Hamlet of Horseshoe Bay
Board Meeting Minutes

Date November 3, 2026
Board members participating Gord Deck, Judi and Doug

1. Call to Order

Gord Deck called the meeting to order.

2. RM Semi-Annual Hamlet Meeting Follow-Up

Judi reported on the October 21, 2026, RM Semi-Annual Hamlet Meeting. She will submit maps to the RM identifying grader snow removal routes and locations for stop, yield and speed limit signs.

3. Draft Traffic Bylaw and Speed Limits

The board agreed to retain the **20 km/h speed limit** within the hamlet under the draft traffic bylaw. The limit would apply to vehicles, ATVs and golf carts. Judi identified two locations that may need additional speed limit signs, at the entrance to Khatava Drive and the entrance to 2nd Street Close.

The board supported pursuing a reduction from **80 km/h to 60 km/h** on the main approach road, from near the hamlet shop at the first entrance to the last entrance at the T-intersection. Residents near the last entrance had raised concerns about the current speed limit. Gord will ask how to request the reduction.

The board discussed where to place the solar radar speed sign already listed in the five-year plan and whether additional signs would be useful within the hamlet. Judi suggested considering the stretch of Loon Drive between Khatava Drive and Chickadee Street and mentioned SGI as a possible source of grant funding.

4. Proposed Docks and Lifts Bylaw

The board reviewed the RM's request for feedback on a possible bylaw addressing dock and lift licensing and placement. The Turtle Lake Watershed had raised the subject with the RM, and Meota was identified as an example of a municipality with similar bylaws.

The board did not support the proposal, citing concerns about disputes among residents and how residents might view licensing costs. Judi will communicate the board's position to the RM.

5. Proposed Nuisance Abatement Bylaw

The board reviewed the proposed nuisance abatement bylaw and noted that it appeared similar to the rules already in place.

6. 2027 Allotment Agreement

Judi will coordinate obtaining Gord's signature on the 2027 Allotment Agreement.

7. Calcium Application

The board was satisfied with the work of the new calcium application contractor. Weather delayed application until July, and Judi noted that costs appeared to be slightly higher this year. Gord noted that three side streets are treated every other year and are due to be skipped in 2027, which should help reduce costs.

8. Summer Student Grant

The board discussed grant funding for a summer student and the possibility of sharing a student with another hamlet. Given the limited hours of work available and the effect of weather on outdoor work, the board decided against proceeding at this time.

9. Joint Vegetation Removal Bookings

The RM advised that hamlets could coordinate contractor bookings for tree removal and other vegetation work to reduce travel costs. The board identified no major projects at this time and will keep the option in mind for future work.

10. Boat Launch Dock

Doug reported that the boat launch dock needs repair. Judi noted that replacement had previously been included in the five-year plan. All three board members agreed that the dock should be replaced.

Gord will obtain estimates. Once pricing is available, the board will consider including the replacement in the 2027 budget or seeking RM approval to use reserve funds if it decides to purchase the dock sooner.

11. Streetlight at Khatava Drive and Grossbeak

The streetlight at the corner of Khatava Drive and Grossbeak has been approved and is awaiting installation. Judi will follow up on its status.

12. 2026 Budget and Board Administration

Judi reviewed the 2026 budget. Environmental expenses were under budget and maintenance expenses were over budget. Overall spending was below budget at the time of the meeting. Outstanding garbage, maintenance, streetlight and administration costs are expected to bring year-end spending close to budget. The board expects the reserve fund to be at a comfortable level at year-end.

The board unanimously agreed to proceed with each member submitting a **$500 administration charge** for time spent on board duties, including responding to residents, attending meetings, preparing budgets and plans, obtaining permits and arranging supplies. Judi will confirm the submission process with the RM.

13. Proposed Water Source for Residents

Doug relayed a resident’s suggestion that the hamlet provide a water source, such as a well or a pump near the boat launch. The board discussed equipment and fuel theft, potential interference with boat loading and unloading, installation costs, ongoing maintenance and public health requirements.

The board agreed to bring the idea to the **May 2027 Annual General Meeting** for discussion and a vote on whether to explore it further.

14. Emergency Plan

The RM has requested an emergency plan outline from each hamlet. Judi will seek guidance from the RM and ask whether an example is available from another hamlet.

15. Five-Year Plan and Next Meeting

Board members were asked to consider additions or changes to the five-year plan for discussion at the next board meeting. The next meeting is tentatively planned for **mid- to late February 2027**. No further questions were raised.

16. Adjournment

Doug moved to adjourn the meeting. Gord seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.