



Association of
SUMMER VILLAGES
OF ALBERTA

2015-16

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" – Advocacy, Communication, and Education

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:

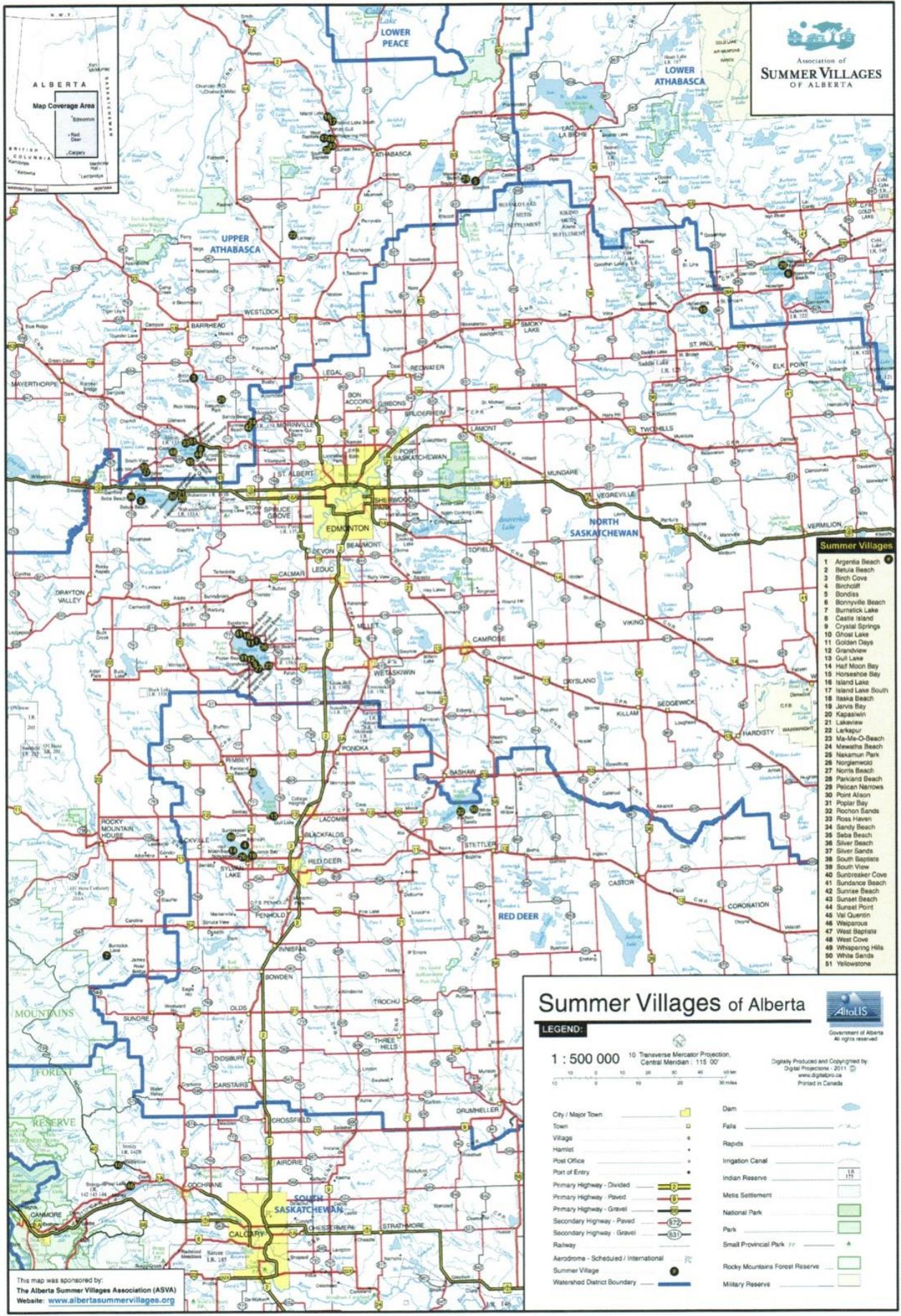
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Betula Beach	Parkland Beach
Birch Cove	Pelican Narrows
Birchcliff	Point Alison
Bondiss	Poplar Bay
Bonnyville Beach	Rochon Sands
Burnstick Lake	Ross Haven
Castle Island	Sandy Beach
Crystal Springs	Seba Beach
Ghost Lake	Silver Beach
Golden Days	Silver 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
- 17 Island Lake South
- 18 Itaska Beach
- 19 Jarvis Bay
- 20 Kaskaween
- 21 Lakewood
- 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 Walpole
- 47 West Baptists
- 48 West Cove
- 49 Whispering Hills
- 50 White Sands
- 51 Yellowstone

Summer Villages of Alberta



LEGEND:

1 : 500 000

10 Transverse Mercator Projection,
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
- Mets 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, 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 ASVA has had a very productive year and the Board of Directors are raising the profile of this organization to new heights. We were recognized as bringing valuable comments into the review of the Municipal Government Act and were asked as an Association to sit on their provincial review committee of the regulations along with AUMA and AAMDC. We were also asked to be on the Alberta Water Council's Lake Management Team in setting the direction for lake management provincial wide. Our foresight in developing FireSmart Wildfire plans for all summer villages was validated by the horrific fires in Fort McMurray. This past year we completed the Fire Protection Framework which included a Guidebook, Workbook and Accreditation program along with information workshops to ensure that we are all taking the basic steps for fire prevention and awareness.



I am also pleased that through the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) program funding, we have now completed the Wildfire Risk Assessments for the remaining summer villages, in addition to the initial 25 summer villages having the completed Wildfire Mitigation Strategies and Preparedness Guides. Our next goal will be to complete the mitigation strategies and preparedness guides for these summer villages. We continue to work with the province on their Aquatic Invasive Species program and are supporting them with resources where we can.

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



Once again, the past year has been an exciting and dynamic one for ASVA, with the change of the Alberta provincial government and continued heavy workloads for your directors on many initiatives that will benefit all summer villages within the province.

Your executive and administration has spent a considerable amount of time to understand and appreciate the new provincial policies with respect to municipal governance, the environment, the funding of municipal initiatives, and federal – provincial cooperation and funding arrangements.

Probably the most important efforts of the ASVA have been to actively participate in the revision of the Municipal Government Act, especially with respect to all sections that relate to the interest of summer villages and their ratepayers. It is perhaps somewhat premature to draw any conclusions about the revisions, but it appears that the changes to the Municipal Government Act may, in fact, enhance the interests of summer villages and not detract from their long term viability. It will be another year, however, before legislation is ready for consideration by the provincial government.

The ASVA is pleased that the provincial government, the Alberta Irrigation Council, and many summer villages have continued to fund the fight to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. This is a never-ending fight and the consequences to all Albertans of losing this battle will be extremely detrimental, both financially and with respect to the quality of recreational lakes within the province.

Alberta Environment and Parks, with the active participation of several watershed groups, skilled scientists and many summer villages throughout the province, has continued to search for scientifically acceptable solutions to cyanobacteria / blue-green algae that has been occurring every summer for the past many years in many Alberta lakes. There is no single “magic bullet” to solve this challenge and it is hoped that the cumulative effect of a number of proven treatment programs will significantly improve the health of Alberta lakes. Research is continuing and the results are encouraging. The ASVA is supporting these initiatives with representation on the Alberta Water Council’s Lake Management Team.

The ASVA is proud to represent all 51 Summer Villages in Alberta with respect to provincial issues and inter-municipal issues with counties, cities, towns and villages. I am proud to be the elected Director for Summer Villages on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. My dual role with ASVA and the AUMA ensures that there is an open, frank and comprehensive exchange of all types of information involving our respective members and their interests.

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 Forfyflow	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

“Are You Prepared ...? Yes, we are!”

The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) continues to provide strong representation for our 51 Summer Villages. This year, more than ever, our efforts and strengths are being recognized by the provincial government, our sister organizations and our neighbouring municipalities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the last year, the Board has worked through our vision, mission and goals and have completed our Strategic Plan with a focus on advocacy, communication, and education (ACE), incorporating suggestions from our members. In accomplishment of our ACE goals, we have undertaken the following steps forward.

Advocacy

With the change in provincial leadership, we have met and continue to meet with the new provincial Ministers and departmental staff to show them summer villages are sustainable and vibrant. We have also emphasized the benefits of shared administration between many summer villages and our collaborative approach with our adjacent municipalities.

Under the leadership of Vice President Bob Yontz, we are working specifically with Alberta Environmental and Parks (AEP) on their Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program, and together with individual summer villages, have provided thousands of dollars into the program. President Peter Pellatt, and Leslie Ellis, ASVA Past President, also worked together with Municipal Affairs staff to allow use of MSI Capital Funding to be allocated to the AIS program requirements. Also with AEP, we have encouraged them to engage summer villages in their upcoming boat mooring policies and have had their staff present an update to our CAOs at a workshop we held with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) in May.

We were pleased to be recognized as providing value by being asked, along with the AUMA and AAMDC, to sit on three working committees at a provincial level.

- Municipal Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committee – Director Dennis Evans sits on the provincial committee as the ASVA representative to provide input on viability review and municipal sustainability
- Alberta Water Council’s Lake Management Team - President Pellatt, as the AUMA rep, and Beverly Anderson, ASVA Executive Director, as the ASVA representative, sat on the team to develop recommendations to government on how best to manage Alberta’s lakes
- Municipal Government Act (MGA) Regulation Review – ASVA Executive Director, Beverly, was asked to represent the ASVA on Municipal Affairs review of the regulations. Over 15 regulations have been reviewed by this committee to date. President Pellatt and Past President Ellis are also supporting this review

President Pellatt has served on the AUMA Board of Directors for two terms, representing summer villages. His role on this Board has greatly raised the credibility and profile of summer villages throughout the province and we have been able to have very productive , informative and mutually beneficial exchange of information which was not possible before. As well, we have agreement and are working toward a Joint ASVA/AUMA/AAMDC Committee to address shared issues and to develop resolutions in a collaborative manner.

Other Advocacy Projects: This spring, the ASVA met with Nature Alberta / Land Stewardship Society in reviewing shared programs such as their Living By Water program. As a result, the ASVA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Nature Alberta to initiate a national program called “Love Your Lake” at Lake Wabamun, a pilot project to promote healthy lakeside living. ASVA has also started work with Alberta Health Services in being able to better service and locate emergency requirements in summer villages.

Communication

The updated ASVA website (asva.ca) continues to provide excellent communications for our members and the public at large. We are getting approximately 900 page views per week and have been contacted via our website 49 times since it was developed. Updates on our ongoing projects continue to be posted along with links to our summer village member sites. Our Twitter account (@ASVAAlberta) provides real time news and information clips.

Of great benefit to individual CAOs and Councils is the fan-out email support for information by our ASVA administration. CAOs can get sample bylaws and responses to questions from their fellow CAOs quickly through our Executive Director. Besides promoting AUMA webinars on various topics to our members, the ASVA is also very appreciative to have access to the AUMA's webinar facilities to produce our own webinar (i.e. Fire Protection Planning).

Education

The ASVA posts and circulates information regularly on our website and through direct email to our members on a variety of topics including cyanobacteria, aquatic invasive species, training programs on governance and ongoing workshops, webinars and conferences. The ASVA also held a special workshop in May, hosted by the AUMA, for our CAOs to be better informed about the MGA changes, education opportunities, Alberta Water Councils Lake Management review, boat mooring, AIS, rail safety, and broadband coverage.

CHALLENGES

The ASVA continues to raise the profile of the organization to higher levels but it is with many challenges. Piers, hoists, and public access continue as hurdles for summer villages to address. Policing and law enforcement is gaining momentum as a real concern for our members.

Projects

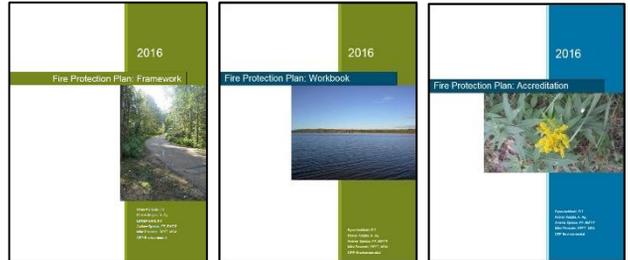
Fire Protection Planning

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

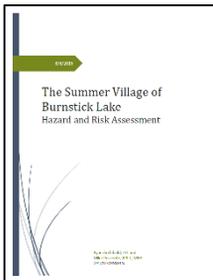
The ASVA completed the Fire Protection Framework under the guidance of CPP Environmental Corp.(CPP) Three documents were produced:

- ❖ Fire Protection Framework
- ❖ Fire Protection Workbook
- ❖ Fire Protection Accreditation

Workshops were made available to all 51 summer villages to guide them through the process of their self assessment and to help them develop a Fire Protection Plan.



- **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 under which CPP developed Wildfire Management Strategies and Preparedness Guides for 25 summer villages. Over the last year, CPP has successfully completed the Wildfire Risk Assessments for another 21 summer villages and completed a pilot project to deliver Wildfire Education sessions and woody debris removal for several summer villages. The ASVA has submitted applications for further funding to complete the Wildfire Mitigations Strategies for the remaining summer villages and to deliver more Wildfire Education sessions and debris removal.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)



The threat of invasive mussels entering Alberta lakes continues to be 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



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 partners on finding solutions to contain and reduce the problem of cyanobacteria and to address 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.

Financial Statements

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
BALANCE SHEET
Year Ending December 31, 2015
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
ASVA Bank Account	31,434	19,983
Fixed Term Deposits	50,085	49,687
Due to/From FRIAA account (Loan)	-	5,000
Computer Assets	794	794
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 82,313	\$ 75,484
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Outstanding Bank items to clear	194	442
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 194	\$ 442
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		
RESERVE		
Balance, beginning of year	75,023	83,337
Surplus (Deficit)	7,098	(8,314)
Ending	82,121	75,023
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 82,313	\$ 75,484

Approved by President:

Peter G.K. Pellatt

Print Name

Date:

Aug 22, 2016
Peter G.K. Pellatt

Signature

**Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
Year Ending December 31, 2015
(UNAUDITED - See Notice to Reader)**

	2015	2014	2013
REVENUES			
ASVA Conference	\$ 33,035	\$ 28,820	\$ 23,164
Grants/FRIAA	\$ 21,633		
Dues	\$ 37,649	\$ 34,490	\$ 32,126
Interest Income	<u>398</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>394</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 92,714</u>	<u>\$ 63,708</u>	<u>\$ 55,684</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
ASVA Conference	22,490	21,352	13,208
ASVA/FRIAA Admin	34,702	30,388	16,840
Administrative Assistant	-	-	-
Board Remuneration	11,846	12,879	5,750
Workshops/Training	428	476	759
Meeting Expenses	5,578	3,206	11,655
Contingency	4,772	-	-
Bank Charges	113	92	130
Office & Telecommunication	1,128	1,455	2,079
Computer Expenses	1,270	488	834
ASVA/FRIAA Audit	2,153	420	635
Insurance	867	991	-
Gifts	100	206	78
Strategic Planning	-	-	-
Website	<u>170</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>176</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 85,616</u>	<u>\$ 72,021</u>	<u>\$ 52,143</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 7,098</u>	<u>\$ (8,314)</u>	<u>\$ 3,540</u>

Approved by President:

PETER G. K. PELLATT

Print Name

Date:

Aug 23, 2016

Peter G. Pellatt

Signature

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Statement of Changes in Cash
Year Ending December 31, 2015
(UNAUDITED - See Notice to Reader)

	2015	2014	2013
Balance on Hand at Beginning of Year	\$ 74,228	\$ 82,542	\$ 79,002
CASH RECEIPTS			
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Gifts	100	206	78
Strategic Planning	-	-	-
Website	170	69	176
Less Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 85,616	\$ 72,021	\$ 52,144
Net Cash Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 7,098	\$ (8,314)	\$ 3,540
Cash Balances December 31, 2015	\$ 81,326	\$ 74,228	\$ 82,542
Cash Balances Represented by:			
Bank Account	\$ 31,047	\$ 19,983	\$ 33,192
Fixed Term Deposits	50,085	49,687	49,539
Transfer to FRIAA Acct		5,000	-
O/S Cheques/Dep & Credit Card Liability	194	(442)	(189)
	\$ 81,326	\$ 74,228	\$ 82,543

Approved by President:

Date:

PETER G. K. PELLATT

Aug 22, 2016
Peter G. Pellatt

Print Name

Signature

Conference Gold Sponsors



Municipal Affairs



Conference Silver Sponsors



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

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