

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Annual Report
2019-20



Association of
SUMMER VILLAGES
OF ALBERTA

Message from the President



Another Year of Change

This past year has been one of unprecedented challenges for everyone. COVID-19 has changed the way we work and advocate on your behalf. Although we had to change and adapt, we continued to advocate on your behalf to ensure that the Government of Alberta and the other Municipal Associations recognize that Summer Villages are viable, sustainable municipalities that are a well-respected, recognized level of government and stewards of our lake and river environments.

I am sure that everyone is now all too familiar with electronic meetings such as Zoom. We had to adapt and as elected officials in the level of government that is closest to the people, I am sure you found it hard not being able to have daily personal interactions with those that you represent, work with, and your network of peers. As we look to continue delivering value to our members, I certainly look forward to a return to normal business.

Our Accomplishments

The ASVA continues to work with our sister organizations, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Rural Municipalities Association (RMA), on common issues. We continue to educate them on key priorities for Summer Villages and to garner their support on those priorities. We also met with both the Minister, Municipal Affairs and Minister, Alberta Environment and Parks and their staff to discuss our priorities. We had discussions with numerous other Ministers and MLAs.

We were pleased that Minister Nixon took our advice on ice hut registration making it mandatory to have contact information visible on ice huts as it will go a long way to protecting our lakes. Thanks also goes out to the Sylvan Lake Management Committee for the work they did on this issue.

The key priorities that we continue to work on include Municipal Sustainability Initiative and future grant programs, Aquatic Invasive Species and lake health, Boat Mooring & Docks, the need for improved policing and bylaw enforcement, and waste water systems. We continue to be invited to participate on various committees that deal with provincial issues and initiatives.

In Closing

The viability of all Summer Villages depends on us doing the right thing at the right time, something we have all been very good at. It is important for us to continue to build and enhance our relationships with neighboring municipalities. We are all going through unprecedented times and together we will find "Strength in our Community".

I would like to recognize the work of the ASVA Board of Directors and our Executive Director. Their passion and commitment to represent the interests of all Members is outstanding. We have a great team and I am certain that all challenges will be resolved in a positive and collaborative way.

Mike Pashak

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Message from the Executive Director

Well I have been on the job for 15 months now and it has been great getting to know so many of you, most of which has been through a virtual setting.... the new way for all of us now. You will see from this report, there have been a number of projects we have been working on for a few years that are still ongoing however there are some where our efforts have finally come to fruition. This could not be possible without the very dedicated Board you have and of course most important, all of you, our Members. Your perseverance, dedication and “strength” truly makes each of your municipalities vibrant and viable communities. The theme of the AGM this year..... ***Strength in our Community.***



Covid-19 has changed the landscape on how we administer our organizations and how we interact with our Council and Board members, taxpayers and government officials. I have been on many Zoom meetings, not only with the ASVA Board of Directors but with provincial departments and the AUMA. The ASVA has aligned it's approach with AUMA to the Part 17 changes being proposed in the MGA. Some of the legislative streamlining (red tape reduction) proposals will be effective but there is still work to be done in other areas. Work on this is ongoing and I anticipate there will be more review on other sections of the MGA.

The next set of Zoom meetings scheduled by the province is in regards to proposed changes to the Police Act. The province has initiated consultation with the various associations at this point, and I'm happy to report ASVA has been asked to be a part of this process.

We continue to lobby the province in relation to finalizing the Disturbance Standard and we were certainly happy with the great feedback put forth from the summer villages council's, so much so that the province is once again editing the Standard and will be seeking additional input this fall. This Standard has to be right and has to make sense, it has to reduce administration at the municipal level and at the land owner level. We applaud our members for their diligence in keeping involved in this process.

ASVA was pleased that the province extended the deadline for completing ICF's and IDP's to April 2021. Many of you are still working on this with your neighbor counties and the Association will continue to assist where we can.

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Deb Hamilton
Executive Director

2019-2021 Board of Directors



EXECUTIVE

SUMMER VILLAGE

LAKE LOCATION

President – Mike Pashak

Half Moon Bay

Sylvan Lake



Vice President – Duncan Binder

Island Lake

Island Lake



Treasurer - Rob Dickie

Betula Beach

Wabamun Lake



Past President - Peter Pellatt

Sundance Beach

Pigeon Lake



Executive Director – Deb Hamilton

Bondiss

Skeleton Lake

DIRECTORS



Teresa Beets

Sunbreaker Cove

Sylvan Lake



Gary Burns

Horseshoe Bay

Vincent Lake



Dennis Evans - CAO

Val Quentin
Birch Cove

Lac Ste Anne
Lac La Nonne



Pete Langelle

Ma-Me-O Beach

Pigeon Lake



Morris Nesdole

Sunset Beach

Baptiste Lake



Brenda Shewaga

Yellowstone

Lac Ste Anne



Marlene Walsh

Val Quentin

Lac Ste. Anne



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	

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 municipal 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 – will 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, and promote opportunities for cooperation.
3. ASVA will honour its duty to consult with indigenous peoples.
4. ASVA will advocate summer villages working together to build common solutions.
5. ASVA will effectively and transparently manage the ASVA as a high profile municipal association which is accepted and recognized by our sister associations, other municipalities, and the provincial government.

C - Communication

6. ASVA provides useful 2-way communication and reliable information tailored to the specific needs of summer villages and all levels of government.
7. ASVA utilizes a variety of communication techniques, including electronic and social media.

E – Education

8. Through ASVA's Annual Conference and workshops, we bring together skills and provide expertise to advise on governance and stewardship
9. ASVA provides access to a variety of resources and encourages networking opportunities.
10. ASVA supports solutions that help members collaborate and meet their sustainable, viability objectives.
11. ASVA facilitates educational opportunities to support members in governance and environmental stewardship responsibilities.

2020

Summer Village Milestone Anniversaries

100 Years

SV of Seba Beach

70 Years

SV of Point Alison

65 Years

SV of Castle Island

60 Years

SV of Betula Beach

55 Years

SV of Golden Days

SV of Norglenwold

SV of Yellowstone

50 Years

SV of South View

SV of Sundance Beach

40 Years

SV of White Sands

35 Years

SV of Horseshoe Bay

SV of Larkspur

30 Years

SV of Sunbreaker Cove

History of Summer Villages and the ASVA

For over a hundred years, Alberta's lakeshore properties have been purchased for cottage use. Summer Villages were formed in Alberta out of a desire by cottage owners in recreational subdivisions to govern themselves. 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.

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 Wabamun.



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 not-for-profit organization within the Province of Alberta.

In 1995 the Provincial Government introduced and passed Bill 32, the Municipal Government Amendment Act, which removed certain sections from the Municipal Government Act (Sections 77 (b) and 79). The removal of these sections eliminated the provision which permitted the formation of new summer villages. At that time there were 51 Summer Villages in Alberta and these original 51 Summer Villages still remain incorporated today.

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. The Directors sit on a number of external committees with provincial government officials, sister organization representatives and lake stewardship members.

Achieving Commitments

The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) is reaching our goal to be recognized as a valuable and contributing municipal association in Alberta. Through advocacy, communication and education, we are making your needs better known on a provincial scale and working collaboratively in partnership with others to find solutions.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Advocacy

Your Board of Directors continue to advocate that summer villages are sustainable, efficient and vibrant municipalities. Covid-19 has had an impact on your Board's Executive to meet with Ministers and Deputy Ministers these last 6 months. Prior to the pandemic, your President and Executive Director did meet with new Deputy Minister Wynnyk and a big part of the discussions included helping him understand that summer villages have the same infrastructure needs and challenges as do other municipalities. President Pashak also expressed the need to ensure the ASVA is included when the department forms committees or undertakes consultation with the various municipal organizations. As a result of this conversation, the ASVA is now included in many communications and consultation work (like the LAEA review and MGA red tape reduction review and now on the Police Act review).

The Board continues to strongly advocate that any future funding model through Municipal Affairs be fair and equitable and consistent for all municipalities. A letter was sent to Minister Madu requesting that the ASVA be included on the new Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) dialog.

In early spring Alberta Municipal Affairs requested input from the ASVA on messaging in relation to use of cottages during the pandemic. The information was then to be forwarded to AHS.

Communication is ongoing with Alberta Environment and Parks. The Board is in continual dialog with the department on amending the Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks for Recreational Purposes. After taking part in the consultation process in May the ASVA has been advised that the Standard has incorporated more amendments and they will be distributed for additional feedback from the Association and Summer Villages this fall.

For many years the ASVA Board has urged Alberta Environment and Parks to create some form of fishing ice hut registration. This advocacy work continued with Minister Nixon in a number of meetings and mail correspondence this past year. We were very happy to advise the membership early this spring that the Minister, in the 2020 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations, included the provision that all ice fishing shelters must be identified with a wildlife identification number (WIN) or name, address and phone number and that they are to be removed from the ice before spring breakup. The Board was extremely encouraged to see the Associations' efforts finally come to fruition.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Continued

At the 2019 Conference, the Board was asked to look into the issue of noxious weeds in mixed flower seed packets. In summer of 2020, a virtual meeting was set up with representatives from Alberta Agriculture as well as the Alberta Invasive Species Council. We were advised that the jurisdiction relative to what seeds come into the country are within Federal legislation under the Seeds Act and the Canadian Weed Seeds Order which also lists noxious weeds and speaks to monitoring, border security, etc. Each province has their own Weed Control Act and corresponding Regulation that provides authority to the province and municipalities to control noxious weeds (basically once they are growing). What we found out is that each province identifies different weeds as noxious. For those mixed flower seeds packages (and even bird seed) that come into the big box stores across Canada, the companies distributing them must meet Federal laws. This information was distributed to the membership. It included information from the Alberta Invasive Species Council and links to legislation that was provided by Alberta Agriculture. Education on what products to avoid purchasing and early plant identification are key to controlling this issue.

Communication

The ASVA website (www.asva.ca) continues to provide excellent communications for our members and the public at large. Besides providing updates on our ongoing projects and the posting of our newsletters and minutes, the website contains links to our summer village member sites and various programs and resources like the Integrity Commissioner roster, MGA tools and workbooks, grants and programs, job postings and lake stewardship links. This year, a number of Covid-19 support links were listed on the front page of our website. Our Twitter account (@ASVALberta) provides real time news and information clips. We are also linked to the provincial and AUMA twitter accounts.

Of great benefit to individual CAOs and Councils is the fan-out email support for information. CAOs can get sample bylaws and responses to questions from their fellow CAOs quickly through our Executive Director.

We continue to email circulate newsletters and information from lake stewardship organizations as well as news on various grant programs, not only from the province but from organizations like FRIAA, Alberta Real Estate Foundation, etc. and consultation opportunities like that on Alberta Environment & Park's Disturbance Standard and Transport Canada's Minor Works Order-Phase 2.

The ASVA created a questionnaire on what Summer Villages were doing to help residents during this Covid-19 crisis. Results were collated and shared with the membership.

Your Board continues to align with the Communication Plan developed in early 2019. We want to ensure our members, partners and provincial ministries are informed as to what we are accomplishing as an Association. Also, through ongoing communication with the membership, we want to ensure we can meet your needs.

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 opportunities, ongoing workshops, webinars and conferences. ASVA did plan to hold a seminar this past spring for both the councils and administrations however Covid-19 has temporarily delayed this initiative.

CHALLENGES

The Covid-19 pandemic created many challenges for all members, as well as the ASVA. All Board meetings have had to move to a virtual setting, face to face meetings with government officials and Ministers have also moved to a virtual environment and with many working from home, bandwidth restrictions have challenged these types of meetings for both the membership and ASVA.

Cancelling the annual conference was a very tough decision for your Board but for the health and welfare of all, it was necessary. Despite this pandemic challenge, your Board continues to work hard and are adjusting to this new realm.

The appointment of a new Minister of Municipal Affairs has created the need for the Executive to once again update a Minister on the importance and value of summer villages and the goals of ASVA.

Boat mooring and public access continue as hurdles for summer villages to address. It is hoped that by next spring, a new Disturbance Standard will be in place that will alleviate some of the paperwork and stress on the administrative resources currently associated with Temporary Field Authorizations (TFA's).

As the ASVA grows in recognition and value-added, we are thankfully being asked to participate in greater initiatives. The ASVA has to determine how they wish to move forward and how to match time and expenses with the resources available.

Activities and Representation

The ASVA continues to work on a number of provincial and affiliate committees and were pleased to be recognized as providing value. ASVA representation and project work are outlined below.

AUMA

President Mike Pashak, as the AUMA Board of Director representing Summer villages, is committed to ensuring the interests of summer villages are brought to the AUMA table and strongly advocates on your behalf. Mike also sits on the AUMA Small Communities Committee.

Municipal Affairs - Municipal Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committee

Director Dennis Evans represents ASVA on the provincial Municipal Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committees to provide input on viability reviews and municipal sustainability. Part of their recent discussions include municipal services delivery models. This will be a new program aimed to develop service levels and then evaluate which municipalities meet these levels.

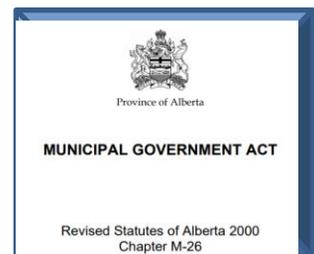


Municipal Affairs – Intermunicipal Relations Advisory Committee

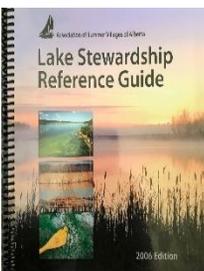
The Executive Director sits on the Municipal Affairs’ Intermunicipal Relations Advisory Committee. The committee’s mandate is to provide input and direction into the development and delivery of various services that Municipal Affairs provides. Membership include a wide range of municipal associations. Programs currently under discussion include the status of ICFs/IDPs, internal Council conflict, mediation evaluation, education programs, and trends and issues the associations are seeing in relation to conflict and collaboration.

Municipal Affairs – MGA Review

The Executive Director is participating in the consultation process around amendments to the MGA with efforts that focus on red tape reduction (currently on Part 17 – Planning and Development)



Alberta Environment and Park’s - Fisheries Stakeholder Committee Alberta Water Council



Director Morris Nesdole sits on the Alberta Environment and Park’s Fisheries Stakeholder Committee. They completed the North Central Native Trout Recovery Program in 2019 and they hope to focus on walleye next. Morris also sits on the Alberta Water Council ad hoc committee. Work on this committee included finalizing the Water for Life review, work on the wetland policy and drought resiliency program. Their plan is to review the Lake Stewardship Guide in early 2021

Activities and Representation – con't

Alberta Environment and Park's - Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

Director Marlene Walsh's portfolio includes Lake Stewardship and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) through Alberta Environment and Parks. The province continues to monitor the provincial borders conducting inspections on mussel fouled watercraft. They have had a record number of mussel infestations intercepted this summer and the final count is yet to be determined as the inspections stations will remain open until the end of October. It is anticipated that the increase is due to the US-Canada board being closed where more travelers are coming from eastern Canada.



This AIS committee is expanding their focus to include plant species like Flowering Rush and Invasive Phragmites. The "Go Fish" communique was launched earlier this summer which showcases some of the AIS issues.

Justice and Solicitor General – Police Act Review

New work is just starting on the review the Police Act. President Mike Pashak and the Executive Director are representing ASVA on the engagement workshops.

Forest Resources Improvement Association of Alberta

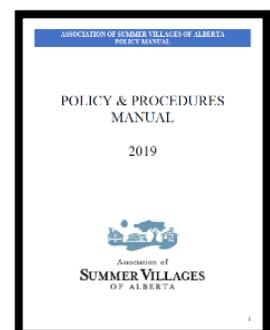


Past President Peter Pellatt was reappointed to the Forest Resources Improvement Association of Alberta. In 2020, this association distributed funds for projects related to FireSmart initiatives. Visit the link for more information on this: <https://friaa.ab.ca/programs/friaa-firesmart/>

Governance and ASVA Operations

In an effort to improve the governance and operations of the ASVA, the Board has completed:

- An updated and more modern set of Bylaws
- An overview of the Policy Manual which included updating two major policies and developing four new policies



Your Board continues to align with the Strategic Plan and Communication Plan

Financial Statement

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2019
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

ASSETS			
		2019	2018
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$	27,488	\$ 33,280
Grants Receivable		2,500	-
Term Deposits		52,232	51,508
		<u>82,220</u>	<u>84,788</u>
Computer Equipment		794	794
		<u>83,014</u>	<u>85,582</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			
	\$	83,014	\$ 85,582
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$	323	\$ -
Deferred Contributions		-	-
		<u>323</u>	<u>-</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
		<u>323</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
		323	-
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted Net Assets			
Balance, beginning of year		84,788	84,123
Surplus (deficit)		(2,890)	665
		<u>81,899</u>	<u>84,788</u>
Less Externally Restricted Net Assets		-	-
		<u>81,899</u>	<u>84,788</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets		81,899	84,788
Net Investment in capital assets		794	794
		<u>82,693</u>	<u>85,582</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			
		82,693	85,582
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
		83,014	85,582

Approved By

Date July 27, 2020

Mike Pashak, President

Name & Position


Signature

Colleen Ewashko
Chartered Professional Accountant

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Statement of Operations
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2019	2018
REVENUE		
ASVA Conference	\$ 43,643	\$ 47,998
Dues	40,754	40,557
Interest Income	1,103	795
Total Operating Revenues	85,500	89,350
OPERATING EXPENSES		
ASVA Conference	29,027	32,567
ASVA Administration	37,657	34,506
Board Remuneration	12,213	15,027
Meeting Expenses	2,857	2,965
Workshops	1,334	320
Bank Charges	306	112
Office & Telecommunication	1,523	1,267
ASVA Audit	630	578
Insurance	1,646	947
Gifts	561	250
Project Costs	315	-
Website	321	147
Total Operating Expenses	88,391	88,686
Total Surplus (Deficit) for the period	\$ (2,890)	\$ 664

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Mike Pashak, President

Name & Position



Signature

Colleen Ewaszko
Chartered Professional Accountant

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta
Statement of Changes in Cash Flows
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2019	2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from grants	\$ -	\$ -
Cash received from dues	40,754	40,557
Cash received for Conferences	41,143	47,998
Cash received from Interest	1,103	795
Cash paid for materials and services	(88,068)	(88,686)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(5,068)	664
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	-	-
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing & Investment	-	-
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH & INVESTMENTS	(5,068)	664
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	84,788	84,124
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 79,720	\$ 84,788
Consisting of		
Operating Bank Account	\$ 27,488	\$ 33,280
Term Deposits	52,232	51,508
	\$ 79,720	\$ 84,788

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Mike Pashak, President

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ASVA Board of Directors & Executive Director



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