

Hamlet of Evergreen Beach

Spring 2022 Newsletter

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It looks like we are settling into some sort of new normal so we will be proceeding with an in-person AGM this year at its usual time and place. The AGM will be on Sunday, May 22, 2022, in Perkins Arena. Please remember to bring a chair.

Septic Pump-Out Tickets

We have been advised that the cost of a septic pump out has increased to \$65 for most of the service providers. We will continue to offer septic pump out tickets to all residents. The exact number will be voted on at the AGM. As we did last year, we are asking property owners to pick up their tickets from Sharon Mockford at 912 Brightsand Place starting June 4th.

Hamlet Revenue Surplus

As discussed at last year's AGM our Hamlet continues to carry a significant surplus. The 2022 Operating budget for the Hamlet has been included with this newsletter. Our annual expenditures typically range between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per year. This year we have budgeted \$51,125, which would leave a surplus of \$258,935 at the end of the year. The RM has once again encouraged Hamlets to use these funds for capital projects or for providing services. We would like input on potential uses of this money. Please bring your ideas to the AGM or talk to one of the board members.

Development Permits

Did you know that you require a development permit for things such as decks, fences, and sheds? Please check with the RM website or call the RM for information if you plan on building this season.

Hamlet Speed Limit

Once again, our ongoing reminder that the speed limit in the Hamlet is 20 Km/h on all roads and beach accesses. This is for all vehicles including ATVs and golf carts. Please **SLOW DOWN** and watch for pedestrians. Remember, ATV joy riding is not allowed on the beach, roads, or in the ditches in the Hamlet. Note also there are many vehicles operated by underage drivers on Hamlet roads which is not allowed by law.

Beach Access and Shared Boat Docks

The Board once again wants to remind all property owners that the public reserve lanes that run between each of the streets in the Hamlet, as well as the entire length of public reserve along the beach front, is open for use by all property owners. Please be a good neighbor and share the beach and public reserves with everyone. Our shoreline continues to get more congested. The Hamlet Board would encourage property owners to develop shared boat docks that can accommodate the watercraft from several families. Please consider this as an option this season.

Dog Bylaw

The RM dog bylaw requires all dogs to always be under the control of their owners. Please be respectful of your fellow property owners and keep your dog under control. A copy of the bylaw is available on the Hamlet website.

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Open Fires and Fire Bans

Please be careful with all open fires within the Hamlet and make sure they are in a proper fire pit. **NEVER** leave a fire unattended. There is a guideline for building your fire pits located on the Hamlet website. Remember that no open fires are allowed during a fire ban. **FIREWORKS** are also prohibited during a fire ban. Fire bans are posted on the RM and Hamlet websites and the Hamlet board will post a sign at the front entrance when a fire ban is in effect

Firefighting

A subcommittee comprised of Bob Day, Jered Hiegh, and Ray Finlay was formed at last year's AGM to explore options for effective first line response for fires within the hamlet. After research, and discussion the committee recommended several key actions that will improve our first line fire response.

- Diligently exercise fire prevention.
- Promote the purchase of large extinguishers by all property owners and ensure they know how to use them.
- Implement a method to notify all property owners quickly when a fire occurs.
- Purchase of fire suppression equipment and training.

A detailed presentation and hand out will be provided for discussion at the AGM.

Road Work

The Hamlet continues to improve roadways as needed. There will be road work on Marina Place this spring to expand the size of the turn around area at the end of the street. This work will commence as soon as conditions allow. If property owners feel work should be done on their street, please contact a board member to discuss.

Website

Be sure to check out the Hamlet website for all the latest news. evergreenbeach.org Also check out our Facebook page @evergreenbeachhamlet. If you have anything you wish to post on the website, or Facebook page, just let us know.

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