

2017 January Newsletter

Summer Village of Sunset Beach

Message from the Mayor

1. ANNEXATION

A few years back the owners of the County lot to the immediate east of the summer village, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, commenced an application with the County for subdivision of that land into 4 separate titles, the intent being to incorporate into and thereby enlarge their current summer village residential properties. Among the requirements at the time was closure of a 20 foot registered “lane” and replacement with a newly registered means of access, for which the mandated public consultation was undertaken, concluded, and ministerial approval obtained.

Since then things got extremely complicated and subdivision within the County became a practical impossibility. The owners have asked that council revisit the possibility of annexation of the parcel into the summer village. We approve.

The Municipal Government Act requires that we convene a **public hearing** once again, this time to inform and consult affected parties, residents and neighboring landowners. The meeting will take place at the **West Baptiste Firehall** and community center, starting at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, January 28, 2017**. Members of council, administration, and our municipal planner will be present for those of you with questions. A more formal notice will appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

2. SUBDIVISION

The summer village resident owners of the field east of Birch Drive at the far north of the summer village have applied to have it subdivided into 3 parcels. Approval was sought and conditional approval obtained. Formal subdivision is expected to occur in the spring.

3. MONTHLY TAX PAYMENT OPTION

Council has passed a resolution allowing for monthly property tax payments (January 1 through December 1) not unlike the present “bylaw payment” plan permitted in Edmonton. We are not yet set up for direct debit from your bank, but on request administration will calculate and advise of the monthly post-dated cheque requirements. Like in Edmonton, once tax rates are set for 2017 the monthly payment will adjust upwards or downwards according to the budget.

4. SUMMER VILLAGE COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Think your taxes are too high? Services insufficient or non-existent? Want to have a say? Make your voice heard? Feeling ready to commit yourself to a little public service?

As we enter into 2017 I am reminded by **she whose counsel is to be valued more than life itself** that failing a constitutional amendment even Trump will get the boot after 2 terms. By this summer I will have completed 3, a total 10 years. **SHE MOST WISE** figures I’m getting a little long in the tooth, synapses not firing quite like they used to, maybe a tad stale, time for a change.

There have been highs, and lows, but overall it has turned out alright. I have enjoyed the support of my administrations (McCallum, Tomaszuk, Wildman et al), my councils (Lindsay, Fodchuk, Shopland, Nesdole), and my constituents, all of you. Thanks to you my tenure has been a privilege. Alas, now it is someone else’s turn.

Plan on having an election this summer. Give some consideration to throwing your name into the hat. In the words of late former mayor (and wise mentor to me) Jody Howells, “. . . when the people stop putting their names in, the province will simply take away our summer village status. You won’t like that . . .”

THANKS FROM COUNCIL

All of us on council wish you health, happiness, and a safe and prosperous 2017.

Mark Lindskoog
Mayor

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

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PROPERTY TAXES WERE DUE ON AUGUST 31, 2016

The Summer Village of Sunset Beach Property Taxes were due on August 31, 2016. Penalty charges will continue to be charged if not paid in full. If you have not received your Tax Notice please contact the Office at 780-937-4366.

The Summer Village is in the process of setting up a Payment Plan for property owners. It will be 12 Post Dated Cheques that are to be dated for the 1st of each month. If you wish to join or have any questions please contact the office.

Paying Your Property Taxes:

Please make cheques payable to the Summer Village of Sunset Beach and mail to:
PO Box 8 Alberta Beach, AB TOE-OAO

Election Year!

2017 is an election year, so now is the time for those interested in serving on Council to do some research, step forward and become involved.

It is educational, interesting and rewarding!!

Development and Permits

Prior to any construction, property owners **MUST** obtain a development permit from the Development Officer. The Summer Village's Development Officer is Tony Sonnleitner who can be contacted at 780-718-5479 or email at pcm1@telusplanet.net.

Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing Permits

Permits are a legal requirement. The Summer Village is an accredited Municipality, therefore, building, electrical, gas and plumbing permits can be obtained from the agency below which are authorized to issue permits and provide compliance monitoring in accredited Municipalities.

* The Inspections Group Inc. (Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing) 1-866-554-5048

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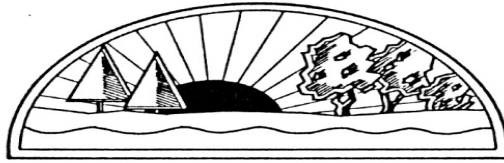
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Assessor – Ian Ferguson 780-939-3310
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COMMUNITY NOTICE !!

1. With the amount of damage on the shorelines, the retaining walls, boathouses, trees, etc. Please be aware that there could be some damage to your lot, so you may want to check.
2. There has also been at least two more break-ins recently so lot owners you may want to check their places.



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ANNEXATION OPEN HOUSE

The Summer Village of Sunset Beach is proposing to annex a 1.82 ha (4.5 ac.) parcel from Athabasca County legally described as: Pt. RL 6-66-24-W4 (identified on the included map). The Summer Village of Sunset Beach and Athabasca County area residents are invited to learn more about the proposed annexation and to provide feedback. The Open House will be held:

DATE: January 28, 2017

TIME: 10:00AM

LOCATION: West

**Baptiste Fire Hall
(2nd Ave. West
Baptiste)**

The open house is part of the public engagement process and will be an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to learn more about the annexation proposal, provide feedback, and speak with project team representatives.

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