

**Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay  
Annual General Meeting  
July 18, 2015**

49 registered voters present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Monty Bender at 9:10 AM

Monty asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Carrie Knight made the motion, seconded by Darlene Schmidt, carried.

Monty asked that the residents review the minutes for any errors or omissions. Tony Daigneault mention that the golf report listed that Chris Popowich had donated the new ball washers as well as the plants when in fact the plants were donated by Shaun Ross. Monty asked for a motion to adopt the 2014 AGM minutes. Derek Hanneson made the motion, seconded by Rob Marchand, carried.

### REPORTS

Bob presented the financial report for the end of December, 2014 which had a surplus of \$76,085.62 as well as an outstanding amount due to the Hamlet from the HBDC for the new Water Treatment Plant expenses in the amount of \$27,361.36. The interim budget up to June 30, 2015 has a balance of \$52,083.60 for cash on hand as well as a balance due from the HBDC for treatment plant expenses of \$49,333.39. We are expecting a few extra expenses in the 2015 year such as chloride for dust control on the roads at about \$12,000 and expenses related to water shut off valve replacements at about \$8,000. The only other major expense outside of regular operating expenses will be the ditch on Vivian Bay road which hopefully we will get some assistance from the HBDC. Monty asked for a motion adopting the Financial Report and 2015 budget as presented. Tony Daigneault made the motion, seconded by Derek Hanneson, carried.

The RM report was presented by Curtiss Knight as Randy Aims was not present at the meeting. Curtiss spoke to the pavement on the road to the resort and said that the RM would be patching it again this year. They were looking at working the pavement up for a base, like was done to Hitchcock hideaway but have decided to wait and see how that section works out before they proceed with the curved section. The RM had started a new schedule for grading this spring which would see a rotation where every road would be graded at least every 3 weeks. This system worked well in the early spring but they have since changed the schedule so the main roads into the Hamlet are graded every other week. Over the next month the RM hopes to get gravel on all roads that are in need of a new covering. Curtiss also made mention that the RM has received a proposal for a new development at the Coteau Creek area. The development will cover aproximately 65 acres and if the development goes ahead it will be a new Hamlet for the RM board to deal with. There will be new gravel also on the road to the Birsay Land fill this year. With regards to the land fill, all house hold garbage will still be put into a container and sent to Saskatoon. The metal and wood disposal will also remain the same, and it is important that no painted or treated wood are put in the wood pile at the land fill, as it will be inspected before it can be burnt. If there is painted or treated lumber then all materials will have to be shipped to Saskatoon like house hold garbage, which would increase the costs substantially which would be passed on to the tax payers. Monty asked for a motion to accept the RM report as presented. Motion was made by Derek Hanneson, seconded by Marilyn Long, carried.

The swim report was presented by Carrie Knight. Swimming lessons will run from July 27 to July 31 for week one and from August 3 to August 7<sup>th</sup> for week two. The fees for the swimming lessons remains at \$25 per person for 1 week and \$40 per person for 2 weeks. Monty asked for a motion to accept the report as presented. Motion made by Derek Hanneson, seconded by Tony Daigneault, carried.

The golf report was presented by Tony Daigneault. The first item was to dispel any rumors that the tax payers of the resort have put \$70,000 into the golf course. The only money the golf course has received was from an AGM motion some time ago where a one time donation of \$25 per tax payer (from taxes) would be donated to the golf club to help with expenses. The golf club did a survey with the residents on what they would like to see. The club received 21 out of 60 surveys, 17 of which were in favor of artificial grass greens. The golf club approached the HBDC for a loan to help facilitate these improvements. The HBDC loaned the golf club \$25,000 plus an additional \$5,000 as well as a grant of \$25,000. Last year the golf club made their first payment of \$3000 towards the \$30,000 loan. Donations made to the club for benches, flags etc. have been great as well as the turn outs for the pancake breakfasts. There will be more tee boxes installed in different locations to facilitate 18 holes on the course. All work to date has been volunteer work by residents. Hugh Barton donated both his equipment and time to plow in all of the irrigation lines to all fairways, which are now all operational and Curtiss Knight donated his time

and skid steer as well. We will be putting sod around the artificial greens shortly. Special thanks to Hugh, Wayne, Gil, Laureen, Curtiss, Rod, Dan, Brent & Chris for all of their work. Annual fees for a cabin are only \$150 and the 50/50 draw is still running at the Birsay Kitchen. Monty asked for a motion to accept the golf club report as presented. Motion was made by Carrie Knight, seconded by Curtiss Knight, carried.

### Old Business

Bob made a quick report regarding the water issues on Vivian Bay that we experience every spring. The remedy to the problem is a drainage ditch in the green space heading west and then south towards the trees by the golf course. It will be necessary to drop the power, telephone & energy line to properly contour the green space. The cost to drop these lines will be around \$16,000 plus the cost of the ditch. Total cost of the project will probably be about \$30,000 but something has to be done to correct this issue. A motion was made by Carrie Knight to go ahead with the project, seconded by Tony Dagneault, carried.

### New Business

Water Securities was out to the resort to complete our regular inspection of the treatment plant and during the visit the irrigation system came up in discussion. The 2 systems cannot be tied together in any way (with shut off or check valves) as it creates the possibility of contamination of the treated water. If there is any indication of the 2 lines being connected there will be a boil water advisory until problem is corrected and test results are completed. The Hamlet Board has put a bylaw in place with a \$500 fine if a connection between the 2 systems is found. There will be a bylaw officer visiting the resort on a regular basis.

Judy Carlson asked if the Hamlet Board can go in to a resident's lot that is unsightly, clean them up and bill them. Bob made mention that there is a procedure that must be followed, the residents have to be notified in writing by the RM and given some time to clean up before we can go in and clean. There was also a comment made about the items being parked or left in the green spaces. We are seeing people encroaching the green space around their lots with all kinds of things from campers, trailers and boats to sand boxes and sheds. Hopefully this is also something the bylaw officer can address.

Jodi Erickson made mention that there were quite a few motor bikes and quads running on the beach near the irrigation system. Jodi was concerned that when they are driving over the irrigation line we could see it get damaged which would create a real problem if the irrigation needed to be shut down and everyone started using the treated water for irrigation. The board will look into posting signs to try and keep all types of traffic off of the irrigation line.

Judy Carlson asked if it would be possible for a snow fence to be installed on the main beach green space before winter to help with the high amounts of snow that blow through on to Ruby Drive. The Hamlet Board agreed that it could be a safety issue and would have them installed before the snow flies.

The next item of new business was regarding the cutting of the carigana trees in all of the green spaces which were blocking some residents view. The old cutter we had for these trees had been misplaced or disposed of so the Hamlet Board will look into getting a new one either made or purchased.

Curtiss Knight also made a quick report on behalf of Lucky Lake Fire department. He mentioned that the fire department had made a trip out to familiarize themselves with the resort and water hydrants. Curtiss made mention that we only had one year round hydrant on Ruby drive and that we should look at another on Vivian Bay, as the irrigation hydrants are seasonal.

### Elections

Carrie Knight made a motion to nominate Monty Bender for the open position this year, seconded by Marilyn Long.

Judy Carlson made a motion that nominations ceased, seconded by Curtiss Knight, carried.

The new 3 year position will be held by Monty Bender.

Carrie Knight made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Curtiss Knight, carried. (10:25 AM)