

**Hamlet of Good Spirit Acres
Annual General Meeting
AGENDA
September 24 , 2022
Spilchen Meadows Camp Kitchen 2:00 pm**

The meeting convened at the camp kitchen at Spilchen Meadows. There were 24 attendees including presenters, and materials were supplied to attendees including the Fire Smart Summary, Community Association News, the current Financial Statement and the 2021 AGM minutes for review.

Call to Order: Chair, Deb Schmidt called the meeting to order at 2:01pm. Hamlet Board members Ron Farrell and Caley Coppicus were present. James Morton, RM representative and Dave Popowich, Municipality Reeve were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and opening remarks: Deb Schmidt welcomed all participants to the meeting and introduced members of the Hamlet Board. Deb then thanked all participants and asked for a motion to accept the proposed meeting agenda.

**Motion 24/09/22 #01– That the agenda be accepted as presented.
Dale Schmidt/Denise Morton
Carried**

2. Review of the September 25,2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes: Deb Schmidt asked for a review of the minutes.

**Motion 24/09/22 #02 – That the AGM minutes of September 25,
2021 be accepted as presented.
Barry Bradshaw/Sandy Konkel
Carried**

3. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a) Speed Bumps – The concerns raised at the Spring information meeting about the addition of seasonal speed bumps at the Spring

Information Meeting have been addressed and the general consensus within the community has been positive and residents feel that they did in fact slow down traffic over the busy summer months. The board feels this matter has now been completed and the speed bumps will continue to be used annually in the Spring/Summer months in the future. The Board also wishes to thank Brandon and Caley Coppicus for setting the speed bumps up in the Spring.

- b) Bayhill Road Repairs – Update on the repairs to be done to Bayhill Road will be included in the Roads and Water report done by Ron Farrell.
4. Barry Bradshaw retirement recognition – Deb Schmidt acknowledged and thanked Barry for the many years (15+) and work that he has done for the Hamlet, he has been an excellent steward and employee. Barry was given the opportunity to speak and he thanked the residents of the community for providing such a great place to work in.
5. New Business
- a) Fire Smart presentation – Board Member Caley Coppicus read the Fire Smart information sheet out to all attendees. Participants were informed of the many measures that can be used for fire prevention on their properties. The Hamlet Board then had a draw for attendees which included prizes of FireSmart items, as well as fire extinguishers. (A copy of the Fire Smart information sheet is attached to these minutes).
6. Reports
- a) Finance (Ron Farrell) – Ron reviewed the most recent financial statement. He reviewed several of the budget line items and expenses and asked for questions, of which there were none presented. (A copy of the current Financial Statement is attached to these minutes)
 - b) Transfer and Maintenance (Caley Coppicus) – The transfer site continues to be in good working order. Caley acknowledged the work of Linus Blackstock and Wayne Dutchnitski and thanked them for their service. Caley also shared the many comments that were made to many community members as well as the Hamlet Board over the summer in regards to the cleanliness and

maintenance of the Hamlet. The Hamlet Board wishes to thank community members for keeping the community in great standing, it is recognised by all. The board will be looking at the replacement of 3 of the regular garbage bins in 2023 due to wear. Reminder to residents that items such as furniture, BBQ's and mattresses are to taken to the RM Transfer Site on Tiny Grid. Winter hours begin on November 1st, 2022. Please check the RM website for updates.

- c) Lights, Lagoon and Website (Deb Schmidt) – The lagoon road continues to be graded on an ongoing basis, with thanks to the RM for that service. Deb informed the attendees of a concern that was raised in regards to the new private campground and where they are sending waste. Participants were informed that the Good Spirit Woods Campground is not using our lagoon for waste removal. Reminder to residents that there is a tag on all light poles with a number to contact in the event of a light that is not working properly. The Hamlet Board thanks Bob Deacon for his continued work on the Hamlet website. Community members are encouraged to check out the website for updates and information.
- d) Roads and water (Ron Farrell) – With the wet spring we had, the channel clearing was very beneficial in the run off and kept the Hamlet from having too many water issues. Reminder to residents that leaves plug the smaller culverts around the hamlet, so Ron asked residents who have a ditch near their property to please try and clean out to help with next years Spring run off. The road crack filling that was done last year worked well. The repairs to be done to Bayhill Road have been contracted out to Federowich Construction and due to work delays will be out sometime in the Fall.
- e) RM Councillor (James Morton) – James greeted the group and thanked attendees for coming. The RM has been steadily working on grading as well as grass cutting. They have also been working on the rebuilding of some roads with the new

mulcher that was purchased. James expressed the employment struggles that have plagued many places of business recently have also been present in the RM. The RM now has many new hires and positions seem to be stabilized going in to the Winter season. He opened the floor up to any questions, Gayle Daum had in regards to Fire and Pump Issues (where can the Hamlet retrieve water from in a fire emergency?). James reminded folks of the discussion from the Spring information meeting where this question was previously raised. Canora Fire and Rescue has purchased a new pump and have been given access to various places in which they can pump water from (dug out, lake, etc). James assured residents that there is sufficient water and attendees agrees that that solution was one they were comfortable with.

- f) RM Reeve (Dave Popowich) – Dave informed attendees that the RM still has about 100 miles of roadway grass to cut, the new mulcher is helping greatly. The work at the south end of Good Spirit Lake on the new culverts for watershed is under way and should be completed soon. As it was a wet year there has been lots of graveling and grading done throughout the RM for road maintenance. Dave then thanked the Hamlet Board as well as James for all of their hard work and for having such a good, clean and welcoming community.

- g) Community Association (Loretta Kopan) – The report was reviewed with attendees. Loretta asked for questions. Denise Morton asked if there were any other winter activities planned for the community besides the Community Christmas Dinner. Loretta didn't know of any that had been planned but after the next Community Association meeting will let everyone know if anything had been planned. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

- h) Good Spirit Market (Lorna Korchinski) – Business was better this year with the Provincial Park and Campground being opened to full capacity. As other businesses have also expressed, the Market has had a hard time finding staff, and as

a result the Winter Hours are unsure at this point as it depends on who Mike can find to help out. The computer systems were changed recently and has been a learning experience but very good for the store. Reminder to residents that any liquor orders you would like the store to make will be done by the case, so before you order make sure you will be able to take the entire amount. Many thanks to the community for their year-round support.

- i) Good Spirit Golf Resort – An invitation to the Golf Course was sent. No representative was present for the meeting.

- j) AED update (Gayle Daum) – Gayle gave a report and demonstration of the AED device to all attendees. Items of note in the report included: 1) In the event of an emergency, 911 is your first call from the location of incident. 2) The fridge magnets have been distributed to community members, and in the event that no one on the magnets can be reached, anyone can access the AED with the lock code: TODAY. 3) They are always looking for more volunteers on the committee, if you are interested please contact Gayle. Reminder that all events are kept confidential. 4) The AED is now registered with the PAD program and as such areas like the golf course, campgrounds and other close areas now have access to the AED. Gayle then demonstrated how to use the AED machine. There are instructions on the machine to show you where to place the pads on a person with their shirt removed. It is very important to remember that when the machine indicates you are to stand clear, please follow and stand far enough away in the event the person's limbs begin to flail.

The Hamlet Board thanks Gayle for the very informative demonstration of the AED device.

**Motion 24/09/22 #03 That the reports be accepted as presented.
Darlene Farrell/Larry Kopan
Carried**

7. Election – Sandra Konkel/ Kathleen Gessner Nomination/ Returning officers

Kathleen Gessner was unable to attend. Sandy Konkel received the application of Glen Bolt for the position of Board Member (4 year Term). As there were no other applications received Glen Bolt will be elected by acclimation.

Motion 24/09/22 #04 Nominations for the Hamlet Board vacancy cease, and that the candidate Glen Bolt fill the vacancy by acclimation.

**Deb Schmidt/Carol Olson
Carried**

- a) Candidate Address – Glen Bolt addressed the attendees and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them in the future.
- b) Ron FARRELL recognition – The Hamlet Board thanked Ron for all his work over the course of his term and the Hamlet Board peers presented him with a gift. Ron then addressed the participants and thanked both the rate payers and Diane Jameson for all her help throughout his term on the board.

8. Confirmation of Spring 2023 information meeting – The tentative date for the Spring Information Meeting will be June 3rd, 2023 at 2pm

**Motion 24/09/22 #05 – Meeting Adjourned at 3:22pm
Barry Bradshaw
Carried**

Respectfully submitted: Caley Coppicus, Hamlet Secretary

**Organized Hamlet of Good Spirit Acres
Statement of Receipts and Payments
01/01/2022 to 08/31/2022**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Revenues			
General Municipal Levy -allotment to GSA		102,680.28	102,680.00
F&C - Custom work GSA	150.00	150.00	
F&C - Permits GSA Campground		6,274.24	4,700.00
Unconditional - Organized Hamlet GSA		18,826.00	18,827.00
Use of Reserves - GSA			45,632.00
Total Revenues:	150.00	127,930.52	171,839.00
Expenditures			
GG - Hamlet Board Indemnity GSA		1,125.00	6,000.00
GG - Cont. - Advertising GSA		216.35	500.00
GG - Hamlet Travel GSA			100.00
GG - Maint. - Stationery & Postage GSA		170.84	100.00
PS - Police - RCMP Levy GSA share 14.8%		7,057.06	5,700.00
PS - Fire - Other - GSA		589.12	200.00
PS -Fire - Canora Distt Fire - GSA 14.8%		8,088.60	8,089.00
TS - Maint. - Salaries - Labourers GSA	2,259.72	10,997.54	17,500.00
TS - Maint. - Benefits - GSA.	348.92	1,124.00	900.00
TS - Maint. - Contract - Contract - GSA		12,269.47	80,000.00
TS - Maint. - Travel Employee Km GSA			100.00
TS - Maint. - Insurance GSA		446.28	400.00
TS - Maint. - Utility - Street Light GSA		5,556.49	8,500.00
TS - Maint. - Materials & Supplies - GSA	171.40	6,734.93	10,500.00
TS - Maint. - Small Tools / Equipt - GSA			250.00
TS - Maint. - Repair/Parts/Tools - GSA	47.59	71.52	1,000.00
TS - Maint. - Oil & Gas - GSA		586.67	500.00
TS - Maint. - Road/Street Signs - GSA		152.64	
TS - Purchase of Cap Assets - Eqpmt GSA		12,200.00	
EH - Cont. - Waste Collection - GSA	1,484.83	5,335.13	13,500.00
EH - Cont. - Weed Control - GSA			500.00
EH - Regional Recycle Bin Levy - GSA		1,307.58	2,600.00
P&D - Grants Watershed Levy GSA 14.8%		2,456.25	2,400.00
R&C - Grants & Contributions - GSA Rec			3,000.00
R&C - Grants - Library GSA share 14.8%	743.49	1,486.98	1,500.00
Discount on Municipal Tax - GSA Hamlet	308.87	6,814.39	8,000.00
Total Expenditures:	5,364.82	84,786.84	171,839.00
Revenue Excess/(Shortfall):			
Total Revenues	150.00	127,930.52	171,839.00
Total Expenses	5,364.82	84,786.84	171,839.00
Revenue Excess (Shortfall)	(5,214.82)	43,143.68	0.00
Good Spirit Acres Hamlet Overall Surplus			
GSA General Reserve - consolidated			90,649.89

Good Spirit Acres Community Association Report to Hamlet Meeting 2022

There are currently eight members considered as the executive committee of the association. We meet as required to plan activities for the community and to purchase and repair as necessary the equipment and facilities at Spilchen Meadows.

Our fiscal year began April 1st 2022 with an opening balance of \$4704.22

Income:	Rentals	275.00	
	Memberships	520.00	
	Pancake Breakfast	315.00	
	Lottery Grant	1 079.50	
	Bingo	1 298.50	
	Donations	105.00	
	Income:		3 593.00
Expenses	Activities	329.08	
	Cleanup	57.10	
	Playground	1 072.80	
	Rink (Hose Reel & lumber)	652.94	
	Building	320.28	
	Pancake Breakfast	131.94	
	Service charges	20.00	
	Bingo	442.00	
	Supplies	94.20	
	Christmas Party Hall	112.00	
	Misc. (copying)	32.60	
	Toilet Seat (cp prize)	40.00	
	Expenses		3 304.94
Current Balance			\$ 4 992.28

We would like to acknowledge Carmen Salkheld for donating the paint for the interior of the building. Next spring we plan to paint the cement floors in the main hall and the washrooms. We are currently replacing the west wall of the skating rink with financial support from the Hamlet board. Poles have been cemented in and the boards, gate, puckboard and netting will be installed in late October. We have also applied for a grant from the Cornerstone Credit Union for the funds to complete the remaining upgrades which would include a ground liner to make flooding more efficient. A new shed was set up in June to house the sporting equipment. Hail on the August long weekend caused some damage to the park. Several holes in the new shed were repaired and the roof on the boat in the playground was replaced.

We would like to thank all of the community members who supported our activities this year.

1. Park Clean up held on May 14th saw approximately 20 people came out to trim trees, paint the boat, refresh the pickleball court, down the old shed at the south side of the playground and much more.
2. A community garage sale was held on July 9th. After some discussion we plan to move to an earlier date next year.
3. The pancake breakfast held on May 28th was very well attended with 63 breakfast meals sold. Many memberships were also sold on this day. By the end of the season we sold 52 memberships.
4. We held two bingos this year. Our first on July 19th had 48 players and our second on August 16th had 54 players.
5. The annual toilet seat golf tournament was held on Sunday, September 11th. We had 29 golfers this year. Our winning team was Perry Wishlow, Karla Gervais, and Wayne Duchnitsky. Last year we started a closest to the pin competition and we awarded the winners of this contest \$20.00 dollars each. (Men and women). A pot luck supper completed this fun day. Our hope is that more members from the community would join us for the potluck next year.
6. We are currently planning for a community Christmas party to be held at the recreation hall at Good Spirit Park on Saturday, November 26th. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m., supper at 6:00 p.m. The function will be catered by Candies Catering from Canora. Tickets will be available at the store. Adults \$25.00 Youth \$15.00 Under 5 free. The community association will subsidize this event at these prices.
7. The Christmas greeting board will be set up for residents to share good wishes. The cost is \$10.00 and residents who are planning to be away can prepay at the store.
8. The camp kitchen at Spilchen meadows is available to be rented until the end of October. The cost is \$40.00.

We welcome community input and encourage suggestions for future projects or events.

Respectfully submitted by: Darlene Farrell, Gilda Walls, Karen Shabatowski, Kathleen Gessner, Sherry Shumay, Loretta Kopan, Leanne Cross and Barb Coleridge

The **Firesmart** program utilizes citizen involvement as a cornerstone of its community recognition program. It is an educational program that assists home owners with helpful fire prevention tips and recommendations for your home or cabin in relation to wild fires. The helpful tips are an investment in the protection of yours and your neighbour's property in the event of a wildfire.

As a Hamlet board we applied for a \$500 grant for the community to bring the safety recommendations to the community. We were successful in our application. We have pamphlets at the back for your review and use and I have prepared a summary to present to you.

The roof is identified as the most vulnerable component of your structure. In today's construction most material is fairly fire resistant. Roof systems are rated into 3 classes specific to the material used. A lack of maintenance or leaving debris is identified as key element that can change that status. It is imperative to remove leaves, twigs from the gutters and roof system as it can be an ignition point for embers. Screening your vents to prevent embers being drawn in is recommended.

Shingles that are old curling and obsolete put your home at higher risk as gaps and missing shingles expose the roof structure.

Your roof is a large surface where combustible debris can accumulate. If a wildfire happens windblown embers can land on your structure and ignite the debris. Plan and schedule regular maintenance to help reduce risk.

Second on the construction list of most flammable material to your dwelling is siding. A smooth profile or simple design leave less places for debris to accumulate and embers to ignite in a wild fire. Screen any exterior vents to prevent access of embers to the interior of the property.

In the event there is a wildfire – close all windows to reduce access of embers. When replacing doors and windows in regular maintenance give consideration to the fire rating of your replacement choices. Non-combustible material is a smart choice. Don't forget to give consideration to the seal on your garage doors, weather stripping is an easy install.

Maintenance of your properties exterior:

It is recommended to review your properties exterior annually

- look at your siding for gaps in the material
- remove stored combustible material (lumber, stored vehicles, branches, grass, leaves and wood piles from exterior walls that may ignite during a wild fire
- inspect your vents for damage and openings
- clean your gutters or eaves troughs – remove debris. Gutter guards installation helps to prevent debris from settling.
- Drip edge on shingles helps protect your roof structures sheathing and fascia
- When replacing gutters and downspouts look for non combustible materials
- Metal drip edge installation

Open eaves create an entry point for embers. Select non combustible

materials like fibre cement board (hardy plank) aluminum soffit and screened fire rate vents when thing about property upgrades.

Decks and Porches

Removal of combustible debris and vegetation on, around and under decks is a key factor in reducing vulnerability to ignition during a wildfire.

Think about the combustible material you store under your deck or porches – this contributes to your properties vulnerability. Slotted deck boards allow debris to accumulate between and below the deck boards. Review and remove unwanted material to protect your property. Think about the shrubs and plantings adjacent to your property for regular maintenance and care. If you can close in the outer openings to prevent an accumulation of debris seasonally and in the event of a wild fire prevent ignition of the same by embers.

Planning a renovation. Give consideration to non-combustible deck material if you are planning a renovation.

Most lawn furniture is combustible. Store these items inside or away from the house if possible

Fences

Wooden fences and board walks create a direct line to your property and may contribute to the spread of wildfire. Wood fences offer zero resistance to fire and may act as a wick directly to your home. A break of 1.5 metres of non-combustible material to your home is a recommendation.

Monitor your fence for damage. Do not stack combustible material near your fence. Review the vegetation planted adjacent to your fence for debris and over growth.

Landscaping

Plant low density shrubs. Avoid having any woody debris, including mulch, and seasonal leaf debris as it is an opportunity for ignition.

A mowed lawn is a fire resistant lawn.

Mulch – it is not recommended to use a bark or pine needle mulch within 10 m of your home. Gravel or crushed rock is an alternative.

Burning barrels or fire pits

Place as far as possible from structures and trees. Keep 3 meters of non-combustible material adjacent to barrels or fire pits. Ensure your pit and barrel have a mesh screen to prevent embers being released.

Check with your municipality for regulations and fire bans before use. some areas require permits.

On site tools

Every home should have accessible shovels, rakes, garden hoses, sprinklers and ladders to assist in suppressing fires.

Power lines should be clear of branches and vegetation. Report excessive growth to the power company for removal.

