

## QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL FROM AIM

### Questions asked during meeting

1. What is the area for annexation? Parcel #1 – 14 Acres South side of Grand Ave and west of Range Road 15. Parcel #2 – 35 Acres between parcel #1 and park at end of Grand Ave. (Where horses were). Parcel #3 -7.78 Acres on west side of Last Chance Way.
2. Why are we annexing? Started by a previous Council and at the time of application it was seen as a way to prevent the Town of Sylvan Lake from surrounding us and potentially annexing us. (which may happen someday anyway) and to have a say in how that land is developed.
3. Capacity for sewer with annexation? 125 lots.
4. Capacity for Half Moon Bay to tie into Norglenwold line? None. It was never designed that way.
5. Mill rate comparison between Town of Sylvan Lake and Summer Village? Is it tracked? What is the difference? A) .0057440 Town of Sylvan Lake / .0023382 Norglenwold B) No. C) During the budget process every year, Council approves the amount of revenue required to operate the municipality. From this amount they subtract the known revenues, such as grants, licenses or other sources of income. The remainder represents the amount of money to be raised by property taxes. The amount to be raised is divided by the total value of all the property in the municipality and multiplied by 1,000 to decide the tax rate also known as the mil rate. The calculation expressed as an equation is as follows:

amount to be raised	$\times 1,000 = \text{Mil Rate}$
<hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/> total taxable assessment	

The difference would be both the number of properties in the assessment values of the municipality and also the amount of services required in the municipalities.

6. Will Council be using a different consultant from previous for the Open Space Master Plan? Yes, we will be using a different consultant.
7. RR 20 being used to capacity as boat launch and so much garbage being thrown around there, what is the plan for RR 20? A) The Province will not allow any of our unofficial boat launches to be closed until such time as there are at least 3 boat launches with adequate parking. B) We will

try to have public works check area and pick up garbage early each week.

8. Will Lacombe County be building another boat launch site? We cannot speak to the Counties plans. We have heard that they purchased some land for a boat launch but will not proceed without financial support from the other 7 Municipalities on the lake.
9. What is the plan for all the garbage at RR 20? We will try to have public works check the area and pickup garbage early each week.
10. Can garbage cans be put out at RR 20 and Summer Village staff empty every Monday? We are fearful that garbage cans may turn into garbage dumps. We will try a test run with a garbage can.
11. Can public works clean at RR 20 each week during summer? Same as above.
12. Can RR 20 be monitored by the Summer Village with cameras? Yes, but how much do you want to spend.
13. What is being done with fence put up by resident beside Sylvan Lane who has a private fence on the reserve? Fence is gone.
14. Can boat launch be included in IDP? Should have controlled access, be pay per use, be gated, have set hours, manned by someone) Had general discussions, not finalized yet.
15. What is the purpose of the IDP? The purpose of the Sylvan Lake IDP is to replace the Sylvan Lake Management Plan because the original intent of this earlier plan was to create an Intermunicipal Development Plan; however, that was not realized at the time. The Intermunicipal Development Plan is a formal, statutory plan and focused on land-based decisions in the Plan Area (broader than the watershed). The Intermunicipal Development Plan is focused on setting clear expectations and agreements as to: - how development will proceed in the Plan Area; - how the environment will be protected; - what support services including recreation, infrastructure and programming will be required to accommodate the development; and – how the Partner Municipalities will continue to work together in the future. Mandated by the province under the new Municipal Development Act. To have a high-level Statutory Plan to regulate development in the plan area (area abutting sylvan lake) what do we want for future development and who pays for it.
16. Does the IDP say there must be 3 boat launches around Sylvan Lake? No.
17. Is there a charge for using the boat launch in Sunbreaker Cove? Not at present time.
18. What is the Town of Sylvan Lake's position on the boat launch? That's for the town to answer.
19. Will the Town of Sylvan Lake contribute to the cost of building another boat launch? That's for the town to answer.
20. Is the Summer Village putting aside money for a boat launch? No.
21. Can the unofficial boat launches be closed after a proper boat launch is built? Too early to tell.

22. Can reserve lands be sold to raise money to build a boat launch? **Yes, if that's the will of residents.**
23. Where are the sewer costs now and where are they expected to be in the future? **This year should have been \$725.00/residence, shortfall \$275/residence, came from reserves. Expected to equalize and then come down in 2022 when Sylvan enters single payer model.**
24. How do you determine between full-time and part-time users? **We have chosen not to. Everyone has hookups and everyone pays.**
25. Have there been a lot of issues with pumps failing? **Not that we are aware of.**
26. How does the Summer Village have so many unenforceable bylaws? **Lack of proper enforcement and how much \$ are we prepared to spend.**
27. Where is the Peace Officer contracted out of? **Town of Sylvan Lake – RCMP, Protective Services Building.**
28. What issues are common to all Summer Villages with bylaw enforcement? **Dogs, parking and development.**
29. Can the villages share costs for legal opinion on bylaws? **No. We are each too different while we look for savings where we can.**
30. Why was the survey about trailers on lots sent out? What is the issue? **That was only for Sunbreaker Cove.**
31. Is there an Air B&B bylaw in place? **Vaguely covered in the Land Use Bylaw.**
32. Why can't residents reach a bylaw officer and why is he no visible in the Summer Village on the weekends? **Brett Baltzer, Municipal Enforcement Community Peace Officer. Main Phone: 403-858-7280, Fax: 403-858-7281, sylvanlake.ca. Also posted on bulletin board.**

#### Questions submitted to the office

33. Why is the Summer Village billing Fortis for access? This cost us more and Fortis passes on this cost, plus the cost of processing to residents. If you need the few dollars more just put it on the existing tax rate or stop taxing via the back door. **Put in place by a previous Council. You're right it is another tax (which we have not raised) but it is also a means to put money in reserves to cover other shortfalls.**
34. There is not any Council person contact or emergency contacts information available. **How much are we prepared to spend? We had staff on call to answer the phone after hours and weekends and after 6 months we felt the \$55,000.00 cost was too high.**
35. Is there still applied a 3% surcharge on taxes paid by credit card? **Only applies to Plastiq feature online.**

36. What happened to Phyllis? Why is she no longer the CAO? **The five Summer Villages agreed it was time for a new Chief Administrative Officer, we needed a different style of management.**
37. Who is responsible for removal of dead trees on the reserve? **Public Works is while working within our budget.**
38. Is there a possibility of having fire hydrants put in the village? Insurance rates are very high without them. **Not at this time, too cost prohibitive. Eventually when we get water service is should be available.**
39. Financial Assets – Due from Summer Villages – why are the other Summer Villages not repaying Norglenwold? **From the initial purchase of the office. This represents the extra funds that we put up for the purchase of the shared building. This was structured this way because we had grant money available, so rather than let these grants expire, we put up extra funds to purchase the office. See note #3 to 2018 financial statement below.**

**3. DUE FROM SYLVAN SUMMER VILLAGES**

	2018	2017
#39 Half Moon Bay	\$ 70,812	\$ 70,812
Jarvis Bay	70,812	70,812
Birchcliff	70,812	70,812
Sunbreaker Cove	70,812	70,812
	<b>\$ 283,248</b>	<b>\$ 283,248</b>

The Summer Village and the Summer Villages of Jarvis Bay, Halfmoon Bay, Sunbreaker Cove, and Birchcliff entered into a Co-ownership Agreement ("the Agreement") dated July 12, 2013. Under the terms of this Agreement each of the five Summer Villages has a 20% interest in the Administration Building. As required by the Agreement the Summer Villages of Halfmoon Bay, Jarvis Bay, Sunbreaker Cove, and Birchcliff each made initial contributions of \$25,000 with the Summer Village of Norglenwold contributing the balance. The Summer Village's share of the building costs less its \$25,000 initial contribution represents the balance owing to the Summer Village of Norglenwold. If the five Summer Villages elect to sell the building, each of the Summer Villages will proportionately receive their initial contribution and the remaining proceeds will be divided equally. Under the terms of the Agreement the five Summer Villages share regular maintenance, utilities, and insurance equally.

40. Financials – Note 7 – how did our reserves increase so much from 2017 to 2018? **The Province informed us that we had too much money unrestricted surplus. So, we had to reallocate funds into separate Reserve accounts such as environment, roads, recreation etc. The actual \$ amount in 2017 was \$2,236,883, The actual \$ amount in 2018 was \$2,296,234 which amounts to an increase of \$59,351 for 2018. These pools of funds can be adjusted annually at budget time to suit our changing needs. See note 6 and 7 below.**

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6. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
	2018	2017
Unrestricted surplus	\$ 68,553	\$ 790,025
Restricted surplus		
Operating reserves (Note 7)	250,000	536,045
Capital reserves (Note 7)	1,977,681	910,813
Equity in tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)	3,078,262	3,156,988
	<b>\$ 5,374,496</b>	<b>\$ 5,393,871</b>

  

7. RESERVES		
	2018	2017
<b>Operating Reserves</b>		
General contingencies	\$ 250,000	\$ 536,045
<b>Capital Reserves</b>		
Environment	\$ 1,410,411	\$ 894,613
Roads	286,045	-
Recreation	276,225	12,800
Information technology & facilities	5,000	3,400
	<b>\$ 1,977,681</b>	<b>\$ 910,813</b>

41. What is the rationale behind such high reserves? Contingencies – to save toward replacement of all assets at the end of their life cycle and to have cash to cover our share of future infrastructure (water service, etc.)
42. How much has been spent on past consultants, planners and administration for open spaces and reserve efforts? More information to come.
43. How much has been expended on each of the various reserves that have been “improved”? What are the annual costs of maintaining each of the improved reserves/open spaces? Same as above.