

## Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Canada!!!!

Hope all you folks had a great holiday season and winter. Seems the weather has been a bit strange with freezing and thaws and flooding all over the province. Allan, our maintenance man, has pumped over 4.5 million liters according to the log we maintain for Environment and Parks. Hopefully that will be behind us once the frost comes out of the ground.

Here is what has been going on.

- We would like to welcome our new Development Officer, Leann Graham, 403-740-2565.
- We have ordered another 16 ft. section of dock for the boat launch as well as a rubber bumper for the end of the dock to provide some protection for the boats.
- The government's legislation for placement of docks and mooring has unfortunately been put on hold.
- We will be putting up some signage and talking to the surrounding land owners in an attempt to keep people from hunting within the required distance from our Village.
- We have concerns regarding quads and snow mobiles speeding on our roads, particularly regarding the safety of our many pedestrians. Please monitor your visitors and your family and make sure you are not contributing to the problem.
- We are going to put an internet hotspot down by the hall for checking email, etc. However, as data is limited, it will be removed if we find it is being used for gaming or movies etc.
- We will be installing reflective blue municipal address signs in front of every property to comply with South Buffalo Lake Emergency Services (fire protection, ambulance and RCMP). We will try to use one post for every two properties where feasible.
- We will be sending out letters to local contractors asking them to slow down in the Village and not to litter. Please help us out by asking any contractors you hire to comply with these requests.
- The invasive mussel species are now in Montana. The Provincial Government is trying very hard to keep them out of Alberta.
- The ice is still on the lake as of today. The earliest that the ice has come off the lake in the last 20 years was April 8<sup>th</sup> and the latest May 17<sup>th</sup> according to my personal records. I remember seeing the children playing in the lake on May 18<sup>th</sup>. I would like to see some adults try that (not me however).
- We are having our **ANNUAL MEETING** on Saturday **JULY 1**, 2017 at 9:00 am at the hall. It is **election year** so nominations will be accepted on that day between 10 am and noon. The advance poll will be Saturday July 22 from 10 am till noon. **Election Day** will be Saturday **July 29<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am till 7 pm.
- The Maynards are going ahead with Phase 2 of their subdivision. 17 of the remaining 74 undeveloped lots are included in this phase. They are proposing including a direct control commercial lot, a low impact convenience store attached to a residence, in phase 2. As this would be contrary to current bylaws, a public hearing would have to be held on this issue. The Maynards are holding an open house on Saturday May 13, 2017 starting at 9 am and I will be at the hall the following Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10 am to answer any questions.
- Our maintenance man, Allan, will pick up dead fall only until June 30th from the road allowance. Please place piles at a 45 degree angle to the road and not up against poles etc. to allow easier access by the tractor. Please cut in 6' lengths and have all the trunks face in one direction. Thanks for your help.
- Poker night continues its successful run. Thanks again to the Peelers for organizing.

Well, that is all for now. The date for the public hearing regarding proposed changes to the commercial zoning and some minor changes to the Land Use Bylaw will be advertised. Thanks to all for reading this "Bull Sheet". Have a safe and fabulous summer.

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