“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”
- **OH**
  - minutes
  - budget
  - capital plan
  - local policies
- **RM**
  - annual audit
  - financial statements
  - mill rate & percentage of return
  - Bylaws
• 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