

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - July 19, 2014 - 10:00 AM @ BIRSAY HALL

### Hamlet Budget for 2014 -

. The new assessment of properties at the resort for 2014 had a slight increase on average of 6.9%. Last year was the first year that we went to a base tax plus a mill rate tax on each property in the Hamlet. The base tax for each residential property was set at \$800 plus a mil rate of 1.0 applied to the resident's current assessment, which will remain for the 2014 taxation year. The school tax collected on each property will be based on a mill rate only. The mil rate for the school tax is set by the Sask. Government and will be 5.03 mil for residential property for the 2014 taxation year, which is also unchanged. Based on the information above there should be only minimal tax increases due to the new assessments. Last years budget was pretty much on target leaving us with \$50,059.44 to start the new year.

### Household Garbage, Recycling, Leaves & Branches-

At the AGM on July 13, 2013 there was a presentation by Craig Millar regarding a door to door household Garbage pickup service. The service would be offered to all residents on either a seasonal (May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>) or year round option. The residents would have their own 90 gallon roll out garbage tote for house hold garbage. To date Millar's have placed a majority of the requested tubs and should have all requested tubs placed this month. If you are interested in garbage pickup at your residence, give Craig Millar a call at (306) 858-7545 or after 6:30 PM at (306) 573-2124. There is a Recycle bin in the Town of Birsay that can be used by the residents of the resort. The Birsay land fill is open on Monday's & Saturday's from 8 AM to 12 noon. The Birsay land fill will accept house hold garbage, metal, wood, furniture, trees etc. The branch & leaf pile will be moved a little bit north to help keep the pile more contained and away from the garden area. Please be sure to deposit only tree branches & leaves at this site (no garbage).

### Pets at Large-

**All Pets in the resort are to be leashed or fenced and are NOT allowed to run at large.** Please be respectful of your neighbors, no one, adults or children should ever be concerned about being confronted by a dog while on a walk within our resort. Residents should also be respectful of their neighbors and keep their cats confined in their yard as well; the board has received complaints on different occasions about cats rummaging through garbage at residents homes. Please make sure you pick up after your pet when walking them. The hamlet will have a bylaw officer visiting the resort on a random basis to enforce the "Pets at Large" bylaw 7.3.8.

### Resort Speed Limit -

Everyone should be reminded that the speed limit for all vehicles in the resort is **25 KMH**. If we respect the speed limit we not only reduce the dust from the roads but also make walking in our resort a more pleasurable outing. If the excessive speed by vehicles persists in the resort, the board will initiate the placement of speed bumps on our roads to slow the traffic down. The speed limit in the boat launch Marina is **8 KMH** and a "**No Wake Zone**", please be respectful of other boat operators.

### Noise & Nuisance Rules -

Please be respectful of your fellow residents between the hours of 11 PM and 7 AM as that is considered quiet time and noise from individual gathering's, parties, fireworks etc should not be happening. Also with respect to the fireworks it is important to find a location that does not put any resident's property or any areas of the resort in harm's way. We get many dry periods throughout the year and we do not want an out of control fire due to fireworks display that went bad. It is the responsibility of all residents to keep their yards maintained regarding garbage, grass & weeds, old vehicles, trailers etc. Let's keep our community looking its best!!

### Proposed Boat Launch Fees for 2014-

The boat launch fees for the 2014 season will be \$10 for a daily pass and \$50 for an annual pass for all Non Residents using the facilities. Residents (tax payers) of the RM will receive a sticker for their boat trailers and will not be required to pay any fees. Any expenses or repairs to the boat launch and its facilities will come from the tax revenues generated by the Hamlet as well as the Non Resident boat launch fees. If we see an increase of expenses to the boat launch we will have to look at either a user pay system or an increase to the Hamlet taxes to offset any increases.

### Outside Irrigation System –

All residents are required to connect all of their outside irrigation lines to this system, thereby reducing the amount of water that has to be treated through our plant. Starting in May of 2014 it was mandatory that all irrigation lines & sprinklers must be connected to the outside irrigation system. Please remember that the irrigation system delivers water straight from the lake and is **not treated** and therefore should not be used for consumption, food preparation or bathing. The Hamlet board is compiling water usage from the treatment plant for the 2 busiest long weekends, July & August, and it is imperative that these consumption numbers are for residential use only, not irrigation. These numbers will be used for specifications of the new treatment plant, so we want to have only treated consumption not irrigation.

### Golf Course Update –

All nine holes have had the artificial greens installed and were ready for the annual golf tournament on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> of last year. The pegs and string around the greens will remain until the work around them is completed. Upcoming improvements to the course will include: installation of water lines to the greens with sprinkler heads to water grass upgrade around the greens, planting of shrubs around the tee off blocks, installation of new ball washers, new signage for the holes, repair of flag cups, and lengthening of the third, fourth and fifth holes. The Golf Committee will be having 3 pancake breakfasts this summer, June 29, Aug. 03 & Aug. 31 starting @ 9 AM. The fees to golf this year will be - Cabin Owners Annual - \$100, Individual Adult - \$50, Non Residents annual individual - \$100, Daily Rate adult Individual - \$10 & Daily Rate Individual Junior - \$5. Tags will be issued upon payment of annual fees and will be required to be visible when golfing. Committee members – Tony Daigneault 325 Ruby Drive (306) 573-2033, Lauren Cannon 326 Ruby Drive (306) 371-1253, Gilbert Dupperault 415 Vivian Bay (306) 573-1253, Curtiss Knight 108 Alyce Street (306) 858-7635.

### Water Treatment Plant –

The Hamlet Board will be compiling information regarding the usage of treated water on the peak usage weekends, July & August of this year. This information will be used in the specifications of the new treatment plant to be sure adequate filtration is in place, but also that we are not constructing a plant that exceeds our needs. We have been working with the RM, KGS and the Water Securities agency regarding these requirements. We have received a letter from the Water Securities Agency stating that we must commence construction of the new plant by June 20/15 and be completed and commissioned by March 31/16.

### Vivian Bay Road –

The Hamlet Board is working on correcting the problem with the section of Vivian Bay road that seems to always be in terrible condition. The reason for the problem at this section is mostly due to poor drainage causing the road to retain moisture and go soft. Thanks to the help of a few residents and some members of the HBDC, a solution to the problem is being determined. There has been a suggestion that we install a drainage pipe through the green space to the golf course to get proper drainage. This will allow us to eliminate the pump at this location and have just natural drainage for any snow melts or rainfall. Once the drainage pipe is installed the road can be rebuilt with a new base and gravel. The HBDC has been approached for their financial assistance and hopefully the problem will be corrected soon.

Board Members – Monty Bender, Andy Forrest & Bob Long