



Association of
SUMMER VILLAGES
OF ALBERTA

November 10, 2014

Honourable Kyle Fawcett
Minister
Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
Legislature Office
420 Legislature Building
10800 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
Canada T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Fawcett:

Re: Resolution ASVA 2014-03
Management of Municipal Property-Waterfront

The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA), one of the 3 municipal associations (AUMA, AAMDC, and ASVA) in the province, held their annual convention October 17 – 18th this year in Edmonton. At that time four resolutions were voted on by the membership.

There was strong support for Resolution ASVA 2014-03 which identifies the need to give municipalities the authority to regulate the placement of piers, docks, and boatlifts along municipal property-waterfront on Alberta lakes.

This resolution, as attached, was approved by the ASVA membership and is being forwarded to you for your consideration and response.

Sincerely,

ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA

Peter Pellatt
President



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ASVA Resolution – 2014 – 03

Management of Municipal Property-Waterfront

Sponsor: Summer Village of Seba Beach

WHEREAS Alberta's lakes are a valuable natural resource for all Albertans that must be used in a sustainable manner to ensure the long term benefits are preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS the wide variety of recreational uses on these lakes creates environmental challenges and results in potentially conflicting uses that need to be managed; and

WHEREAS an increasing number of Albertans wish to access municipal property-waterfront; and

WHEREAS it is becoming increasingly more difficult for municipalities to establish and enforce by-laws or regulations to assist in maintaining control of their property waterfront; and

WHEREAS summer villages wish to provide good government management with respect to placement and storage of piers, docks, boatlifts, and other structures as well as the movement of watercraft in front of and / or on municipal reserves, parks and any other municipal property under the direction of a summer village council; and

WHEREAS The Navigable Waters Protection Act has changed, which eliminates all Federal regulation or control of privately owned piers, docks, boatlifts and other structures in Alberta lakes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) urge the provincial government to support municipalities in their effort to effectively manage municipal property-waterfront by providing them the authority to regulate the placement of piers, docks, and boatlifts including the authority to direct their removal, as deemed necessary to administer and enforce their relevant policies.