

**ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**March 20, 2023**  
**6:00 pm - Virtual Zoom Meeting**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

President Mike Pashak, Brian Waterhouse, Rob Dickie, Kim Bancroft, Gary Burns, Ren Giesbrecht, Julie Maplethorpe, Ian Rawlinson, Curtis Schoepp and Marlene Walsh

**REGRETS:** none

**RECORDING:** Kathy Krawchuk - Executive Director

**FINANCE:** Colleen Ewashko, Interim Financial Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Mike Pashak called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Res. 23-40 Moved by Ren Giesbrecht that the agenda be approved as circulated.**

*Carried*

**4. MINUTES**

**Res. 23-41**

**Moved by Gary Burns that the February 22, 2023 minutes be approved as circulated.**

*Carried*

*Mike Pashak asked the Executive and Board members to introduce themselves, say a little bit about themselves to the new Board members joining us.*

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**A) Update on Alberta Invasive Species Council Conference –**

**Jay Byer, Past President AISC**

Mr. Byer gave an update presentation on his attendance at the Alberta Species Council Conference. (Attached - presentation to minutes).

President Mike Pashak thanked Mr. Byer for his presentation, Mr. Byer left the Board meeting of March 20, 2023 at the hour of 6:45pm.

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**6. FINANCES**

**For the Period Ending February 28, 2023:** Interim Financial Manager, Colleen Ewashko provided the Board with an overview of the finances to the end of February 2023. The Board was advised that as of today, there are only 6-7 summer villages who have not paid their 2023 dues, they have until the end of March to do so. Colleen also advised the board that there were still a few accounts receivable to collect for 2022 and that she would be preparing the final statements shortly.

**Res. 23-42**

***Moved by Rob Dickie that the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2023, be accepted as information.***

***Carried***

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. LGAA Conference Attendance - Marlene Walsh**

Marlene informed the Board that her Council is in favor of a 50/50 split to send Marlene to the 2023 LGAA Conference. Marlene will provide a report in July on the LGAA Conference.

**B. Board Member Appointment**

The Board reviewed the Letter of Interest to join the ASVA Board February 28, 2023 from Kathy Dion.

**Res 23-43**

***Moved by Marlene Walsh that Kathy Dion, Mayor of Summer Village of Val Quentin be appointed as a Director to the ASVA Board.***

***Carried***

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Establish 2023 Board Meeting Dates**

As per the ASVA Policy, Board meetings are to be held six (6) times a year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month being that of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 6:00pm. Executive Director Kathy will send out calendar invites for the remaining of the year.

**Res 23-44**

***Moved by Mike Pashak that the May 15th, 2023, Board Meeting be held in person at the Venue chosen by the Conference Organizing Committee, and furthermore, that Executive Director Kathy Krawchuk informs the Board of the location.***

***Carried***

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**B. Newsletter Res 23-45**

*Moved by Mike Pashak that the 2023 Winter Newsletter be sent to the Mayors and CAO's of the Summer Villages.*

*Carried*

**C. EB Innovations - 2023 Conference Sponsor**

Marlene Walsh updated the Board about E8 Innovations being a vendor for the upcoming 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Discussions ensued. Conference Committee will take this into consideration.

**D. Wireless Broadband (email update) - Ken Davis - Fortis Alberta**

An email update was presented to the Board for review on Wireless Broadband. Mr. Davis explained that he had no further information to share at this time. Marlene Walsh will send the side deck to the Board for their information.

**E. Summer Villages Unspent MSI Update**

President Mike Pashak presented an email chain between himself and Ethan Bayne regarding unspent MSI in Summer Villages. Discussions ensued about the unspent monies remaining in numerous Summer Villages. It was suggested that Mike and Kathy reach out to the Summer Villages and see if we can help them.

**Res 23-46**

*Moved by Ren Giesbrecht that Mike Pashak and Executive Director Kathy Krawchuk be authorized to contact the Mayor's and CAO's of the Summer Villages to discuss the unspent MS/ and see how we can be of assistance.*

*Carried*

**9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Action List** -reviewed as information

Discussions took place that some items were in the works and others completed. Action list to be updated.

**B. Municipal Affairs Letter - LGFF** - reviewed as information - Mike will reach out to Rebecca Schultz Minister for discussion.

**Res 23-47 Moved by Gary Burns that Items A -Action List and B - Municipal Affairs letter - LGFF be**

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*accepted as information.*

***Carried***

10. Committee Reports

- A. President's Report - circulated with agenda
- B. Executive Director's Report - circulated with agenda

**Res 23-48 Moved by Curtis Schoepp that Items A - President's Report and B - Executive Director Report be accepted as information.**

***Carried***

11. External Meetings & Reports

Remainder of External Meeting Appointments to be postponed to the May meeting.

- A. Appointment of Directors to Vacant Portfolios (defer until new Board members)
- B. AB Aquatic Invasive Species Program - vacant
- C. ALMS - Roger (will be vacant)
- D. Lake Stewardship/ AIS - Vacant
- E. Decibel Coalition - Brian - attached (37)
- F. AWC- Brian - attached (37)
- G. Pigeon Lake Watershed Assoc - Brian - attached (37)
- H. MASSAC - Executive Director - attached (38)
- I. LILSA- Ren
- J. SVLSAC - Ren
- K. FIRESMART - Ren
- L. ABmuni's Waste & Wastewater Grants - Vacant
- M. Forest Resource Improvement
- N. Water for Life - Vacant
- O. WPAC - Athabasca - Curtis
- P. WPAC-Wabamun - Rob-attached
- Q. AISC - Vacant
- R. MCCAC – Vacant (39)

**ACTION:** Mike Pashak offered to attend PLWA's 2023 AGM July 22, 2023.

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**Res 23-49**

***Moved by Brian Waterhouse that the External Meetings and Reports be accepted as information.***

***Carried***

**12. ROUND TABLE**

**MIKE - Half Moon Bay** – Alberta 2023 Budget increased Water for Life funding. The Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission is hopeful they will be successful this year in getting the funding to complete final leg for Central AB Regional Waste Water system.

**ROB - Betula Beach** - All good in Wabamun.

**Brian - Sundance Beach** - There is a weir at Pigeon Lake on the outlet to control lake levels. The Alliance of Pigeon Lake municipalities recently passed a motion to accept a new plan that will reduce flooding downstream. The plan also keeps water levels higher, which helps prevent algae blooms. This plan needs to be approved by the Minister.

**Julie-Jarvis Bay** - Wondering what everyone else is doing about the removal of the fishing shacks and garbage left behind. Sylvan Lake had Take it Off Program but now feels AB Environment does not care about it and cannot get buy in from the town to do something different.

Summer Village of Jarvis Bay undertook a logo design change. Might get new signage too.

**Gary- Horseshoe Bay-** New paved roads, bridge replaced with culvert, spent \$600K. They hired a new CAO. Town of St. Paul hired KMPG to look for better opportunities to coordinate service in the area.

**Curtis - Whispering Hills** - Road construction and new subdivision going in. Asked how others handle VRBO and AirBnB. Comments provided by Sylvan Lake summer villages and referenced their websites for examples of Tourist Home regulations embedded in their LUBs.

**Ren - West Cove** – expressed concern that landowners buying neighboring lots and amalgamating property, therefore fewer lots where assessment and tax dollars are reduced.

Darwell Lagoon Commission putting in sewer line that went by the village and they were able to tap into that for future considerations of servicing neighboring acreage developments.

Lac St Anne Region meetings this Spring - all municipalities in the county get together to discuss mutual issues. They invite RCMP, School Division and others to participate.

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**Marlene - SV Val Quentin** – Applied for ACP grant for water feasibility study to determine the feasibility of a water distribution system for SV Val Quentin, Sunset Point and Alberta Beach.

Successful in a grant fund with FCSS, got approval for funding to do work on the signage coming into village and into the park.

Successful with a Firesmart grant application to do work with the 11 Summer Villages in the Emergency Management group.

MSI funding, working since November with County and Village of Alberta Beach to find projects to spend MSI before having to return it to Government.

Research on a possible LUB review and rewrite.

**Kim -Island Lake/Baptiste** - Biggest issue is unspent MSI, four of her Summer Villages have unspent funds that may not get used this year. Also working on dock and mooring policies now.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of March 20, 2023, adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**14. NEXT MEETING:** May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (In Person -venue to be announced)