

**ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA  
BOARD MEETING OF MAY 25, 2015  
6:00 pm, Royal Executive Inn, Edmonton, Alberta**

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**ATTENDANCE:** Peter Pellatt, Bob Yontz, Leslie Ellis, Chuck Dechene, Rob Dickie, Marlene Walsh, Dennis Evans, Glen Usselman, Betty Forfylow, Joyce Megson, Gary Burns, Pete Langelle, Beverly Anderson

**REGRETS:** (none)

**1. Call to Order**

Peter Pellatt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. Deletions & Additions to the Agenda**

- Add Item 10 d. – Septic Sense Program

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Res. 15-23**

**Gary Burns moved that the agenda be approved as amended.**

**Carried.**

**4. Delegation – none**

**5. Approval of the Minutes of April 27, 2015**

**Res. 15-24**

**Moved by Betty Forfylow that the minutes of April 27, 2015 be approved.**

**Carried.**

**6. Action Items**

Action items were reviewed and updated.

**7. Financial Reports**

**a. Conference Budget Proposal**

Beverly presented a budget for the 2015 Conference based on the last year's attendance and the 2015 catering fees from the Executive Royal Hotel.

**Res. 15-25**

**Moved by Gary Burns that we accept the ASVA Conference Budget for 2015.**

**Carried.**

**ACTION:** Beverly to submit the 2015 Conference Budget to Municipal Affairs as part of the grant request.

**b. Update on ASVA Dues Payments**

Beverly reported that membership dues have been paid by all 51 Summer Villages.

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. ASVA Conference – Betty distributed the Save-the-Date notice for the ASVA Conference. This has gone out to all CAOs/Councils.

Suggested speakers (with a Q & A session at the end [supply Q&A sheet]):

- Cyanobacteria harvesting solutions - Chris Teichreb
  - Keeping the Cottage in the Family – Beverly to see if someone from Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer llp such as Sheila MacNaughton to speak with a no fee presentation
  - Code of Conduct / Conflict of Interest – Beverly to contact Lewis Borje with AUMA
  - AIS – Kate Wilson on highlights of 2015 & plans for 2016 & ask what we as SVs can do
- b. Lake Stewardship – Bob Yontz provided an update on AIS and links to their website.  
**ACTION:** Bob Yontz will nominate Kate Wilson for the Bulrush Award.
- c. MSSAC – Beverly provided a brief summary of the meeting and the agreement to update the MSSAC's Terms of Reference.
- d. FRIAA – Leslie provided an update on the FRIAA Wildfire Mitigation Strategies. By the end of May all second drafts of the plans for the 25 Summer Villages will have been completed. Council and resident reviews are to take place before the end of July. Final plans will go out to Councils on August 1<sup>st</sup> with Council approvals being required by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- e. Fire Protection Plan Update – Beverly indicated that a letter has gone to Wynne Resources from the SV of Norglenwold. The Board suggested that we do a follow-up letter if we have not heard back from Wynne Resources by the end of May. ASVA and the SV of Norglenwold are meeting with CPP Environmental Corp on May 26<sup>th</sup> to see if they will take over the project.
- f. AUMA Report – Peter Pellatt provided the newsletter as his update.
- g. Boat Mooring Forum Update – Beverly will compile the responses from the boat survey (due May 31<sup>st</sup>) in the first week of June.

## 9. Correspondence

As circulated.

## 10. Further Business

- a. ASVA Newsletter – Beverly distributed a copy of the Spring 2015 newsletter.  
**ACTION:** Beverly will post it on our website.
- b. AMSC Insurance Survey – Beverly reviewed the questionnaire with the Board and will respond to AMSC with the completed survey.

**ACTION:** Beverly to send completed survey to AMSC.

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Beverly recommended that as a result of the survey that the Board consider a Treasurer position.

**Res. 15-26**

**Moved by Bob Yontz that Rob Dickie be nominated as the ASVA Treasurer.**

**Carried.**

**Rob Dickie accepted the nomination.**

**ACTION:** Beverly in collaboration with Rob Dickie, is to develop a policy for the Treasurer including a monthly financial review.

c. Septic Sense Program

The Land Stewardship Centre in collaboration with the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association are in the process of developing a program called Septic Sense and have asked for a representative from the ASVA to sit on their Steering Committee.

**Res. 15-27**

**Moved by Betty Forfyflow that Pete Langelles represent the ASVA on the Septic Sense Steering Committee.**

**Carried.**

d. Advocacy

Beverly recommended to the Board that with the change in government, the ASVA needs to quickly address the topic of advocacy and how we will present the ASVA to the new government.

Recommendations:

- Send congratulations letter off to Premier Notley
  - Note that we are one of 3 municipal organizations
  - Request a meeting (Executive)
  - Focus meeting on NDP initiatives such as environment, AIS, Cyanobacteria; also highlight our collaboration with municipal partners
  - Ask what we can do to help move their agenda forward
- Send congratulations to new ministers of Municipal Affairs, Environment & Parks, Infrastructure, Culture & Tourism
- Need to find out which MLA could champion summer villages

Key Messages:

- One of 3 municipal organizations (along with AUMA and AAMDC)
- Stewards of the environment
- Can organize grassroots support for their environmental issues; collaborate with all municipal levels of government; can unite/facilitate members on common issues
- SVs are financially viable and sustainable

Summer Villages / ASVA exist because:

- Recreational property needs are different than rural municipalities
- Environmental health was such a low priority for Counties

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- Taxation of summer residents provided no services; designation as a summer village allowed for self-management, infrastructure and lake stewardship

Champion MLAs

- Check regarding Municipal Affairs Minister Deron Bilous; Environment and Parks Minister Shannon Phillips; Infrastructure Minister Brian Mason; Culture and Tourism Minister David Eggen

**11. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

*Note: Dates for Upcoming Board Meetings in 2015:*

- *June 22*
- **July Board meeting cancelled**
- *August 22 (Saturday) or August 24 – SV location to be determined*
- *September 28th (Note: AUMA Convention: September 23 - 25 Calgary)*
- *October 23-24 – ASVA Conference – Royal Executive Hotel, Edmonton*
- *November 23 (Note: AAMDC Convention: November 17-19 Edmonton)*
- *December ??*