DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER
SUMMER VILLAGE OF SEBA BEACH

Mayors Message – Doug Thomas

2018 has been a very busy year in our village and 2019 is shaping up to be even busier. The year started with a seismic event in January, that led to a significant damaging effect to the land adjacent to many lake front properties. As most ratepayers around the Village are already aware, one of the assets that received substantial damage as a result of this natural event was our Pavilion. In early May, once the frost was out of the ground eliminating the possibility of any further damages, administration arranged to have an engineering firm attend at the site to inspect the damage and prepare a comprehensive assessment so that they could provide us with the estimated cost to repair the facility and make it operational. This process was made more complicated because of the involvement of our insurance adjuster, so obtaining the information that Council needed to make an informed decision on the future of the facility became difficult. After several inspections and structural engineering reports completed by different engineers and contractors, we finally received what we felt was a reasonable estimate of the costs to repair the damage and make the facility operational once again. Unfortunately, the engineering reports came with significant caveats. Most notably was the fact that the engineering company would not provide us with an opinion on the life expectancy of the building once the repairs had been completed.

The predicament that we encountered was that, given that this was a building that had been erected almost 70 years ago, the foundation was constructed to meet the standards and design of the era and therefore the existing building does not meet today's building code safety standards. We could not obtain any guarantees from the engineering firms that the minimum repairs that our insurance company agreed to pay, would provide us with anything but a short-term solution to our problem. After many hours of consideration and discussion Council determined that to repair the existing structure would only be a short-term solution and that a long-term solution would be more fiscally responsible. The decision was made somewhat easier once our insurance company confirmed that the insurance proceeds for the damage was only available if we either rebuilt a new structure or renovated the existing structure. In other words, we did not have the alternative to demolish the building and put the money in the bank for future use.

Once this information was all known and understood we decided to complete a survey. To date, most of the property owners in the Village would like to see a new building constructed in a similar size and function to the one that exists today. At an estimated $300/square foot, the cost of a new building would be $1,237,500. A committee of stakeholders will be formed to draft a design and preliminary budget that will be shared with all stakeholders. With insurance proceeds of $227,000 and $200,000 that the village currently has in reserve, a mortgage of approximately $810,500 would be needed. The committee will also be tasked at looking at alternative financing options that may be available and this would also include making sure that we take full advantage of grants and subsidies from our various government bodies.

The Summer Village of Seba Beach continues to maintain a strong financial position, which includes zero debt and a projected operating surplus for fiscal 2018. This will almost certainly allow us to prepare a 2019 budget without having to increase taxes. If we do proceed with building a new "pavilion" with an estimated mortgage of $810,500 at a rate of 5% over 30 years, an average tax rate increase of $126.00/property would be sufficient to cover all the interest and principal.

The municipal administration office is your first point of contact for any information that you require or any concerns that you might have. Sue Evans and Susan Stuart are there to help in any way they can. They do an exceptional job of dealing with the various issues that appear on a day to day basis along with making sure our very qualified public works team, maintains the village to the high standard that we have come to appreciate.

Thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to complete the survey. The journey to construct a new community facility will not be an easy one, but Councillors Schultz and MacPhee and myself will endeavor to maintain open and transparent lines of communication in order to keep you all fully informed of our progress. Please refer to the Seba Beach website at www.sebabeach.ca for updates and additional information.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Safe and Prosperous 2019.

The Seba Beach Administration Office is a drop off point for FOOD BANK AND SANTAS ANONYMOUS donations. Cash donations are also accepted for Christmas Hamper items. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to help local families in need. Your generous donations are most appreciated.

Regular meetings of Council are held generally the third Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are posted at the administration office or call 780 797-3863 for confirmation of dates. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to address Council, please call ahead and request that your item of discussion be placed on the agenda.

Administration Office is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Office telephone number is 780-797-3863 or Fax is 797-3800 (use of the fax is available to the public at reasonable rates) **Please note our email address is** svseba@telusplanet.net. Visit our website at www.sebabeach.ca Please ensure that you provide the administration office with current mailing address and any new contact information that 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

Snow Removal – Snow Removal Waiver Forms are maintained on file so if you have completed one in the past the information shall remain in your property file. Driveway clearing rates are currently set at $ 25.00 per clearing. Senior Citizens receive this service free of charge. Please advise the administration office if you require this service. **When it snows, please move your vehicles off the street to allow for clearing. Thank you for your cooperation!**

The "Light Up Your Life Campaign" – This marks the 27th year for this fundraising campaign for Parkland Palliative Care. The Program "Lights Up" the communities of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Wabamun and Seba Beach in different ways. In Seba Beach the "Wave Of Hope" sparkles on the Seniors Center. A donation of $ 10.00 will light a clear bulb on one of the community symbols and will glow in memory of someone dear to you. The names of those remembered in this way will be published in the local newspapers after the Christmas Season. Donations may be made at the Seba Beach Administration Office or the Seba Seniors Thrift Shop. Thanks to all of you who have shown your support.

Garbage pick-up – takes place Mondays, sometimes extending into Tuesdays. All garbage must be stored in proper garbage containers kept in suitable garbage stands capable of keeping the containers from tipping over. Regulation size garbage cans must be used. Please Note that a $ 50.00 fee will be charged to any property owner who is in violation of garbage regulations. **Any property that requires the services of our public works employees to clean up scattered garbage will be charged for the service.**

If you are dropping off items at the Seba Beach Transfer Station - Don't forget that you need to present your access card to the attendant at the station in order to enter the facility. If you misplace or lose your card, Parkland County has implemented a card replacement fee of $ 35.00.

WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

For those watershed residents who are either unaware of the WWMC website (WWMC.ca) or do not visit it regularly, we encourage you to access the site. It is one of the most effective means for the WWMC to keep you up to date. The site contains the most current information available regarding issues in the watershed, including minutes from Board meetings, WWMC Newsletters, current projects and longer range planning.

SEBA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY – Cheryl Taillieu, Library Manager

The last few months, the library has been busy with patrons dropping in for new memberships/renewals, computer usage, checkouts, holds, book club and the "Sharing Table". Thank you to all the community for its generosity/support and in return we would like to announce that all memberships are FREE!

Seba Beach Library Book Club meets every fourth Tuesday, of the month, at 10:30 am. Seba Beach Library "Sharing Table" – every Thursday, at 11:30 am – 1 pm. A gathering of information, helpfulness and just plain enjoyment for our patrons! Coffee, tea and snacks served.

Seba Beach Public Library/Wabamun Public Library – working together as libraries on the lake.
For those winter blahs, the library has its monthly paperbacks, Tri-leisure pass, VR headset and two portable Wi-Fi Smart hubs for checkout.

During the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in the spirit, we say simply but sincerely…. thank you and best wishes for the holiday season.
Call us at (780)797-3940. See our webpage at www.sebabeachlibrary.ab.ca or e-mail sebabeachlibrary@yrl.ab.ca. Please like us "Summer Village of Seba Beach Public Library" on Facebook.
*The library is open Tues. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs. 12-5 p.m., & Sat.'s 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. (Library will be closed Dec 21, 2018 to January 2, 2019)

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS - FALL 2018

The Seba Museum is pleased to announce another successful summer with community events well attended and enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks to our organizers and activity participants. Without your support, these community events would not be possible. The museum's main source of revenue comes from various fundraisers, gift shop sales, memberships and cash donations. The Board of Directors wish to recognize and sincerely thank all who faithfully and generously support the Seba Museum. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas with a safe, healthy and Happy New year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Seba Seniors

We are looking forward to another great year with many activities at our Centre for anyone over the age of 50. Come by and check out the renovations in the Melmoth Members Lounge. Thank you to all who have spent countless hours on this great project. Thank you also to our members, and the Seba Beach and area community, who have made monetary donations helping to move us closer to our fund raising goal of $ 50,000.00.

The Thrift Shop closes at 3pm on December 22, and reopens at 10am on January 2. We have great bargains in all categories.

Our President, Lynn Berg, and all those who work under her, wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, with Health and Happiness in 2019 See you in the New Year.

For information, watch our lawn sign, or contact us at one of the following:
Answering machine: 780-797-3087.
Email address: seba.seniors@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook
Barrier free Centre, hall for rent
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SEBA BEACH FARMERS MARKET - Paulette Sparks

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

Our mission for 2019 season is to meet our unforeseen changes, continually improve, while keeping with the changing times and meeting our customer needs.

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. Thanks to everyone for your support during these changes.

Contact information and further information can be found on our Web Page http://sebabeachfarmersmarket.weebly.com/, or Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sebabeachfarmersmarket or by email to sebabeachfm@gmail.com.

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE EDMONTON YACHT CLUB

The Board and Members of the Edmonton Yacht Club wish all residents of the Summer Village of Seba Beach a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our membership sincerely appreciates the leadership, time, effort and cooperation of the residents, council and administration that make the **Summer Village of Seba Beach** a great place to be in the summer and for the year round as a matter of fact.

EYC has appointed one of its members to the board of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council as we believe the health of our lake must be given even greater emphasis than it has in the past.

We look forward to continuing to be involved in community events and activities in 2019.

Best Wishes for the 2018 Holiday Season,
On behalf of Edmonton Yacht Club, Rob Martin, Commodore