

BPOA 2025 AGM Minutes
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025
Alberto Aiello Park

Board Members Present:

Executive Team

Shannon Husain, President
Mike Thompson, Vice President
Dan Ganas, Treasurer
Absent: Lorraine Hay, Secretary

Members at Large:

Larry Ulrich, Michelle Schofield, Mike Ethier, Glenn Lepp

An additional 17 community residents were present and names recorded.

Meeting commenced at 10:05 AM.

1. Approve 2024 AGM minutes - Shannon Husain

- Motion to approve and move forward made 1st by Dan Ganas and 2nd by Glenn Lepp
- No business arose and motion carried with all in favor that minutes be approved

2. President's Report - Shannon Husain

- Welcome and Important Community Reminders
 - Valley Fiber line installation throughout community. Any questions or concerns can be made directly to their customer service or to us and we can help to get them answered.
 - Fire Ban is now lifted but we continue to urge residents and visitors to use caution while having a fire and follow the RM bylaws around ATV/ORV use. Fireworks are only permitted with a permit through the Victoria Beach Fire Dept.
 - No questions/discussion arose

3. Treasurer's Report - Dan Ganas

- Finance update was provided. Actual closing bank balance as of May 31 was 17,027.01. There are \$7,110.30 Funds in Reserve dedicated to special projects leaving us an operating balance of \$9,916.71.
- Motion to approve and move forward made 1st by Michelle Schofield and 2nd by Magel Fournier.
- No business arose and motion carried with all in favor that minutes be approved

4. Events – Shannon Husain (on behalf of Agnes McMurdo)

- June 21 (Saturday) - Emergency Preparedness Speaker POSTPONED DUE TO LOW SIGN-UPS – Hoping to reschedule to August.
- July 5 (Saturday) - Family Fun Event (in recognition of Canada Day) - I hope you and your family can partake in the biggest event our little community has to offer. Wear your Caribbean or Mexican clothes to get in the spirit. We have hired a Latin dancer to come show us a few moves!
- July 12 (Saturday) - Speaker on Co-Existing with Bears - Help boost our attendance numbers by signing up here – at the end, you can come sign up at the front here.
- August 9 (Saturday) - Halloween Night
- August 16 (Saturday) - Speaker on Advocacy & Action for Lake Winnipeg – at the end, you can come sign up at the front here.
- August 30 (Saturday) - Community Bike Rally

5. Membership Program – Shannon Husain

- As of today, we have 81 cottage memberships signed up for the 2025-2026 year, which helps contribute \$2,430 towards events and operational costs within our community. An additional \$740 came in through the membership program as donations towards the Community Improvement Fund. Thank you!!!
- We are sitting at approx. 35% of our total support area so there is definitely room to grow. We have brochures and sign-up forms up here if you want to grab one on your way out.
- Congratulations to our Early Bird Winner, Kim Dreiger, for winning \$100 to spend at Thomson Crossing Community Store.

6. Community Projects Update – Mike Thompson

- In the Park (since last AGM)
 - a) Picnic Shelter
 - b) 1 more bench and an accessible picnic table
 - c) Shoreline boulder reinforcement
 - d) New road/park partition, labour courtesy of Glenn Lepp & his friend
 - e) New Park Gate and Sign
 - f) All of this was possible through the 2024 RM Grant and remaining Provincial grant and community donations
 - g) Next up is the install of a Playground Spinner (later today) and Sponsor Wall. We are also getting donated sand from Freestyle Landscaping to boost up low spots under/around play structure and the swings. Volunteers will be called upon once a delivery date is confirmed.

- Around the Community (since last AGM)
 - a) Street Sign & Flower Box Refurbishment
 - This summer we have already started replacing some of our worst shaped locations including on Wexford, Clonakilty, Kenmare, Donegal and Westland & Lunney.
 - Most of our funding did not come in through the latest RM grant submission so we are looking at pushing some of the work into 2026, shifting budget dollars and cleaning up some corners ourselves that require less work.
 - Thank you to Bob Kovachik of Pebble Springs Bed & Breakfast for his handy work in building our new boxes.
 - We will be launching a Plaque Sponsorship program ("In Memory of" or as a Family Name Sponsorship) soon to help fund more Street Sign/Flower Box improvements.
 - Help is needed to fill boxes with soil, prepare more sites in the late summer, and remove debris. Christine and Magel Fournier have volunteered.
 - b) Greenspace (old tennis courts)
 - We have approval from the RM to do a low maintenance/low impact recreation space in the Greenspace off of Lakeview drive. We have applied for a grant, which we will know if we made the cut by July this year.
 - If our grant comes through, we will be putting together a planning committee and conducting community engagement to gather feedback on the space development and address concerns.
 - c) Other Maintenance Updates
 - The fire ban has been lifted and we can now use a quad to pull the harrow through the sand in the park. Glenn Lepp has volunteered to do this.
 - RM public works manager Jason Green says new rocks for the boat ramp in the park will be coming soon. Dead trees in the park will possibly be cleared out in the winter. Green space brushing will take place in the fall or next year. They are still catching up with grass cutting after delay due to the fire ban.

7. Board Update – Shannon Husain

- Current Board members and community volunteers were thanked for all their time and energy.
- We are currently not making any immediate Board changes that require a vote today.
- We are saying goodbye to a few Members at Large including Francene and Kelly Shields as well as Larry Ulrich. Thank you for your time and efforts on the Board. You will be missed.
- This will be the last year for a couple of key positions on the Board. Agnes McMurdo will be stepping down as Events Committee Chair after our summer events are over, and Dan Ganas will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of this year. Both of these roles have been critical to our success as a Board so we truly are grateful that they continue to give their time and energy to helping our Board and community.
- We are already starting to recruit for these roles so that we can have a smooth transition in the New Year.
- The BPOA welcomed in two new Members at Large: Kirk Johnson and Arleigh Andrushak. Welcome!

8. Special Guest

- Ward Counselor, Gordon Kaye provided an update:
 - a) Harry Craig boat launch in Hillside Beach has a very low water level, which is contributing to new weed growth that is causing issues with boat motors and the dredger. Recommend avoiding that area or use with caution.
 - b) Reminder about lifting of fire ban and continued use of caution with equipment and contained fires.
 - c) Hillside Development is still ongoing.
 - d) The main RM building in St Georges, has structural issues and needs renovations.
 - e) The Mill Rate has dropped to help offset rising property taxes.
 - f) May be additional funds to help with our community projects.
 - g) Wildfire Management Committee focus shifted due to time needed to deal with active wildfires. Resident inquired about the dead Jack Pines in Belair. Gord indicated they are looking into what kind of effort/cost that would entail.
 - h) A consultant advised that a fire break is needed at Hwy 59 and 11 to avoid excessive spread of wildfire, should it occur there. The RM is looking into building an Emergency building along with a fire break but they are dealing with nuances with the province.

9. General business

- Opened up the floor for questions but none arose.
- Resident provided thanks to the Board for their time and efforts.

10. Close of meeting at 10:44 AM