

**Mayor Report
May 20, 2021**

Firesmart

After the crew from Alexander First Nation completed the FRIAAA funded vegetation mitigation project the Summer Village separately engaged that crew to undertake further work, primarily along Westcove Drive.

Subsequently, the Summer Village Public Works crew has been doing brushing throughout the Village. This again is a Firesmart recommendation to maintain a wide boulevard areas from roadways to the edge of the forested areas.

It has been a dry spring thus far and already in the Edmonton and Parkland County areas there have been grass fires/wildfires. I urge all residents and visitors to exercise caution with any outdoor fires over the next few months.

Kindly note the status of fire precautions, which are posted on the village sign adjacent to the post boxes, and on the Summer Village website. In particular note the differences in restrictions between a Fire Advisory (current status) and Fire Ban.

Emergency Egress –Westcove Drive

At the western end of Westcove Drive the start of what will ultimately be an emergency egress road has begun. As an emergency egress this roadway will be restricted to only emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance, police) and will be closed to any other motorized vehicles. Council will need to develop an appropriate By-Law and place appropriate signage to this effect.

Kindly note that the adjacent landowner will be placing No Trespassing signs as this roadway borders his property.

A second pathway has been made connecting Westcover Drive to Secondary Highway 642, and a smaller cut line made behind the properties along Highway 642. These pathways are intended as firebreaks. Council will also need to determine whether any restrictions are to be imposed.

WILD

The West Interlake Water Commission held its annual meeting on April 24, 2021.

The Commission reported a solid financial status, having 5 million in cash, including unspent grant monies, as well as a million dollars in water sales.

The original final phase of the waterline terminates at both Sandy Beach and Nakimum Park. In fact the water line will actually terminate at the border of Sandy Lake and Alexander First Nation, and in the north the truck fill station will be moved to Rich Valley as opposed to the location in Nakimum Park.

A new and final stage of the water line will be constructed from Seba Beach to Entwistle.

Covid-19

Kindly attend to the messages on the Summer Village website and avoid direct contact with Summer Village employees and the administrative office. Phone, fax or email the office. Note also that Council meeting will be conducted remotely and access via Zoom is posted on the website.

2021 Election

Nomination forms for Summer Village Council can be obtained at the Administration Office now. The deadline for filing nomination forms is Saturday July 17, 2021.

The Annual Information Meeting will be held on Saturday July 31, 2021. It is unknown at this time whether this will be a remote/Zoom meeting or if in-person attendance will be allowed. Typically a portion of the AIM is devoted to council nominees addressing the public.

The Advance Poll will be held on Saturday August 7, 2021, with Election Day on Saturday August 14, 2021. Again it is currently unknown what Covid-19 restrictions may be in place and what arrangements from other than in-person voting may be set up.

Details concerning the 2021 election can be found on the summer Village website.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor