

OHDB Board Report June 30, 2024 to May 21, 2025

Summary of the Past Year

During the period since the last Annual Meeting, your Hamlet Board has dealt with a number of matters and various RM of Meota communication requests. Detailed below is some information that we think you will find interesting

Municipal Election

In November 2024 the RM of Meota held an election for Reeve and the Councillors for Division 1, 3 and 5.

The Council of the RM of Meota is now

Reeve	Gil Cadrin		
Div 1	Roy Dussault	Div 2	Keith Gregson
Div 3	Mark Carlson	Div 4	Gary Heidel
Div 5	Kristen Carver	Div 6	Jodie Gabruck

Assessment Valuation

2024 was a complete assessment revaluation year for the Province of Saskatchewan. In April 2025 all property owners were sent a property assessment notification which will tell you the details of your individual property's valuation. At the same time your Board received the estimated taxable assessment for 2025 which showed an increase of 17% which was higher than we anticipated when we set the 2025 budget and associated mill rate. In order to ensure that we only raise the tax revenue we budgeted for, the RM of Meota is allowing all hamlets to submit a revised mill rate by May 31st. Your Board has asked for our 2025 mill rate to be reduced to 2.25. We expect this revised mill rate to be approved at the June 4th RM Council meeting.

Organized Hamlet Agreement (previously known as the Financial Agreement)

In May 2025 your Hamlet Board signed an agreement that defines the financial obligations and responsibilities of both the Hamlet and the RM. This agreement replaced the Financial Agreement that was signed in July 2022.

The agreement was updated to reflect the amendments to The Municipalities Act that were passed in 2024 and did not change significantly except in the following areas:

Projects, Capital Purchases and improvement expenses – The amount of unbudgeted expenses that the Hamlet Board can approve without taking the matter to a vote at the AGM or capital

ballot increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The \$5,000 limit has been in place for over 10 years and was considered too low. Your board does not anticipate this change having any impact on how we communicate with residents and bring projects forward for approval.

Protective Services costs – In 2026 the RM is changing from levying a Protective Services base tax to allocating the Protective Services costs (RCMP, Fire and CSO) to the hamlets. In 2025, similar to previous years, property owners will be charged a Protective Services base tax of \$135 and in 2026 the costs will be in the hamlet's budget so therefore covered by the mill rate. The cost allocated to our hamlet will be \$100 per property so property owners will be paying \$35 less per property on average.

Lagoon expense – The agreement requires the RM to determine a cost allocation methodology by December 31, 2025 and lagoon expenses to be included in the hamlet's 2027 budget.

2024 Capital Ballot

In fall 2024 we had a capital ballot where your Board asked for authority on two items. They were:

1. Authorize the Hamlet Board for the Organized Hamlet of Day's Beach to set a 2025 mill rate up to a maximum of 2.7 to raise the \$6,000 cost of the East Parking Area Project approved at the 2024 AGM.
2. Authorize the Hamlet Board for the Organized Hamlet of Day's Beach to present a 2026 budget and associated mill rate that assumes all interest earned on the reserve funds are contributed to the Hamlet reserve and not used to cover annual operating expense.

The results of the Capital ballot were as follows:

	Ballots received (101 sent)	% of Ballots received	In Favour	%	Against	%
Funding for East Parking Area	46	45	34	74%	12	26%
2026 Budget	46	45	38	83%	8	17%

Your Board took the following actions:

1. Your Board did not have to increase the 2025 Mill Rate to cover the costs of the East Parking Area Project done in 2024. The costs were offset by savings in other expense areas in 2024.
2. In the 2026 budget, to be discussed at the 2025 AGM, all interest earned is shown as a contribution of the Hamlet Reserve

Hamlet Policies

On May 22nd, 2025 your Board amended our Board Member Policy to reflect the change made in the Municipalities Act reducing Board Member terms from four to three years. The revised policy is available for review upon request of the Board.

RM of Meota Policies

Hamlet Volunteer Safety Policy – This policy clarifies that Hamlet volunteers are not covered by Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation if they are injured while in the act of performing

volunteer work. The Hamlet Board is required to present this policy at each Annual General Meeting and make a motion as evidence that it was presented.

Update of issues highlighted last year not addressed in other meeting materials:

Planning and Development Expenses

Planning and Development expenses continue to be charged to hamlets and we have very little control over them. There has been no change to the system so the Hamlet, not the applicant, continues to bear the majority of the costs of processing development permits.

Your Board will continue to work with the RM to reduce these expenses but requests that you help to minimize them by ensuring you and your contractors get the necessary permits for any work you want to have done on your property so the Hamlet is not fined or charged for enforcement activities resulting from unpermitted development. Also be aware that if you are asking a questions and are referred to Northbound Planning we will be charged for the time spent answering the question. If possible speak to the RM's Development Coordinator, Kyla Sitter.

Wastewater management/ Sewage Lagoon

The issue of wastewater/sewage lagoon costs is once again being actively discussed by the RM. We currently expect the matter to be considered and a proposal to be presented to the Hamlets in April 2026 and a charge to be included in our 2027 expenses. We will discuss this issue when we review our 2027 budget at the 2026 Annual General Meeting on June 28th, 2026

Board Meetings – in-person, telephonic or via zoom

Your Board held 8 meetings in the period June 30th, 2024 and May 21st, 2025. The minutes of these meetings will be available for review at the Annual Meeting and are posted on DaysBeach.com when they have been approved.

Day's Beach Update emails sent

<u>Date sent</u>	<u>Main Topics</u>
May 31 st	2024 Annual General Meeting materials
June 25 th	2024 Annual General Meeting reminder
July 24 th	2024 AGM draft minutes
Sept 30 th	Information regarding the Capital ballot
Jan 24 th	Notification of a potential water leak
Jan 26 th	Notification water leak has been found
May 3 rd	Fire ban & AGM meeting notification
May 11 th	Seasonal Water has been turned on
May 29 th	2025 Annual General Meeting materials (planned distribution date)