



## Facing the Future

### **2025 ANNUAL REPORT & AGM**

October 16 - 17th, 2025







# MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings for the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta's (ASVA's) 67th Annual Conference and AGM – Facing the Future.

Summer villages offer Albertans a unique place to call home, seasonally or yearround. They are an important part of our history, having been an institution here for
almost as long as Alberta has been a province. I deeply appreciate the efforts of
ASVA members to represent the needs of these resort communities and achieve
strong local government. I hope this event is a valuable opportunity to network with
colleagues, discuss the issues important to your residents and the environments in
which they live, and plan for tomorrow.

Thank you to ASVA leadership for ensuring members can enjoy this annual forum, and for your commitment to advocacy, communication and education.

Enjoy your time in Edmonton, and don't forget to make some time to enjoy the local sights and attractions. Best wishes for a productive conference.







### Message from ASVA President Mike Pashak



The theme of this year's conference is "Facing the Future".

The timing for this theme could not be better.

It was an election year, and we now have new Councils in every Summer Village, all facing the next four years together. I have heard that there is a good mix of new and returning elected officials.

Thank you to everyone for your service to your community.

As with all municipal governments, Summer Villages are the closest government to our residents. We play a vital role in delivering services, planning for the future, and ensuring the well-being of our communities. What makes us unique from other municipal governments is that we are also the closest government to our lakes, making us environmental stewards of those lakes. We must continue to actively engage in conservation efforts, promote sustainable practices, and advocate for the long-term health of that ecosystem for present and future generations.

The ASVA continues to be busy representing Summer Villages in our engagement with all levels of government on our shared priorities, such as infrastructure funding, invasive species, lake health, and municipal governance. We support your Summer Village and CAO's by acting as a data hub and repository for ideas, policies, bylaws, and other documents or information useful to your Summer Village.

Many of you heard this statement from me during Elected Officials Training and Orientation this summer, and I truly believe it.

The continued viability of all Summer Villages depends on good governance, sound finances, and a great relationship with our neighbors, the Municipal Districts and Counties surrounding us.

I would also like to recognize the work of the ASVA Board of Directors and our Executive Director. Their passion and commitment to represent the interests of all Members is outstanding. We have a great team, and I look forward to another successful year.

Mike Pashak



# Message from ASVA's Executive Director



I would like to congratulate and welcome all the newly elected officials from the 2025 Summer Village Elections, and to say thank you to everybody for joining us at this year's conference.

It's been two and a half years since I became ASVA's Executive Director. I enjoy working with the Executive Team and Board Members, where we are growing together as a team, and continue being a support group and advocate for the Summer Villages.

Forty-nine (49) Summer Villages remain members of the ASVA. ASVA and the Summer Villages remain optimistic that the more the province hears this, that it continues sending that message how strong, viable and efficient Summer Villages are.

#### 2025 has been a busy year for the ASVA. A few highlights include:

- ASVA hosted one (1) Summer Village CAO Focus Group session
- 2nd CAO Focus Group Session is planned for the first week of November
- Delivered Part One of the EO Training for twelve (12) Summer Villages, SVLSACE, and organized an EO Training session in Leduc with Brownlee LLP as the presenter for fourteen (14) Summer Villages.

I look forward to continuing to be a part of the ASVA team, and working with the Board on initiatives, and set goals together as one. ASVA endures to serve and represent the interests of the Summer Villages in Alberta.

If you have any questions, or interest, in becoming an ASVA Board Member, please reach out to any of the Board Members or myself, we will be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of the ASVA by attending our 67th Annual Conference, October 16 & 17, 2025, and look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Sincerely,

Kathy Krawchuk, CLGM Executive Director, ASVA



#### 2025 ASVA Board of Directors



PRESIDENT MIKE PASHAK Half Moon Bay Sylvan Lake



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Pigeon Lake



**TREASURER ROB DICKIE**Betula Beach
Wabamun Lake



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KATHY KRAWCHUK

# ON BEHALF OF THE ASVA THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS 2024-2025



GARY BURNS - SUMMER VILLAGE OF HORSESHOE BAY ASVA BOARD RETIREMENT - JANUARY 31, 2025



### 2025 ASVA Board of Directors





**KIM BANCROFT** Island Lake Baptiste Lake



**GARY BURNS**Horseshoe Bay
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# ASVA and the History of Summer Villages

## For over a hundred years, Alberta's lakeshore properties have been purchased for cottage use.

Summer Villages were formed in Alberta out of a desire by cottage owners in recreational subdivisions to govern themselves. Over the decades, these municipalities have provided Albertans with an opportunity to effectively manage both their resort communities and the environment within which they were located.

When Gull Lake, the oldest summer village, was incorporated in March 1913, the document of incorporation identified a plan of addition to "Gull Lake Summer Resort".

When Provincial Statute Chapter 39 established the Summer Village of Lakeview in October 1913, it severed the cottage area from the Village of Wabamun.





On November 5, 1958, supported by the Itaska Summer Village Council, Charles D. Denney organized the first meeting of thirty-three (33) individuals representing eleven (11) summer villages. The organization known today as the **Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA)** was launched.

In 1977, the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization within the Province of Alberta.

In 1955, the Provincial Government introduced and passed Bill 32, the Municipal Government Amendment Act, which removed Sections 77(b) and 79 from the new Municipal Government Act, which had been passed in 1994. The removal of these sections eliminated the provision which permitted the formation of new summer villages. Today, there still remains 51 of the original summer villages in Alberta.

The ASVA works towards the successful accomplishment of their objectives with a Board of Directors made up of elected officials from the member summer villages. Although, Directors sit on a number of external committees, the ASVA has two (2) sub-committees reporting to the Board of Directors, being that of the Lake Stewardship Committee that focuses on Cynabacteria and Aquatic Invasive Species and the Conference Organizing Committee.

Updated March 2024



# ASVA: Supporting the Needs of Summer Villages

#### **ASVA - Who We Are**

The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta was established in 1958 and later as a not-for-profit municipal organization in 1977. We have 96% membership of all 51 Summer Villages located in Alberta. We are here to serve and represent the interests of Summer Villages in Alberta.

#### **VISION**

Summer Villages are sustainable, year-round municipalities that are a well-respected, recognized level of government and advocate on behalf of our lakes and river environments.

#### **MISSION**

Inspire and support Summer Villages to achieve strong and effective local government through advocacy, communication, and education.

#### GOALS "ACE" - Advocacy, Communication, and Education

#### A- ADVOCACY

- Advocacy / Liaison with Provincial Government -meet with government to advocate for solutions that support summer villages and promotes the collective position of summer villages to decision makers, members and stakeholders.
- Participation on Provincial Issues and Initiatives -ASVA partners with all levels of government, municipalities, industry, stakeholder groups, to resolve issues /challenges.
- 3. Advocate summer villages working together to build common solutions.
- Effectively and transparently manage the ASVA as a highprofile municipal association accepted and recognized by our sister associations, other municipalities, and the provincial government.

#### **C-COMMUNICATION**

- 5. ASVA provides useful, reliable information tailored to the specific needs of summer villages.
- ASVA keeps up-to-date on social media as a tool for communications (website, etc.)

#### **E-EDUCATION**

- Organizing Annual Conference bring together skills, provide experts to advise on governance and stewardship.
- ASVA provides access to a variety of resources (e.g. bylaw templates).
- 9. ASVA supports solutions that help summer villages meet their sustainable objectives.
- 10. ASVA provides education resources to support summer villages in their role as environmental stewards.

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- WHISPERING HILLS
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- YELLOWSTONE





Mewatha Beach

# Summer Villages by Lake and Region

#### **SUMMER VILLAGE** LAKE REGION South Baptiste Baptiste Island - Baptiste Sunset Beach Baptiste Island - Baptiste West Baptiste Baptiste Island - Baptiste Whispering Hills Baptiste Island - Baptiste Island - Baptiste Island Lake Island Island Lake South Island - Baptiste Island Larkspur Long Island Island - Baptiste Bondiss Skeleton Island - Baptiste

Island - Baptiste

Skeleton

SUMMER VILLAGE	LAKE	REGION		
Argentia Beach	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Crystal Spring	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Golden Days	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Grandview	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Itaska Beach	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Ma-Me-O Beach	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Norris Beach	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Poplar Bay	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Silver Beach	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		
Sundance Beach	Pigeon	Pigeon Lake		

LAKE	REGION
Isle	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Isle	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Lac La Nonne	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Lac Ste Anne	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Lac Ste Anne	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
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Lac Ste Anne	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Nakamun	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Sandy	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Sandy	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
Wabamun	Lac Ste Anne - Wabamun
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SUMMER VILLAGE	LAKE	REGION
Bonnyville Beach	Moose	St. Paul - Bonnyville
Pelican Narrows	Moose	St. Paul - Bonnyville
Horseshoe Bay	Vincent	St. Paul - Bonnyville

SUMMER VILLAGE	LAKE REGION	
Rochon Sands	Buffalo	Sylvan - Gull - South
White Sands	Buffalo	Sylvan - Gull - South
Burnstick Lake	Burnstick	Sylvan - Gull - South
Ghost Lake	Ghost	Sylvan - Gull - South
Waiparous	Ghost	Sylvan - Gull - South
Gull Lake	Gull	Sylvan - Gull - South
Parkland Beach	Gull	Sylvan - Gull - South
Birchcliff	Sylvan	Sylvan - Gull - South
Half Moon Bay	Sylvan	Sylvan - Gull - South
Jarvis Bay	Sylvan	Sylvan - Gull - South
Norglenwold	Sylvan	Sylvan - Gull - South
Sunbreaker Cove	Sylvan	Sylvan - Gull - South





#### <u>Vision</u>

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#### <u>Mission</u>

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#### Accomplishments, Successes, and Challenges

It's been another busy year for ASVA. We hosted a very successful conference again this year. Our members commented that the educational sessions were some of the best they had ever attended.

We continued to engage with government officials, including Ministers, MLAs, and government staff. The relationships we have built over the years have been important to the successes we have experienced in advocating on your behalf. We discussed a wide range of topics that are important to you. The list is long and includes items such as electricity prices, golf carts, FCSS, supports for Seniors and vulnerable Albertans, LGFF, CCBF, Asset Management, Water and Wastewater Systems, and LAEA.

#### **Golf Carts**

The Government of Alberta reacted positively and quickly to the Summer Village resolution to allow golf carts to operate legally on municipal roads. They implemented a pilot project and took a minimalist approach to rules for golf cart use. To date, 9 Summer Villages are participating in the pilot project. The ASVA website has two examples of golf cart bylaws that have been approved through the process.

#### Education Property Tax - retaining more funding for local priorities

ASVA presented a proposal to lower the Education Property Tax requisition to Minister McIver and Municipal Affairs. This reduction would benefit all municipalities and allow them to utilize the freed-up tax space for their infrastructure needs. For municipalities with a population of 2,500 or less, i.e. 60 percent of Alberta municipalities, it is a more efficient and effective method of putting money in their hands than increasing the size of the LGFF pot.

After reviewing the ASVA proposal, Minister McIver responded that "the Government of Alberta is willing to explore innovative approaches that can support long-term success for Albertans and municipalities. Municipal Affairs will examine the ASVA proposal in further detail as we continue to explore ways to better support local infrastructure and service delivery." Minister McIver thanked ASVA for sharing our proposal with him. He concluded by saying, "I appreciate the association's initiative and commitment to supporting the communities you represent."





#### **LGFF Time Limit to Use Allocated Funds**

Based on membership feedback, ASVA proposed to Municipal Affairs that the current rule on the Time Limit to Use LGFF Funds be increased to ten years from five years. ASVA also requested that Borrowing Costs be returned to the list of eligible expenses for LGFF. If implemented, both items would have a positive impact on a Summer Village's ability to complete large infrastructure projects.

After reviewing the ASVA proposal, Minister McIver responded that he "appreciated ASVA's efforts to help our members make use of LGFF funding." He went on to say, "Municipal Affairs is not considering any changes to the LGFF Capital program at this time." However, he appreciated the ASVA's perspective on spending time limits and borrowing costs and will take this into consideration if a program review takes place in the future. He concluded by saying, "Thank you again for sharing your feedback on the LGFF Capital program."

#### **IT Security Services**

At the Annual Conference, one of the educational sessions highlighted the need for a robust IT security system and identified that many Summer Villages might lack that level of security. Based on membership feedback, ASVA researched what might be available for Summer Villages, on a Summer Village budget. Our research identified only one solution that would fit a Summer Village budget. However, it would require the majority of Summer Villages to support this solution. The ASVA also found that many Summer Villages were satisfied with their current IT services. Since there was limited interest from members, ASVA decided to stop work on this initiative.

#### **CAO Focus Group Sessions**

In February, ASVA hosted a virtual CAO Focus Group session. The session topic was the 2025 Municipal Elections. The focus was on what is required to be prepared for the elections. CAOs expressed concern about how to provide the mandated MGA Elected Official Orientation and Training. Another session is scheduled for mid-October, and the topics will be Municipal Financial Health metrics and feedback on the 2025 Election process, identifying opportunities for improvement in future elections.

#### **Elected Official Orientation Training**

Based on CAO feedback, ASVA created Elected Official Part 1 training material including a PowerPoint complete with speaking notes. This training could be delivered in under 30 minutes by either an ASVA representative or the CAO. At the request of the CAO, ASVA provided training to 26 Summer Villages.



#### Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

### Statement of Operations For the Year Ending December 31, 2024

		2024		2022
REVENUE		2024		2023
ASVA Conference	\$	64,812	s	57,571
Dues	*	43,001		44,135
Grants				
Interest Income		2,242		68
Workshops		-		-
Total Operating Revenues		110,055		101,773
OPERATING EXPENSES				
ASVA Administration		61,506		62,601
ASVA Conference		30,924		32,163
Bank Charges & Interest		89		213
Board Remuneration		4,620		9,219
Courses, Workshops, Conferences				1,085
Gifts		-		96
Insurance		2,584		2,133
Meeting Expenses		1,598		1,302
Memberships		425		24
Office & Telecommunication		2,323		5,229
Professional Fees				2,305
Website		147		217
Total Operating Expenses		104,215		116,588
Total Surplus (Deficit) for the period	\$	5,840	\$	(14,814)

Audited, accepted and presented as a true and accurate statement of financial position by the appointed members of the audit committee

Approved By	Date June 6, 2025
Kim Bancroft, Director	KRS
Name & Position	Signature
Approved By	Date June 10, 2005.
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Name & Position

Association of
SUMMER VILLAGES
OF ALBERTA

Signature

#### Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2024

	ACCETO		
	ASSETS	2024	2023
CURRENT ASSETS		2024	2023
CORRENT ASSETS			
Cash		\$ 50,994	\$ 41,097
Term Deposits		30,000	30,000
		80,994	71,097
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 80,994	\$ 71,097
	LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		4,885	819
Mastercard Payable		66	75
		4,951	894
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		 -	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,951	894
	NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets			
Balance, beginning of year		70,203	85,017
Surplus (deficit)		5,840	(14,814)
Balance, end of year		76,044	70,203
TOTAL NET ASSETS		76,044	70,203
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		\$ 80,994	\$ 71,097

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Kim Bancroft, Director	KRA
Name & Position	Signature
Approved By	Date Oure 10, 20,35
MARLENE WALSH, DIRECT	OR Marlere Walsh

June 6, 2025

Signature

Date



# 2025 SUMMER VILLAGE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



65 YEARS
SV OF BETULA BEACH



70 YEARS
SV OF CASTLE ISLAND



**60 YEARS SV OF GOLDEN DAYS** 



**40 YEARS SV OF HORSESHOE BAY** 



**40 YEARS SV OF LARKSPUR** 



# 2025 SUMMER VILLAGE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



60 YEARS
SV OF NORGLENWOLD



**55 YEARS SV OF SOUTHVIEW** 



55 YEARS
SV OF SUNDANCE BEACH



45 YEARS
SV OF WHITE SANDS



60 YEARS
SV OF YELLOWSTONE



### 1991 - 2025 **ASVA LIFETIME MEMBERS** Barry Virtue **Archie Grover** 1992 2002 RIP **Marj Norris Gordon Harris Sue Evans** 2011 2012 2013 RIP Sharon Plett **Art Lamoureux Betty Forfylow** 2014 2018 2017 RIP **Chuck Dechene** Leslie Ellis **Dennis Evans** 2019 2020 2022 **Peter Pellatt** Roger 2023 Montpellier 2024 SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA

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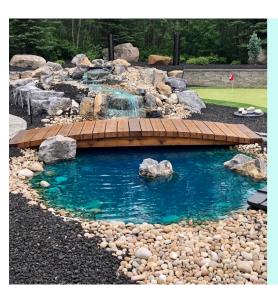
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On behalf of the ASVA - Facing the Future Conference planning committee,
we extend our sincere thanks
for the absolutely
stunning floral centerpieces
provided for our tables.

They were truly beautiful and played a huge role in creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for our attendees!



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