



Summer Village of Sandy Beach

Summer 2020 Newsletter

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Mayor's Spring/Summer 2020 Message



Dear Residents of Sandy Beach

With the arrival of Spring and a hopeful look forward to a nice warm and sunny Summer we have some good news. COVID-19 has left us in strange and unexpected times; a severe economic downturn, closures of business and industry, unemployment, stay-at-home and other social distancing restrictions, and for far too many illness, deaths and the loss of loved ones. This too shall pass as we all work together to stay healthy, stay safe and stay apart.

Council has presented a property tax rate and plan that we believe fits the current situation. No increase in property tax, a three month payment deferral, and a subsequent significant reduction in penalty for unpaid taxes. If you can manage to pay your taxes in full by June 30th, please do. Folks on the monthly plan hopefully can manage as well.

Many of Village summer events are cancelled at this time. However, you can say hello and raise a glass to friends and neighbours on the other side of the fence. Plan on making the best of the good weather ahead.

*Gordon Drybrough, **Mayor***

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE

Please practice FireSmart and remember that emergency response call outs will have the Fire Department send the invoice to the Summer Village for payment, and from there it goes directly to you or your tax roll for payment. The average cost of fire suppression by the fire department is \$2,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Take care of and **REVIEW** your home insurance policy as some insurance companies do not insure for fire equipment in the case of a fire.

Some additional things you might consider doing in the fire protection of your home and property;

- ✓ Install on a wall at an easy assessable location an **ABC 3-5lb. Fire Extinguisher** as most home fires are started in the kitchen where things can get out of control very quickly.
- ✓ Keep all dead wood and debris in the yard and surrounding areas of the home cleared and stored **well away** from the house.
- ✓ Put a 4ft wide gravel circle around your fire pit **and cover you fire with a spark COVER - NO OPEN or UNATTENDED FIRES.**
- ✓ Make sure your property has a **very clear and easy to see house number.**
- ✓ If your home has aluminum electrical wire, **have it inspected** by a Licensed Electrician.
- ✓ **PUT OUT YOUR FIRE** in the FIRE PIT when you are done – **WATER, STIR, WATER!!**



Annual Information Meeting

The Annual Information Meeting is *provisionally* scheduled for **Saturday, Sept 26th, 2020**. The meeting will be held at the Myrna Noyes Community Hall commencing at **9:30 am** providing AB Health requirements are met. Check the website for updates please.

The 2019 Audited Financial Statement will be available for review at the Annual Information Meeting.

Summer Village Contact Information

svsandyb@xplornet.ca or
www.summervillageofsandybeach.ca

PLEASE NOTE the FOLLOWING

ALL RESIDENTS & VISITORS

- Do NOT **discharge** a weapon or cross bow anywhere on municipal lands - please report such activity - it's illegal as per the law;
- Do not **make open fires** anywhere; back yard fires must have a spark screen over fire and must be water, stir, water, stir when put out;
- ATV's **must have spark arresters - 15kph speed limit** everywhere;
- Day Park - no alcohol, no cannabis, no music, no fires, don't litter;
- Dogs **on a leash** at all times everywhere and **clean up** after your dogs - STRAY dogs are reported to the Bylaw Officer at 780.967.2873;
- **Respect** your neighbour's amenity - and foster peace;
- Do not **leave garbage bags** on the road for the whole week;
- **DOUSE** the backyard fire/fire pits ONLY!!
- New dogs require a lifetime license of **\$15** by July 1, 2020;

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Summer!

Residential Taxes

Tax Questions/Receipts/Amounts/Notices

svsandyb@xplornet.ca

During 2020 COVID-19
PLEASE CONSIDER doing
Interac/email payments to:
svsandyb@xplornet.ca
Password **RollXXX**

If you are not on the monthly payment plan please remember YOUR Annual 2020 Taxes are due by September 30, 2020

For those who can pay by June 30, 2020 kindly PLEASE do so.

To avoid a 2% monthly penalty please pay your property taxes by Sept 30th. Unpaid taxes will be subject to a 2% monthly penalty until December 1st. An 3% penalty will be added to all tax rolls that have an **total** outstanding balance owing January 1st, 2021.

Cheque payments can be mailed to the Village office or dropped off at the Village mail box **BUT PLEASE CONSIDER** Interac/email payments to:

svsandyb@xplornet.ca Password RollXXX

The Sept 30th payment Deadline applies for all **non TPP** payments of current taxes.

Tax Payment Plan (TPP)

Please be advised that the Village has changed over to direct debit **for all monthly** tax payments as of 2019. If you want to sign on for TPP you are required to submit a **signed and dated direct debit authorization form** from your bank - signed and dated PRIOR to January 15 of the new year - that is if you have not enrolled already.

If you would like to be on the plan, please contact the Summer Village office at **780.967.2873** or **email us at svsandyb@xplornet.ca**

Current Tax Payment Plan Clients will receive their new monthly amount TPP Letters in the mail with their annual tax notice; usually mailed during the first day of the last week of May.

COVID-19

Please familiarize yourself with the Alberta Health Guidelines for helping prevent the spread

Public Health and Novel Coronavirus Awareness

As many of you are aware, addressing the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) remains a focus for global, federal, provincial and local authorities. Earlier, in March 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic, and as the impact has spread to Canada our federal and provincial governments are providing regular guidance to the public on the matter.

Alberta Health links are updated regularly to ensure timely and accurate information:

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

As a reminder, to help protect you and your family against all respiratory illnesses, including flu and COVID-19, you should:

- Wash your hands often and well
- Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched
- Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill
- Contact your primary health provider or Health Link 811 if you have questions or concerns about your health
- When sick, cover your cough and sneezes and then wash your hand.

WILD Water Commission and Transmission Line Phase A - UPDATE

Phase III – the Commission has received \$50,000.00 from the Province to complete the preliminary design from Onoway north/east to Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach/Alexander First Nation, and also north/west to Nakamun Park. Alexander is not currently a partner/member of the Commission, but they are certainly welcome and intend to join. In this phase a truck fill is planned near Sandy Beach. Phase IV – the Commission has received \$50,000.00 from the Province to complete the preliminary design to extend the existing line west and south to Seba Beach. In this phase, the Summer Villages of Betula Beach, Silver Sands and South View will be engaging in the conversation to determine if they wish to become a partner in this project and member in the Commission.

The Transmission line cost share talks took part during March 2020 and there is willingness from LSAC to cost share on the project. At the April 16, 2020 Regular Council meeting Sandy Beach opted to join Phase A of the project and has informed the Committee accordingly.



Village Pride!

Now that the great summer weather

is here, the grass is loving it! There is a real need for property owners to take pride in their properties; vacant or not, and make sure that the grass is mowed and the property is tidy. This all helps to ensure that Sandy Beach is a beautiful and attractive community. Your cooperation in maintaining your property, neat and tidy, will be greatly appreciated.



Speed Issues



We have received numerous calls in the administration office that there is a real problem with speeding and lack of safe driving in the residential areas. This poses a danger for anyone walking on the roadways and anyone riding bicycles. Signs are posted **MAXIMUM 35 km/hr**. Please slow down and obey the speed limits to avoid a tragic accident.

ATV's

Reminder of the Off-Highway Bylaw 06-2009



Operating hours on municipal roads are **between 9:00am and 7:00pm.**

Maximum speed is 15 km/h

unless otherwise posted.

ATV's are not permitted on the boulevards or ditches; they must be driven on the extreme right-hand side of road and shall travel single file at all times.

Household Waste Reminder

The Summer Village has a Bylaw in place whereby the Summer Village will remove 30lb. bags (5 household waste and 5 organics) every Monday excluding stat. holiday Mondays, when garbage will be picked up on the Tuesday.

Household Waste & Garbage must be stored in **weatherproof, watertight, animal proof BLACK** plastic bags and organics in CLEAR bags not exceeding 30lb. per bag. Scavenged bags will not be removed - no diapers, rotten meat etc. And please recycle as it makes cents and deposit your drink containers.

PLEASE HAVE GARBAGE OUT BY 7:00 AM DAY OF PICK-UP and DO NOT LEAVE IT ON THE ROAD FOR DAYS

Annual Spring and Fall clean-up – Check website for exact dates

This service is not intended for renovations or demolition or dangerous goods. It will be at the discretion of the Public Works staff what will be hauled away.

There is a fee for picking up appliances, mattresses & furniture with springs & metal.

Contact the Summer Village for more info @ **780.967.2873** or email us svsandyb@xplornet.ca

In the event that you need to dispose of these items or have more than 5 bags of household waste, you can take these items to **Highway 43 East Waste Commission- fees apply. For more information you can contact Highway 43 East Waste Commission at 780-967-3466** for hours of operation and disposal fees. Highway 43 East is located 7 km west on Hwy 43 from the Hwy 33 Junction. Recyclables can also be brought free of charge to the Highway 43 East Waste Commission (you will have to sort recyclables into appropriate bins). Please treat

Village workers with respect as they work hard to keep the Village service levels at a high and satisfactory standard. We appreciate your cooperation on all levels thank you.

2020 important dates

- June 21st National Indigenous Peoples Day Canada.
- July 1st Canada Day.
- Council meeting(s): every 3rd Thursday 7pm @ Myrna Noyes Community Hall on 63 Lakeshore Drive, Highway 642. Except during COVID-19 teleconference ONLY. Contact svsandyb@xplornet.ca
- Labour Day Sept 7th, 2020.
- Regarding **Sun & Sand Recreation League** events please contact Marian directly @ 780.967.4027

Dangerous Trees

We have had an eventful spring high winds have taken down power lines due to falling/leaning trees in the Village. The Village would like to remind residents the importance of removing dead or leaning trees from private property. Each property owner is responsible for the trees on their own property and will be liable for damage caused by falling trees onto neighbouring properties or contact FORTIS Alberta.

Council Members 2019-2020

Mayor Gordon Drybrough

Deputy Mayor Michael Harney

Councillor Denise Lambert