

Spring Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 10:05 AM

1.Introduction of Executive

Vern Bergen - President
Corinne Thompson - Vice President
Aaron Hildebrandt – Treasurer
Lorrie Wiebe - Secretary
Ryan Neufeld - East side director
Bob Modjeski - East side director
Janine Ennis - West side director
Lynn Hudrick - West side director

2. Website Development Update

The association is currently looking at developing a website that will serve as a central resource for members. The website will include:

- Historical information
- Current news and updates
- Access to important documents
- Bylaws & Constitution
- Trash talk, Garbage disposal and recycling information.

Even after the website is launched, email notifications will continue to be used to ensure members are aware of important updates and are reminded to visit the website.

Facebook page: Moose Lake Provincial Park Cottagers

The association also maintains a Facebook page used primarily by cottage owners. Members are encouraged to join as it is an excellent way to build community connections and organize activities such as:

- Community events
- Buy & Sell, giveaways

3. District Park Manager's Report

Staff Update

Bill Prevost, the District Park Manager, introduced the new foreman, Yens Emes.

Current Projects

The following projects are currently underway or recently completed:

- Construction of new bathrooms and a picnic shelter at the beach.
- Completion of the Moose Lake sign project.
- Ongoing beautification efforts throughout the lake area.

Future Projects

Potential future projects include:

- Upgrades to the Group Use Area, adding stage and bathroom.
- Improvements to the landing area.
- Development of pickleball and tennis court facilities.

Infrastructure and Maintenance

Gravel Program

Last fall, 78 loads of gravel were applied at a cost of approximately \$80,000.

Birch Point Shoreline

The Birch Point shoreline restoration project has been completed, and all sites are now open.

Boat launch needs improvements

Boat Launch (Moose Lake)

Additional work is required at the boat launch. Concerns were raised regarding the recently installed concrete pad. The concrete shifted away from the existing surface and will need to be removed and reinstalled. Discussions have taken place with Diamond Construction regarding repairs.

Campsites

Work is ongoing to modify and improve campsites within the park.

Roads

Roads have been graded, and dust control treatment will be applied after rainfall. Speed bumps are expected to be installed shortly.

Dam Maintenance

The dam has been identified as requiring maintenance; however, the project remains low on the priority list.

Hydro Line Maintenance

Hydro crews will be entering the area to clean up branches around power lines.

Valley Fibre

Valley Fibre is planning to bring fibre-optic service to Moose Lake. Work may begin as early as this summer or fall.

Transfer Station Concerns

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the transfer station. Residents reported that garbage bin lids are often left open, allowing ravens and other wildlife to scatter waste.

To address the issue:

- Residents are encouraged to close bin lids after use.
- Staff will investigate replacing the springs on the lids to improve closure and containment.

Construction and Renovation Waste

Residents undertaking renovations or construction projects that generate more than 10' x 10' of waste are required to arrange for their own dumpster rental. Anyone requiring information on dumpster rentals should contact Bill Prevost

Mattress Disposal

Mattresses should not be brought to the dump unless they have been dismantled. The metal springs should be placed in the metal recycling section, and the remaining materials disposed of as garbage. Springs become tangled in equipment and create operational issues.

Defibrillator Proposal

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of community defibrillators (AEDs).

- Possibility that Parks would look into purchasing one if the association purchased one.
- This would allow one unit to be located on the east side and one on the west side of the lake.
- A vote will be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting.
- If approved, a community training session could be organized.

Safety and Park Information

Security

Chris Ciporski, the CO, discussed community security.

Although there have not been significant issues to date, cottage owners were encouraged to:

- Install locks on trailers and property.

- Consider security cameras due to the large number of visitors entering and leaving the area throughout the season.

Fire Conditions

There are currently no fire restrictions in place. That could change if we don't get rain soon.

Helicopters continue to monitor conditions throughout the area.

Residents were encouraged to:

- Check fire extinguishers regularly.
- Purchase an extinguisher if they do not already have one.
- Keep sprinklers and water sources available for emergency use.

Information was shared regarding sprinkler systems that can be installed on cottages and connected to generators for wildfire protection.

If a wildfire emergency occurs, Parks staff will go door-to-door to notify cottage owners.

ATV and Off-Road Vehicle Use

ATVs and side-by-sides are not permitted within park boundaries.

- Use is permitted only in designated Crown land areas.
- Vehicles must be trailered into and out of the park.

Golf Carts and E-Bikes

Questions were raised regarding electric golf carts.

- Non-insurable vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted.
- E-bikes are permitted provided riders wear helmets.
- The policy may be reviewed in the future, but no changes are currently planned.

Trails

Residents were reminded:

- Do not create new trails.
- Only designated walking trails are maintained by Parks.
- Other historical or informal trails are not maintained.

Invasive Species

There are currently no zebra mussels in the area.

A suggestion was made to install signage at the boat launch reminding visitors about invasive species prevention measures.

Last year, fisheries stalked fish at White Mouth Lake and Moose Lake.

4. Association Business

President

Vern acknowledged the passing of Denis Williams from the East side, and Brian Thiessen from the West side. Our sincere condolences to the families.

Members were encouraged to notify the association when they become aware of the passing of a community member so the association can reach out to families and recognize their contributions.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Steve and Debbie from Silver Birch Resort for their many years of support in sponsoring our Family Fun Days. Their generosity has helped make these events enjoyable and memorable for everyone involved.

Thanks to a surplus of funds this year, we will be covering the cost of the food and prizes ourselves. We greatly appreciate Steve and Debbie's past contributions and the positive impact they have had on these events over the years.

We are wanting to move the AGM to spring. This will be discussed and voted upon at the fall AGM.

Trail Committee Proposal

The committee would:

- Obtain liability insurance at an annual cost of approximately \$250.
- Include one executive member and community volunteers.
- Help keep trails clear of fallen trees.
- Improve trail accessibility and usability for cottage owners.

Anyone interested in being on the trails committee is encourage to reach out to the association.

Donation to Sprague Fire Department

The executive has approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Sprague Fire Department.

5.Treasurer

Surplus Funds Discussion

Members were asked to provide ideas regarding the use of surplus association funds.

Suggestions discussed included:

- Hosting an end-of-season community celebration.
- Installing dog waste stations with bags.
- Reducing cottage owner membership fees.
- Grey water or sewage-related improvements.
- Installation of a sewer dumping station.
- Making a donation to STARS Air Ambulance.

Members are encouraged to submit additional ideas to association members for consideration.

6. Adjournment

11:30 am