land. Spring Bay Hamlet and Private land touch at the gate.*
 - *ATV and other motorize travel is not permitted on private property unless approved by the land owner. The current owner will not authorize any motorized vehicles on their property.*
 - *Should Spring Bay incur costs to widen the gate for motorized traffic, we have on good authority that the land owner will erect a gate on their side of the property line – either with the same size opening, or possibly no further access to his property.*
 - *ATV, Snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles need to follow RM Bylaws for ATV/Snowmobile usage.*
 - *The costs to widen the current opening 6" for wagon access we feel is cost prohibitive at this time.*

- *No further action will be taken on this matter.*
- Arlynn Kurtz inquired about getting SaskTel fibre into the hamlet.
 - This item is not a board/Hamlet activity, Residents should consult with Sasktel or Access Communications on their rural and resort community plans. Wireless services are also available. Rural Network, Wood River and ExploreNet are two used by residents in the hamlet.
- Discussion on Speed and Speed Bumps
 - Our current speed posting is 30km/h
 - Speedbumps are unsightly – True, but also effective
 - People will drive in the ditch around them – Possibly. Should this happen, we will investigate installing obstacles in the ditch at the bumps to prevent that activity.
 - Joann mentioned that while we have our dogs roam off leash, they are also at risk of being hit by cars. One was hit recently and is currently recovering.
 - Discussion on reducing speed to 15km/h to further encourage vehicle traffic to slow down.
 - **Addendum** (June 2) – *The board has submitted a request to the RM to have a new sign posted with the reduced limits of 15km/h.*
- Sheldon Kainz – asked about the interest in erecting a gazebo in the park for residents to use when they have large family gatherings and require more space.
 - A proposed Gazebo was discussed and voted down by the residents in attendance at the 2015 AGM.

Motion to close the Meeting

- Motion : Joann Liebe
- 2nd : David Price
- Accepted

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm - Video call closed as session expired

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RM of McKillop information can be found at : <https://rmofmckillop220.com/>