

Hamlet of South Bay – Turtle Lake

Annual Meeting – Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 10:00am

At Livelong Senior's Hall

Attendance: Clinton Smith, Linda Balon-Smith, Bill Scheck, Greg Johnson, Bob Taylor, Cory Thomas, Alvin Weinkauf, Jason Volk, Wayne Keber, Jim Range, Barry Nordell, Ted Morin, Reg Beardsworth, Monte Laye, Darryl Laye

Agenda:

1. Call the meeting to order

- a. Introductions: Bill Scheck (President), Clinton Smith (Secretary), Bob Taylor (Vice President)
- b. Time: 9:01am
- c. Sign in, voter cards, agenda, financial information available, fill out the RM contact information sheet (part of information given)

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Amendments: none
- b. Motion to approve Agenda: Ted Morin, 2nd Cory Thomas
Carried.

3. Minutes of the 2025 meeting

- a. AGM minutes didn't seem to have mailed out by RM in an info package. It is available online on RM Website and included in information as you entered AGM.
- b. Amendments: none
- c. Motion to approve the 2025 AGM Minutes: Jason Volk, 2nd Alvin Weinkauf, Carried.

4. 2025 Financial report

- a. New 50/50 Tax revenue split, impact on reserve – We will have more money annually (30K approximately) coming in from our portion of the taxes. 2025 Expenses were budgeted around \$81k and the year came in under budget at approximately \$80K. The major costs are the basic upkeep of the hamlet (plowing roads, gravel, dust control, and garbage).

The 2026 budget was increased for plowing, gravel and dust control. We will continue to look at long range capital planning. Capital projects for 2026 include a maintenance shed, etc. (see below). Volunteers are using their own tools for maintenance. A maintenance shed with basic tools would seem reasonable.

- b. **WYWRA Billing and costs:** In 2025 garbage removal expense went up significantly. Prior to 2023 annual costs were approximately \$7K. In 2024 costs jumped to \$9.5K. In 2025 WYWRA increased costs but South Bay was not notified by the RM (the RM agrees to and signs the WYWRA contract). Additionally, although WYWRA was given a pickup schedule for low and high season (weekly pickups during high season May 1 to Sept 30 and Bi-weekly pickups Oct 1 to April 30) WYWRA failed to follow this and apparently picked up weekly. This resulted in a significantly higher 2025 Garbage cost of over \$16K. The Board was first made aware of the increased 2025 costs in Jan 2026 when the RM sent the 2025 annual cost summary. Since this time the Board has been in discussions with WYWRA and the RM in order to recover costs related to the excessive pickups. Currently the estimated costs and budget for garbage in 2026 is \$13,200.

DISCUSSION: A code change is being considered for the garbage area. Residents are reminded to please lock the gate after using it!!! Users indicate they have found the garbage gate unlocked when they arrive. If you choose to put your cardboard into the garbage residents must collapse all boxes. It is preferable to take your

recycling to the Livelong bins. Costs for a recycling bin would be \$93/month (2025 quote) however zero contamination is allowed. To add a recycle bin next to the garbage bins additional fencing would also need to be added.

ACTION: The board will look at the cost of a fenced area with a recycling bin.

- c. Amendments: none
- d. Motion to approve 2025 Financial Reports: Ted Morin, 2nd Reg Beardsworth, Carried.

5. Business arising from the minutes

- a. Policy Changes updates – notable change is Board member terms from 4 to 3-years
- b. Board meetings: Six meetings were held in 2025 – Jan 13, Feb 20, May 18, (AGM), Aug 17, Sept 1, and Nov 15, 2025.
- c. SK Lotteries Grant - \$250 for Multi Court equipment for April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 was submitted and approved. Equipment will be purchased and bills submitted. Thank you to Louise Copeland for applying for this grant.
- d. Maintenance
 - i. Poplar Drive & Willow Street – The work has been completed but may require more mulching until it is mower ready.
 - ii. 2025 Gravelling and Dust Control has been completed.
 - iii. Civic Signs arrived and the posts were ordered late in 2025.
 - iv. The new dock arrived and was used.

6. New business

- a. **Tender** was received for Mowing, Bathroom cleaning and general Maintenance.
- b. **Tender** was been received for Grading and Snow plowing No other tenders have been submitted. The floor was asked if anyone wanted to submit. There were no further tenders or questions.

- c. **Lease on Storage Area** - A new five-year lease is in place. As well an additional 20 storage places have been added. As of yet the rates have not increased. Residents are encouraged to use the storage site and refrain from parking their items from any Hamlet road right of way. The RM Office coordinates the renting of the storage lots, please contact the RM Office to rent. Overflow parking area continues to be available across from the COOP (west across Hwy 795). When the parking lot near the boat launch is full - move to the overflow. No trailer parking inside the South Bay Bar & Inn parking lot or in front of Coop! There needs to be free and clear access to the Boat Launch, South Bay Bar & Inn, COOP and the Bridge so avoid parking on the roadway.
- d. **Canada Day Celebrations** – Alexa Bellinger has done a great job taking the celebration on, however she is unable this year. We need someone to take over for Canada Day coordination and fun activities. Please contact a board member if interested. The breakfast will be on Saturday, July 4th Kristi & Skyler Milne will be coordinating the breakfast.
- e. **Website:** If you want something posted, contact one of the board members to include on the website.
- f. **Gravel** will be applied in 2026, particularly due to the snow and rain. **Dust Control** will be completed in the main greenspace area.
- g. **RM of Mervin Interaction:**
 - i. 2 Annual Meetings, Community Plan & Zoning Bylaws.
 - ii. RM declined to have a meeting in 2025 on Percentage Allocation of Tax Revenues.

iii. RM & Hamlet Meetings - Oct 25, 2025 & April 22, 2026 (Bob)

1. CSRs : 4 community safety officers are now in place versus only one officer. There will be coverage 10 hrs. a day, 7 days a week throughout the summer. A big focus will be on ATV's and golf carts. See RM website for full details.
2. ATV/UTV/Dirt Bike (16 years with a class 7 or min 12 years accompanied by someone with class 7 or completed an ATV Course: You need a helmet to ride and seatbelts. You can use the ATV, etc. only on the roads during a full fire ban. They need to be plated and with the proper safety equipment. Liability insurance is required. See RM website for full details.
3. Golf Carts: The driver needs to have a learner's license and be 16 years of age. Fines will be given and vehicles will be impounded. You will be fined for using your cell phones while driving. Golf carts can be driven in the ditch. See RM website for full details.
4. Private Sewage Works (Private Residents) - changes as of Nov 1, 2026 – Designer Certification, Permits, Shoreline control req. within 150 meters of shore. For those putting in new holding tanks, there are new requirements. See RM website for full details.
5. Vote by Mail for the RM – apply by Oct 6th It is encouraged that the hamlet members vote as we are not representing ourselves enough within the RM.

6. Emergency Response plan will be created for the fire department to actively respond to emergencies.

Organized Hamlets have been asked to work with Patrick Reid to develop an emergency plan for the hamlet. Due to liability the South Bay Fire pump can only be used to put out grass fires, not to be used for house fires.

7. Call out for Fires: Charge for callout to fires has increased from \$5K to \$10K. Make sure your insurance coverage is \$10K. See RM Website for more details.

iv. **Weir & Water Agency Ownership:** The old wooden weir on the Turtle River was installed in approximately 1985. Requests were sent to the RM to get involved with discussions to have required repairs done and ongoing ownership established. Since then the provincial Water Agency has taken ownership of the weir, but the RM has agreed to pay for the replacement. The permanent weir will be corrugated metal and must be at the same level as the current one. Installation is targeted for September.

v. **Fire Bans** – Current Fire Ban within the RM has been changed from a Full Fire Ban to a Partial Fire Bans. The Partial Fire Ban allows campfires in approved controlled fire pits. In the future new signs will read “Fire Ban” for full fire ban and “Partial Fire Ban” for partial ban.

- h. **Capital 5/10-year plan** – Submitted to RM in February includes but is not limited to:
- i. Plans to add a maintenance shed with appropriate tools
 - ii. Install Civic Signs with posts
 - iii. Emergency Response Plan
 - iv. Fire Smart Assessment and associated work bees (need forms waiving liability) by hamlet members.
 - v. Speed Bumps new chains
 - vi. Additional items: sum pumps to be hard wired electrically
 - vii. Continued Road Improvements
 - viii. Recycling bin assessment
- i. Other: (From Jim Range RM Councilor) Discussion regarding WYWRA – WYWRA is now owned by three different entities with the majority by the RM of Mervin and the RM of Frenchman Butte. Presently, the waste from the RM of Mervin is dumped at the site in RM of Wilton. The RM of Mervin is considering putting in a new waste site in which the garbage would be sorted and processed (high temperature burning) thereby generating heat and energy. This would be a pilot project with the Saskatchewan Research Council, and the location and service area is yet to be determined. By the fall, there will be more information.
- j. (Jim Range) Dust control: The RM has a new contractor this year.
- k. (Jim Range) The RM of Mervin CSR has evolved into the Northwest Community Safety Services (NWCPA). NWCPA is based out of the old Vet Services building north of Turtleford. RCMP continues to be understaffed. The concerns are speeding, ATV's and golf carts. They are not armed and will not put themselves into dangerous situations.
- l. (Jim Range) Municipal Elections: Everyone has the right to vote in a municipal election, as long as you are a Canadian citizen, regardless of where you live. Within the RM of Mervin, a majority of the

- property-owning people are Alberta citizens and can vote. This is a concern as the people are not all residents of the area. South Bay Board questioned why it is an issue as seasonal cabin owners are rate payers and have the right to vote. The same as any farm owner who has land in one RM but lives elsewhere. Jim indicated the RM has previously looked at revising the councilors area that they represent.
- m. (Wayne Keber) Question regarding the Algae: see below (Jim Range)
 - n. Buoys will go out again in the bay this year. Installation will be contracted out rather than being done by a board member.
 - o. Darryl Laye requested a survey of the high water mark and the public access areas to beaches and adjacent roadways. ACTION: The board will share the map that shows the survey lines.

7. **Elections** – Bill has finished his term. Nominations were open to the floor – three calls were made for additional nominations. Jason Volk nominated Bill, Cory Thomas 2nd. Carried. Reg Beardsworth moved that nominations cease. Darryl Laye seconded. Carried.

8. **Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, May 23, 2027 @ 10am.

9. **Motion to adjourn:** Reg Beardsworth at 11:45am.

Additional Information:

Water Shed (Jim Range): A 4-year study is being done by the U of S and Polytech out of North Battleford regarding the algae. The watershed is looking to hire a student to do a water study 2-3 times a week. SK Safe Beaches program has chosen one beach at Turtle Lake to test for the blue green algae. Last year it was done up at Indian Point. The sample is time sensitive to get to the lab in Regina, otherwise it is not valid which is a problem with getting an accurate reading of our water. The study from last year is being paid for by the RM and the results are not back yet. The Water Shed is trying its best to get water sample studies at present

and compare it to the past. The holding tanks are suspected to be a possible cause of the algae, however, the algae is appearing right across SK.

Trunk & Tailgate Market - Third Saturday in July. July 18th 9am – 1pm.

Swim Lessons – two sets:

- i. Jessilyn Morrison July 20 – July 24th. Jessilyn 1-639-844-7779
- text name level and what or email ji.swimming@gmail.com
- ii. Bodi Laviolette July 6 – 10th text name level and what
date/beach they will be attending 306-845-6310