



Speargrass Community Association (SCA)

Spring General Meeting

Location: Carseland Hall

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

In Attendance – See Attached Spreadsheet of Members who attended (quorum is 15 households - achieved)

Agenda Items:

See Attached Powerpoint for the agenda and discussion items. Minutes below include only general discussion topics in addition to information on the powerpoint.

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Shelley McEachern and seconded by Gord Howe that the minutes are approved.

Carried

Special Guests:

Warren Boese

- Golf Course update
 - Hole 18 continues to erode due the sinkage of the bank, temporarily fixed this year but plans to move the hole
 - Showed Change of 18th hole, lookout will be gone, removing poles in August. Realign range and shop. New clubhouse will be in same spot as old clubhouse.

Shelley McEachern

- Trails to the Bow Update – see powerpoint attached



Angela Kucic

- Golden Hills International Program – see powerpoint attached

Curt Emde

- Carseland Ag Society
 - President Georgina wasn't available and sends her regrets
 - Continuing to work on the new rodeo grounds west of the ball diamonds, experiencing some delays
 - Building a new campground to the North of the shop
- New Events
 - Aggie Days June 24
 - Bull a Rama June 25
 - Tickets for both available in the next couple of weeks
 - Watch for the electric sign, information on Facebook and their Web Page
 - August – Float the Bow event – optional overnight and BBQ
 - Fall – Harvest Days which includes a trade fair, silent auction, dinner and dance
 - Halloween – howler event
 - December – Christmas Market
 - New Years – Dinner & Dance
 - Call for Volunteers
 - Benefit for Volunteers' program – if you come and help for a time period then your child's sport registration may be covered. Children can also come and volunteer over 8 years of age.
- Volunteer Recognition
- Discussed Special events and more calls for Volunteers as per powerpoint
- Review Financial Report
 - Moved by Gord Howe and seconded by Wayne Graff to approve the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Carried

Directors Reports

Bylaws – Jeff Perry as per powerpoint

Beautification – Donna Bigger as per powerpoint

Welcoming Committee – Jeff Perry as per powerpoint



RV Parking – Marie Leason – 8 empty spots, you are responsible for spraying the weeds in your lot, discuss potential to use the WIFI from the County. Donna will check into this.

Multi Court Update – Tahra Sabir – sent out a call for volunteers several months ago and no one has responded. Ask for volunteers at the meeting and have not received any. Project will not move forward if we do not have a committee of 3-5 people volunteering. We have great facilities in Carseland that we use and residents appreciate them.

Board Vacancies – Tahra Sabir – We welcome interest and there will likely be one vacancy on the Board in the fall.

Questions:

Leroy Bangen – What can we do about the cracks in the pathway, potentially there are safety issues.

Discussion about potential to trench the tree roots then apply for another grant to fix the path.

Milt Risdon – why is the Vac Truck here so much – Donna Bigger to check with the County

Motion to adjourn – Sheila Howe – Carried.

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Agenda

- Welcome
 - Approval of FGM minutes - October 4, 2022
- Updates from Special Guests
- Volunteer Recognition
- Special Events
- Grants
- Reports
 - Financial Statements (need motion)
 - Beautification
 - Welcoming Committee
 - RV Rental Update
 - Upcoming Board Vacancies
- Questions



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Welcome

SCA Board Members

Name	Position	Term	Email
Jeff Perry	President	December 2023	jbperry@telus.net
Julie Graff	Vice President	December 2024	jgraff@gmail.com
Iona Wark	Treasurer	December 2023	ionawark@gmail.com
Sharon Moore	Welcome Committee	December 2023	mooredscwr@gmail.com
Donna Biggar	Beautification	December 2024	Donnabiggari27@gmail.com
Marie Leason	RV Lot Manager	December 2023	Bowhocks@hotmail.co.uk
Ross McTavish	Communications	December 2024	rgmct@telus.net
Tahra Sabir	Secretary	December 2023	Tahra.sabir@ghsd75.ca



Pages

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- ▼ General Information
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 - Speargrass Architectural Guidelines
 - Amenities
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 - Inquiries
 - S.C.A. Board Members




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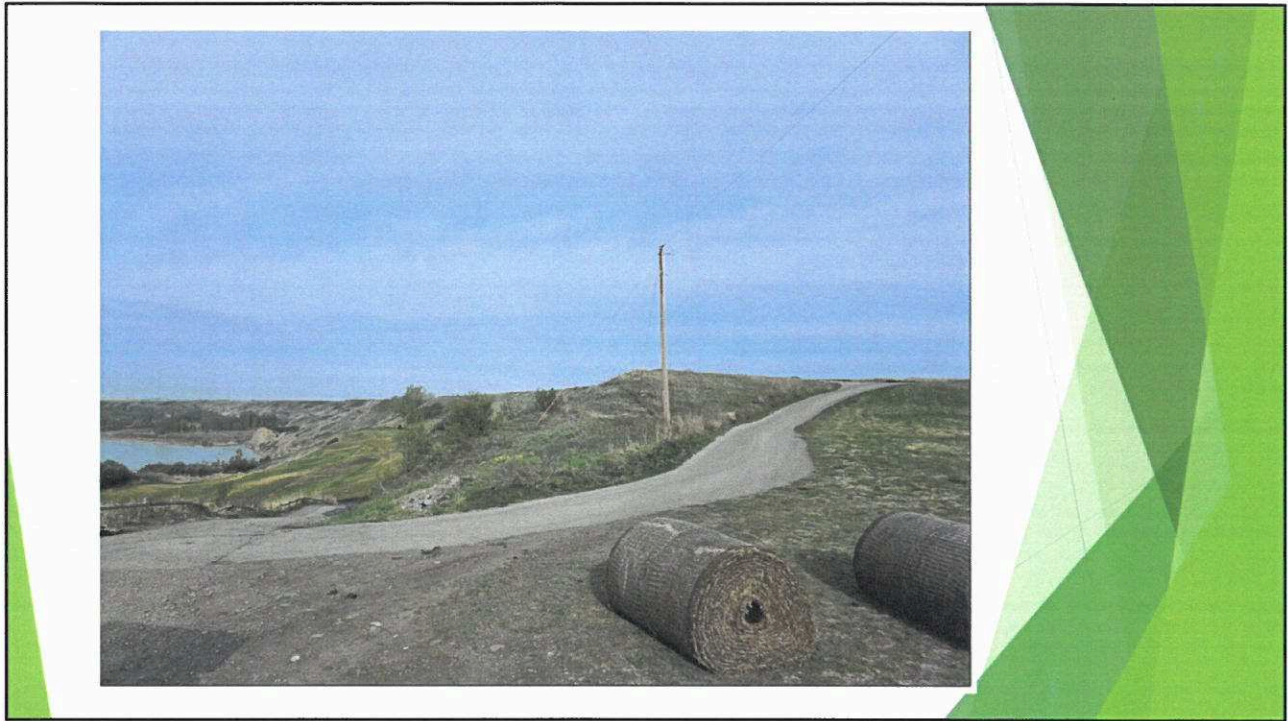
Update From Special Guests

► Update from Special Guests:

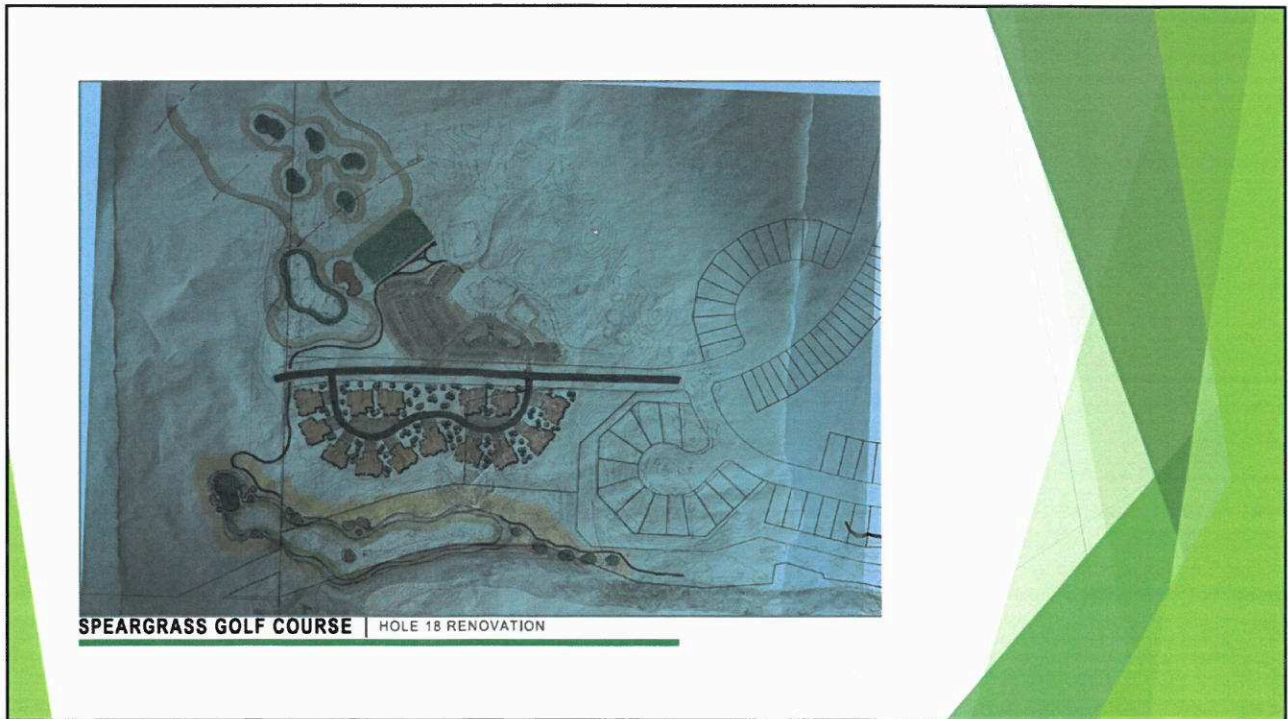
- Donna Biggar Division 3 Councilor, Wheatland County
 - Dave Rimes, Community Services Coordinator, Wheatland County
- Warren Boese, Speargrass Golf Course, Project Manager
- Georgina Nichols - Carseland Ag Society
- Angela Kucic - Golden Hills School Division - International Students



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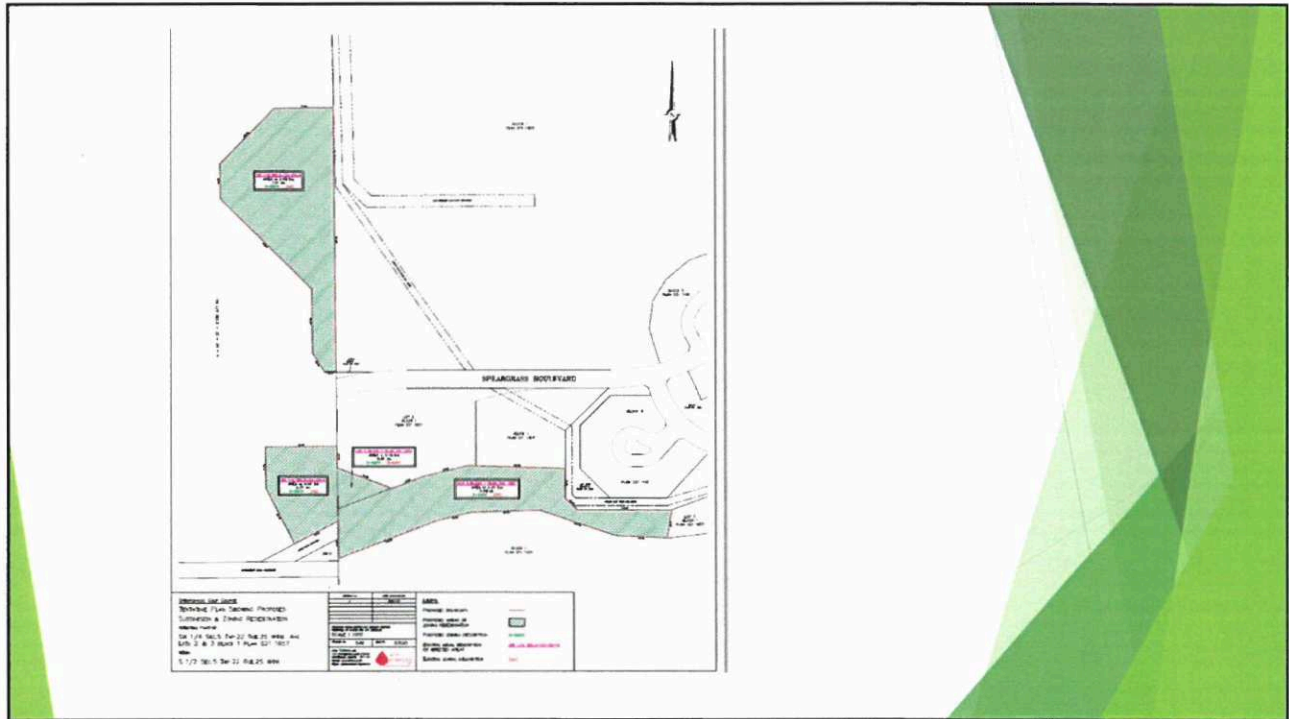


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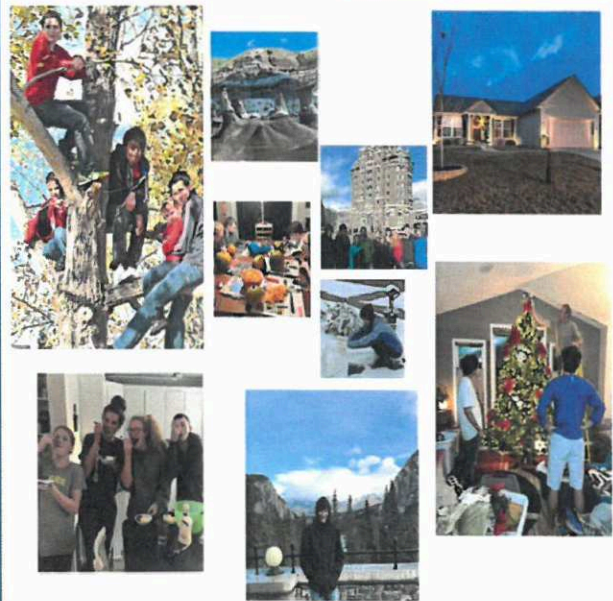


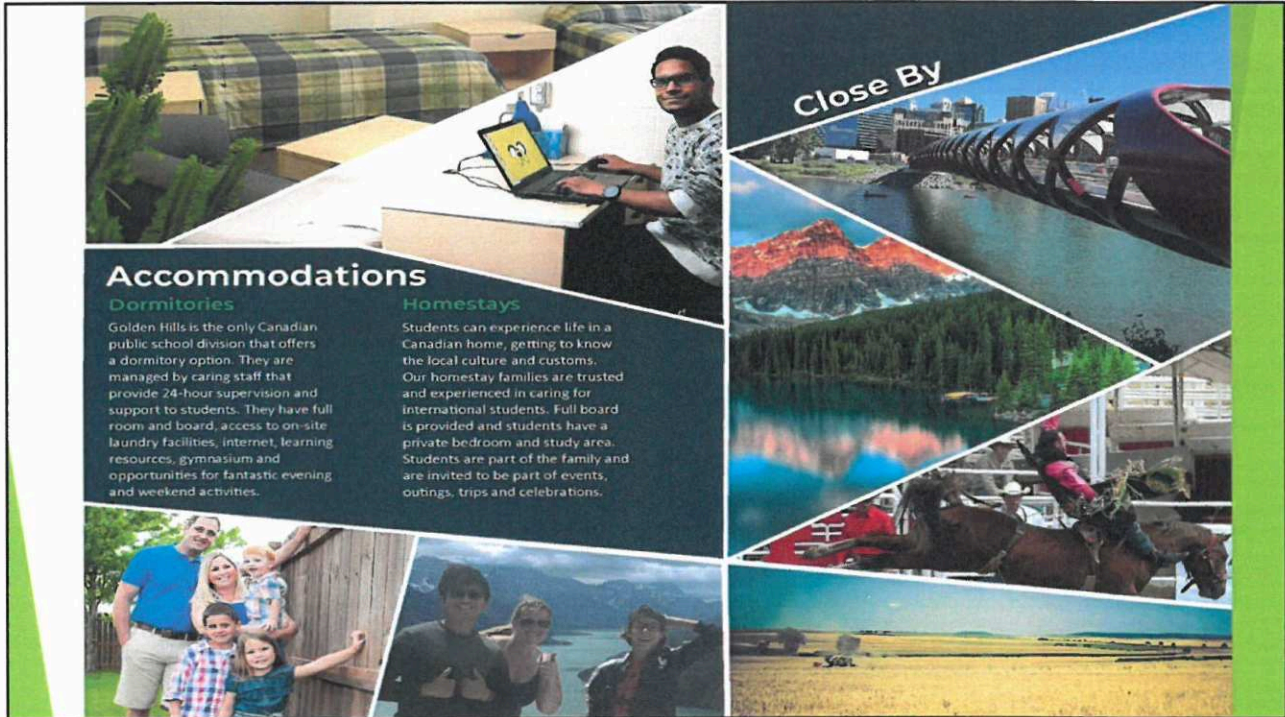
SPEARGRASS GOLF COURSE | HOLE 18 RENOVATION

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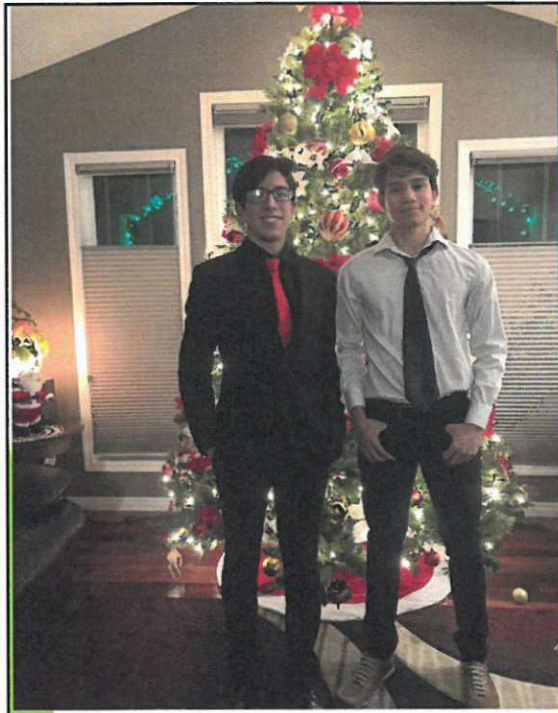
Accommodations

Dormitories
Golden Hills is the only Canadian public school division that offers a dormitory option. They are managed by caring staff that provide 24-hour supervision and support to students. They have full room and board, access to on-site laundry facilities, internet, learning resources, gymnasium and opportunities for fantastic evening and weekend activities.

Homestays
Students can experience life in a Canadian home, getting to know the local culture and customs. Our homestay families are trusted and experienced in caring for international students. Full board is provided and students have a private bedroom and study area. Students are part of the family and are invited to be part of events, outings, trips and celebrations.

Close By

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Why Host an International Student?

Our best Homestay hosts integrate students into the household as much as possible. It's an opportunity to show off and share our wonderful province. You'll enjoy the company of a young person while helping them practice English.

Experience the benefits of a new family dynamic and create a lasting relationship!

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How to host an international Student:



- Provide a bedroom with a bed, dresser/closet and lamp
- Provide three meals and snacks daily
- Have available an internet connection and laundry facility
- Support students on their emotional and academic needs
- Promote integration into the family
- Encourage student to participation in the family activities.

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Need to know



REWARDS

Become a Canadian Ambassador and Global Citizen
Learn about other Cultures
See things from a different view
Memories to last a lifetime for you and your student.
HAVE FUN!!!



Who Can Host?

Families, Couples, Singles and Seniors



SUPPORT

Homestay Families are provided with 24/7 support!

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Supports our Host Families Can Expect

Homestay Family Orientation - August/September and January/February

Homestay Family Networking Opportunity

Accommodation Coordinator checkins - in person and via phone

Member from our **ISS** Team always on call to answer your questions

Respite care available for those times when you are away!



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Become a HomeStay - and connect your family to the world!

International Student Support at 403.934.5121 ext
2042/2033 or
Email: accommodations@ghsd75.ca
to learn more!!



Thank you for inviting me!
It's been a pleasure to have this opportunity to share our program with you all!



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Volunteer Recognition



We would like to extend a warm Thank You

- Vic Donald - Snow Blowing & Cleaning Pathways in the winter months
 - Bruce Paul, Jocelyn Potter

- Several other residents who come out to help whenever we ask for volunteers



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Special Events:

- Special Community Events (Existing):
 - Easter Egg Hunt - Huge Success - thanks to Cheryl
 - Spring Clean Up & BBQ - any volunteers? Need Volunteers and a Date
 - Speargrass Community & Friends Golf -- June 25, 2023,
 - Iona Wark, Lead, Lynne Mullen will assist
 - Canada Day - July 1, 2023 - Kay Kidd?
 - Community Garage Sale - Will try to coordinate with Carseland - LaShaun Andrews?



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Reports

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report: Iona Wark
- Director Reports:
 - Beautification Projects
 - Membership Report/Welcoming Committee Report
 - RV Rental update



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Bylaw update

- Approved by members with over 93% in favour, representing over 77% of the membership
- Everything is finalized with Corporate Registry
- Bylaws are on the website
- Thanks to everyone who voted

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B A L A N C E

Treasurer's Report:

Speargrass Community Association Balance Sheet

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

	Year 2022
Assets	
Bank Balance	36,404
Playground Equipment*	83,936
Other Equipment	7,346
	<u>127,686</u>
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	77,739
Retained Earnings	48,092
Current Earnings/(Loss)	1,855
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>127,686</u>

* Grant Revenue is recognized over 10 years to match amortization of Playground Equipment



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I N C O M E

Speargrass Community Association Income Statement

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

	Year 2022
Revenue	
Grant Funds *	4,445
RV Rental Revenue	11,375
Membership Fees	4,700
Deferred Grant Revenue	11,991
Total Revenue	<u>32,511</u>

Expenses	
Bank Charges and Other Expenses	61
Community Functions	581
Depreciation - Playground	11,991
Depreciation - Equipment	3,166
Insurance	1,503
RV Storage Expenses	949
Trees and Beautification	3,855
Property Taxes	2,806
Supplies	4,324
Utilities	1,418
Total Expenses	<u>30,655</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expense	<u>1,855</u>

*Grant Funds are recognized over 10 years for Playground Equipment
See attached Schedule



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Director's Reports - Beautification

Green Spaces

- ▶ Sand & Paint Pergola's in the Upper Green Space - \$500.00
- ▶ Fix slabs under Pergola's both Upper & Lower Green Space
- ▶ Purchase Flags entranceway - Done

Planters/Flowers:

- ▶ Self Watering System - Maxi-Kap system
- ▶ Garden tools such as: snips for deadheading & pruning flowers
- ▶ Names of the Volunteers



[Description](#) [Reviews](#) [Visit us!](#)

The Maxi-Kap Self Watering plant system is designed to maximize growing with very little maintenance. The 40 litre water reservoir provides moisture and food to your plants via capillary action. This passive hydroponic system has a float in the corner to let you know when you need to fill it. Great for hot areas in and around your house, at the cabin or in your greenhouse, depending on time of year and temperature you are only filling every 7-14 days. The cedar box is great for hot decks add castors to easily move it around.



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Director's Reports - Membership & Welcoming Committee

- ▶ Have procured products and info for Welcome Package for new residents.
- ▶ Two new Welcoming Packages

WHY BE A SPEARGRASS MEMBER?

Events

- Family Day Sleigh Ride
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring Clean Up
- Pandemonium on the Prairies
- Canada Day Events
- Fall BBQ
- Garage Sale

Enjoy

- Christmas Lights
- RV Rental
- Walking Paths
- Dog Run
- Playground
- Flowers, benches, firepit

Be a Part of Future Enhancements

Enhance networking and build community relationships

Community Citizenship

www.speargrasscommunity.com



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Directors Report RV Parking

- ▶ Cameras
- ▶ Spray weeds
- ▶ WIFI?



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Solar Trail Camera System

FREE DATA PLAN
Includes a preactivated SIM card, no phone carrier required.

FREE 100 Photos
BASIC 500 Photos - \$10/month
ALERTED 1000 Photos - \$15/month
UNLIMITED Unlimited Photos - \$20/month

FREE TRIAL

Unlimited Data Plan

1 Camera - \$20.00 per month
\$240.00 per year + 12.00 = **\$252.00**

OR

2 Camera - \$20.00 per month
\$480.00 per year + 24.00 = **\$504.00**



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Board Update

Multi-court Update

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Board Vacancies

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Quick Facts

- Currently have 8 Board Members
- Terms done December 2023 – 5 members
- Terms done December 2024 – 3 members
- Wish to renew their term – 7 members

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ARTICLE 7 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 7 (a) **President**
The President shall prepare the agenda and preside at all meetings of the board and membership: shall appoint chairs of committees with majority approval of the Board.
- (b) **Vice-President**
Shall, assist the President and preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
- (c) **Secretary**
The Secretary shall keep minutes and written records of the majority and minority opinions expressed at all meetings: shall be responsible for all correspondence for the Association, shall make records of Association available for inspection for any proper purpose at a reasonable time.
- (g) **Treasurer:**
The Treasurer shall be held accountable for all funds and shall give an accounting at each general meeting; shall receive, safe keep and disburse the Association funds, but such disbursement shall require the signature of one other board member.

The officers will manage the affairs of the association.

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Questions??



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Members in Attendance

	Last Name	First Name	
1	Andrews/Paul	LaShaun/Bruce	
2	Bangen	Leroy & Christy	
3	Biggar	Donna	
4	Boese	Warren	nonmember
5	Demone	Ron	
6	Desbrais	Angela	nonmember
7	Donald	Bev & Vic	
8	Emde	Curt	nonmember
9	Graff	Wayne & Julie	
10	Henkel	Hank	
11	Howe	Sheila & Gord	
12	Kalman	Louie	
13	Kidd	Len & Kay	
14	Kucic	Angela	
15	Leason	Marie	
16	McEachern	Shelley & Kevin	
17	McTavish	Ross	
18	Miller	Jason & Melanie	
19	Mullen	Lynne	
20	Olexson/Sabir	Glenn/Tahra	
21	Perry	Jeff	
22	Parsons	Kevin	
23	Perini	Marilyn	
24	Risdon	Milt	
25	Wark	Iona	
26	Weinberger	Gordon	
27	Windsor	Al & Yvette	
28	Wrigley	Susan	