

Resolution 2020-01

SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO REPLACE THE BYLAWS

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

The Board of Directors of the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (herein “ASVA”) hereby gives notice that at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the ASVA to be held October 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. through virtual means, the Board of Directors will be proposing the following Special Resolution to repeal and replace the current ASVA Bylaws with the amended Bylaws attached hereto as Schedule “A”:

WHEREAS Section 14 of the current ASVA Bylaws states that “The Board of Directors and/or any Member in good standing may propose to amend the Bylaws of the Society.”

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the ASVA, at their June 15, 2020 meeting endorsed the new Bylaws for submission to the Membership at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

AND WHEREAS the proposed amended bylaws, attached as Schedule “A” removes many of the administrative verbiage contained in the current bylaw, is modernized and is policy driven.

AND WHEREAS attached as Schedule “B” are the existing Bylaws that are proposed to be repealed and replaced, attached for comparative purposes.

AND WHEREAS the proposed amendment herein will not, by its nature, content or description, compromise, modify, alter affect or change in any way the fundamental and paramount principle of ASVA being that ASVA is owned and controlled by its Regular Members only.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the ASVA proposes that a Special Resolution be passed at the Annual General Meeting of the ASVA to repeal and replace the existing ASVA Bylaws in their entirety with the Bylaws attached as Schedule “A”.

Sent to the membership September 1 & 2, 2020.

Resolution 2020-02

RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA AGM, October 15, 2020

Title: Advocacy for the Reinstatement of Watercraft Inspection Stations

Sponsored by the Summer Village of Grandview

WHEREAS Alberta's lakes are under an increasing threat of the introduction of invasive aquatic species, mainly from the transportation of watercraft from outside of provincial boundaries; and

WHEREAS the number of provincial watercraft inspection stations has been reduced in 2019 including the elimination of watercraft inspection stations along the Alberta-British Columbia border; and

WHEREAS many waterways in British Columbia now have become infested with the invasive aquatic species Eurasian Milfoil; and

WHEREAS lakes that become invested with aquatic invasive species will experience decreased recreational value and lake property values as well as a potential decline in fisheries and water quality.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the ASVA advocate to Alberta Environment and Parks for the reinstatement of BC border inspection stations and maintenance of funding for inspection stations at other critical border crossings.

BACKGROUND:

Following a period of acknowledgement and support for keeping Alberta's lakes free of invasive aquatic species through prevention, education, outreach, partnerships, and legislation, the Alberta government has reduced the number of permanent watercraft inspection stations from 13 in 2018 to 8 in 2019. This reduction includes the complete elimination of stations along the Alberta-British Columbia border. Many invasive aquatic species pose a constant threat to Alberta's lakes. These species include Mussels, Prussian Carp, Whirling disease, and Flowering Rush, all of which are gradually making inroads into the province. Increased vigilance by Alberta Environment and Parks in recent years has managed to avert the introduction of many species into our waterways. However, one constant threat now is the possibility of watercraft from British Columbia introducing Eurasian Milfoil into Alberta. It is recognized that inspection stations provide a first line of defence in the prevention of infestation of unwanted species. Unless these stations are re-established on the BC Border, there is the very high risk that Alberta lakes, including the lakes that support the existence of our Summer Villages, will become infested with the scourge of Eurasian Milfoil. If that happens, we will be faced with the daunting and costly challenge of trying to eradicate or control this known pest. The best line of defence is increased surveillance of watercraft through a program lead by Alberta Environment and Parks and supported by all lake users.