

## CMCA 2015-2016 Report

### Introduction

2015-16 has been a very busy year for the Castle Mountain Community Association. As always, we are half way into the year when we have our Annual General Meeting in the fall. The fiscal year for CMCA is April to March but with the seasonal aspect of our organization, it is easier to get our members out to a meeting that aligns with the CMR Annual General Meeting than have one in the spring or summer months. Members are always encouraged to participate in other meetings throughout the year.

The following are the Executive Members for the 2015-16 year:

Name Position

Fraser Stewart President

Monica Stewart Secretary

Gayle Weeks Treasurer

Pearl Murphy Director

Sean Annis Director

Ward Armstrong Director

Jamie Smith Director

Our website has been up and running for a couple of years and can be accessed at [castlemountaincommunity.weebly.com](http://castlemountaincommunity.weebly.com). Additional information about some activities can be found on the website. A big thanks to Glenn Armstrong for setting up and maintaining the site.

We can also be reached by email at [castlemountaincommunity@gmail.com](mailto:castlemountaincommunity@gmail.com)

### Projects, Activities and Accomplishments

#### Community Events and Fundraising

Huckleberry Festival - August 28 & 29, 2015

Due to a lack of volunteers, the CMCA committee decided to forego with the Craft Fair and Silent Auction at the 2015 Huck Fest. With that said, we still provided support with volunteers, before, during, and after and raised some funds (\$288) during the event.

#### Community Pot Lucks

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The CMCA hosted two community pot-lucks during the year. Pot Lucks are very popular as they provide an excellent venue for the community to come together, socialize and get to know each other better.

#### Other Fundraising

A total of \$1700 was received from CMR for providing Pig Roasts at weddings and at the 2015 Huck Fest. Fraser and Gordon (Hambone) are to be commended for the work they do in raising these funds.

Cookbook sales continue to trickle in. During the year \$40 was raised. We still have cookbooks left, so contact Pearl Murphy if you don't have yours.

Thanks to Pete Neufeld for donating a wooden Harley Davidson for action at Maritime Night. \$550 was raised for the Community Association.

We received \$300 in donations during the year.

#### Development of a Strategic Framework

In the fall of 2015, a sub-committee was formed to develop a strategic framework for the Community Association. While the Castle Mountain Community Association has been active as a formal organization since 1996, and as an informal organization prior to that, it has operated with an informal mandate that has shifted and changed over the years. Through fundraising activities, volunteerism, donations and promotion of community activities, the CMCA has always had a focus in promoting the viability of the resort and betterment of the

community.

Events over the last year such as development of a new Area Structure Plan and the surrounding parks, has changed the landscape and the focus for the Castle Mountain Community Association. As a not-for-profit entity, there are many opportunities available to the CMCA that CMR does not have access to. The time was right to clarify our mandate and develop a strategic framework to guide our role within the community and our decisions and actions.

The sub-committee was made up of a mix of perspectives, new young and older generation members to guide the process with a balance of context and future focus. Members included; Gayle Weeks, Pearl Murphy, Ward Armstrong, Sean Annis, Fraser and Monica Stewart. The process was designed to be inclusive of all stakeholder perspectives and to include both community input and feedback throughout. A final draft of the Strategic Framework is ready for community approval at the fall AGM. (Note: Approved at AGM)

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### **Collaboration with CMR on Master Development Plan**

In early December, the Community association was approached by CMR to collaborate on a project to develop a four season Master Development Plan (MDP) for the resort. An opportunity was being explored to access grant funding from the provincial government. CMCA submitted a request for funding and was successful in securing \$80,000 towards the project. The plan is intended to create an environmentally sensitive, economically self-sustaining enterprise and is being led by the CMCA in collaboration with CMR. The project has started with Brent Harley and Associates INC. (BHA) and is expected to be completed by February 2017. An Advisory Council has been struck with members representing all perspectives – CMR, Government of Alberta, MD of Pincher Creek and CMCA. The two members representing the CMCA are Glenn Armstrong and Gayle Weeks.

### **Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) Grant**

Dan Gallagher was instrumental in a collaboration between CMCA and CMR on a grant submission to support an Alpine Training Facility. A considerable amount of work was done by all parties in preparation for the application as well as the additional follow-up. We are hopeful for a successful outcome.

### **Area Structure Plan (ASP) Committee and Community Advocacy**

The ASP sub-committee led by Glenn Armstrong and Chad Kuzyk was very active during the year. The sub-committee which was initiated in the 2014-15 year coordinated efforts with a joint committee set up by CMR. This joint committee was formed to dig deeper into alternatives available to CMR and the Castle lot owners in view of the ASP that the MD has been developing for the resort and community. The goal was to educate ourselves on the options and also be able to educate the MD councillors as they were relying on recommendations provided to them from the Oldman River Planning Commission. CMCA also agreed to share 50% in the cost of hiring a consultant to assist in the process. With the announcement of the new provincial parks the planning perspective clearly changed. The Committee reviewed a draft document of the proposed ASP from the MD and provided their recommendations/revisions to the document. In addition, CMR had been mandated by the government to produce a Master Development Plan (MDP) which needs to be incorporated into the ASP. In March 2016, the MD of Pincher Creek approved shelving of the Castle Mountain Area Structure Plan until the Castle Mountain Development Plan is complete which is expected to be finalized in early 2017.

NOTE: More detailed updates can be found on the CMCA website.

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### **Government Advocacy**

In the fall of 2015, a letter was created and sent to government outlining our concerns and priorities as a community association. The letter was distributed to the community with

relevant government Ministry contact information to make it easy for individual community members to send to government adding their individual support. It was also determined that we needed to present our priorities in person with Ministers. Preparation work was done and emails were sent out the end of January to relevant government Ministers with follow-up calls to the Minister's offices. While we only heard back from one Minister's office, we were informed that the Ministers were waiting for the budget to be approved in the spring and for cabinet to meet. This activity has been deferred until the fall.

### Purchase of a Playground

A used playground was purchased from the Livingstone Range School Division for the community and interim funding for moving and installation was approved by the CMCA Executive on the condition that the cost would be covered by other means such as donations, volunteer hours, grants, and fundraising. Pearl and Derrill Murphy coordinated the project which included a grant application submission to the Community Foundation Lethbridge – Southwestern Alberta and a request from community members for volunteer and donated services and products. Phase one of the project took place in May, 2016 with overwhelming support from the community in the form of volunteer hours, donations of equipment and materials, and donations of cash. We were also successful in securing grant funding of \$5000 from the Community Foundation Lethbridge towards the project. A Plan for Phase two – landscaping is being developed by Ward Armstrong /Pearl Murphy and is expected to be completed as a joint effort between CMCA and CMR.

### Community Members - In the Community

While it is impossible to capture all that community members do for the community, here are a few things that have come to our attention:

- Did you know that Fraser Stewart does his part in keeping our community beautiful by cutting grass/trimming weeds in his spare time.
  - We are very appreciative of the annual garbage clean up that the Massong family organizes each spring.
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- Many community members volunteer their time to participate in the annual Drifter Day (s) for ski run brushing. Thanks to Dennis Miller and family for their many years of organizing.
  - For many years, Mary Serby has supported the Community Association with her Huckleberry jams for sale at the annual Huck Fest.
  - Community members, Pearl Murphy and Carolyn Armstrong weeded the rock garden by the day lodge.
  - Community members regularly pick up garbage both within and outside the resort boundary.
  - Thanks to Glenn Armstrong for his work in keeping us informed through his volunteer role as “communications liaison” including the management of the community website.
  - A huge thank-you to Gord Hamilton and Darryl Medoruma and numerous other members for their countless hours of community assistance.
  - Community signage was installed by Derrill Murphy and Fraser Stewart.

### Financial Report

2016 2015

Bank and Cash 123,540.54 5 7,666.64

Accounts Receivable -

Inventory

Capital Assets 24,048.30 2 4,048.30

Total Assets 147,588.84 \$ 8 1,714.94

Liabilities: - \$ -

Net Assets:

Unrestricted Net Assets: 38,226 43,536  
Restricted Net assets (Master Development Plan) 79,960  
Restricted Net assets (Firesmart): 5,355 5,355  
Restricted Net assets (Resort Improvement): 0 8,235  
Restricted Net assets (History Book): 0 -  
Restricted Net assets (Avalanche Dog Fund): 0 540  
Net Capital Assets: 24,048 24,048  
Total Net Assets: 147,588.84 \$ 8 1,714.94

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Balance Sheet

As At March 31, 2016

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Revenue

Grants 81,000.00  
Fundraising 2,578.00  
Donations 300.00  
83,878.00

Disbursements

Resort Improvements 10,285.89  
Consulting / resort governance 5,587.50  
History book 1,000.00  
Donations 540.00  
Insurance 500.00  
Bank Fees 90.71  
18,004.10

Net Surplus 65,873.90

Statement of Cash Flow:

Cash from operations 65,873.90  
Cash at beginning of the year (April 1, 2015) 57,666.64  
Cash at the end of the year 123,540.54

Bank :

Bank balance operating account 43,580.77  
Bank balance Master Development Plan Fund 79,959.77  
123,540.54

Fund Balances: As at March 31, 2016

Funds for special projects:

Firesmart 5,355.15  
Master Development Plan 79,959.77  
85,314.92  
General Funds 38,225.62  
Total Funds 123,540.54