

Pasqua Lake Community Internet Project
Update as of December 20, 2018 for Hamlet Ratepayers

The Hamlet Board has been working with the RM of North Qu'Appelle Council since May of 2018 to work through the Pasqua Lake Community Internet Project. A volunteer committee was formed of interested ratepayers to present to the Hamlet board a plan to carry out a vote of all "improved" properties in the Hamlet of Pasqua Lake, Groome's Vista and Lake's End. This vote concluded on July 16, 2018 and a small majority voted in favour of moving forward.

At the August 27th regular Hamlet meeting a motion was put forward and carried approving the internet project to proceed ahead. On September 24th the Hamlet met again to work through funding options and a motion was passed by the Hamlet board and then presented to the RM Council at their September 25th meeting and was subsequently approved by Council.

On September 29, 2018 a Public Informational Meeting for all ratepayers with the RM was held at the Fort Qu'Appelle Legion. At that time the Hamlet chair presented the Hamlet board plans for funding the internet project. Following the presentations (RM also presented their plan to fund for Groome's Vista and Lake's End) a question and answer period was held.

A Memorandum of Understanding regarding High Speed Internet Service Construction and Funding in the Communities of Pasqua Lake was signed on October 10, 2018 between SaskTel and the RM. As per the agreement a payment of \$50,000 (\$44,500 for Hamlet share) was deposited by the RM prior to the October 23rd deadline.

Further discussions have been held in the month of December between the Hamlet and RM Council. In the near future the RM will be sending out via a mailout to all ratepayers involved in the Community Internet Project a SaskTel Service Request information package.

In early January the Hamlet Board will be meeting to finalize the funding plans for borrowing the required dollars to meet our February 1st payment of \$264,330.

It is our hope that some of the preliminary work will start this winter as per the SaskTel Service Request with the main construction happening in the spring of 2019.

We would like to thank you for your patience and support as we work through this major project which we feel will help our Hamlet to move forward in the technological needs of our current residents and more so for those who want to call Pasqua Lake home in the future (as either full-time or seasonal).

Please contact the RM office or any of the Hamlet Board members should you have further questions or concerns.

Have a Merry Christmas with family and friends and wishing everyone a prosperous New Year.

Hamlet of Pasqua Lake Board

Larry Bedel – Chair

Dan Dukart – Secretary

Carla Taylor – board member

Jim Toth – board member and RM Councillor