

**Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay  
Annual General Meeting – July 16, 2016**

**81 registered voters present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Monty Bender at 10:30 AM**

**Monty asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Barb Bell made the motion, seconded by Carrie Knight, motion carried.**

**Monty asked that the residents review the minutes from the last annual meeting for any errors & omissions. Monty then asked for a motion to adopt the 2015 AGM minutes. Carrie Knight made the motion, seconded by Marilyn Long, motion carried.**

### **Reports**

**Bob Long presented the financial report for the end of December 2015, which had a surplus of 62,053.94 as well as an outstanding amount due to the Hamlet from the HBDC for the Water Treatment Plant expenses in an amount of \$61,988.32. The interim budget up to June 30, 2016 has a balance of \$46,120.96 for cash on hand as well as a balance due from the HBDC of \$62,808.52. We are still having issues with some of the old water shut off valves and anticipate that we will need to change a few each year as they age. Doug Erickson made the motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Curtiss Knight, and carried.**

**The RM report was presented by Ben Sitler who is our representative from the RM. Ben introduced himself and said he was here for any issue, complaints or otherwise. Ben mentioned that they are working to keep the roads into the resort in good shape, but is an on-going battle with the moisture. Andy Forrest questioned the paved curve coming into the resort and asked if the RM was still looking at taking it up and putting the curve to gravel. Ben said at this time they are not going to change anything and will keep patching the pavement as best as possible. Ben also mentioned that he was the deputy fire chief for the Lucky Lake & District fire department and that they were badly in need of volunteers. Curtiss Knight who is also on the fire department mentioned that the last 2 fires were right in the Birsay area. Volunteers will be advised of a fire by cell phone and if they are in the area they can go if not no big deal. Ben also mentioned that they hope to upgrade one truck which could make the Birsay fire truck available to move to Hitchcock Bay. Marlowe Schmiess also mentioned that we should have some fire hoses available that can be used on the outside irrigation system as well as the year round hydrant. Paula Crawford asked if the people shooting off fireworks had to be certified, Ben made the comment that with large commercial fireworks they would need to be certified but probably not with the regular ones that anyone can purchase. Doug Simon asked if there would be a liability issue if a resident helped to put out a fire at the resort. Curtiss Knight said no there would not be as you are just trying to help. Wayne Vaxvick made a motion to adopt the RM report, seconded by Dan Bachman, carried.**

**Carrie Knight made the swim club report and said that swimming lessons this year would be the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>. The swim club has already received 58 registrations and there usually is more the day lessons begin. The swim club is also offering new programs such as Adult Swimmer, Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion & Bronze Cross. Marilyn Long made a motion to adopt the swim club report, seconded by Terry Seifert, carried.**

**Tony daigneault made the Golf Club report. First Tony wanted to thank the Golf Committee (Wayne Vaxvick, Curtiss Knight, Lauren Cannon, Gil Dupperault & Chris Popowich) and all other volunteers for all the work they had done over the past year. The first pancake breakfast was held on the May long weekend with a turnout of over 150 people. The second pancake breakfast held on the July long weekend at "The Shack" was a great success with over 315 people. Tony also mentioned that they were really missing Gil Dupperault this year as his wife Lorraine has not been well meaning Gil has not been at the lake as much. We are still looking at putting natural grass greens on hole # 3, 4 & 6. We are also going to try and spray for dandelions this fall which usually kills them off for the spring. The golf club also has golf shirts for sale for \$40 and bunny hugs for \$60. Annual golf fees are only \$150 for a cabin which allows all residents and guest of that cabin to golf as many times as they wish, a really good deal. The golf tourney**

will be on the August long weekend again this year and we will be restricting it to 108 golfers so better get registered. There will also be a \$500 prize for a hole in one on # 6 donated by the golf club. If you don't golf you can still come to the BBQ and socialize. Motion was made by Carrie Knight to adopt the report, seconded by Dave Ruecker and carried.

Dave Ruecker made the next report which was from the planning committee for "The Shack". Current members of committee: Dave and Edie Ruecker, Patti Forrest, Blaire Prima, Kim Mann, Andrea Fleck, Dianne Rhodes, Doug Erickson, Cheryl Karpo, Pat Daigneault, Paula Crawford. The Park Planning Committee met on August 4, 2015 to review three proposed road access locations and to discuss future planning of the park area for recreational use. We envision this to be an area that is not accessible to vehicles (except for those used for construction of the cook shack, septic services, and loading and unloading supplies for events by event organizers). Drawings of the space and recommendations for road access have been forwarded to the Hitchcock Bay Hamlet Board members, and are pending approval.

Service road access location proposal - After walking the area and after much informed discussion, it was determined by the committee that the most desirable location for road access would be south of the cook shelter directly across from main beach. The Committee's decision was based on: - least invasive route - narrow opening to more easily restrict large vehicle access - most direct route with level topography - existing street light location - can utilize existing parking area at main beach during events like pancake breakfasts - septic services located on south side of cook shelter allowing for best access. Two other access road locations (ball diamond and tower access) were ruled out due to: -both locations would be difficult to restrict large vehicle access due to wide open green space - tower location's topography would require a culvert and excavation due to the slope of the existing grade - both locations would require developing a separate parking area and - ball diamond location would make access to septic services difficult and road surface would interfere with existing ball diamond. The Committee also discussed the importance of having adequate signage (Service Vehicles Only) and a gate or rope between posts to restrict unauthorized vehicle use. Development of recreational activity - We have many fun ideas for the development of this greenspace. It was decided that we would ask the community, in the form of a survey, what activities they would like to see prioritized. To have input, please complete the survey, either on paper, returned to a member of the committee, or online. It can also be found on the Hitchcock Bay News website and on the Hitchcock Bay Facebook page. Paula Crawford also spoke to the letter that was sent out to the residents regarding The Shack and rental of the facility. Dianne Bender made mention that the north access from Ruby drive made the most sense for access to the facility. Comments were also made it may not be that great if there was a ball game going on. Terry Seifert made a motion that we do not rent "The Shack" Facility to anyone for 2 years and then review the situation, seconded by Dan Bachman. A vote by show of hands had 35 residents for the motion, 28 apposed, motion was carried.

The next order of business was regarding nominations for a committee to operate "The Shack under the Hamlet Board. Derek Hanneson made the motion to nominate a 5 member board, seconded by Carrie Knight. Carrie Knight nominated Derek Hanneson, Bob Long nominated Pat Daigneault, Bob Olson nominated Del Olson, Marilyn Backman nominated Edie Ruecker, Naomi Schnitzler nominated Paula Crawford, Michelle Seifert nominated Patti Forrest, Tony Daigneault nominated Wayne Vaxvick & Dale Wright nominated Judy Wilson. Terry Seifert made a motion nominations ceased, seconded by Carrie Knight. Andy Forrest mentioned that Patti would not want her name to stand so she was taken off the list leaving 7 people. It was decided to have a 7 member board instead of a 5 member board, motion carried.

### Old Business

The first item under old business was the water treatment plant. The tender for stage one closed yesterday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. We received 3 tenders one for \$204, 758, second for \$272,000 and a third for \$518,700. At the HBDC meeting a motion was made to make the payment to the RM for the first stage of the plant (\$204,758) and to proceed with beginning the project.

The second item under old business was regarding the ditch. Terry Seifert had a few questions regarding the ditch. Was there not an offer previous to doing the ditch about putting pipe in the ground and if it did not work the resort

would not be charged for it? Was the tender process followed when the ditch was done? Terry mentioned that the ditch could have liability issues if a child drowned or there was a snow mobile accident. Earl Wagner also mentioned that the ditch has dropped the value of his property by \$100,000. Monty made mention that there was discussion regarding the pipe and concerns of it freezing in the winter causing the water to back up in the spring like it has done in the past. Monty also mentioned that more than one outfit was approached regarding digging of the ditch and Webco said they wanted nothing to do with it because of the power, phone & gas lines. Earl Wagner made a motion to have a pipe and weeping tile installed in the present ditch and the ditch covered over, seconded by Terry Seifert, carried. Les Papps also made mention that anyone that is pumping from their lot should be pumping to the front of their lot, street side rather than just pumping it anywhere which in most cases ends up back in someone's yard. James Verwimp made mention that he could get some contacts for companies that do land recovery regarding high water tables and flooding.

Aaron Spence made mention that she used to get Hamlet Board minutes of their regular meetings to post on the website. Bob made mention that the Hamlet Board seldom have sit down meetings. Most of the meetings regarding Hamlet business are done by email, text or phone calls. Bob mentioned that he can put together notes regarding what the Hamlet Board is dealing with, which can be posted on the website.

The next item of old business was regarding the main beach. Monty made mention that the main beach has been manicured to get rid of all the sharp drop offs, which will make access to the lake a lot better. We will probably see lots of weeds due to the low water levels but hopefully that will change as the lake comes up with all the rain. There was also mention that the rubber was coming off one spot on the boat launch which should be attended to.

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Doug Erickson mentioned that we need to put some gravel on the road going to the compose pile as it is starting to get deep and people are already moving over creating a new road. Ben Sitler mentioned that they have some pit run that would probably work fine for that road.

Doug Erickson asked how things were going on acquiring the green space by the boat launch for more commercial lots. Bob Long made mention that the Hamlet Board had discussions with Water Security, Ocean & Fisheries as well as Sask. Environment regarding the area. Right now we are probably at the stage where an appraisal has to be done on the area and then submitted to Sask. Environment to see if they approve it. The cost of the appraisal would be around \$10,000 to \$15,000 and at that time the HBDC was not interested in doing the appraisal. Doug Erickson made a motion that the Hamlet Board proceed with the appraisal on said parcel of land, seconded by Carrie Knight and carried.

The next item of business was regarding the use of golf carts by minors. Aaron Decae (Ron Hare's son in law) spoke to the golf cart issue and said something needed to be done. A golf cart would be considered a motorized vehicle and should not be driven by a minor. Unfortunately this is an ongoing issue and really comes down to the parents monitoring who rides these vehicles. Aaron Decae made a motion that all golf carts, quads, side by side & motor bikes have a decal with the resident's house number on the machine for identification purposes. The motion was seconded by Nancy Meers and carried.

The next order of business was elections for the board member position that is coming open. Andy Forrest presently holds that position and said he would let his name stand for another term. There were no other nominations, Carrie Knight made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Dan Bachman, carried. Andy Forrest will remain in that position for another 3 year term.

Kim Mann made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dianne Bender, carried (12:30 PM)