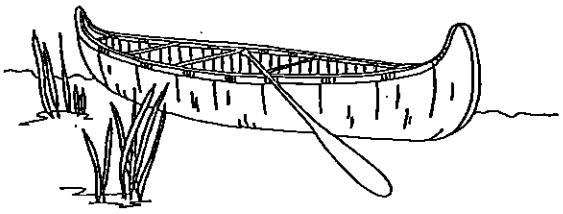


SUMMER VILLAGE OF SEBA BEACH
NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

MAYORS MESSAGE - Doug Thomas

In all the years I have been enjoying the winters at Seba Beach, I can't remember one where we had as much snow as this past winter. It made for great snowmobiling and other outdoor activities but it has taken its toll on the public works department and the few resources available that allow us to maintain clear roads and proper drainage. Dan Golka and Bill Back worked tirelessly on snow removal and culvert steaming throughout the winter so that the village could minimize problems associated with the spring thaw. Unfortunately the creek at 1st Avenue and 8th Street North still over flowed and created a quite a mess. Thanks go to Bill and Dan, along with Susan Evans and the crew from Alberta Highway Services who spent the best part of 24 hours in making sure the damage was kept to a minimum. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank residents Roy Berg and Darren Kristjanson for their assistance during the critical stages of the dilemma. Keeping the culverts free of ice in the spring when the water is flowing at its peak is a very difficult task. This is the first year since 1996 that we have had any issues and hopefully the last for many more years.

I was very fortunate to recently attend a presentation by Kelly Aldridge and Stan Franklin from the Wabamun Watershed Management Committee (WWMC). This is a volunteer group of very dedicated individuals who have only one objective, which is to promote a healthy water environment and educate all residents and interested parties of Lake Wabamun as to how we can help to achieve this and preserve good lake quality. As we are all aware there are other lakes in the province that have not been as fortunate so it is imperative that we continue to be diligent in making sure that we do not add nutrient loading to the lake water, especially with the use of fertilizers and other products to promote lawn growth. The WWMC will be delivering educational materials to all residents of the lake over the course of the next couple of months. I encourage you to read the material and take notice of the suggestions they make in promoting a healthy lake environment for many generations to come. They are always looking for volunteers so if you want to get involved please give Kelly a call.

I would also like to mention an article that appeared in the Edmonton Journal on Saturday May 3, 2014 on the effect of "Zebra Mussels." These are a very invasive species of mussels that are moving west across Canada with a detrimental effect wherever they appear. I encourage everybody to read the article and become educated on Zebra Mussels so we can all be informed of the devastation that this organism would have on our lake. Please make sure that if you travel outside of the province with your boat you complete a thorough inspection prior to putting your boat back into the lake to make sure you have not inadvertently picked up some Zebra Mussels.

The second annual "Clean Up Seba Beach" will be held on Saturday June 14th, 2014. I encourage everybody to pitch in and assist by bringing your unwanted items to the administration building parking lot for disposal in the bins we have rented. Our objective is to make Seba the cleanest municipality in the province!

Thanks to Susan Evans and her staff we continue to enjoy a strong financial position in the village. We completed 2013 with a small operating surplus and expect the same for 2014. As a village we continue to deal effectively with the economic challenges within the village. The fact that residents will see only a small increase in the 2014 property taxes is a testament to the strong administration and responsible oversight of your elected representatives.

Signs will soon be erected so that "trailer" parking will not be allowed on 1st avenue. This was necessary to alleviate the grid lock that results at various times of the summer.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Rick MacPhee as our newest Councilor. Rick has been a resident of Seba since he was born and he and his family are well known for their strong commitment to the community. His common sense approach to the issues we face and his strong financial background are assets that will be well utilized as we continue to work in making Seba Beach the best managed Summer Village in the Province. Have a safe and healthy summer and don't forget the speed limit on 1st avenue is 30 kms!

Wabamun Watershed Management Council – Kelly Aldridge, Chair

We released our State of the Watershed Report (SOW) last fall. The report identified some information gaps that we still need to address to improve our understanding. It also recommended that we proceed immediately to prepare a Wabamun Watershed Management Plan. Attendance at the SOW meeting was over 200, and you told us very clearly that you think we need less planning and more direct action to address concerns we already know about. We heard you loud and clear, and we are moving forward on both fronts. We have a 3 part strategy for moving forward.

Part 1. We are working with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) and the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) on the development of a Watershed Management Plan. This will be a formal partnership with an agreed understanding of who does what. We have already decided on some projects that will help us eventually prepare the plan. The plan itself will likely take several years to complete. Projects include a detailed assessment (already completed), of the number of livestock and the amount of manure in the watershed, and an assessment of the riparian areas (healthy shoreline) around the lake. We have recently received a $10,000 grant from the Alberta Stewardship Network which will cover about half the cost of this latter project. We hope to obtain the rest of the funds from other grants and donations.

Part 2. To address some of our more immediate concerns, we will undertake several projects, including: In May we will be distributing information packages to all homes and businesses around the lake to help everyone understand what you can do to help protect the lake from nutrients and contaminants. We have formed a committee to work on a biological inventory of the water in the lake and the shores around the Lake. We will be working with all schools in the watershed (and perhaps the entire county) to consider including lake stewardship in their curriculum in elementary and junior and senior high schools. We continue to meet with industry people (Kinder Morgan, Trans Mountain, TransAlta, Lafarge) to help ensure that their projects are undertaken with due regard for the health of the lake.

Part 3. We are collaborating with the Parkland municipalities to assist Parkland County in developing their Lake Land Use Plans. Parkland County plans to form a steering committee consisting of 5 members; 1 member from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, 1 member from the Alberta Environment, 1 member from the Wabamun Watershed Management Council and 2 members from Parkland County.

We encourage anyone with an interest in the wellbeing of the lake to become a member of the WWMC. Please become a new member or renew your existing membership by June 30th for the 2014-15 year. You can find the membership/renewal form and much more information about the council at: www.wwmc.ca I hope you have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at the lake.

2014 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

2ND ANNUAL CLEAN-UP SEBA DAY – please see the insert in this mailing
The intent of the "Clean-up Seba Event" is to have everyone pitch in and clean-up any garbage and debris located anywhere throughout the village. i.e. scattered on beach and ditch areas and surrounding public and private property. It is also the opportunity for residents who require assistance to dispose of old dock sections, hoists, furniture and appliances. Our public works staff will be available on that day to assist. Please get out, participate and take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of unwanted items.

511 ALBERTA – Alberta's Official Road Reports
Alberta Transportation recently launched 511Alberta – Alberta's exciting new official road reports system. This new service provides up-to-date provincial highway information, both online and over the phone. The "511" part of the name refers to the 5-1-1 telephone number which is reserved across North America for traveler information, just like 9-1-1 is for emergencies and 4-1-1 for directory assistance. Through the web you can access weather information and see photos from more than 100 highway cameras, which update every 20 minutes. The new 511 Alberta replaces the current AMA Road Reports, which the AMA delivered in various formats on behalf of the province since 1927.

Intelligent Community – Seba service start up and internet information
Fixed high speed broadband service is now available. Residents and businesses either needing access to high speed broadband, or those wanting faster speeds, are urged to contact the WISPs – Tera-Byte (1-866-960-7873) and Xplornet (780-963-9463 Starview Communications)

ADMINISTRATION
Regular meetings of Council are generally held on third Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are posted at the administration office 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.

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 2014 Alberta School Foundation Requisition is in the amount of $ 348,303.31.

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, copies are available at the village office for $ 10.00 or you can contact Sue or Tony for an electronic version of the by-law.

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 at the municipal administration office or may be obtained directly from Inspections Group at 1-866-554-5048 or visit their website www.inspectionsgroup.com **Builder,** please be aware that 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 take place during the months of May or June. Please ensure that any obstacles belonging to your property are not a hindrance to the tractor and keep areas clear. If your property is not accessible for public works to access with the tractor we do have a hand cultivator that you could borrow to cultivate your own beach area. If you would like to arrange for the use of the cultivator or you have piles of weeds to be hauled away give Sue a call at the village office.

Road Allowances – residents are reminded that all road allowances must remain open and accessible. Please remove and clear 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 from May 22nd through September 30th. No person shall drive or park any vehicle or trailer on any portion of the lakeshore with the exception of the main pier area. Although the main pier area is not formally recognized as a "boat launch" it remains open for anybody who wishes to use it. Anyone who wants to launch a watercraft is encouraged to do so at the Wabamun Boat Launch 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 – Please help keep our ditches clean!!

LETS TALK 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 needs to be placed in a garbage can lined with a large

garbage bag, not thrown in the cans loosely. 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
New Summer hours for transfer station:
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays only

Compost – Seba Beach and Parkland County have partnered in a new compost venture located adjacent to the Seba Beach Transfer Station. In the interest of the environment please participate in our composting program for grass and leaves. **Clear plastic garbage bags are made available to Seba Beach residents to be picked up at the administration office.** 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 CHARGED.

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 Administrator or Peace Officer. All fire pits must be constructed on property owner's land.
NO OPEN FIRES ALLOWED ON BEACH OR ACCESS AREAS.

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 need a permit. Anyone wishing to discharge high hazard fireworks needs to have a qualified pyrotechnics contractor apply for a permit.

Don't forget the village owns the **tennis courts and camp shelter with cook stoves** 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. **Public Washrooms** located at the pavilion area are for the use of the general public. Please use them with respect.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – Community Peace Officer Jason Welin
With the new season comes the usual reminder to ensure all residents work and play safe this summer in and around the village.

Contacting Protective Services. Please note that we have changed our email contacts. The new email address to contact us directly is sbps@sebabeach.ca

Safety on Highway 31 We continue to encounter a significant increase in vehicles driving over 100 KPH through the village in our 50 KPH zone. This creates a severe risk to all drivers and pedestrians. Aside from the extreme speeds, we are seeing speeding vehicles continuing to come through Seba Beach. As such, we would encourage pedestrians to refrain from walking on the highway. Due to the lack of sidewalks on the crests of both hills, pedestrians are at risk. If you choose to walk along the highway, please exercise extreme caution.

Bicycle Safety Remember: bicycle helmets for cyclists under 18 years of age are mandatory. The offense carries a fine of $57.00. However, the focus is on the safety of our cyclists. Parents, please ensure that your child is wearing an approved bicycle helmet while riding

Impaired Driving - While we all want to enjoy the fellowship of summer vacation, we want everyone to remember that there is one tradition of this season that is not so enjoyable: IMPAIRED DRIVING. If you are the designated driver, do not consume ANY alcohol beverages. If you are going to drink, arrange for a designated driver or alternate transportation. If you are hosting a gathering, take steps to ensure your guests get home safely. Please drink responsibly.

Liquor in Public Places - Liquor on the beach and in public areas of Seba Beach is PROHIBITED by provincial statute. Although liquor on the beach has been reduced over the past few years, it continues to be an issue in our public streets. This offence carries a fine of $115.00. Please refrain from bringing alcoholic beverages to the beach, and leave liquor at home when traveling through the village. If transporting liquor in your vehicle, please transport it out of reasonable reach of the driver. The trunk or farthest rear of the vehicle is your best bet. Liquor (open or closed) in reach of the driver is also an offence, and carries a fine of $115.00.

Parties - Over the years, most parties that have been held in Seba Beach have been hosted responsibly. We have, however, encountered parties that become very loud and very late into the night. We ask that party hosts work towards lowering volume of music and guest noise as the night progresses. As liquor is typically involved, we understand how difficult it can be to round up the party animals and corral them inside. Protective Services are here to work will ALL residents to ensure a reasonable peaceful time in the village. If we attend a party, it is as a result of unreasonable noise, party spilling out onto public spaces (usually with liquor in hand) and/ or having received a complaint from neighbors. Experience will show that we generally attend, ask that the volume is lowered and/or the party goes back onto the property. We hope that residents understand that we are not trying to spoil the weekend/ vacation fun, but that we trying to maintain a peaceful environment for your surrounding neighbors.

Off Highway Vehicles A reminder that Off Highway Vehicles (quads, dirt bikes, etc) are also another tradition of this season. While these are a significant source of entertainment, it is unlawful to operate them as transportation within the village limits. Registration and insurance is required for these vehicles, and a valid plate must be displayed. We encourage OHV fans to enjoy them courteously and lawfully. Please

familiarize yourself with the laws surrounding the use of such vehicles. The Village Office has a pamphlet that explains the up-to-date laws surrounding OHV's, as well as Parkland County OHV bylaws.

Emergency contact numbers are as follows:
Email sbps@sebabeach.ca
Enforcement Administration: (780) 797-3021 (voice mail) cell (780) 920-0195
Non Emergency Complaints: (780) 968-8401
Emergency Complaints: 911
RCMP Administration: 780 727-3654
RCMP Emergency 780 727-4446

SPRING NEWS FROM THE SEBA LIBRARY – Judith Watts-Mott

There are new books, AV materials, eResources and programs for adults & kids this summer. We will run our first Beginners' Knitting Club with Carole Byrne beginning in June! The group is limited to 4-5 people so contact the library asap to register. The exact dates & times will be announced soon. The only costs will be for needles & yarn. Our Library Board is sponsoring a Drawing Workshop by Susan Allan on June 11th, 12th & 13th at the Pavilion, and you can register by e-mailing susanallan.art@gmail.com. The cost is $200 including all your art supplies, coffee/tea & snacks and a wine social. Our children's Summer Reading Club will launch on Fri. July 4th with free games & activities for kids at the Pavilion. Our theme this year is "Eureka", celebrating creativity and science. The Classroom on Wheels (COW) bus will be visiting us at the Pavilion too, sharing books & resources to promote pre-school literacy. Children will be able to register and pickup their summer packages. The event is celebrating "Summer Reading for Everyone" too with displays of recommended reading for adults and library membership information. There will be prizes and free food for kids and adults so stop by for a visit. We are also looking for any adult or teenaged volunteers to help with activities for kids at our Launch party.

We will be running our children's program at the library Tuesdays through Thursdays afternoons and Friday mornings for pre-school kids. We will have a special visit from DiscoverE, to provide fun science oriented programming from engineering students at our library. Stay tuned for dry ice and other amazing effects!

Some new Fiction books are:

- Cross my heart/ By James Patterson (Best Seller Mystery)
- Son of stone/ By Stuart Woods (Best Seller Mystery)
- The first call from heaven: a novel/ By Mitch Albom (Best Seller Fiction, Writer of "Tuesdays with Morrie")
- The Harem midwife/ By Roberta Rich (Sequel to historical fiction "Midwife of Venice")
- Dark places/ By Gillian Flynn (Best Seller Mystery/Author of "Gone girl")

Some new Non-Fiction titles are:

- 12 Years a Slave
- More modern top-down knitting (popular knitted fashions)
- 501 quilting motifs: designs for hand or machine quilting
- Unsinkable/ By Silken Laumann
- Monuments men: allied heroes, Nazi thieves, and the greatest treasure hunt in history

New TV series titles:

- The Following: the First Complete Season
- Games of Thrones: the complete 3rd Season
- Castle: The complete 5th Season
- Downton Abbey: Season 4
- Vikings: the Complete First Season

New Movie titles:

- Julie & Julia
- Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close
- Stuart Little
- Jack & the Giant Slayer

New digital services such as 3M Cloud for eBook/eAudio Books and Hoopla (streaming movies & TV)are now available. Don't forget about our eResources such as: Consumer Reports Online, Overdrive eBooks & eAudio books, Zinio Online Magazines (136 titles), A-Z Travel, Mango and Muzzy online language learning systems, etc. These services are all available with your library membership at no extra cost. A family membership is only $10/year, an adult membership is $7/year and a student membership is just $5/year. Babies and seniors 60 years old & up can get free memberships.

Donations of used books, videos, magazines, that are in good shape (covers on, unbroken spines) etc. can made in June/July. They will be sold as a fund-raiser on the Regatta weekend. You can call the library at (780)797-3940 for more info. See our webpage at www.sebabeachlibrary.ab.ca or e-mail sebabeachlibrary@yrl.ab.ca. Please like "Seba Beach Public Library" on Facebook to get the latest info.
By Judy Watts-Mott, Librarian

Edmonton Yacht Club 2014 Season – Neil Sutcliffe

An exciting season opens on May 10th 2014 at Edmonton Yacht Club with the launch of our new North docks. This sees the completion of phase three of a $165,000 project designed to improve safety and security in the EYC mooring field. Funded by EYC members this phase of the project will see the installation of 240' of new floating docks custom build for EYC by 'Topper Docks " in Washington state. The pyramid anchor that will secure the docks will be fabricated locally at Wabamun. The dock improvements bring a new level of security and safety to the moorage completing a project of upgrades and improvements begun some five years ago with the vision to provide better facilities and a safer well managed moorage for members and visitors alike. The new docks are robust and designed to withstand the extraordinary force of southeasterly storms while providing safer access to the boats moored there.

A complete upgrade of our website at *edmontonyachtclub.ca* will enable you to access the club events and race calendar keeping you informed of schedules and changes. On the new site you will find links to weather sites, and the AMA highway cam, plus you will find a variety of weather forecasting tools that give an accurate idea of the conditions at the lake. Other links and club information can be found under the various tabs. Those interested in regular updates and chat can join the EYC community by finding us on Facebook, it's a great way to stay in touch and learn about the club and the sport of sailing.

We start our 91st year with 54 members and their families and a fleet of over 60 keelboats and dinghies. EYC maintains an active race and social program and for part of the year we are the home to the Northern Alberta Sailing College.

Learn to sail or upgrade your skills
Programs with built in fun. Northern Alberta Sailing College provides first-rate sailing instruction from the ages of 7 to 70 years. Rates are very inexpensive and include instruction, workbooks and the use of boats in a certified Canadian program. Founded in Canada's national sailing programs the courses provide training in water safety, boat handling and basic racing techniques. All you need to learn to sail with confidence in just a few weekends.

EYC owns and maintains a fleet of Opti sail boats especially designed to teach children and young adults sailing skills and water safety. A fleet of '420' dinghies owned by the Northern Alberta Sailing College is used to teach youths and adults all the basic skills of sailing. For those wishing to learn to sail the "big boats" EYC is the home of the Sinbad School of Sailing. Owner Paul Kantor teaches the art of sailing providing instruction and certification to international standards for offshore sailing. Join him for a sailing adventure.

Sailing workshops
Partnering with Sunshine Bay Yacht Club, Wabamun Sailing Club, the Albert Sailing Association and the Alberta Offshore Sailing Association EYC has developed a number of workshops for sailing instruction and training. The schedule this year includes an assistant race officers course presented by Peter van Muyden Wabamun Sailing Clubs resident international race manager. A course on sail trim and race techniques presented by international instructor and former Olympian Lawrence Lemieux. These courses provide outstanding instruction by world-class individuals that will help you improve your skills and understanding be you novice or professional.

EYC membership
Membership categories include Family, Single, Day Member, Social Members and Youth and Student memberships. Details are in our member's handbook available on our web site www.*edmontonyachtclub.ca*

Curious about racing??
EYC runs a full race schedule throughout the season starting June 1st 2014 with the start of the *Spring Series*. Check our schedule at *www.edmontonyachtclub.ca* .
On any given weekend depending on the weather you will see 5 to 12 cruisers racing out on the lake. One or two races are held every Sunday starting at 1200 hrs. and if you want to know what is happening out there stop by the club over the weekend. Ask for the "Officer of the Day" or ask any member for assistance and we will arrange to have someone take you out on a race boat, cruiser or committee boat. If you're interested in trying your hand in the smaller dinghies we can arrange for a guided sail in those too.

Water Safety!!! Stay legal get your Pleasure Craft Operators License at EYC.
Canadian law requires that anyone, regardless of age operating a vessel fitted with a motor, whether the motor is in use or not, must have a valid *Pleasure Craft Operators License,* commonly called the boat license. There is a $250.00 fine *for not* being in possession of the card. To get the card you must pass a simple exam after a course of instruction, which teaches you the basics of water safety. Become a certified safe boater and save yourself embarrassment and a possible fine. Courses are available at EYC. Contact Paul Kantor or mail in an application form available at www.sinbad.ca.

Radio Licenses.
"Marine radiotelephones fitted onboard Canadian vessels, must be operated by a person holding a Radio Operator's Certificate (ROC-M)." Training in your VHF radio license is also available through EYC. This leads to a Canadian certification. Information is available through Dena Gallant at EYC or links on our web site *www.edmontonyachtclub.ca*

All the members of Edmonton Yacht Club wish you a safe and happy summer boating and sailing on Wabamun Lake. We invite you to visit us and tour our facilities at the yacht club located just north of the Museum on 1st Avenue in the Summer Village of Seba Beach. You will find a warm and hearty welcome.

Warm Spring Wishes from the SEBA SENIORS CLUB – Diane Coulthard

Spring is coming to Seba Beach, and this is no more evident than in the Seba Seniors Thrift Shop, with spring/summer items replacing the winter items daily. We hope that the Thrift Shop (and the Seniors) is NOT Seba's best kept secret. Housed in the lower level of our Seniors Centre on the corner of First Street and the Lakeshore Road, the Thrift Shop has something for everyone, from small babies to 'older folk'. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop go toward the running of our Centre, and it is all run by a small group of volunteers with Dot and Bob Melmoth at the helm. Did you know that there have only been three store managers since the Seniors started in 1976? The first one, and the person whose idea it was to have a Thrift Store, was Mrs. Cora Mustard, followed by Mrs. Ivy May. Then in 1986, Dot Melmoth was appointed, and has been working tirelessly along with her husband Bob, to make the Thrift Shop the success it is today. That's 28 years of total dedicated and unwavering support for a cause dear to their hearts!

WE THANK YOU, DOT AND BOB. None of this could have been done without a very supportive volunteer "staff". Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. See Dot in the Shop if you would like to help.

Last week was Volunteer Appreciation Week in Alberta, and we thank everyone who has volunteered at the Seba Seniors. Volunteering is very rewarding. Please see if you have a few hours in your busy schedule to volunteer at the Thrift Shop, or on the Board of Directors, or on one of the many committees at the Seniors. There is always a job to be done - some are big and some are small.

We have many successful programs that may interest you. These include quilting, bridge, yoga, and tai chi. The Jam Sessions are about to mark their third anniversary and are still enjoyed by the participants and audience. The Jamborees have been a very successful venture. **If you have any suggestions for activities that you would like to see happening at the Seniors Centre, or for more information about the programs that now exist, please contact Lynn at 780-797-3054, or Toni at 780-797-4233.**

We are pleased to report that the work to make our building barrier free for anyone with limited mobility is almost completed. This has meant new doors, new bathrooms and a lift to the upper floor, and many, many hours of volunteer labor. We are very happy with the results and are excited to share it with you on your next visit to our Centre. Thank you to the Access Committee for all their hard work, to all the volunteers who did the actual physical work of building and replacing, and to everyone who made a monetary donation to the project. Thank you all.

NOTICE OF MEETING: The Seba Seniors Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for May 22, 2014 at 7 pm at the Senior Centre.

SEBA BEACH SENIORS - 109-First St., PO Box 293, Seba Beach, Alta.T0E 2BO 780-797-3087

Heritage Highlights Spring 2014

The gift shop and museum doors will be open most weekends in June 12:00 – 4:00pm
Regular hours 10:00 – 5:00 Wednesdays thru Sundays follow in July and August.
Marlow Rathman will be our new summer Hostess available to help you with any questions and purchases from the Gift Store. Please stop by this summer and welcome Marlow to the museum community.

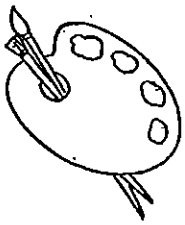
As always, our exciting activities will take place again this summer and will include one special event not to miss.

- Museum's annual yard sale happens the second Saturday, July 12th
  (donations of articles needed and appreciated) Contact: Betty McTavish

- Annual Ladies Golf Tournament happens the third Thursday, July 17th
- Contact: Darrin Kristjanson for Golf Information 797 3930
- Registration at the Museum only for Golf and Bridge tournaments
- Annual "Bridge on the Beach" fun tournament, happens Thursday, August 7th following the busy long weekend events Contact: Pearl Nielsen 797 2373

"SEBA BEACH ART FAIR"

This special event will open Saturday, July 26th evening with wine and cheese for museum members only 7:00 – 9:00pm
The Fair will be open to the public all day Sunday, July 27th
The Art Fair will host many local artists of incredible talents, an event not to be forgotten.
Watch for further notices regarding the artists attending and talents to be presented.
Contact: Annette Ayre, Susan Allen or Sandy Drummond 403 669 8082



Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer at Seba.
From the staff, board members and volunteers of the Seba Heritage Museum

FARMERS MARKET – Carol Blake and Margy Legrow, Market Managers

Welcome to a new market season. We have added 5 new vendors to show you their wares.

We are open May 10th through to September 20th. Visit us every Saturday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. We are promoting the use of recycle bags or purchase one for $ 2.00.

There will be special events: draws on Mothers Day; special foods for Dad's and on the long weekend in July we will have painting and coloring contests for the kids.

Please come down and support our market and it's vendors. We are looking forward to another great season and seeing all of you again!

SEBA BEACH REGATTA 2014
August 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Regatta weekend has always been a highlight for the residents of Seba Beach. The weather is usually great. It is a time for vacation from work and play. This August promises again to be a success. Many exciting events both new and old are ready to start the fun filled weekend. Just a reminder the first meeting will be Sunday May 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Pavilion.

"Be a Do-er Not a Critic – A non-doer is very often a person who sits back and watches doers and then talks about the doers. It is easy to be a critic but being a doer requires effort, risk and change.
"Dr. Dwayne Dyer"

The participation at events is always great. This places increased demand on the volunteers and the village. Let's make this Regatta the best ever. Thanks to all the volunteers. They do a tremendous amount of work on their events. We are always looking for help so ..... if you are interested please call Marie Caley at 780 451-1491 or 780 797-3050

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SEBA BEACH
Consolidated Statement of Operations
Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Budget 2013	2013	(Restated) 2012
REVENUE			
Net municipal taxes (Schedule 1)	$ 442,314	$ 442,781	$ 421,252
User fees and sale of goods	6,346	7,662	7,917
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 2)	101,817	107,662	123,260
Fines	40,000	50,391	39,488
Investment income	3,000	1,802	738
Penalties and costs of taxes	4,000	3,439	4,740
Licenses and permits	1,700	1,565	1,730
Rentals	3,600	4,122	4,220
Franchise fees & concession contracts	24,000	25,612	21,932
Other	-	-	2,023
Donations	300	-	9,050
Total revenue	627,077	645,046	636,350
EXPENSES			
Administration and Legislative	14,904	13,569	11,883
Administrative	194,355	185,327	194,970
Police services	174,511	180,121	179,181
Fire service	8,361	11,305	10,768
Bylaw enforcement	3,000	3,342	4,077
Roads, streets, walks and lighting	181,652	156,265	153,341
Water supply and distribution	-	1,952	1,816
Waste management	29,500	30,056	26,549
Land use planning, zoning and development	4,500	3,381	10,314
Parks and recreation	26,200	20,783	13,336
Libraries, museums and halls	8,873	9,015	12,366
Total operating expenses	645,856	615,116	618,601
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before other	(18,779)	29,930	17,749
OTHER			
Government transfers for capital (Schedule 2)	-	333,249	122,666
Gains (losses) on disposal of assets	-	(9,796)	2,430
Amortization *(Note 15)*	-	(82,468)	(69,481)
	-	240,985	55,615
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(18,779)	270,915	73,364
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,611,852	1,611,852	1,538,488
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	$ 1,863,988	$ 1,882,767	$ 1,611,852

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2013

	2013	2012 *Restated*
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and temporary investments *(Note 2)*	$ 361,601	$ 132,137
Term deposits	-	67,964
Current taxes and grants in place of taxes *(Note 3)*	15,344	4,639
Grants and receivables from other governments *(Note 4)*	149,937	270,425
Trade and other receivables	78,826	141,861
Interest receivable	-	2,227
	$ 605,708	$ 619,253
LIABILITIES		
Bank indebtedness	$ -	$ 6,955
Accounts payable	42,170	48,118
Prepaid property taxes	11,073	8,997
Deferred income *(Notes 5, 15)*	204,626	260,477
	257,869	324,547
NET FINANCIAL ASSET (DEBT)	347,839	294,706
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets *(Notes 6, 15)*	1,534,929	1,317,146
Prepaid expenses	-	-
	1,534,929	1,317,146
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS *(Note 9)*	$ 1,882,768	$ 1,611,852

On behalf of the Summer Village of Seba Beach

Mayor

CAO

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

Wabamun Lake Level Update

[Note: this is a republishing of the message that was sent to the WWMC e-mail list on April 19.]

The water level of Wabamun Lake can be a perennial topic of concern among lakeside residents and other lake users. With the amount of snow we had this winter and the spring snow melt, it doesn't look like this year will be any different.

As of April 17, Environment Canada reports the water surface of the lake was 724.66 metres (2,377 ft.) above sea level (ASL). Since the top of the weir on the only outlet from the lake (Wabamun Creek) is at 724.55 metres ASL, the water level is about 11 cm (about 4 in.) above the weir.

It should be remembered that drainage out of Wabamun Creek (when flowing) has been characterized as a straw draining a swimming pool. So, if the amount of water entering the lake is more than leaving it, the lake level will rise above the level of the weir.

Last year, beavers down stream of the weir had constructed a dam that raised the water level above the weir. Working with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, the Paul First Nation cleared a series of beaver dams on their land and opened the creek channel to allow the water to flow freely down the creek without causing too much flooding downstream of the dams. A recent inspection of the weir shows the water still flows freely (as shown in photo). So, the beavers are not a problem at this time. We thank the Paul Band for their cooperation in helping maintain the lake level.

Invasive Species Info.

Invasive plants and animals are an increasing problem on Alberta's lakes. Invasive species can cause much damage to our natural ecosystems negatively affecting fish and wildlife populations and our enjoyment of the lakes. All lake users should be aware of the problem and take measures to ensure that they are not part of the problem. For further information go to http://esrd.alberta.ca/recreation-public-use/invasive-species/default.aspx

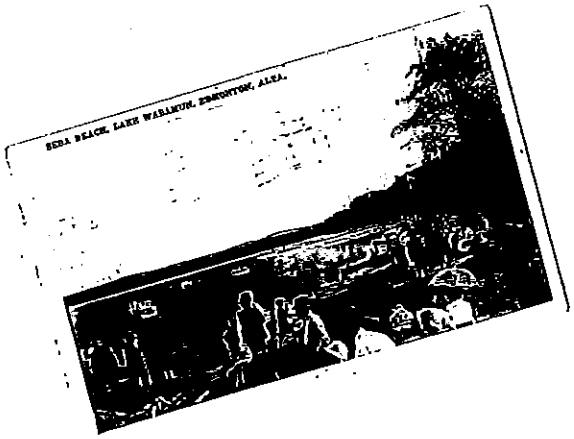
Help Your Lake

WWMC memberships come up for renewal on June 1. Please renew or become a new member of the WWMC and make a donation to help us proceed to a watershed management plan and ensure the health of the lake. Go to www.wwmc.ca, click on the Get Involved tab (at the very top) and download a membership application. We can use the support and there will be a lot of opportunities to volunteer your time and expertise to help with projects keeping Wabamun healthy and the beautiful lake it is.

Seba Beach Memorabilia

Remember When ...

The Dates The Ice Went Off Lake Wabamun



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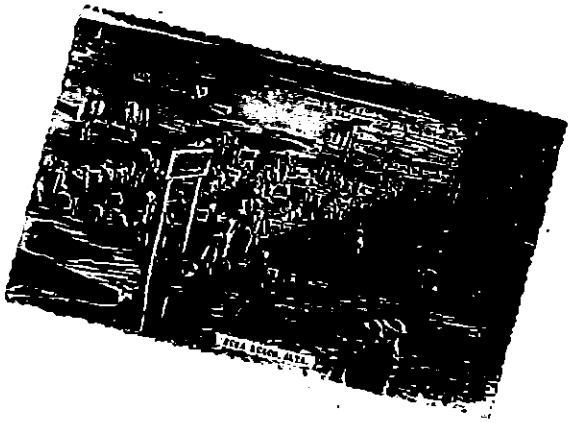
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