

Hamlet of Horseshoe Bay 2024 Newsletter

Welcome back from another trip around the sun! We hope you had a great winter☀️ and we look forward to another summer!

Hamlet Annual General Meeting and Elections

The annual meeting for the Hamlet of Horseshoe Bay will be held on Sunday, May 19th 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. Gord's term is finished this year, therefore an election for a new board member will be held. The term will be four years. If you would like to run for Hamlet Board, please let one of the members know, or attend the meeting with someone who will nominate you.

Garbage Collection

We will continue to mail out garbage tags with this newsletter. Garbage pickup starts May 1st 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, any overweight bags will be left, and please no fish cleanings/remains. Overweight bags sometimes get stuck in the garbage cans and rip when being pulled out. Ensure garbage is properly contained from animals at large, as torn bags will not be picked up. GARBAGE PICKUP HAS CHANGED to WEDNESDAY MORNINGS until further notice. 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, no leaves, acorns, garden clippings etc”.

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 such as ice huts, boats, boat trailers, boat lifts and docks. NO holiday campers/trailers or vehicles. Names MUST be on at least one item in your storage unit. Fees are due July 1st of each year. Please contact the Horseshoe Bay Resort, Box 537, Turtleford SK S0M 2Y0, Rosalene at 306-845-5000, or Shirley at 306-845-3401 in 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 control will be ordered. We want to keep our children safe so PLEASE watch your speed in the hamlet. The suggested speed limit within the Hamlet is 20 kph.

The RM has a special constable who will be patrolling the Bay upon occasion. There is a dispatch line available to call for NON EMERGENCIES which is 306-845-3512.

Development and Building Permits

Before ANY construction begins on your property, a building permit application MUST be completed and submitted to the RM. Payment must accompany the application. If it is for discretionary use, it is submitted to the RM, and it will be advertised on the website for comments, and then go to the next council meeting. This process can take up to 2 months, so please get your permit applications 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 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 and welfare of persons.

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

1. Completion of applicable permit(a): 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, and 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 safety.

A copy of the zoning bylaw along with other development information such as maps, permits, public notices, and building information can be found online at the RM website at <https://rmofmervin.ca/> or by contacting the RM of Mervin office at 306-845-2045.

The RM of Mervin website contains other useful information with such things as transfer site hours of operation, any fire ban notices, and bylaw details etc.

Public Beach Area

We hope you enjoy the beach area. The volleyball, tetherballs, and horseshoe pits are well used which is fantastic! It's great to see everyone enjoying them🤝. We thank Sask Lotteries for Sport and Recreation for the \$250 grant provided.

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.

When using the beach areas, please take your empty bottles, cans, snack bags etc home with you. Also, hand sanitizer dispensers will not be re-installed in the public washrooms as twice last year they were stolen.

We are pleased that swimming lessons will be offered again this summer! Lessons for Horseshoe Bay will be held July 8th to 12th. The swimming instructor this year is Sadie Taves. Please contact Sadie at 639-844-7454, or sadietaves@icloud.com to register. 🏊‍♀️🏊‍♂️

Dogs🐕

All dogs, large and small, must be kept on a leash or contained to your property. They are not allowed on the beach. Please be responsible, carry a dog waste bag with you when walking your pet and dispose of the feces your dog leaves behind, but please don't discard the poop bags in people's garbage cans!! That is rude and the owner of the garbage can has to retrieve them from the bottom of the can.

Regretfully there is no such thing as a Poop Fairy🧚, and even if there were she/he doesn't live here. Tossing the poop bags into the bush is also inconsiderate. Please share this information with any visitors that may bring their pets.

Marina Dock

If you wish to have a spot, please contact a board member for availability. There is a fee of \$200.00 which MUST be paid on or before May 22nd when the marina goes in, and your lift cannot go in until the fee is paid. The marina will go in Sunday, May 19th at 10:00am, and your help to put it in is greatly appreciated! The marina will be taken out September long weekend. We ask please 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.

When using the boat launch, please have your boat ready to launch by removing the tarp, having your coolers, fishing rods etc in the boat ahead of time. The same applies to bringing your boat in, you can tarp it at home or in the parking lot. The launch at times is very busy, so being considerate in quickly launching and loading is appreciated by others.

Public Land

We understand overflow on weekends, but please don't leave boats, campers, boat trailers etc on public land for extended periods of time. If they are, you will be asked to remove them.

Thank you all for the assistance given around the bay, and taking the time to help keep it clean and tidy, it is very much appreciated by everyone! We wish you a safe and happy summer!