

# Hamlet of Horseshoe Bay 2023 Newsletter

## Hamlet Annual General Meeting and Elections

The annual meeting for the Hamlet of Horseshoe Bay will be held on Sunday May 21st at 1pm. The meeting will be held at Dexter Hall. Attendance at the AGM and communication with the Hamlet board is encouraged and appreciated. The current board members are Gord Deck, Pat Shubert and Judi Closen. Judi's term is finished this year, therefore we are looking for a new board member. The term will be four years. If you would like to run for Hamlet Board please let one of the members know.

## Garbage Collection

We will continue to mail out garbage tags with this newsletter. Garbage pickup starts May 1 on a weekly basis. Our garbage pick-up system has been working very well for household garbage. Please ensure that all bags for pick-up are tagged and bagged appropriately. If it is not, the contractor will not take it from your property. The bags must be a reasonable weight, and please no fish cleanings/remains. Please have your garbage properly contained in a garbage can/container to ensure animals at large and crows don't rip it apart, as torn bags will not be picked up. Garbage pick up will remain the same - Monday mornings except on long weekends, then it will be moved to Tuesday mornings. Extra garbage tags are available for purchase from the RM, Gord Deck or Judi Closen. We encourage everyone to recycle when possible and take larger items to the transfer site. "Just a reminder to all only household garbage is picked up".



## Storage area for Ice Shacks/Boat Trailers

Storage spaces are available for an annual fee of \$250.00 + GST. The storage spaces must be used for seasonal items - ice huts, boats, boat trailers, boat lifts and docks. NO holiday campers/trailers or vehicles. Please have your name on at least one item or on your numbered post. Fees are due July 1st of each year. Please contact the Horseshoe Bay Resort, Box 537, Turtleford, SK S0M 2Y0 or Rosalene or Shirley at Horseshoe Bay for availability and further information.

## Hamlet Roads

Once again this year we will do our best to keep Hamlet roads in good condition. Spot gravelling will be added where needed. Water issues will be addressed on an individual basis. Dust proofing will be ordered.

We want to keep our children safe so PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED IN THE HAMLET. It has been mentioned that some vehicles are going far faster than the recommended 20 km/hr.

## Building Permits

Before ANY construction begins on your property, a building permit application MUST be completed. A cheque needs to accompany the application. Your permit application should be given to the RM, they will send the Hamlet members an electronic copy and it will then be looked at. If it is a discretionary use, it will then be sent to the RM council for approval. It will be advertised on the website for comments, and then will go to the next council meeting. This process can take up to 2 months so please get your permits in as early as possible. You should NOT begin construction until your permit has been approved.

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 4 of the Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act, the RM of Mervin No. 499 has a legal obligation to enforce and administer the Act thru the adoption of a Building Bylaw for health, safety or welfare of persons.

Effective January 16, 2023 the RM of Mervin has adopted Bylaw No 2022-21, known as the Building Bylaw which requires the following:

1. Completion of applicable permit(s): Building Permit, Relocation Permit, Demolition Permit
2. One or more of the above permits is required for all residential, commercial and industrial buildings. New primary farm residences will be required to complete a Building Permit and be inspected by a Building Inspector.
3. Prepayment of required Building Inspections to the RM of Mervin in order to have permit approved.

Ratepayers should be aware that the requirements of a Building Permit also requires the submission of a Development Permit to ensure compatible development with surroundings and uses, a survey sketch plan and subsequent Real Property Surveyor's Report (if required). This ensures that the location and intent of the development meets setbacks. The Building Permit is to ensure that the physical construction meets the National Building Code Standards for public safety.

### **Public Beach Area**

We hope you continue to enjoy the beach area. For everyone's safety, please do not drive or park watercraft in the swim area. This will be enforced for the safety of all using the public swim area. We are pleased that swimming lessons will be offered again this summer! The swimming instructor is Bodi Laviolette. The lessons are the week of Aug 7-11th. Please contact Bodi to register at 306-845-6310.



### **Dogs**

All dogs, large and small, must be kept on a leash or contained to your property. Please be responsible, carry a dog waste bag with you when walking, etc. and dispose of the feces your dog leaves behind. Please share this information with your visitors whom may bring their pets.

### **Marina Dock**

If you wish to have a spot, please contact a board member for availability. There is an increase to the fee from \$150.00 to \$200.00, and MUST be paid on or before May 22nd when the marina goes in. Your lift cannot go in until the fee is paid. The marina will go in Sunday, May 22 at 10:00 am, and your help to put it in is greatly appreciated! The marina will be taken out September long weekend. We ask please that there is no tying up to the dock in what you may think is an empty spot or empty space. Also, the spot you have rented on the marina is non-transferable should you sell your property, or decide you no longer need it. It is to be given back to the Hamlet to provide to the next person on the waiting list.

### **Boat Launch**

Please be considerate when launching your boat at the dock and have your tarp off and gear loaded prior to pulling in to launch your boat. At times, there can be a line up coming in and going out, so being ready to launch and re-load aids in keeping the wait time for others to a minimum. Once you've loaded your boat coming in after being on the lake, please pull away to the parking lot to re-tarp.

### **Public Land**

It has been noticed that some people are parking boats, motor homes, etc. on public land for extended periods. Please keep your items on your own property, if not, you will be asked to move them.

### **Miscellaneous**

If anyone is cutting trees down within the hamlet, or trees that have fallen over, please clean up the branches. Also, the DNR suggested cottagers stop filling bird feeders due to the emergence of bears. Emergence begins towards the end of March and continues into April, depending on the weather. The bears are hungry and the feeders are quick food access in the spring.