



Summer Village of Sunset Beach

Winter 2021 Newsletter

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

I started this message last October. Parts still apply and parts have been updated or added to. Mona Nemer, the Chief science adviser to the prime minister said in an interview on the West Block aired on October 11, 2020 that a working vaccine against covid should be available "as early as the beginning of 2021". She is a scientist specializing in molecular genetics and cardiac regeneration educated at McGill and Wichita State universities and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. I hope she is right and that people get vaccinated in high numbers. On October 26, AstraZeneca released positive news about their vaccine stating that the generation of immunity was similar between older and younger adults. This gives me hope that we can all return to some semblance of normal before too long. Hopefully time at the lake will be filled with more socializing in person soon.

Now it looks like the delays will be due to obtaining and performing vaccinations. hopefully the government will be able to stick to or accelerate their timing for vaccinations.

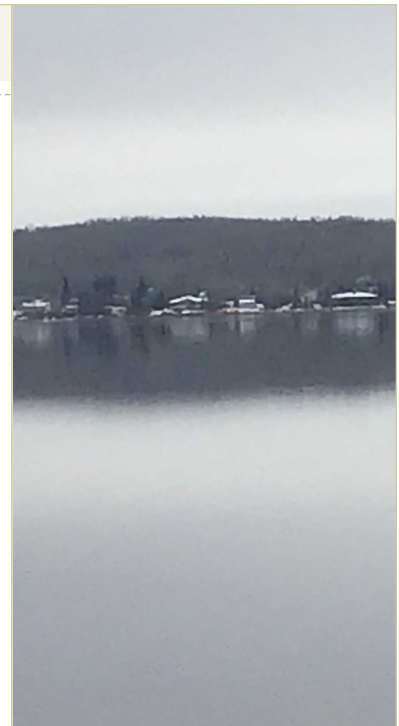


I was looking at survey results being used to help create the Intermunicipal Development Plan. I started to reflect on whether the results agreed with my preferences and views. Some questions were about future types of development. My answers to a couple of questions would put me in favour of country-residential and possibly recreational development but opposed to commercial, light industrial, resource extraction, institutional and multi-lot country residential development. Regarding my reasons for choosing to be at the lake I am there for the quiet peaceful environment and easy access to the lake. Other questions dealt with a range of things but the above is what is important to me and what I hope is important to you. The company doing the plan for us is trying to get it finished for April 1 to comply with the government deadline. If you have comments regarding the IDP please let us know very soon.

I am hoping that when we have our next time for an election that we will actually have an election. A number of times in recent history we have not had to vote due to having only three people running for three positions. It would be nice for councillors in the future to feel that they have a mandate from the residents. Hopefully we will see more residents who care about the summer village step forward to run for council. Our Chief Administrative Officers (Kim and Garth Bancroft) give great advice and guidance regarding any intricacies of the positions allowing us to learn on the job.

Because I originally wrote this in late October and It is coming out now, I didn't get a chance to wish everyone a good holiday season. My wife Sandy and I Hope that the winter has been good to you and that we will all soon be able to enjoy more normal times at the lake.

Sincerely, Jack Margolus



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MUNICIPAL PLANS

We are currently working on a few municipal plans. This includes a Municipal Development Plan, a Land Use Bylaw, and a Wastewater bylaw. We have hired ISL to write the first two.

We have now reached the stage of these plans where we will be holding public hearings. This is your chance to speak about the plans. There will not be any presentations on the plans as they have been available for reading on the website for quite some time now. The public hearings will be held online via zoom and anyone who wishes to speak may do so. More information can be found on the public participation page of the website.

The public hearing for the Municipal Development Plan will be held on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. If you are not able to attend, you may also send your comments or concerns to bancroftkim@hotmail.com or a member of your council. Please have your comments in by April 5, 2021.

The public hearing for the Land Use Bylaw and the Wastewater Bylaw will be held on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. If you are not able to attend, you may also send your comments or concerns to bancroftkim@hotmail.com. Please have your comments in by the end of April.

We are also working on an Intermunicipal Development Plan with Athabasca County and the Summer Villages around Baptiste Lake. More information should be available on that soon.

RESIDENT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PAGE

Susan and Maxine manage a Facebook page to encourage community communications.

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.

ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT? OR HAS YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

In order to ensure we have current contact information on all residents we ask that any new residents to the summer village please send an email to bancroftkim@hotmail.com providing your contact information. Also make sure you update us if your mailing address, email or phone number changes.