

**Summer Village of White Sands
Winter Newsletter 2014**

Dear Rate Payers,

Season's Greetings to all. Hope you are well and looking forward to Christmas and the holidays. I am sure some of you will get some time away to the deep dark south or to an island somewhere.

The final draft of the Land Use Bylaw is on the website (www.summervillageofwhitesands.ca). Once again, many thanks for the input we received by phone and mail and during the three public meetings. The Alberta Government Act requires us to hold one public meeting when changing Land Use Bylaws, but council felt it was important to consider as many rate payers' ideas and thoughts as possible. If you need clarification, please phone or email Development Officer Dave Dittrick (403-740-3749) or Administrator Graham Scott (403-742-8305). Their email addresses are on the website. If you do not have access to a computer, please phone Graham Scott and he will mail you a copy.

A few more items:

- The Fire Works component of our Fire Bylaw is being revised on the advice of our Bylaw Officer to something similar to what the city of Calgary has in place. There will be clearer definitions and stronger enforcement measures with fines going up substantially.
- The Community Standards Bylaw is also under review as it needs to be brought up to current standards. The new Bylaw will be posted on the website. The main items under revision include parking trailers on Village roads and municipal reserves and upgraded definitions.
- Our emergency fire road escape for CJ1 and CJ2 is 80% finished. Maintenance man Allan will complete it in the spring. The gates, located in White Sands at the end of Nicole Way and at the trail head coming this way from Bar Harbour will each have a light chain that can be easily pushed open with a vehicle if evacuation is required. Bar Harbour would also be able to use it coming this way if they need to evacuate. A heartfelt thanks to Peter Brodie, the land owner, for his generous consideration in allowing us access across his property for a safe way out in the case of an emergency. Also many thanks to our maintenance man Allan for all of his hard work on this important project.
- Thanks goes out to Dean Lovell for his donation of a surveillance system which will allow us to monitor the shop, hall and dumpster areas.
- If you are coming to the lake over the holidays and want the windrow of snow removed from your driveway, please contact Allan at 403-740-6886 before Christmas week. He needs as much notice as possible and will only be removing windrows until December 20th.

In closing, on behalf of the council for the Summer Village of White Sands I would like to wish you and yours a great winter, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2015.

All the best,

Lorne Thurston, Mayor
For the Summer Village of White Sands Council