

Spring Information Meeting
Hamlet of Good Spirit Acres
May 26, 2023

Spilchen Meadows Community Building – 1:00PM

1. Call to order: Meeting convened at the Spilchen Meadows community building. There were 34 attendees including presenters. Materials supplied to attendees included the Spring Meeting Minutes of 2023, the Hamlet 2024 Budget and Agenda for the meeting. Deb Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. She introduced members of the Hamlet Board, Glen Bolt and Caley Coppicus, as well as welcomed presenters Dave Popowich (RM of Good Lake Reeve), Linus Blackstock (GSA Maintenance Supervisor) and Sean Wilson (Sask Party delegate). James Morton (RM Representative) was unable to attend and left his report to be read by the Board. The GSA Community Association also submitted a report to be read to attendees. An invitation was extended to the Good Spirit Golf Course and the Good Spirit Market, but no representatives were present at the meeting.

2. Review and adoption of Agenda

24/05/#01 That the agenda be accepted as presented.
Sherry Shumay
Carried

3. Reading and Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes (June 3, 2023)

23/05/#02 That Minutes are accepted as presented.
Claire Bolt
Carried

4. Business Arising –

a) Road Repair (Bayhill and Capalano update) – This Spring thaw brought about several pressure heaves and boils to the Bayhill Road repair. In consultation it has been recommended to continue with gravel for another year to mitigate the moisture and to continue to pack the road. The plan is still to pave that section when the base is solid.

b) Transfer Site/ Tiny Grid Transfer Site – Tiny Grid Transfer Site hours are posted on the RM of Good Lake website, as well as on our own GSA website. There is no charge for this site to RM residents so please take advantage of

this for large items such as mattresses etc. On the evening of May 21st, 2024 a young male bear was trapped and relocated to another area by Conservation Officers. As this was not the only recent bear sighting in the area we recommend for residents to not compost for the next little while and be aware that bears and cubs are present between here and the Park.

Please be vigilant when out walking, golfing and enjoying the outdoors. There is a tipline to contact the Conservation Officers that they encourage residents to use to report wild animal activity. By doing so the officers are able to keep both the animal and community members safe.

The tipline number is 1-800-667-7561.

5. Presentations –

- a) Denise Morton (Community Association) –** Letter from newly appointed Chairperson Denise Morton provided, read to attendees by Caley Coppicus. Report Attached. Kathleen Gessner has resigned from the Community Association due to other commitments. Both the Community Association as well as the Hamlet Board wish Kathleen all the best and thank her for her time and service to the community.
- b) Dave Popowich (RM of Good Lake Reeve) –** Dave shared the RM purchased a new grader this year at a very costly expense (\$600,000+). There have been road issues with truckers and having to fix grid roads at a great expense as well. There is still discussion taking place at the proposed amalgamation of the RM of Good Lake, RM of Sliding Hills, RM of Buchanan and RM of Keys, and if this is a viable option. More information will be shared as it is made available. Changes to the culverts at the South end of the lake has been postponed due to budget constraints. The lake levels of Good Spirit Lake will be monitored over the next month to see if more water needs to be let into lake. RM Administrator Diane Jamieson has announced her retirement as of September 30, 2024.
- c) Linus Blackstock (Maintenance Supervisor) –** Maintenance report shared on current events including bear sightings and damage to transfer site (bin lid pushed in by bear), sign replacement for bins at the transfer site as well as future tree trimming work to be done on the corner of Capalano and Heritage Lane re: stop sign obstruction. Larry Kopan asked if additional grass cutting could be done during the current heavy growth period in areas needed and Linus agreed to do so at his discretion. Our thanks to Linus for all his hard work, it is greatly appreciated by all community members.
- d) James Morton (RM Representative – Division 2) –** James was unable to attend the meeting in person as he was out of the country. Caley Coppicus read his provided report to attendees. Report attached.
- e) Sean Wilson (Sask Party Delegate) –** Sean opened with remarks thanking the community for their support for him in the recent election. The Canora

Pelly constituency includes 17 RM's and covers a large land area that Sean looks forward to representing to the best of his ability. For more information on the upcoming provincial election please visit www.elections.sk.ca

f) DN Patel (Good Spirit Market) – Invited to attend but no show.

g) Good Spirit Golf Course – Invited to attend but no show.

The Hamlet Board would like to extend our many thanks to RM Administrator Diane Jamieson for her years of service to the area, and wish her all the best in the future.

6. Reports –

- a) Finance – Glen reviewed the 2024 Budget with attendees.
- b) Transfer and Maintenance – The transfer site is in good working order. The transfer site road will have gravel and grading done to it by RM. Note to residents to check out the new signage/any posted material at the transfer site for clarification on allowable trash.
- c) Lights and Lagoon – Lagoon road and all lights in the Hamlet are in good working order. The recent RM review of the lagoon has shown that we are still good on capacity for the area for at least the next 10 years. If there are any lights out in the community please contact the board or SaskPower with the light serial # (found 3 ft up on the pole on metal plaque).
- d) Roads and Water – At this time the Hamlet has no water issues to report, but with the many Spring storms happening we are watching for drainage issues and ask the community to please check culverts at the front of their property and monitor for any blockages (debris, leaves, etc). The road work completed on Bayhill was successful thus far. As spring thaw caused pressure heaves and frost boils it was recommended to leave the road to gravel for another year to continue to pack the road before paving. Ron Farrell asked about crack sealing to the roads and was ensured that the hamlet would like to have this done but it is a matter of priority and due to our community size we seem to be lower on the list. More updates to give on this as they become available. The speed bumps have been placed throughout the community and the electronic speed sign shared by the Hamlet and neighbouring communities will be placed June 1st on Capalano to mitigate speed infractions in the community.
- e) Website – Regular maintenance and updates are happening to the website as needed. If you would like any information added to the website please contact the Hamlet Board for prior approval before information can be released on the website. Our many thanks to Bob Deacon for all his great work. The website for the Hamlet is goodspiritacres.ca

24/05/#03 To accept reports as presented.

Linus Blackstock

Carried

7. New Business –

- a) **Building Permits** – Reminder to residents to refer to the RM of Good Lake website for building permit information regarding any changes to the footprint of your property and addition of roofed structures over 100 sq ft.
- b) **Animal Control Bylaw** – . Glen BOLT read the RM of Good lake 274 Bylaw specific to pets. He also shared the material reviewed by the Hamlet Board on May 5, 2024. It included animal bylaws from the cities of; Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, and Yorkton. The material also included; information from The Saskatchewan Municipalities Act, The Municipalities Regulations, and professional animal trainer reviews. The key talking point in all this material is;” care and control of the animal”.

NO animal complaints were received by the GSA Hamlet. Contemplation was given to whether this form of pet control was a sign of change in evolution of leashes. Based on thorough information review the Hamlet board’s decision was electronic leashes to be observed as an allowable instrument of control to an animal. The decision to use this device would be a decision made by the pet owner. This was reported in the May 5, 2024 meeting draft minutes.

May 14, 2024. Gayle DAUM and Perry WISHLOW attended the chair’s residence to drop off AED magnets for the Spring information meeting. They identified their concern on the GSA board consideration of electronic leashes and represented other personal neighbour concerns. The board chair offered to set up a meeting to hopefully resolve the differences between the 2 parties. It was refused. The Chair asked if there was anything else the Hamlet board could do? She was told No.

GSA Hamlet complaints are accepted in written format. For residents the Bylaw legislation is available on the RM of Good Lake #274 website. Correspondence will be attached to the minutes for public review.

On **May 16, 2024**, a written letter of complaint was received from DAUM/WISHLOW, and a request was made to have their letter read at the Spring meeting. (letter attached). The Bylaw on animal control became an Agenda item for the Spring information meeting. The letter of complaint was forwarded to the RM of Good Lake 274.

Gayle DAUM read her letter at the meeting. She also read several other letters. The Hamlet board has not been provided copies so they are not attached for public review. James MORTON, the RM representative, was unable to attend but left a letter and report to be read at the meeting. (attached). John Kachur, dog owner, submitted a letter on electronic leashes. (attached) The attendees debated the bylaw. Dave Popowich, Reeve of the Rm of Good Lake, identified they were seeking legal opinion on electronic leashes and that he would get back to the Hamlet with that information when received. Until that

legal opinion is received traditional leashes are recommended by the GSA Hamlet board.

Without exemption, we are all to observe the Bylaws of the RM of Good Lake, and the Municipalities Act of Saskatchewan.

The GSA Hamlet board is comprised of volunteer community elected delegates. We are not employees, we are your neighbors. As stewards of the community, we are an oversight committee. Like yourselves, we invested in our properties to enjoy the lifestyle and amenities the community and region has to offer. We have an amazing community – let's embrace Summer 2024 and have fun!

8. AGM Date – Scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd, 2024 at 1pm.

23/05/#04 Motion to Adjourn

Linus Blackstock

Time 2:46pm

Respectfully submitted: Caley Coppicus, Hamlet Secretary