

OHDB Board Report

June 30, 2025 to May 31, 2026

Summary of the Past Year

Since the last Annual Meeting, there have been no issues that required your Hamlet Board to deal with the RM of Meota (RM). The RM formed to two committees in the year that impacted our hamlet, the Lake Water Testing Committee and the Lagoon Committee, and there was OHDB representation on both committees. Detailed below is some information about the committees and some other matters that we think you will find interesting.

Municipal Election

In 2025 the RM held an election for the Councillor of Division 3. Don Johnson was elected.

The Council of the RM is now

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

In November 2026 there will be an election for the Division 2, 4, 6 Councillors. If you want to vote and won’t be physically in the RM of Meota please remember to register to vote by mail

Lake Water Testing Committee – The objective of the committee was to develop a structured and sustainable sampling program that fits the needs of the community and does not duplicate efforts or infringe on the responsibilities of other stakeholders. The committee work is ongoing.

Lagoon expenses – In the fall of 2025 the RM established a Lagoon Committee to determine a cost allocation methodology for lagoon expenses and to consider how to pay for any lagoon repairs or replacement when they become necessary. Colleen was a member of the Lagoon Committee. After consideration of the various lagoons used by the RM’s ratepayers the Cochin Lagoon was identified as the only one that isn’t independently managed so needed to be reviewed by the Lagoon Committee

The license to operate the Cochin Lagoon is issued to The Resort Village of Cochin (Cochin) however the lagoon is jointly managed by Cochin and the RM. The annual operating cost of the Cochin Lagoon is small and has historically been covered by the nominal access fee paid by the sewage haulers and dump/usage fees have not been levied. The users of the Cochin Lagoon

were identified as Cochin, 8 Organized Hamlets¹ of the RM of Meota and a very small number of Ag properties. After consideration of the current operating costs and estimated life of the current lagoon the committee proposed that all properties in Cochin and in the 8 Organized Hamlets be charged a sewage utility fee of \$85 per year. The funds collected will be deposited in a designated reserve account governed by the Joint Capital Reserve Agreement to provide funds for any necessary repairs and the eventual replacement of the Cochin Sewage lagoon.

Both the Cochin Council and the RM of Meota Council accepted the committee's proposal and have passed bylaws to charge all impacted properties a sewage utility fee in 2026.

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 discussed last year:

Hamlet Speed Limit – During the 2025 AGM there was a poll to determine what the residents of the hamlet wanted the speed limit to be. The results of last year's polls were to reduce the speed limit to 20 km was Yes – 26 and No – 23 with a slight preference for the reduced speed limit to be seasonal. Accordingly, your board investigated the cost and feasibility of the various options and concluded that it would require a lot of volunteer time to have a seasonally variable speed limit and deemed it untenable.

After this decision was made, the board considered maintaining a 30 km speed limit versus changing to a 20 km speed limit and concluded that to change the speed limit we would need an official vote at an AGM. It should also be noted that if the speed limit is reduced, we would not be eligible for additional enforcement to ensure people follow the new speed limit.

At this time your board recommends that we maintain a speed limit of 30 km and implement additional traffic calming measures.

The new traffic calming measures that have already been implemented are:

- Installation of 4 additional Children at Play signs
- Installation of 2 Hearing Impaired Children at Play signs
- Installation of an additional speed bump.

¹ OH of Maymont Beach, Sleepy Hollow, Pelican Point, Summerfield, Trevesa, Day's Beach, West Chatfield and Lanz Point.

Your board is also investigating the use of solar power radar speed limit signs. The cost of these signs vary but are usually greater than \$1,000 so we plan to apply for an SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Grant to purchase the signs.

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 a slight change to the system so the applicant pays a fee related to the size of their proposed building but the hamlet 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. Also be aware that if you are asking a question and are referred to Northbound Planning we will be charged for the time spent answering the question. If possible speak to Wanda Boon, Deputy CAO as the RM’s Development Coordinator, Kyla Sitter is on maternity leave until Spring 2027.

Board Meetings – in-person, telephonic or via zoom

Your Board held 6 meetings in the period June 30th, 2025 and May 31st, 2026. 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 29 th , 2025	2025 Annual General Meeting materials
June 26 th , 2025	2024 Annual General Meeting reminder
July 24 th , 2025	Introduction of Jocelyn Bear
July 28 th , 2025	2025 AGM draft minutes
Feb 22 nd , 2026	Notice from Interlake
Feb 24 th , 2026	Notification of Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory
Mar 6 th , 2026	Boil Water Advisory Rescinded