



SUMMER VILLAGE OF SEBA BEACH NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

MAYORS MESSAGE - Doug Thomas

After a significant amount of extra effort and consultation, Council have finally approved the 2019 budget so that the administration could prepare and mail out the enclosed 2019 tax notices. Our delay was the result of the fact that the previous NDP government did not set the 2019 school requisition tax prior to the final sitting of the provincial legislature, so we had to wait until the new government was sworn before we knew how much to include for the 2019 school requisition tax. Our budget is very similar to last year with a small increase in taxes resulting from an increase in the assessed value of the properties within the municipality. In other words, budgeted expenses have stayed fairly consistent year over year allowing us to keep your tax increase to a minimum.

The spring of 2019 brought major change to the Summer Village with the demolition and removal of the "Pavilion," which has brought the Village many wonderful memories over its 65+ years of existence. I am sure it was an emotional time for a lot of residents who remember the many movie nights, bingo gatherings and dances that have occurred inside this building since the mid 1940's. However, I feel confident in saying that once our new building is constructed it will bring renewed enthusiasm to the summer village for many new generations to enjoy the same sense of community that has been such an integral part of our heritage.

Sue Evans and Susan Stuart continue to be the glue who keeps our Village operating in a very efficient manner. These two extremely committed people go to great lengths every day to make sure issues within the village are dealt with in a fair and timely manner. There is no doubt in my mind that, without them, our village would not be as successful as it is today. Please take a moment over the summer months to drop by the office and say Thanks!

Our public works department is a special group of dedicated employees who go out of their way to make sure our Village remains groomed and unspoiled throughout the entire year. Bill Back, Peter Charkiw and Brett Lawton work tirelessly in completing all those services that we have grown to expect and all those services that many jurisdictions around Lake Wabamun do not enjoy. This includes the weekly pickup of our garbage. Unfortunately, many residents do not have a full appreciation of the effort that is required for this service. Did you know that these men are required to lift, by hand, all of the weekly garbage out of our garbage cans and place them in the back of the village truck and then proceed to take the garbage to the transfer station and unload all of the same garbage by hand? In light of the many concerns encountered during the weekly garbage collection we ask that you take a few extra minutes to ensure that the following:

1. The next time you decide to fill that garbage can to the brim and make it so heavy that you need to be a body builder to unload it you will think twice about who has to lift it.
2. As you fill your garbage bags please do not include sharp or dangerous objects inside your weekly garbage that cause considerable risk to the health and safety of our public works employees
3. You please take a few minutes each week to examine your garbage cans and make sure they are clean and free from liquid waste that can accumulate if left for long periods of time.
4. You carefully review the documented rules for garbage bagging and enclosures (as clearly explained in another section of this newsletter) so that we can maintain a healthy work environment for all of our employees.

These gentlemen work tirelessly to make your life easier so a little common courtesy would be very much appreciated.

Council has included a short update on the construction of the new pavilion as an attachment to the newsletter. Once you have had a chance to read it please feel free to contact Gary Schultz, Rick MacPhee or myself if you require clarification of any items.

Thank you and please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Doug Thomas

Placement of Piers

We realize many residents continue to experience issues pertaining to the lake and shoreline, however we continued to experience a number of conflicts over the summer of 2018 with respect to the placement of piers and hoists along the lakefront. The Village was required to get involved to assist in the resolution of these issues. To that end, we are again providing the policies with respect to the placement of piers, platforms and hoists to ensure all lakefront residents are in compliance in this area.

Lakefront residents and approved road access docks are required to submit a schematic layout of their piers and additional items including hoists and platforms, with the Summer Village. The issue that has been most contentious relates to pier placement relative to property lines. The by-law states that there must be an offset of 3 metres (10 feet), from the property line to any portion of a pier or hoist. This means that if a specific property is fifty feet wide, the maximum width of piers, hoists, etc. will be thirty feet, if in fact the pier is centered on the property. Sighting down a property line into the lake can generally determine where the property line would be if extended into the water. This process is straightforward where the shoreline is straight, however it is understandably more difficult where curved shorelines exist and property lines cross over each other when they are extended into the lake. In these instances, there is clearly a requirement for discussion and cooperation between immediate neighbors prior to placement of piers and hoists. In certain instances, it may be appropriate for adjacent properties to share piers to accommodate their joint requirements.

In those instances where ratepayers are clearly not in compliance, administration will get involved to assist in remedying the situation. Hopefully this clarification of the subject will result in the proper placement of piers and hoists going forward and ensure we have no requirement to address the removal of non-complying piers.

Water Safety – Last season, we received many positive comments from residents and visitors with respect to the new buoy markers. These buoys are cylindrical in shape, approximately 9 inches in diameter and four and a half feet high. As a reminder, these buoys are intended to create a demarcation line to ensure safe operations on the lake. Boats travelling at speed are to stay outside the buoy line and swimmers, paddle boarders, kayakers, etc. can enjoy their activities safely inside the buoys.

As some individuals have thought, these buoys do not represent where the lake drops off to deep water or to depict the water depth. They are simply to separate motorized watercraft operating at speed from swimmers and non-motorized watercraft. For this reason the placement of the buoys is critical. If they are located out too far, boats will operate inside them and if they are located too close to shore there is not enough space for swimmers and non-motorized watercraft to enjoy the lake.

If there is an issue with the placement of any one of the buoys please contact the administration office and do not attempt to re-locate them yourself. Our desire is for everyone to be able to enjoy the lake and to do so safely.

Wabamun Watershed Management Council Update

The last six months has been a whirlwind of activity for the WWMC. Just when we thought we'd be going into the winter doldrums, and we could get some planning done for the coming year, along came the Ridge Water Resort proposal for the north shore of the lake.

Shortening a very long story, Samco Developments Ltd. applied for a development permit from Parkland County to construct a 300-lot RV campground on their quarter section of land, east of Fallis, that Samco had cleared of vegetation in 2011-12. After much back-and-forth, Parkland refused the permit and Samco appealed the refusal to Parkland's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). To accommodate all the people who wished to speak to the board, the SDAB held two hearings on January 14 and 28 with regard to Samco's appeal. On February 12, the SDAB released its decision: **Samco's appeal was denied**. In other words, **the development cannot proceed**. The decision was largely based on the development being "not compatible with neighbouring uses." The WWMC thanks all those who took time out of their busy lives to attend the two hearings, and especially those who stepped up to make presentations. We especially thank **Shirley Munro** for her dedication and persistence in getting people to show up and express their views at the hearings.

What happens next? Samco did not file a leave to appeal the decision to the Alberta Court of Appeal, so it must wait one year after the SDAB's decision before it can apply again for a permit to develop such a campground on the property. However, it can at any time apply for a permit

for any other type of development. So, we must remain vigilant. Unfortunately, the SDAB ruling did not stop the continuing erosion and washing of earthen materials into the lake from the property, threatening water quality and toxic algal blooms.

Managing Toxic Algal Blooms

Speaking of toxic algal blooms, several WWMC board members attended the Alberta Lake Management Society's seminar about methods to manage cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). The speaker, Dr. Miquel Lurling of Wageningen University in the Netherlands, went through all of the various theories and products that have been brought to bear to deal with phosphorus and other nutrients in lake water and sediments that cause algal blooms. The bottom line is that none of these methods work efficiently or economically. In other words, there is no turning back once concentrations of these nutrients in water reach levels that cause algal blooms.

Aquatic Invasive Species

At our February board meeting, Janine Higgins of Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) gave a very well received slide show and presentation about what the province is doing with regard to aquatic invasive species that threaten our lakes and waterways. She discussed the threat of Zebra and Quagga Mussels, as well as invasive plant species. The WWMC is planning a program this summer to inform lake residents and users about these dangers and how they can be prevented.

How You Can Help

The WWMC is a group of volunteer stakeholders who wish to ensure the health of Wabamun Lake and its watershed. Although membership is free, we still incur expenses delivering our programs and activities. If you can afford to do so, please give a donation to the WWMC to help further our work. To donate, go to www.wwmc.ca, click on the Get Involved tab and Donate using PayPal. Otherwise, send a cheque by postal mail to: WWMC, Box 1005, Wabamun, AB T0E 2K0. \$10, \$20, \$50 or more will help. Thank you!

2019 Seba Beach Business Directory - Don't forget to refer to the "Business Directory" listing all local businesses and local contractors who currently hold a business licence in our municipality. Please support your local community and SHOP LOCALLY! The Directory can also be found on our website www.sebabeach.ca

Intelligent Community

Seba residents and businesses needing access to high speed internet, the local providers are: Xplornet 1-877-969-3152; Telus 1-888-811-2323; and CCI Wireless 1-888-240-2224

ADMINISTRATION

Regular meetings of Council are generally held on third Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are posted at the administration office and on our website www.sebabeach.ca or call Sue for confirmation of dates. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to address your Council, please call ahead and Sue will include your item of discussion on the agenda.

Payment of Taxes – The Summer Village of Seba Beach has implemented an on-line tax payment service through internet banking. The municipal banking service is through Royal Bank of Canada.

We have undertaken to provide service through the following banking institutions: Royal Bank of Canada; Bank of Nova Scotia; Bank of Montreal; TD Canada Trust; and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Check with your banking institution to make sure the service is activated, if you do not wish to utilize the on-line banking service, as always, we will continue to accept tax payments by way of cheque or cash.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY PROVIDING YOUR TAX ROLL #. YOU WILL FIND THIS INFORMATION IN THE TOP LEFT HAND CORNER OF YOUR TAX NOTICE.

Municipal Taxes

Taxes are due on or before June 30th and there will be no exceptions made for late taxes. If your payment is received after June 30th a 12% penalty will be imposed. (see your tax notice for additional penalty date information)

The audited financial statement and auditors' certificate have been filed with Municipal Affairs. We are providing the Statement of Operations and Statement of Financial Position in this newsletter. Anyone wishing to review the entire statement please drop by the municipal office.

School Taxes

As you are aware municipalities have no control over school taxes. We are however directed by the Province to carry out the duties of the collecting authority. The 2019 ASFF requisition is levied in the amount of \$ 389,053.00 based on the 2018 ASFF requisition as the Provincial Budget has been tabled until the fall of 2019.

The Administration Office is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Office telephone number is (780) 797-3863 or Fax is (780) 797-3800 (use of the fax is available to the public at reasonable rates) and e-mail is svseba@telusplanet.net Seba's website is www.sebabeach.ca Please ensure that you provide the administration office with any change of address or new telephone numbers you may acquire.

Development Permits are required for most improvement developments affecting your property. Tony Sonnleitner is the Development Officer so if you have any questions just give him a call at 780 718-5479 or fax 866 363-3342 or email pcm1@telusplanet.net If you wish to obtain a copy of the Land Use By-law, which should answer most of your questions concerning development in the village, contact Sue or Tony for an electronic version of the by-law. Please remember: "Under no circumstances should anyone begin any development on municipal property whatsoever"!

The Inspections Group is the Accredited Agency, which provides compliance monitoring pursuant to the Safety Codes Act of Alberta for building, plumbing, gas and electrical disciplines. Application forms are available on line and can be filled in on line at the Seba Beach website

www.sebabeach.ca or the Inspections Group website www.inspectionsgroup.com or 1-866-554-5048. Builders you are responsible to meet all the Alberta Electrical Communication Utility Code requirements when constructing your new building.

Code 2-014 states: No persons shall construct or place buildings or other objects within the minimum clearances from overhead equipment or lines prescribed by this Code unless it is acceptable to the inspection authority having jurisdiction.

Please follow all safety regulations when working around power lines. All measurements for overhead power lines are to be taken by qualified personnel only or with a range finder from safe limits or approach distances as explained in the code.

SOME REMINDERS

Road Ban – A 75% road ban is in place on all municipal roads. Thank you for your consideration when arranging deliveries, etc.

Alberta 1 Call - 1-800-242-3447. Whether you are involved in a large excavation job or simply installing a fence or planting a tree – don't gamble on the unknown. Remember there are underground gas, electrical and telephone lines. It is a free service so call before you dig. 1st Call suggests you call at least two working days before you plan to dig.

Beach Cultivation – will not be taking place as in the past. Any activity that alters the bed and shore of Wabamun Lake requires permission under the Public Lands Act and most likely the Water Act.

Road Allowances – residents are reminded that all road allowances must remain uncluttered and accessible. Please remove all hoists, pier sections and or any other debris from the access roads. Any obstacles remaining on municipal road allowances after June 30th will be hauled away for disposal.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS will be in place May through August. No person shall drive or park any vehicle or trailer on any portion of the lakeshore. All road allowance access areas will be closed for the period May 30th until August 30th. Anyone who wants to launch a watercraft is encouraged to use the authorized boat launch at the Village of Wabamun or the Wabamun Provincial Park, where parking for truck / boat trailers is readily available.

Ditches – It is an offence to put ashes, grass, debris, branches etc. in the ditches, lanes or streets. Spring cleanup should be bagged and public works will haul it away for you. When you dump refuse in the ditches you impair drainage adding extra work and expense. Offenders will be charged. Please do not throw rocks / yard waste in the ditches! You may be removing these items from your property but you are simply creating more work for public works as they have to remove all discarded items from the ditches so please help keep our ditches clean!!

Solid Waste / Transfer Station information

There are still many properties that do not have adequate garbage stands and containers. Municipal By-law 386 states that garbage containers must be fastened in such a way as to prevent insects and animals from reaching the contents of the containers and that each owner shall provide a suitable stand for his or her garbage containers that will hold them securely and prevent them being tipped over by animals. In the event that it is necessary for public works to clean-up scattered garbage from your property there will be a minimum \$ 50.00 charge for clean-up. All garbage is required to be placed in a garbage can lined with a large garbage bag, not thrown in the cans loosely. Please keep your cans clean and wash out any toxic remnants prior to placing household garbage bags inside. Garbage cans full of small grocery sized bags will not be collected. Garbage bags should weigh no more than 35 lb or 16 kg. Cardboard boxes need to be broken down and flattened. Remove styrofoam and place in garbage bags. Ideally multiple boxes should be broken down and tied together. The recycle bin at the Parkland County Transfer Station has small openings so boxes will not fit until flattened down.

Parkland County / Seba Beach Transfer Station

Summer hours for transfer station are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays only

Blue Bag Recycle – Public Works will pick up your bluebag recycle providing they are packaged in an acceptable manner. Clear or blue recycle bags are a requirement.

Compost – located adjacent to the Seba Beach Transfer Station. In the interest of the environment please participate in our composting program for grass and leaves. Place your leaves and grass clippings in the clear bags and public works will pick them up and recycle them to the compost pile. If you are able / wish to transport your own compost bags the compost site will be open for drop off Tuesdays and Saturdays for your convenience. If you wish to utilize the existing compost in your gardens and flower beds this season, contact the office and make arrangements for access. **Compost must be placed in clear bags only, not black, not green, not orange as they can be mistaken for household garbage. Again, bags should not weigh more than 35 lb or 16 kg.**

Garbage Pick-up - is Mondays, sometimes extending into Tuesdays. All garbage must be stored in proper garbage containers with lids, which are fastened to prevent offensive odor and to keep flies and animals out of the containers. All garbage containers must be kept in suitable garbage stands capable of keeping the containers from tipping over. Regulation size garbage cans must be used. **If you require a garbage stand to meet village requirements why not call one of our local contractors to build you one!**

Dogs are not allowed at large – Please keep pets on leash and respect other people's property. Please clean up after your animals, this is an ongoing problem and we do want an attractive village and clean walking areas. **Irresponsible Pet Owners will be changed.**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control:

Tom Puffer, 780-916-5043

Fire Permits – are required for the discharge of fireworks.

No open fires with the exception of regulation approved pits or containers. A pit shall be deemed to be approved if it is fully contained on all sides with a mesh screen over top. No opening within the mesh shall exceed 13mm. Permits may be issued by the CAO during regular working hours. All fire pits must be constructed on property owner's land.

No Open Fires Allowed on Beach or Access Areas at any time.

Family Fireworks (low hazard – do it yourself) are only allowed to be discharged with a permit at the following times:

- New Years 8:00 pm December 31st – 1:00 am January 1st
- Canada Day 8:00 pm – 11:59 pm July 1st
- Labour Day 8:00 pm – 11:59 pm on the first Monday of September

High hazard Fireworks also requires a permit. Anyone wishing to discharge high hazard fireworks needs to have a qualified pyrotechnics contractor apply for a permit.

Don't forget the tennis courts and camp shelter located at the south end of the school grounds. If you wish to play tennis and or have a get-together and cook-out this is an ideal place to go.

The restricted swimming area on the south side of the main pier and the restricted boating areas are registered with the Provincial and Federal Governments and will be marked with regulation buoys. Powerboats must keep outside the markers when towing skiers or cruising and proceed at **DEAD SLOW** when inside the buoys marking restricted boating areas.

There will be a "Wheelchair accessible porta potty" placed in the area adjacent to the 5th Street main pier / playground area for the use of the general public. Please use with respect and report any vandalism you may witness or encounter.

Evansburg RCMP:

RCMP Administration: 780-727-3654

RCMP Non urgent Complaint Line: 780-727-4446

RCMP Emergency Complaints: 9-1-1

Spring News from The Seba Beach Public Library – Cheryl Taillieu, Library Manager

Seba Beach Public Library – Cheryl Taillieu, Library Manager. May 2019

Welcome to Spring and Summer! Four new Public computers!!!!!! (thank you board) and free memberships.

Our summer hours, at the library, will be upon us soon (July 2 to August 31, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.), check out our Facebook Page for details and bulletin boards in Seba).

www.facebook.com/summervillageofsebabeachpubliclibrary

Along with book club continuing in the summer (every 4th Tuesday, of the month, @ 10:30 am), there will be the TD summer reading program, crafts, our annual book sale (August long

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weekend) and last but not least, our weekly Thursday 11:00 am to 12:00 noon sessions on public library free resources, bring your iPad or tablet.

Ask about our Tri-leisure pass and our Wi-Fi smart hubs, that are lendable. Drop in, email or call... I look forward to seeing everyone.

Call us at 780-797-3940 Email: sebabeachlibrary@yrl.ab.ca Website: sebabeachlibrary.ab.ca

Greetings from the Edmonton Yacht Club

EYC had a very successful Docks In and clubhouse clean up on the May 11th weekend. The weather cooperated beautifully after not looking too good earlier in the week.

A number of EYC boats craned in at Wabamun Marina on May 12th. Expect to see the number of boats on our docks and mooring field steadily increase over the next couple of weeks.

For a full list of races and club events check out EYC's website at www.edmontonyachtclub.ca

Anyone interested in finding out more about sailing on Lake Wabamun during this season may contact:

Sailing Lessons- Northern Alberta Sailing College,
e mail www.northernalbertasailingcollege.com or
phone (780) 445-4594

- Sinbad School of Sailing, e mail pskantor@shaw.ca or
phone (780) 451-5174

Club Information – webpage www.edmontonyachtclub.ca

EYC looks forward, along with all of the residents of the Summer Village of Seba Beach, to another great season on Lake Wabamun,

Rob Martin, Commodore, Edmonton Yacht Club

Greetings from the Seba Beach Seniors:

It looks like spring has arrived, and the glorious rain has made plants start to turn green. What a welcome sight!

We are looking forward to many things happening at our Centre, starting with the Spring BBQ which we hold yearly during Seniors' Week. Then on July 1st, the Seniors and the Village co-host

a pancake breakfast at the Centre and this year visitors can view our great renovations to the Melmoth Lounge. Programs continue in the Centre - be sure to check these and other activities on our lawn sign.

A note from Pearl Neilsen, Fundraising Chair, regarding the renovations of Melmoth Lounge:
Thank you, thank you to all who so generously donated your time, your talents and your cash to make the project the success it is. It took our village, however, we did it and have pushed the fundraising thermometer over the top. Our goal was to raise \$50,000, we are currently at \$57,750 and expect a couple more promised donations in soon. Also, we have had a few thousand dollars in gifts in kind, including an all property owner mail-out which helped tremendously. The extra funds will be used to further enhance our Seniors centre.

We are extremely grateful to the generosity of the Seba Beach Seniors and the community. July 1 there will be an open house for everyone to come see our newly renovated lounge. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Diane Coulthard, Communications; answering machine: 780-797-3087.

Email address: seba.seniors@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook Barrier free Centre. Hall for rent. Memberships: \$15.00/year/member

Heritage Highlights 2019

After months of winter city living I have finally arrived at the cottage. I climb out of the car with caution, as visions of sunshine, swimming, friends and fires on the beach – a kaleidoscope of anticipated summer activities fill my head. This is a ritual for many and for those, welcome back to Seba for the summer.

Summer is busy and we encourage everyone to take a little time to visit the Seba Heritage Museum. Displays depict the "Evolution of Seba", with memorable stories back and forth between the present and past decades paving the way for today's vibrant scene. For social interaction attend the Museum's "Yard Sale", held annually the second Saturday (13th this year) of July.

Dates, times and information regarding other events and "Bridge on the Beach" themed "It's a Picnic" held after the August long (August 15th this summer) will be posted in the Museum's Gift Shop.

The Museum will be open in June. Check in the Gift shop for posted regular open hours. Anyone interested (no experience required) in volunteering and helping with flowers, grass cutting, painting, display preparations, yard sale and general activities, please contact Sandy Drummond 250-951-5416 cell or any Board Member of the Museum. Suggestions are always welcome.

Have a great summer at Seba and enjoy this wonderful community we are so fortunate to have.

Seba Beach Farmers Market - Paulette Sparks

Our mission for 2019 season is to work towards having an environmentally friendly market, so we ask that all shopper bring reusable bags. We will have 10 draws for \$25 market buckets enter to win by showing our Market Manager that have your reusable bag at the market.

The Seba Beach Farmers' Market, Board of Directors would like to thank all our customers for their continued support and helping making it the Best Little Market in Alberta.

The Seba Beach Farmers' Market begins the 2nd Saturday in May (Mother's Day) and closes the 2nd Saturday in September. Rain or Shine 10:30 to 12:30 at our temporary location at the Seba Beach Seniors Centre 109 1 St N, Seba Beach.

We are looking forward to being back at the Heritage Pavilion site in the future.

Contact information and further information can be found on our Web Page

<http://sebeachfarmersmarket.weebly.com/>, or Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/sebeachfarmersmarket or by email to sebeachfm@gmail.com.

Seba Beach Regatta - August 2nd – 5th 2019

Regatta Weekend has always been one of my favorite holidays. This Regatta long weekend promises to be once again a huge success. Wonderful events are planned by fantastic volunteers for all ages throughout the weekend for everyone to enjoy. We need support through volunteers and donations for the Annual Family Regatta to continue being great.

All residents have the unique opportunity to volunteer. Many hands make light work and it's is a great way to meet new Seba friends! We are looking forward to working with our village administration and maintenance staff members.

Please call Alison Clements at [780-991-7235](tel:780-991-7235) or [780-797-3050](tel:780-797-3050) for further information.

Remember When ... The Dates The Ice Went Off Lake Wabamun

1999 – April 24
2000 – April 27
2001 – April 28
2002 – May 15
2003 – May 2
2004 – April 20
2005 – April 19
2006 – April 22
2007 – April 28
2008 – May 7

2009 – May 1
2010 – April 14
2011 – May 9
2012 – May 7
2013 – May 7
2014 – May 2
2015 – April 20
2016 – April 9
2017 – May 11
2018 – May 9

2019 – April 24