

Hamlet of Good Spirit Acres

Spring information meeting

May 18, 2026

Spilchen Meadows Community Building- 1:00 pm

- 1. Call to order:** Meeting convened at Spilchen Meadows community building. There were 16 attendees including presenters. Print materials supplied to attendees included the Spring Meeting Minutes of 2025, The 2025 Year to date financials, the Hamlet 2026 Budget, the 2026 newsletter and Agenda. Deb Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. She introduced members of the Hamlet Board, Glen Bolt and Lyle Ruf as well as presenters Dave Popowich (RM of Good Lake #274 Reeve), James Morton (RM Council Representative), Denise Morton (GSA Community Association). An Invitation was extended to the Good Spirit Golf Course and DN Patel (Good Spirit Market). Linus Blackstock was acknowledged for his service to the community as maintenance supervisor. Linus has given notice of his resignation/retirement effective June 12, 2026.

26/05/SM#1 Called to Order

Dale Schmidt

Carried

- 2. Review and adoption of the Agenda**

26/05/SM#2 That Agenda is accepted as presented.

Dale Schmidt

Carried

- 3. Reading and review of the Spring meeting minutes (May 25, 2025)**

26/05/SM#3 That Minutes are accepted as presented.

Sherry Shumay

Carried

4. Business arising from the minutes

a) GSA Drainage Survey

Two meetings were May 5th & 6th with the residents of Eagles Point Bay and Heritage Lane, to go over the findings of Geo Verra Maps and discuss the course of direction in both the short term and longer term. There are summaries for both the meetings. The Hamlet has 3 water pumps if needed. Both meetings were well attended.

5. Presentations

a) Deb Schmidt Hamlet Chair

Acknowledged the work of the Hamlet board in maintaining and monitoring Hamlet services. Budgets, meetings, community concerns, maintenance and the audit and review of invoices. The transfer site costs remain a concern, with there being no recycling assistance from the Provincial government. When audited, we captured a billing error in excess of \$3100.00 that has been credited to our account with OSS. We now have one rental bin – the 30 yard bin. 2025 paving project was completed. After 2 years of gravel, asphalt was placed. The project was completed with little disruption to the community. Roads and drainage will continue to be on future board business agendas. 2025 winter was hard on the deer population. PLEASE do not feed the deer. By feeding the deer, you are bringing more deer into the community, and predators are following them. Linus and other volunteers removed the carcasses of many deer from within the community. We are concerned for your safety and for the safety of your pets. Thanks to Dale Cherewyk for his maintenance and seasonal work in the community. The service road between Pebble Beach Road and Meadowbrook Road had Sk Power contractors clearing branches near the power lines. The pick-up of branches has been contracted out and should be completed within the next two weeks. The maintenance supervisor position is posted on the GSA website.

b) James Morton - RM 274 Representative

2026 has been a very trying year, with the rising costs caused by tariffs, carbon tax costs have grown substantially. The costs of culverts and bridges have increased by roughly 20% as well as substantial increase in fuel costs. The RM was left with little choice but to raise their mill rate by 0.2 to 7.2. The cost of garbage and recycling has risen substantially in some cases double. The RM is weighing its options for reducing the garbage and recycling cost to them. The two John Deere graders owned by the RM were having out of control breakdowns and repair costs. The RM made the decision to replace them with two new Caterpillar Graders. The Caterpillar graders come with a 6-year warranties and should have a long-term cost savings to the RM. The Rm continues to work with the

Hamlet board to reduce costs using the SARM buying power such as culverts, signs, etc. James thanked the Hamlet Board for their dedication and efforts to do what is best for the community.

c) **Denise Morton**— On behalf of the Community Association Board, I would like to thank the Hamlet for giving us some time to share updates with what has been happening within our community. 2025 was a very busy year for us. Thanks to numerous community volunteers, we were able to insulate the interior of the kitchen, so that we could use this facility year-round. With the kitchen being insulated, we were able to host gatherings every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 - 3:30 pm from October -April. We found the electric heater was sufficient to keep this place cozy throughout the winter. We also added a large screen T.V. which can be used for sporting events, exercise programs, or for movie nights. We hosted a couple of potlucks as well and found that we needed something to help with echoing and for the brightness of the sun (when it comes out). Curtains were installed to assist with the echoing and brightness, thanks to Lynn & Heather Antosh. Thanks to Brian Berm\$ for donating new grain bags for us to place down on the base of the rink for holding the water in and not seeping through the ground. Great job by Merv, Trevor and Brandon for creating an awesome ice surface this year. We would like to thank all the volunteers who shoveled, flooded, and maintained the ice and made it enjoyable for many users. Thankyou! 2026 will be another busy year for us. We will be removing the siding on the kitchen, wrapping and installing new siding. The Community Association will also be installing a book nook on the property for those who wish to share and borrow books. We will be hosting our annual pancake breakfast next Sunday, May 24 from 8:00 -11 :00. Community Memberships will be sold at that time as well for \$15.00. We will also Leave some at the store for anyone interested in purchasing. We will be having a suggestion box for anyone wanting to give suggestions to the Community Association as to what they would like to see or have done within our community. Get your thinking caps on Park cleanup will be on Sunday. May 24 at 1 :00 pm (weather permitting). We would appreciate everyone in helping beautify our community. Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm. We are hoping to finalize some dates for our bingos and other events happening this summer. Please check the website as well as the bulletin board on the book nook for upcoming events. Special thank you to au those who donate your bottle recycling to our community as well as to those private donations from our community members. Greatly appreciate your support! Have an enjoyable and safe summer, thank you

d) – **David Popowich** – Reeve RM of Good Lake 274

Dave expanded on the RM 274 the Grader replacement. The 2 new graders purchased from Caterpillar are built in Brazil so no tariffs. They should be arriving around the end of June or beginning of July. By trading in the two John Deere graders the Rm paid about \$660,000.00 difference, that is about the equivalency of cost of one new Caterpillar grader. The decision to replace was made after repeated issues with the JD Graders, hose failure, down time and very little warranty assistance.

5. Reports

a) Finance – Financial Statement and Budget -Glen Bolt

The financial statements and material for the finalized budget were reviewed. The variables on cost of services, cost of materials and the unknown fuel impact resulted in a .5 mill rate increase to the Hamlet.

b) Transfer and Maintenance – Lyle Ruf

- Three new 6-yard bins were purchased as well as 3 bins were refurbished. There is 3 more bins that require refurbishing this or next year as the budget allows. The Hamlet is no longer renting 6 yard bins from OSS. This move eliminates rental costs of bins.

- 30-yard bin challenges we are having issues with items not allowed being placed into and left around the 30-yard bin.

Household furniture, beds and mattresses need to be taken to the RM transfer station on Tiny Road. Please work with the Hamlet board to monitor usage and abuse. The maintenance report was shared with attendees.

-A Big Thank you to the volunteers that helped Linus with the removal of the snow fence: Kathleen & Doug Gessner, Bob Deacon, Bob Hogg, Perry Wishlow, Perry Warthaul, Bernie Blackstone and Ron Farrell

c) Lights and Lagoon – Deb

- All the Hamlet streetlights are currently in working order. The lagoon road is in good shape. There is an ID plate on each light standard about 24” inch’s up. If you see a light out please contact a hamlet member with the number and we will contact SKPower for repair remedy.

d) Roads and water – Lyle

A drainage survey was conducted this past summer Heritage Lane, Eagle Point Bay and a portion of Capalano Dr. The Hamlet board had two informational meetings with the residents on Eagle Point Bay and Heritage Lane to review the drainage

elevations and challenges to enhance drainage. The short-term plan was presented at the meetings as well as future options should they be required.

e) Website – Lyle

The Hamlet website has been maintained by Bob Deacon. Bob faced some challenges with the domain name registration as well as the web hosting in ever changing pricing. Over the next 2 years will look at other options from the current provider. Our thanks to Bob for keeping it current.

26/05/SM#4 Motion to Accept Reports as Presented

Dave Wunder

Carried

6. Community reminder – wildlife conservation officers **306-786-1463**

Please notify if you see a bear in the Hamlet or the transfer station site.

7. Dave Wunder spoke on the AED/CPR/Defibrillator

He is thankful there has been no callout this year. He monitors the AED pads and batteries. The group of volunteers has grown, and we will publish the list of participants shortly.

The Hamlet will reimburse anyone willing to take the AED training and stand as a volunteer. We appreciate your service to the community.

Sandra Konkel expressed her appreciation to the Community Association for the winter coffee breaks hosted during the winter months on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It was a nice break. Thank you.

Enjoy making fond memories at Good Spirit Acres.

8. AGM date September 20,2026 1:00pm Spilchen Meadows
There will be vacancies on the Hamlet board. Nomination papers will be on the GSA website shortly.

9. **Adjourn**

26/05/SM#5 Motion to Adjourn

Sandra Konkel

Carried