



Summer Village of Sunset Beach

Spring 2023 Newsletter

Mayor's message

Greetings and warm wishes from your council and administration. I am writing this May 8 - the snow is gone, the countryside has returned to green, the lake is open, waterfowl have returned for the season. I waited all winter for this and am so looking forward to summer, as presumably are you.

But with the change of season comes the increased danger of wildfire. At the time of this writing there is a province-wide fire ban which includes, of course, Athabasca County and our summer village. Residents are reminded to watch the fire status signage at the entrance to the summer village and govern themselves accordingly. And be conscious of the requirement that waterbomber aircraft need unimpeded access to water from the lake to keep us and our property safe. When boating if you see fire aircraft overhead get to shore to allow them to reload.

NEW PROJECTS:

We're probably going to try to maintain a low profile this year. Ongoing routine maintenance items will continue as usual. We anticipate no significant new infrastructure expenditures but are exploring the possibility of some sort of gazebo-like covered structure on the concrete pad at Centennial Park. We are presently pricing options and may have something to discuss further at the AGM.

There seem to be more break-ins recently than I have been accustomed to hearing about. One of our newer residents has been researching "neighborhood watch" programs and we hope to be hearing from him shortly. We will advise. Meanwhile, try to be good neighbors, watch out for each other, and report suspicious vehicles and activities.

READ MY LIPS, NO NEW TAXES:

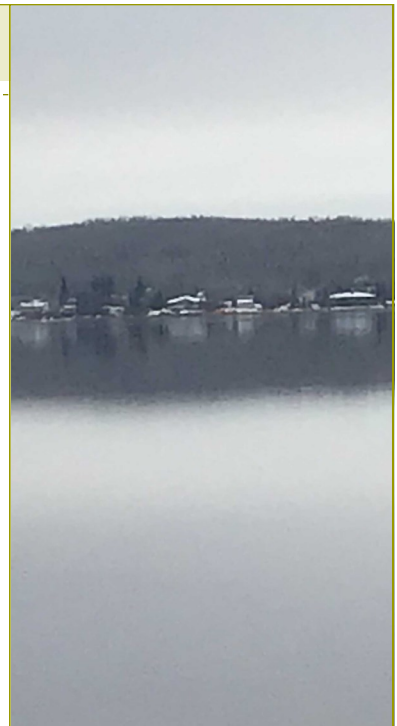
Your new tax notice is included with this mailout. **SHE WHO MUST BE OBEYED** hath decreed that we should be tightening our belts. But ongoing expenses continue. Our mill rate has actually gone down slightly, probably more as a consequence of overall increased assessment than anything else, but we really are trying to keep a lid on expenses. Note that taxes remain due by August 31 unless you have already switched over to monthly payments due the 1st of each month.

ANNUAL MEETING:

This summer's annual meeting will be on **Saturday, June 24, 2023**, commencing at 10:30 a.m., at the Island Lake South Community Hall. Be there if you can. The summer village buys the coffee and doughnuts and you can meet with council, administration friends and neighbors.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE MEETING, HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

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RESIDENT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

As discussed at last summer's information meeting, Fred Black and Derek Hall have been investigating options for a Sunset Beach Crime Watch in coordination with the RCMP.

The goal is to create a resource for all Sunset Beach owners and residents:

- on safety information and best practices for property owners,
- to help and advise the Village Council and operations if requested,
- to share information on incidents in the Village and area, and
- to update and maintain the emergency contact database.

A questionnaire will be sent out soon by administration on our behalf. Please make sure you fill it out. You will be able to let us know how much (or little) you'd like to be involved.

Look for updates in future newsletters, and don't hesitate to email us if you have any questions or concerns - SVSBwatch@gmail.com

Thanks - and we look forward to hearing your ideas!
Fred Black & Derek Hall

RESIDENT FACEBOOK PAGE

There is a Facebook page to encourage community communications. This page will be open to residents only. You will be required to provide your name and lot number when signing up so they can confirm you are indeed a resident of the summer village.

The purpose of this page is for the neighbors of Sunset Beach to communicate regarding suspicious activity, local crimes, property damage, property concerns, lake levels, missing / found items including pets, community events and meetings and to foster a supportive and safe summer village community.

This is a closed group meaning your membership is public but all posts are private and only visible to group members.

Council encourages all residents to join, however please note that this is a page operated and monitored by residents only. It is not intended to request administrative assistance. Should you require administrative assistance, you will need to contact administration directly at the contact options provided. Administration will not be monitoring this Facebook page.

To sign up, please visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1988584451441257/> and send a private message to the administrators with your address.

CRIME IN THE SUMMER VILLAGE

Crime can be an ongoing issue in the summer village. Residents are advised to make sure they secure their homes properly, especially when leaving for the winter. It is a good idea to ensure that administration has your emergency contact information as well as possibly a neighbor that can alert you to any problems. Here are some RCMP suggestions for summer villages;

- Install 3M Security glaze on windows
- Plant gnarly bushes, such as roses, under windows
- Well lit properties
- Well secured doors and windows
- Remove firearms, electronics and expensive items during the winter months
- Do not keep keys in any vehicles
- Do not hide keys to your buildings in easy to find locations

SLOW DOWN IN THE SUMMER VILLAGE

We are asking that residents please slow down when driving through the summer village. This is for everyone's safety.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure that administration has your current phone number and email address. This is how you will be contacted in the event of an emergency.

AED—AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The AED's have been temporarily removed as we wait for heated boxes. We will let you know when they are back up and where they are located. Thank you.