



“Building Partnerships Within”

**Fostering an Effective Working Relationship
Between RM Councils and Organized Hamlet
Boards**



About PARCS

- PARCS = Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan
- Research – Lobby – Capacity Development
- Resort Communities / Cottage Communities:
 - Resort Villages 40
 - Organized Hamlets 63 in 24 RM's
 - Cottage Owners Associations 3



SARM & PARCS

- Partnership to increase capacity in RM's and OH Boards to foster effective working relationships
- Partnership Opportunities:
 - SARM Convention: Concurrent Session
 - PARCS Convention
 - SARM Mid-Term Convention
 - Guide to Organized Hamlets



Principle # 1

- 1. Shared Governance:
 - Mandate: Advisory Board
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Orientation
 - Joint Meetings: annual / AGM



Principle # 2

- 2. Communication
 - Information overload: targeted communications
 - Information sharing versus consultation
 - Communication Mediums
 - Consistent Message
 - Regular communications



Principle # 3

- 3. Transparency & Accountability

- “Reciprocal reporting”

- | ➤ <u>OH</u> | <u>RM</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| ➤ minutes | - annual audit |
| ➤ budget | - financial statements |
| ➤ capital plan | - mill rate & percentage of return |
| ➤ local policies | - Bylaws |



Principle # 4

- 4. Enfranchisement
 - mail-in ballots
 - divisional representation: boundaries



Principle # 5

- 5. Stewardship

- land / air / water
- environmental management:
 - potable water
 - liquid waste disposal
 - solid waste management
- lake stewardship



Impact Analysis

- Respectful / Mutually beneficial relationships
- Municipal Districts
- Increased capacity to govern and manage:
Guide to Organized Hamlets: Best Practices



Conclusion

- **SARM & PARCS Goal:**
 - Improved internal relationships between OH and RM
- **Mission:**
 - To build capacity at the local level to enhance partnerships
 - Support and represent the interests of ratepayers / cottage communities
- **Outcome:**
 - Partnership with Ministry of Municipal Affairs
 - Best Practices in *Guide to Organized Hamlets*
- **Evaluation**
 - Feedback from OH Boards / RM's
 - PARCS Regional Meetings and Annual Convention 2014