 Summer Village of Sunrise Beach

**May 2023 Newsletter**

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**Message from the Mayor**

The beautiful weather and longer days are finally in our grasp!

I would like to start by saying thank you to Gord our summer maintenance person for keeping the village well trimmed, clean and looking beautiful this past summer, as well as to Ward our winter maintenance person for keeping the roads plowed, sanded and safe for our residents to start their commutes in the morning. There was a lot of long hours throughout the seasons, but your hard work, pride and determination have shown.

I would also like to thank all the participants who joined in on the 2ND annual “Light Night”. For a second year there were many wonderfully decorated homes! Although we had to change it up with the complications of the sleigh ride, we as a community made the best of it and had a wonderful time just the same running with the tractor. This competition grew quite a bit from last year and I cannot wait to see what will be done for winter 2023!

I would also like to say that the Canada Day long weekend when we had held a big bin day as well as a village wide garage sale that the turnout was truly phenomenal! There were kids playing in the ditches, neighbors having coffee on the roads, team work all around from bottle donations, moving the steel in the steel bin, clean up, just all in all a great community effort by everyone. We hope to continue to try new events and ideas to have the community engaging and interacting more.
In closing I would once again like to thank the residents of Sunrise Beach for electing me as your mayor and I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer and enjoy some outdoor activities, BBQ’s and family time.

**Public Works Staff**

We are happy to welcome back our

**Public Works** **Foreman, Gord**

**Taschuk.** This will be his 7th season

working for the Summer Village. He does a great job Spring, Summer & Fall. We thank him for the awesome job he did on our roads this past winter. If you would like to contact Gord, give him a call at the Public Works Shop @ **780-967-2192**.



**\*NEW OFFICE LOCATION\***

The Administration Office has been relocated to:

2317 Twp Rd 545 Lac Ste. Anne County

All Council meetings also take place at this location.

**SUNRISE BEACH COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you haven’t already signed up, check out the community Facebook page. Keep up with all that’s going on in the Summer Village. Great way to meet your neighbours & other community members. Please see link below.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/147350330820370/ ?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/147350330820370/%20?ref=share)

**If you**



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 31st - Property taxes are due

August 1st - 3% penalty on current taxes

Sept 1st - 3% penalty on current taxes

Oct 1st - 3% penalty on current taxes

Nov 1st - 3% penalty on current taxes

Dec 1st - 3% penalty on current taxes

Jan 1st - 18% penalty on outstanding balance.

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“Alone, we can do so little; together

we can do so much.”

-Helen Keller

**\*\*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 31st, 2023**

**\*\*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 25th. 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 August 2nd, 2023.** 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) – Justin Goudreau – 780-939-3310.



**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 Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. office @ 780-967-2118.**

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

If anyone would like to help Jane out with the weeding, please give the office a call 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**

Year-round community events and activities for all ages. Check out our community calendar at [www.sunandsandrecleague.org](http://www.sunandsandrecleague.org) or

780-996-5155

Submitted by

Mandy Smallwood, President



 **Current Mailing Address**

Are you new to the Summer Village?? Did you move recently?? It is important for the Summer Village Administration Office has your current mailing address. Without your current mailing address, your tax notice may not be properly delivered and that could lead to delays & penalties.

**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).

**Check your insurance policy and make**

**sure you are covered!**





**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER DOG OWNERS**

In reference to Bylaw #142-2018, Animal Control Bylaw:

It shall be the responsibility of all owners of dogs or domestic animals to ensure that:

a) the dog or domestic animal is not permitted to run-at-large, except in areas designated as “Off Leash” areas and then the regulations regarding that area must be complied with.  No vicious or restricted dogs are allowed to make use of the “Off Leash” area.  They must be kept on leash at all times when off the owner’s premises or property.

This helps keep everyone in the Summer Village Safe! Please be a responsible Pet Owner.



“STRENGTH LIES IN DIFFERENCES, NOT IN SIMILARITIES”

-Stephen R. Covey

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – ARE YOU PREPARED??

No one wants to think and worry about disasters.  The Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partners was formed through Ministerial Order A017/20 to provide Emergency Management Services for eleven member Summer Village in Lac Ste. Anne County, as legislated by Emergency Management Act RSA 2000, c. E6.8.  Each municipal has appointed and local Director of Emergency Management (DEM) and in some cases a Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM).  This is in place to create a net work of support to assist you in case of an emergency.

We are now looking for Emergency Management support volunteers to assist the DEM with preparing our Village in the event of an emergency.  Hazard assessments, regular meetings, mock disasters are conducted for response to various emergencies.  The main concerns in the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach are fire and severe weather events.  The plan moving forward, and our immediate need, is to have one or two people on each street to act as a Block Captain, who would assist in confirming evacuation of everyone on their street, and help with the education program, so that the people in the Village are aware of where to go in the event of an evacuation.  If you feel you might require assistance for someone in your family, we would appreciate submission of details and address to our DEM to coordinate assistance for you if required.

We will have more information moving forward and encourage you to get involved!

You may forward details to the following:

Director of Emergency Management – Diane Wannamaker at diwannamaker@msn.com

**\*\*NOTE**  Muster points in the Village of evacuation are the intersections of Shedden Drive and Leisure Lane and Shedden Drive and Victory Road.**\*\***

**RV REMINDER**

***SECTION 38 TEMPORARY LIVING ACCOMMODATION***

*(1) No recreational vehicle (holiday trailers, motor homes, campers or tent trailers) may be situated on a parcel and occupied for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days unless issues a development permit by the Development Officer.*

*(2) A permit for temporary living accommodation shall be at the discretion of the Development Authority who shall consider the concerns of adjacent landowners and the nature of the development on adjacent lands.*

*(3) At no time may more than two (2) recreational vehicles be parked on a parcel as a temporary living accommodation for a period in excess of 4 consecutive days unless otherwise approved by the Development Officer or Council;*

*(4) The above Section 38(3) does not apply to recreational vehicles, that are not occupied and which are not located on a developed parcel for the purpose of storage.*

*(5) At no time are R.V.’s to be parked on Summer Village property and used as a temporary or permanent place of residence.*

**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.

“Knowledge is Power,

Community is Strength,

And Positive Attitude is

Everything!”

-Lance Armstrong



The Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society provides affordable transportation to seniors (50+) and people living with disabilities in the east end of Lac Ste. Anne County.

This service consists of scheduled shopping trips to West Edmonton Mall, St. Albert and Spruce Grove, monthly excursions funded by FCSS dollars and rentals by service clubs, special interest groups and community members.

Bus schedules can be found in the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin, Seniors Clubs, Manors, the websites of the County of Lac Ste. Anne, Town of Onoway, Alberta Beach and also you can like us on Facebook.

For more information about the society and its service contact Lorna at 780.905.3934



Proposed Wastewater Line:

There have been high level discussions within the region for a potential regional wastewater line for several years now.    Further to this, the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach and Sandy Beach were both approached by the Darwell Lagoon Commission/Lac Ste. Anne County with respect to construction of a wastewater transmission line from Sandy Beach to the Onoway Lagoon.    There have been some preliminary design work and estimated costs completed, and now more detailed design and estimated costs have been requested of the Engineering Company working on this project.    A grant has been approved for the construction of this transmission line at 90/10 dollars (90% funded by the Province and 10% funded by the municipal members).    At this time no decision has been made by the member municipalities or the Darwell Lagoon Commission as to whether this project will proceed, parties are waiting for the detailed design and cost estimates.    Once this information is received additional discussions will take place and direction will be given by Summer Village Council as to the next steps.   If this transmission line does proceed, a future consideration would then be to determine if a wastewater collection system (smaller lines running throughout the Summer Village past each property whereby the property owners can choose to tie directly into the wastewater line and alleviate truck haul) is desired and affordable within the community.



 Proposed Hummocky RV Development

Lands within Lac Ste. Anne County, but adjacent to the Summer Village, referred as the Hummocky RV Development has received 1st reading of its redistricting bylaw by Lac Ste. Anne County.  A public hearing was held at the Lac Ste. Anne County office on February 9th, 2023, and at that meeting consideration of 2nd and 3rd readings of this bylaw was deferred.   As of newsletter preparation time we are not aware of this bylaw coming back before County Council for consideration of 2nd and 3rd readings.    You will find information on our website regarding this proposal, under Hummocky RV Resort on the Home Page.    If you go to our website and find the April 25th, 2023, Additions Agenda you can read information that was presented to Summer Village Council at this meeting.    Based on the information provided, and the discussion at meeting time, Council passed 5 motions at this meeting:

*-the Alberta Community Partnership Condition grant agreement was accepted for information, and the Summer Village will enter into discussion with Lac Ste. Anne County with regards to this grant agreement*

*-the Summer Village will not pursue a road use agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County with respect to the Hummocky lands at this time*

*-discussion and written information on a potential 2nd access to these Hummocky lands was accepted for information*

*-discussion on entering into an Intermunicipal Municipal Development Plan (IDP) with the County has been tabled to 2024 (unless required sooner)*

*-discussion on potential extra administration costs as a direct result of the Hummocky subdivision and potential RV development was accepted for information*

When you read this April 25th, 2023, Additions Agenda you will note there are several potential costs coming to the Summer Village with respect to the various aspects of this proposed development should the Summer Village decide to continue to pursue same.   As noted on page 3 of this agenda, costs incurred as of the date this agenda was prepared are:  $4,560.43 for legal and $4,050.00 for the planner.   We can advise another cheque has been issued to the planner in the amount of $2,985.00 since this agenda was put together.

If this potential development is of interest to you, please watch our website, along with Lac Ste. Anne County website and/or newspaper notice, with respect to further developments.