

**Sandy Point General Meeting  
Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021**

Present:

**Oak Bay:** Jim Ellis, Mike Caldwell, Ian Alton

**Elm Bay:** Ken Kratchmer, Jan Williams-Russell, Lowell and Jodine Wiebe, Aaron and Cheryl Sikora, Ralph Kruk, Bobbie Kruk

**Willow Bay:** Kate and Travis Hovland, Stephanie Harris, Colin Woodley, Kerri Thoms, Albert Challman, Tanner Smith, Nicole Smith, Vern and Kathleen Hovland

**Fir Bay:** Sharlene and Doug Rutherford, Russ and Sue Harris

**Birch Bay:** Barb and Bernie Gautier, Ira and Doris Auger, Gord Braun and Brenda Boyle, Lindsay Brebner

**Aspen Bay:** Trevor Topper

**Spruce Bay:** Kristi Wourms, Norman Linkert, Dirk Garipey

**Pine Bay:** Pat Toner, Dave Norris, Tom Hall

**RM of Mervin:** Councillor Dave Krywchuk

Chaired by Lach Russell (Elm Bay)

Minutes by Sharlene Rutherford (Fir Bay)

RM Councillor guest and advisor: Dave Krywchuk, Councillor, RM of Mervin

Location: Jim Ellis property (Oak Bay)

**Chair's Greetings and Opening Remarks**

The Sandy Point general meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Lach Russell. L. Russell greeting and opening remarks included a thank you to all for attending; thank you to Dave Krywchuk for attending, and a thank you to Jim Ellis for hosting the location. L. Russell also noted the exceptional collaboration of residents of Sandy Point for the annual removal of boat lifts and docks during the September long weekend.

**Order of Business**

**1. Nomination of bay representatives and the formal approval of formation of a Structured Hamlet.**

L. Russell confirmed the nomination of each bay representative who will form the "Bay Representatives" of Sandy Point in a structured Hamlet. The representatives are listed, along with each term length.

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Bay</b> | <b>Term</b> | <b>Executive Officer</b> |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Pat Toner       | Pine Bay   | 1 year      | Bay Rep                  |
| Norm Linkert    | Spruce Bay | 2 years     | Bay Rep                  |
| Pam Quiring     | Aspen Bay  | 3 years     | Bay Rep                  |
| Barb Gautier    | Birch Bay  | 1 year      | <b>Secretary</b>         |
| Doug Rutherford | Fir Bay    | 2 years     | Bay Rep                  |
| Travis Hovland  | Willow Bay | 3 years     | Bay Rep                  |
| Lach Russell    | Elm Bay    | 1 year      | <b>Chair</b>             |
| Jim Ellis       | Oak Bay    | 2 years     | Bay Rep                  |

It is agreed that these eight individuals will serve as the representatives of their Bays and collectively will represent the interests of Sandy Point to Council of the RM of Mervin.

There was no dissenting opinion on the Bay reps or their terms.

L. Russell called for the motion:

*That the Sandy Point Hamlet board be comprised of the individual Bay Reps as stated.*

Jim Ellis moved the motion.

Doug Rutherford Seconded the motion.

*Motion was approved by majority consent through a show of hands.*

## **2. Budget Review and Discussion**

L. Russell provided a recap of the budget as circulated by email, earlier, to all residents of Sandy Point.

General Discussion of Budget covered:

- Total budget currently available to the Hamlet of Sandy Point is \$67,000.00
- Hamlet Board will recommend to RM Council all budget expenditures, for its approval
- Expenditures will be comprised of 1. annual operating expenses (nominal costs incurred), and 2. larger, long-term planning capital expenses as considered important and desired by the residents of Sandy Point.
- There is a cap on growth of the funds available; however the cap is waived if the Hamlet presents to the RM a capital improvement or new project that requires multi-year commitment.
- Any long-term project must be approved by the RM of Mervin prior to commencement by the Hamlet
- Budget must be approved by Sandy Point board and submitted to the RM council by January 1, 2022.
- An example of operating expenses may be the regular maintenance such as grading of roads, snow removal, trimming of trees along common roadways.
- Capital expenditures are long-term, either new or improvement projects that require the support of the community. An example is the development of a beach or new playground.
- Clarity is required on the annual allocation from the RM to the hamlet.

## **3. Discussion of Sandy Point Beach Development**

Discussion included merit of beach development considered a top priority by a majority of the community. This included a short commentary by Ira Auger (Birch Bay), who is employed by Calgary based Paradox Access Solutions. I. Auger provided a high-level explanation of a process involving a geo-cell or cellular confinement system for beach stabilization and reinforcement. It is anticipated/understood that Paradox would provide this work pro-bono. Costs incurred by Sandy Point for the project, at least upfront, would be approx. \$10,000 for sand.

A number of regulatory approvals will need to be sought by provincial bodies, including environmental, prior to commencement. The RM of Mervin council will also need to approve the project, which would be considered a pilot project in beach development.

## **4. Additional Points of Discussion:**

- Installation of signage in multi-use areas (i.e. floating docks, boardwalks) that would mitigate concerns of potential for litigation. This is considered important.

- Similar to success with dock removal, all residents are encouraged to consider “Worker-bee gatherings” for projects easily handled by residents, i.e. clearing a section of trail (Norm Linkert suggestion for consideration by all residents)
- Audit by RM of Mervin to determine assets that are considered public and therefore the responsibility of the RM and those held privately. *Dave Krywchuk is working on this.*
- Question of liability insurance held on these assets. *Dave Krywchuk to follow-up.*
- Dust control – RM is reviewing priorities for dust control, including the application of calcium chloride, and general highway maintenance
- RM is in the process of hiring a Community Safety Officer (CSO) who will be responsive to pressing needs of residents of the RM, including Sandy Point. The CSO reports to council and will serve as a bylaw officer. Sandy Point residents, like all RM residents, are encouraged to handle disputes and minor incidences collaboratively and fairly among all neighbours, and are not encouraged to rely on the CSO for these matters. However, the CSO does serve as a mechanism for enforcement if previous efforts are unsatisfactory. *Dave Krywchuk verbal update.*
- Serious incident of algae in Turtle Lake and its impact upon the lake community caused by a number of factors both man-made and naturally occurring (storm). Dave Krywchuk is seeking historical data on Brightsand water quality. Emphasized that the lake is the most valuable resource for all and that it must be protected. *Dave will ensure all residents have access to the data.*

The meeting was terminated at 2:20 p.m. by the Chair.

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| <b>Motion 0001</b>      | <i>That the Sandy Point Hamlet board be comprised of the individual Bay Reps as stated.</i>  | Motion Approved   |
| <b>Actions + Status</b> | <p><b>RM Council Rep, Dave Krywchuk:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of report of RM assets located in Sandy Point (and other subdivisions)</li> <li>• Review and report of liability insurance by RM of assets</li> <li>• Sharing of historical data on Brightsand Lake water quality</li> <li>• Clarity on annual allocation from the RM to the hamlet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sandy Point Hamlet Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine time and location of first meeting</li> <li>• Applications for environmental and other reviews of Beach Project to RM of Mervin (?) Led by Barb Gautier.</li> </ul> | <p><i>Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>Complete</p> <p><i>Ongoing</i></p> |