

# Summer Village of Sunrise Beach



## May 2021 Newsletter

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### Message from the Mayor

Well spring is finally here after a long winter of having to stay home and follow Covid-19 guidelines to keep us all safe. Now we can get outside and enjoy our yards along with the spring weather.

Our Summer Village Municipal election is on August 14th, 2021. All the details of the election are posted on our website as well as some information if you are interested in running for council. I encourage anyone that is considering becoming a council member to join in on our regular council meetings.

I will not be running a fourth term for council. I would like to thank all the council and administrative staff that I have worked with over the past eleven years, it has truly been my pleasure to work with such dedicated people that give so much of their time to make our Summer Village an enjoyable and safe place to live.

I believe that now more than ever, we need to work together as a community, we need to trust one another and we need to get along with our neighbours so that we can all continue to grow and enjoy our Summer Village. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer.

Mayor, Glen Usselman



### ELECTION 2021



2021 is a general election year for the Summer Village and all three (3) Council positions are open to receive nominations. If you are interested in running for Council, you can find election packages and additional information on the Summer Village website - or you can make arrangements to pickup hard copies at the administration office. As there is a requirement to include several supporting signatures from those electors nominating a candidate, we encourage interested individuals to get their forms as soon as possible - especially as COVID-19 makes meeting and acquiring these signatures more difficult than in past years.

**Nomination Day** will be held Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Onoway Heritage Center, 4708 Lac Ste Anne Trail N, Onoway.

**Advance Vote (if required)** will be held Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Onoway Heritage Center, 4708 Lac Ste Anne Trail N, Onoway.

**Election Day (if required)** will be held Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Onoway Heritage Center, 4708 Lac Ste Anne Trail N, Onoway.

### Public Works Staff

We are happy to welcome back our **Public Works Foreman, Gord Taschuk.**



This will be his 5<sup>th</sup> season working for the Summer Village. He does a great job Spring, Summer & Fall. If you would like to contact Gord, give him a call at the Public Works Shop @ **780-967-2192.**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



July 31 <sup>st</sup> -	Property taxes are due
August 1 <sup>st</sup> -	3% penalty on current taxes
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> -	3% penalty on current taxes
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> -	3% penalty on current taxes
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> -	3% penalty on current taxes
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> -	3% penalty on current taxes
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> -	18% penalty on outstanding balance.



## **\*\*PROPERTY TAXES\*\***

The Summer Village collects taxes annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are received through grants, a minimum municipal tax, a special tax and the municipal portion of the property taxes. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation and the Alberta School Foundation Fund.

### **If paying by mail:**

Please make cheque payable to the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach and mail to:  
Box 1197, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0



### **If paying by e-transfer:**

To send an e-transfer to the Summer Village for payment of property taxes. Please contact the administration office to set up an email and password. **Reminder: Property taxes are due July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

## **\*\*PROPERTY ASSESSMENT\*\***

Property assessment services are contracted to Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc.

### **What is a Property Assessment?**

Each year, the Assessor will inspect certain properties within the Municipality. The property assessment is the estimated market value of your property which is used to calculate property taxes as of May 25<sup>th</sup>. The market determines the value of your property and that value is the basis for the assessment and is then used to calculate your property taxes. Assessors are bound by strict guidelines for assessment and will be ensuring everything possible is taken into consideration for the future.

### **What If I Disagree with My Assessment?**

You are encouraged to talk to an assessor if you have concerns about the assessment as it relates to your property value. Remember, you can only make a complaint against your assessed value, not your tax dollars or rates and you **MUST** have grounds for your complaint. Please also keep in mind that the assessor does not set the rates in the municipality, and, therefore, can not answer questions about property taxation, nor can they answer questions about the amount of services you receive. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint. **The assessment complaint deadline is July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website [www.summervillageofsunrisebeach.ca](http://www.summervillageofsunrisebeach.ca) or by contacting the office at 780-967-0271. Prior to completing the assessment complaint form, please contact the assessor to first discuss the matter of your assessment (not your tax dollars) - Ray Crews - 780-939-3310.

## **HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR 2021 CENSUS PACKAGE??**

We encourage all residents to complete their census questionnaire (online option: [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca))  
Accurate & complete census data supports programs and services that benefit our community including grant funding to our Summer Village.



## **Household Waste**

The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach has a contract in place with Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. Standstone personnel will be picking up your household waste every 2nd Tuesday during the winter months (**November to April**) and every Tuesday during the summer months (**May to October**).  
Please have your waste carts out before Tuesday morning for pickup & bring them back in after your waste has been picked up.



If your cart needs repair or replacement, please call the Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. office @ 780-967-2118.

## Lagoon Update

The Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach lagoon is still closed, and effluent from the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach (hauled by Standstone Vacuum Service) is still being disposed of at the Onoway lagoon. Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach Joint Lagoon Committee is working with an Engineering firm with respect to addressing the deficiencies of our existing lagoon. Presently, the Summer Village has been granted a 3 year extension with the Town of Onoway for disposal of wastewater effluent.



### Water Is Coming!



The regional water line will be coming to Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach! The fill station will be located directly west of the Sandy Beach Public Works & Administration building on Secondary Highway 642. We are anticipating construction to be finished late summer early fall, operational by late Fall to early Spring 2022.

### **Do you think you've spotted a quagga or zebra mussel?**

Report it to Alberta's invasive species hotline at 1 855 336 BOAT (2628).

#### Clean, Drain, Dry Your Boat!

##### **Clean**

- Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear
- Remove all plants, animals, and mud at the access area or dock
- At home, soak your gear in a bleach solution for at least one minute
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

##### **Drain**

On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:

- Bait buckets
- Coolers
- Livewells
- Ballast
- Internal compartments
- Bilges

##### **Dry**

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry.
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.

ZEBRA MUSSEL



QUAGGA MUSSEL



### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

For the past five years, during the summer months, Brenda Ely has done an exceptional job looking after all the plants in the Summer Village. She has done all the planting & weeding, Gord helps her out with the watering. Brenda is hanging up her 'gardening gloves' from the beautification committee. We are looking for someone to fill her shoes, if anyone is interested at all, please give us a call at the administration office at **780-967-0271**. To all the people going on walks with their dogs, remember to pick up after your dog. Nobody likes to see it & no one wants to pick up after someone else's dog. Please pick up after your own pooch.



### Sun & Sand Recreation League

We are looking forward to when we will be able to start having our events again. Watch for updates on our Facebook page & the Summer Village information signs. We would like to welcome all newcomers to the Summer Village.

For any information please contact Marian Young, Secretary/Treasurer at 780-967-4027.

Submitted by Marian Young



## NEW CHANGES TO ALBERTA'S DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Alberta Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) is intended to fund uninsurable losses incurred due to disaster event. Typically, this covers damage from overland floods, or wildfire. Some of the changes include:

- 90:10 cost sharing arrangement with local governments and private-sector applicant, which include homeowners, residential tenants, small business owners, landlords, agriculture operations, condominium associations and not for profit organizations and cooperatives.
- This arrangement means that the province will provide assistance for 90% of eligible disaster costs and the impacted municipality and private sector applicants are responsible for the remaining 10% of their respective costs. For homeowners, the assistance will be capped at \$500,000, however this is a **one-time** limit on disaster financial assistance per property. This means that if a property owner makes a DRP claim for \$100,000, that is the only payout available for that property. Properties that have claimed a payout under the DRP will be listed on government website so that prospective homebuyers will be able to determine the status before a purchase.

Municipalities must now consider developing a reserve fund to offset the costs in the event of a disaster, however, these changes also come at a time when the province has reduced the Municipal Sustainability Initiative allotment by 25%. Municipalities must already make difficult financial choices and it may not be feasible to consider a reserve fund at this time.

### FIRES CAN HAPPEN! ARE YOU COVERED??

Did you know that the cost of Fire Suppression by the fire department is payable by the **property owner**? In our area we have seen the cost of fire suppression for a structure fire as high as \$28,000 and for a wildland (grass fire) as high as \$12,000.



Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and how much it covers. Besides inquiring about your home structure fire insurance, we encourage you to inquire about wildland insurance (for a grass fire that happens but never reaches a structure).

ALSO, please be advised that should the fire department be dispatched by 9-1-1 to your residence for any reason (house alarms including false alarms, campfire, downed utility line, medical first response, STARS landing) you, as the property owner, will receive an invoice.

**Check your insurance policy and make sure you are covered!**



### Sunrise All-Connect

The All-Net system is a multi-network integrated communication platform designed specifically for municipalities. Connect will allow the Summer Village to send a variety of community and emergency messages directly to subscriber.

As a subscriber you will have the ability to customize what types of messages you receive (community, emergency, weather warnings, etc.) and what delivery method (call, text, email, etc.) you want to use. The system is easy to subscribe to and there is no additional charge to register. We know privacy is important and this system keeps your contact details protected.

If you have not signed up for Sunrise All-connect & are interested in doing so, sign up on Summer Village website, or call us at the administration office at **780-967-0271** for assistance! If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact the Administration office.