



Association of
SUMMER VILLAGES
OF ALBERTA

2014-15

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

Annual Report





ASVA - Who We Are

The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta was established in 1958 and later as a not-for-profit municipal organization in 1977. We have 100% membership of all 51 Summer Villages located in Alberta. We are here to serve and represent the interests of Summer Villages in Alberta.

VISION

Summer Villages are sustainable municipalities that are a well-respected, active level of government and stewards of our lake and river environments.

MISSION

Through **Advocacy**, **Communication**, and **Education**, the ASVA empowers summer villages in achieving strong and effective local government.

GOALS "ACE"

A - Advocacy

1. Advocacy / Liaison with Provincial Government – meet with government to advocate for solutions that support summer villages and promotes the collective position of summer villages to decision makers, members and stakeholders
2. Participation on Provincial Issues and Initiatives – ASVA partners with all levels of government, municipalities, industry, stakeholder groups, to resolve issues / challenges
3. Advocate summer villages working together to build common solutions
4. Effectively and transparently manage the ASVA as a high profile municipal association accepted and recognized by our sister associations, other municipalities, and the provincial government.

C - Communication

5. ASVA provides useful, reliable information tailored to the specific needs of summer villages
6. ASVA keeps up-to-date on social media as a tool for communications (website, etc.)

E – Education

7. Organizing Annual Conference – bring together skills, provide experts to advise on governance and stewardship
8. ASVA provides access to a variety of resources (e.g. bylaw templates)
9. ASVA supports solutions that help summer villages meet their sustainable objectives
10. ASVA provide education resources to support summer villages in their role as environmental stewards

ASVA - supporting the needs of Summer Villages:

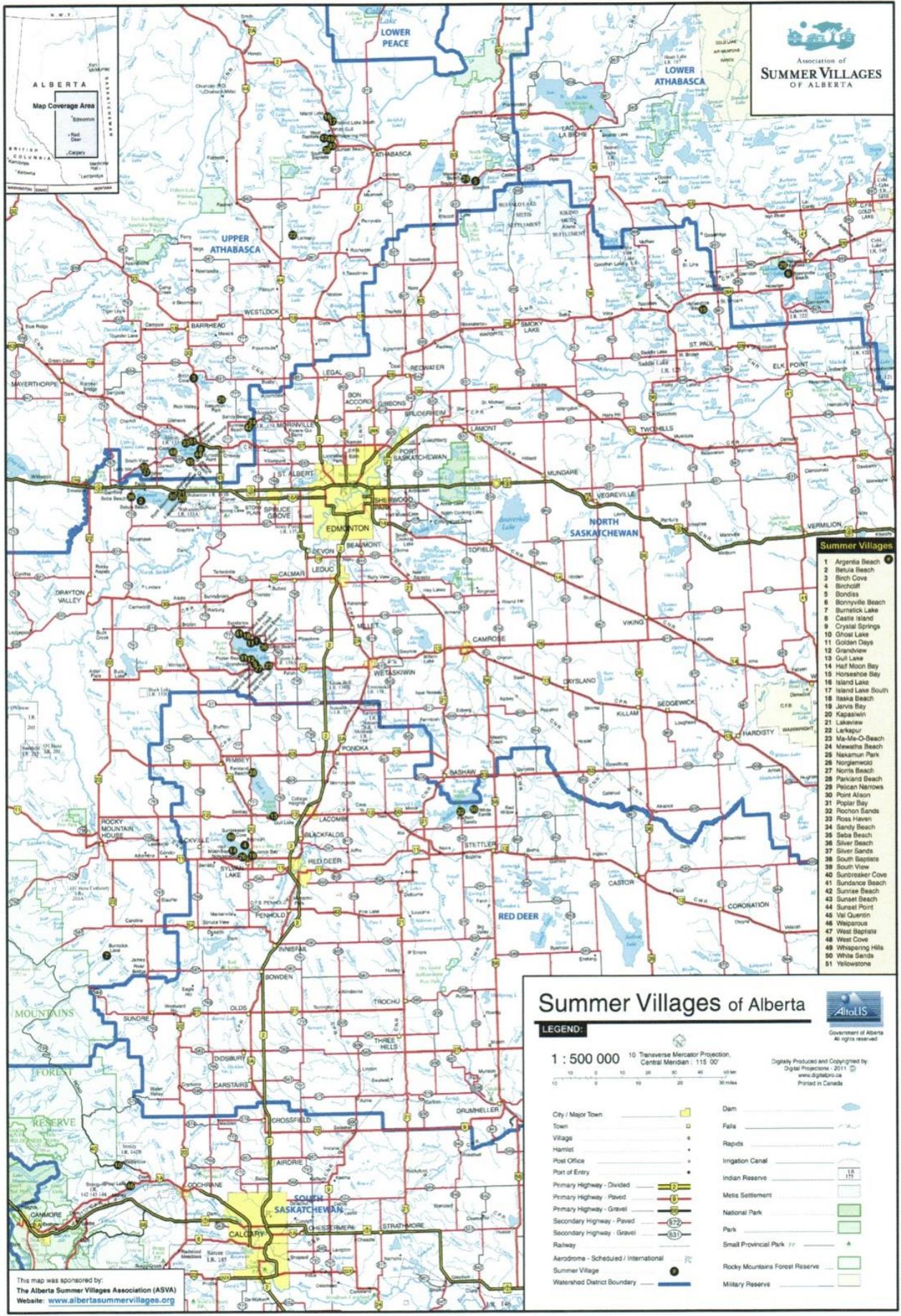
Argentia Beach	Norris Beach
Betula Beach	Parkland Beach
Birch Cove	Pelican Narrows
Birchcliff	Point Alison
Bondiss	Poplar Bay
Bonnyville Beach	Rochon Sands
Burnstick Lake	Ross Haven
Castle Island	Sandy Beach
Crystal Springs	Seba Beach
Ghost Lake	Silver Beach
Golden Days	Silver Sands
Grandview	South Baptiste
Gull Lake	South View
Half Moon Bay	Sunbreaker Cove
Horseshoe Bay	Sundance Beach
Island Lake	Sunrise Beach
Island Lake South	Sunset Beach
Itaska Beach	Sunset Point
Jarvis Bay	Val Quentin
Kapasiwin	Waiparous
Lakeview	West Baptiste
Larkspur	West Cove
Ma-Me-O Beach	Whispering Hills
Mewatha Beach	White Sands
Nakamun Park	Yellowstone
Norglenwold	



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Map Coverage Area



Summer Villages

- 1 Argenta Beach
- 2 Bertha Beach
- 3 Birch Cove
- 4 Birchhill
- 5 Bondias
- 6 Bonnyville Beach
- 7 Burnstick Lake
- 8 Castle Island
- 9 Crystal Springs
- 10 Ghost Lake
- 11 Golden Days
- 12 Grandview
- 13 Quil Lake
- 14 Half Moon Bay
- 15 Horseshoe Bay
- 16 Island Lake
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- 18 Itaska Beach
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- 21 Lakeview
- 22 Larkspur
- 23 Mac-Mac-O-Beach
- 24 Mewatha Beach
- 25 Naskamun Park
- 26 Norgemead Lake
- 27 Norris Beach
- 28 Parkland Beach
- 29 Pelican Narrows
- 30 Point Alton
- 31 Poplar Bay
- 32 Rochnon Sands
- 33 Ross Haven
- 34 Sandy Beach
- 35 Seba Beach
- 36 Silver Beach
- 37 Silver Sands
- 38 South Baptists
- 39 South View
- 40 Sunbreaker Cove
- 41 Sundance Beach
- 42 Sunrise Beach
- 43 Sunset Beach
- 44 Sunset Point
- 45 Val Quentin
- 46 Wapiti
- 47 West Baptists
- 48 West Cove
- 49 Whispering Hills
- 50 White Sands
- 51 Yellowstone

Summer Villages of Alberta



LEGEND:

1 : 500 000

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Central Meridian : 115 00

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- City / Major Town
- Town
- Village
- Hamlet
- Post Office
- Port of Entry
- Primary Highway - Divided
- Primary Highway - Paved
- Primary Highway - Gravel
- Secondary Highway - Paved
- Secondary Highway - Gravel
- Railway
- Aerodrome - Scheduled / International
- Summer Village
- Watershed District Boundary

- Dam
- Falls
- Rapids
- Irrigation Canal
- Indian Reserve
- Metis Settlement
- National Park
- Park
- Small Provincial Park
- Rocky Mountains Forest Reserve
- Military Reserve

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History of Summer Villages and the ASVA

Since the first decade of this century, Alberta's lakeshore properties have been purchased for cottage use. Institutional and organizational camps also emerged along the lakeshores. Destination public beaches developed along road and rail routes accessible from larger urban centres.

Summer Villages were formed in Alberta out of a desire by cottage owners in recreational subdivisions to govern themselves.



When Gull Lake, the oldest summer village was incorporated in March 1913, the document of incorporation identified, among other lands, a plan of addition to "Gull Lake Summer Resort".



When Provincial Statute Chapter 39 established the Summer Village of Lakeview in October 1913, it severed the cottage area from the Village of Wabamum.

The first use of the term Summer Village appears in the incorporation notice for Seba Beach; followed three weeks later in August, 1920 by the incorporation of the Summer Village of Alberta Beach.

Over the decades, these municipalities have provided Albertans with an opportunity to effectively manage both their resort communities and the environment within which they were located.

On November 5th, 1958, supported by the Itaska Summer Village Council, Charles D. Denney organized the first meeting of 33 individuals representing eleven summer villages. The organization known today as the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) was launched.

In 1977, the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta was incorporated as a non-for-profit organization within the Province of Alberta.

History Continued

In 1995 the Provincial Government introduced and passed Bill 32, the Municipal Government Amendment Act, which removed Sections 77(b) and 79 from the new Municipal Government Act which had been passed in 1994. The removal of these sections eliminated the provision which permitted the formation of new summer villages. There still remains the original 51 Summer Villages in Alberta.

The ASVA works towards the successful accomplishment of their objectives with a Board of Directors made up of elected officials from the member summer villages.

Although Directors sit on a number of external committees, the ASVA has two sub-committees reporting to the Board of Directors , being the Lake Stewardship Steering Committee (focusing on Cyanobacteria and Aquatic Invasive Species) and the Conference Organizing Committee.

Message from the Executive Director

The Association continues to make great strides forward in our “Advocacy, Communication, and Education” (ACE) goals. We are being recognized as a deserving municipal organization in the province by various levels of government. We have worked hard on behalf of our members to address their needs, and to share information and educate ourselves and others on our challenges as summer village municipalities and lake stewards. Our new website is helping us communicate on initiatives using the latest links and tweets!

Since 2013, we have received over \$500,000 in grant funding to address the issue of fire protection planning and wildfire mitigation plans in our summer villages, and we are applying for additional grants so that all summer villages have wildfire planning in place. We continue to work with the government on aquatic invasive species and cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), major threats to our lakes.

We look forward to more improvements and exciting events in 2015-16. Please remember to connect to our website www.asva.ca for updated information.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beverly Anderson
Executive Director

Message from the President



The past year and one half since our last annual report has been an exciting, dynamic and challenging one for all Board Members of the ASVA. We have changed the time scope for reporting to facilitate timely and current commentaries on ASVA activities but to also enable us to include the latest annual audited financial statements of the association.

The FireSmart planning for twenty five summer villages that were able to join with the ASVA in submitting an application for, and ultimately receiving, a substantial grant from the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta has just been completed by CPP Environmental, the consultants retained by ASVA. Each participating summer village will receive a comprehensive report that will include both a Wildfire Preparedness Guide and a Wildfire Mitigation Strategy.

These documents will be invaluable tools for the use of summer village councils when considering what they should do to reduce the risk of fire within their respective communities and to reduce the potential losses to fire. Each report will also assist all professionals that may be called upon to respond to a fire or medical emergency within a municipality to respond quickly and effectively and to direct available resources according to a well-documented and accepted strategy.

We are also well underway to develop a comprehensive Fire Prevention Planning Framework and Accreditation Program for all summer villages. This framework will dovetail with the FireSmart planning reports for summer villages and will focus upon what each summer village council and all ratepayers within a summer village can do within and around private properties to further reduce the risk and losses to a structure fire or a wildfire.

The ASVA Board Members have also been very active, with other major stakeholders, in supporting several critical initiatives within Alberta, including:

- to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into Alberta lakes and watersheds
- to review the Municipal Government Act and suggest desirable changes affecting summer villages
- to protect and enhance the health of Alberta recreational lakes

We are pleased to have started our quest to establish a sound working relationship with several Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and especially with the Ministers who have a direct interest in the health of Alberta lakes, tourism, municipal governance and public safety. Our initial meetings have been most cordial and we seem to share the same goals for summer villages of Alberta.

I look forward to a continued exciting and productive year ahead and trust that the efforts of all Board Members will continue to produce such outstanding results for the interests of our Members.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Pellatt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President Peter Pellatt

2013-2017 Board of Directors

<u>EXECUTIVE</u>	SUMMER VILLAGE COUNCIL	LAKE LOCATION
President - Peter Pellatt	Sundance Beach	Pigeon Lake
Vice-President – Bob Yontz	Island Lake	Island Lake
Past President – Leslie Ellis	Grandview	Pigeon Lake
Treasurer - Rob Dickie	Betula Beach	Wabamun Lake
Executive Director - Beverly Anderson	Norglenwold	Sylvan Lake

<u>DIRECTORS</u>		
Gary Burns	Horseshoe Bay	Vincent Lake
Chuck Dechene	Bonnyville Beach	Moose Lake
Dennis Evans	Administrator Birch Cove Ross Haven Val Quentin	Lac Ste Anne Lac La Nonne
Betty Forflyow	Sunset Point	Lac Ste Anne
Peter Langelle	Ma-Me-O Beach	Pigeon Lake
Joyce Megson	Birchcliff	Sylvan Lake
Glen Usselman	Sunrise Beach	Sandy Lake
Marlene Walsh	Val Quentin	Lac Ste. Anne



Achieving Commitments

“Empowering Summer Villages: Let’s A.C.E. it!”

As we move to the end of 2015, The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) continues to provide strong representation for our 51 Summer Villages. This year, our focus has slowed only slightly to await the change in provincial leadership and the appointment of new ministers to whom we must re-introduce ourselves so that they become aware of the strength and synergy of our 51 Summer Villages.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have eagerly and aggressively reached out to our new ministers and are very happy to report that we have had a very positive response and look forward to a close working relationship as it relates to issues that impact our 51 Summer Villages. Our goal is to continue to show how vibrant and sustainable are communities are and that they contribute to the Province through significant tax allocations due to the assessed values of all of our properties.

We are and continue to be extremely supportive with the Cyanobacteria strategy with your Directors sitting on various committees and working with Government of Alberta (GOA) staff on initiatives moving forward.

Additionally, we have representation from the Board on the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, from which the GOA has taken an even more aggressive stance limiting the spread of zebra and quagga mussels. It is now the law to stop at inspection stations while carrying a water based vessel. Bypassing these open stations is a violation of the Fisheries Act. Your ASVA has provided assistance to further get the message out to boaters across Alberta as this becomes a more critical issue with regards to the health of our lakes.

The ASVA continues to manage the Fire Protection Planning Framework, which is a guide to help Summer Villages develop a comprehensive plan to protect their communities from the risk of fire; and the Fire Smart Plan through the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta, which is a project to assess the wildfire hazard and risk in our communities.

Under the Fire Protection Planning Framework, Alberta Municipal Affairs provided funding through the Regional Collaboration Program so that our Summer Villages can develop fire protection plans for our communities.

Relative to the FireSmart Plan, the Wildfire Mitigation Strategies for the 25 villages are now complete and Board members have been travelling throughout Alberta to the Summer Villages to present at annual information meetings. The ASVA has applied for additional funding for the remaining 26 villages, which is still pending. Fires in Summer Villages are a very real possibility from not only wildfires but from those actions on a resident's property or within their cottage. The FireSmart Plans will help to mitigate and respond to fire hazards in our communities.

The ASVA continues to have a seat at the table of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA). Our President, Dr. Peter Pellatt is a Director and as a board member ensures that our concerns are being heard and properly addressed.

In April of 2015 the ASVA hosted a work shop with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to address all of our concerns as it relates to Boat Lifts and Docks. We had 68 registered guests for this work shop and have provided further input to the GOA as they work to develop a policy in this regard.

CHALLENGES

With the change in government in 2015 we have had to re-introduce ourselves to the new ministers that most represent our concerns. As much as this is a lengthy process it has been well received so far. Through the recognition and momentum that the ASVA is building we will be in a better position to address these challenges as we move forward on your behalf.

We continue to see the following as challenges we must all face moving forward:

- Piers and hoists – addressed through the work shop and ongoing dialog with GOA
- Public access to lakes through our Summer Villages
- Fireworks and enforcement
- Emergency management plans
- Noise pollution
- Policing/law enforcement
- Sharing of information between our Summer Villages

We thank you for your continued support and more importantly your attendance at this year's conference. We also invite you to visit our web site asva.ca; a better way to share what we have all learned.

Director Rob Dickie

Projects



Fire Protection Planning

- **Fire Protection Framework – Regional Collaboration Grant**

The ASVA continues to work on the development of the Fire Protection Framework with the sponsorship of the SV of Norglenwold to address both structural and wildfire issues that Summer Villages may face. Although we have experienced some delays, the contract was been re-assigned to CharettePellPoscente Environmental Corp with an expectation to have the final draft of the framework completed by December 2015 with workshops taking place in early 2016.

- **Forest Resources Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA)**

In 2013, the ASVA was successful in applying to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) for grant funds in the order of \$375,000 to develop Wildfire Management Strategies for 25 Summer Villages. CharettePellPoscente Environmental Corp has completed all 25 Wildfire Mitigation Strategies and the associated Wildfire Preparedness Plans. It is our hope that the remaining 26 Summer Villages will be considered in a similar grant in the near future.



Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

The threat of invasive mussels entering Alberta lakes is a very real threat. The ASVA has been supporting Alberta Environment and Parks by working on their task team and providing support items for the program.



Cyanobacteria Strategy - Project lead by Vice President - Bob Yontz

The ASVA has developed a strategy and implementation plan that puts the ASVA in a liaison position to be an advocate between government and the Summer Villages. We are working with the Government of Alberta on finding solutions to contain and reduce the problem of cyanobacteria and to address the lake closures as a result of cyanobacteria. We encourage summer villages to implement and promote bylaws and best practices that protect and improve the quality of Alberta's lakes

ASVA Website



The ASVA knows how important it is that we keep up with technology so that we can effectively and efficiently communicate and share information with our members. Our new website is up and running complete with Twitter. Check us out: www.asva.ca

Financial Statements

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
BALANCE SHEET
Year Ending December 31, 2014
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

ASSETS	2014	2013
CURRENT ASSETS		
ASVA Bank Account	19,983	33,192
Fixed Term Deposits	49,687	49,539
Due to/From FRIAA account (Loan)	5,000	-
Computer Assets	794	794
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 75,464	\$ 83,525
 LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Outstanding Bank items to clear	442	189
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 442	\$ 189
 SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		
RESERVE		
Balance, beginning of year	83,337	79,797
Surplus (Deficit)	(8,314)	3,540
Ending	75,023	83,337
	\$ 75,464	\$ 83,525

Approved by President:



PETER C. PELLATT,
Print Name

Date:

JUNE 22, 2015



Signature

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
Year Ending December 31, 2014
(UNAUDITED - See Notice to Reader)

	2014	2013	2012
REVENUES			
ASVA Conference	\$ 28,820	\$ 23,164	\$ 29,752
Dues	\$ 34,490	\$ 32,126	22,547
Interest Income	<u>398</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>481</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 63,708</u>	<u>\$ 55,684</u>	<u>\$ 52,780</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
ASVA Conference	21,352	13,208	13,123
Administrative Services & Expenses	30,388	16,840	11,630
Administrative Assistant	-	-	-
Board Remuneration	12,879	5,750	4,550
Conferences	476	759	362
Meeting Expenses	3,206	11,655	8,124
Lake Stewardship Project	-	-	-
Bank Charges	92	130	
Office & Telecommunication	1,455	2,079	1,909
Computer Expenses	488	834	-
Audit & Training	420	635	641
Insurance	991	-	-
Gifts	206	78	-
Strategic Planning	-	-	-
Website	<u>69</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 72,021</u>	<u>\$ 52,144</u>	<u>\$ 40,338</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ (8,314)</u>	<u>\$ 3,540</u>	<u>\$ 12,442</u>

Approved by President:

PETER G. PELLATT

Print Name

Date: June 22, 2015

Peter G. Pellatt

Signature

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Statement of Changes in Cash
Year Ending December 31, 2014
(UNAUDITED - See Notice to Reader)

	2014	2013	2012
Balance on Hand at Beginning of Year	\$ 82,542	\$ 79,002	\$ 67,355
CASH RECEIPTS			
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Insurance	991	-	-
Gifts	206	78	-
Strategic Planning	-	-	-
Website	69	176	-
Less Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 72,021	\$ 52,144	\$ 41,133
Net Cash Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ (8,314)	\$ 3,540	\$ 11,647
Cash Balances December 31, 2013	\$ 74,228	\$ 82,542	\$ 79,002
Cash Balances Represented by:			
Bank Account	\$ 19,983	\$ 33,192	\$ 30,047
Fixed Term Deposits	49,687	49,539	49,169
Transfer to FRIAA Acct	5,000	-	-
O/S Cheques/Dep & Credit Card Liability	(442)	(189)	(213)
	\$ 74,228	\$ 82,543	\$ 79,003

Approved by President:

Date:

JUNE 22, 2015

Peter G. Pellati

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Print Name

Signature

Conference Gold Sponsors



many
Summer fun
lake first **Villages** look
History lives
Alberta recognized Year-round
established formed stewards municipality

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