

2025 AGM Minutes

Crystal Bay Sunset Hamlet Board

Date: May 18, 2025

Location: 508 Lakeview Bay (Rod Sellers shop)

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm

Hamlet board members present:

- Norm Perret
- Rod Sellers

Guests:

- Gerry Ritz (RM of Mervin's Reeve)
- Shiloh Bronken (RM of Mervin's CAO)
- Rick Mathews (Maintenance Contractor)

38 ratepayers registered to vote

1. Agenda presented

Motion to accept made by Sarah Sellers

Seconded by Jamie Little

Motion carried

2. Motion to adopt 2024 AGM minutes

Made by Barry Wilmot

Seconded by Ian Carleton

Motion carried

Activity Report presented by Norm Perret

- 6 Board Meetings
- 5 RM Meetings
- Many phone calls various
- Maintenance activities including swimming float repairs
Consideration for sensible use of boats, sea doo's etc. near shore and swimming areas was conveyed to the ratepayers.

- Installing and removing float and swimming buoys
- Speed bump installation and removal
- Washroom maintenance
- Tree removal
- Fire ban signs installed and removal

Reminder of wildfire risks and demo of easy use fire extinguishers will happen after meeting

- Sign replacement
- Boat launch buoys installation and repair and removal
- Gravel, grading, calcium application
- Construction of beach shelter
- Budget preparation etc.

Rod provided an explanation of budget approval process as required by RM.

The RM is the only one that can approve our budget.

Old Business

- Beach shelter completed at a final cost of \$25,269.

This was over budget and the RM was requested to approve the extra costs by the Hamlet Board in a revised budget. The RM approved in a council meeting.

Questions asked:

1. Why it went over Budget.
2. Why the shelter was placed on a concrete slab rather than piles.

It was explained the contractor was not at all in favor of using piles (as he had just been trying to repair a similar project that used piles and had serious issues as the piles moved, and the entire structure was badly compromised.) The board agreed with the contractor's advice and went with the slab. This contributed to the increase cost. The board decided unanimously to proceed with the job as it had been delayed for years.

- NOTE The final actual 2024 statement numbers showed a surplus of \$3420.14 for the year.

It was estimated by the board when making the decision no loss would likely be incurred by this decision based on the expense's ledger at that time. This proved to be the case. The surplus dollars go towards increasing the accumulated reserve account as usual. The Hamlets reserve account on January 1, 2025, was \$205,664.88.

NEW BUSINESS

- Notice of swimming lessons July 14 thru 25th
- Hamlet annual summer BBQ will be on 3 August 2025 at the boat trailer parking area
- Water depth at the boat launch ramp is the same as last May. 12 inches for most of the pads, 17 inches at the last pad north edge, 24 inches approximately 3 ft past the last pad, 32 inches approximately 15 ft past the last pad, 36 inches approximately 20 ft past the last pad.

Most boats can likely be launched by only backing rear wheels to the last pad north edge. As always exercise caution and use at your own risk.

3. Motion was made to donate \$5000 to the Crystal Bay Sunset Public Utility Board

Motion was made by Ian Carlton

Seconded by Mike Garland

Discussion ensued

Motion carried

4. Motion was made by Margaret Paulson to investigate the purchase and placement of buoys for the length of the beach to slow down boaters

Seconded by Shirley Paulson

Discussion ensued

Motion was defeated

5. Motion was made by Sylvia Ubell to require the board to obtain a vote by the Hamlet voters before obtaining any permits to level sand ridges that have occurred along the shoreline.

6. Seconded by Ellen Regnier

Discussion ensued.

Sylvia Ubell made a presentation in support of her motion.

Rod Sellers explained that the ridge would make installation of lifts and docks impossible without leveling the sand ridges. It would create difficulties for small children or anyone with disabilities to enter the water easily or possibly safely. The ridge extended from the far east end of the beach west until approximately lot 331.

The Water Security Agency as in 2023 when a similar situation occurred granted permission rapidly to give a permit again for 2025 with parameters for the work. The Agency had explained they preferred to have one permit for the public accessible beach rather than

trying to deal with multiple permits and people who just do work without permits or guidance.

The RM Council also reviewed the request and approved it. Rod had received many thanks for this initiative both in 2023 and again this spring.

Motion was defeated

AEDs:

The location of the two AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) is at the Pump house on the west outside wall and at lot # 704 on Willow Bay on the south side of the garden shed. Both have signs and are in locked cabinets.

The lock combination is 911 on both. An Alarm will sound but ignore it and use the AED for a genuine emergency. The machine will talk to you and guide you through the needed steps. We recommend you go on YouTube sometime long before and watch one of the many videos available for operation to just familiarize yourself. Our units are Zoll brand.

Maintenance Contract:

The maintenance contract was confirmed and will run for two years with Rick Mathews. The Utility Board contacted the Hamlet Board and encouraged the board to go with a two-year contract as they also use Rick Mathews for their water operations. This would provide redundancy and backup for both boards for several years. The Hamlet board held a separate meeting and decided yes to this contract.

Budget:

The Budget was presented and several questions answered regarding details. One suggestion was to start spending some of the reserves for community improvements.

The budget was acknowledged as presented.

A change in Tax allocation to the Hamlet was explained by Rod. The Hamlets will now be eligible for a 50% share an increase from the original 40%. The increase is contingent on the Hamlet Board providing a Five-year capital improvement plan by September 30 for review and inclusion in the municipal capital plan. The plan can be adjusted annually.

This increase was attained by a concerted effort by several Hamlets and supported by all Hamlets in the RM. The RM discussed and debated this request for many months and did agree to it which is very much appreciated.

Suggestions are requested from the Hamlet voters for such capital plans. Suggestions at the meeting were, flush toilets and improvements for beach public toilets, playgrounds, pickle ball courts/ Heli pad, (it was noted the pickle ball court idea was defeated in a motion at another AGM.)

We encourage voters to submit ideas for consideration over the next couple of months. We will endeavor to try and reach out with ideas presented and perhaps get some kind of consensus for projects and locations. This is a work in progress. Final decisions should be by a vote. Please email to the Hamlet Board with your ideas.

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Election:

There was an election for the remaining one-year term of a board member who resigned last fall, Jamie Holmes had sold his property in the hamlet and resigned.

Greg Ubell was nominated

Sarah Sellers was nominated

Mike Garland was nominated

Sarah declined her nomination with thanks, due to business obligations

Jamie Little moved nominations cease.

After voting Mike Garland was declared the new Hamlet Board member for the remaining one-year term.

A motion to Adjourn was made and passed at approximately 1:20 pm