

Summer Village of White Sands
Spring 2018 Newsletter

I bring greetings from your Council. It would seem that perhaps spring may arrive after all. Hope all you folks were able to brave it through this long cold winter safely and in good health. Here are the goings on that have been going on:

Paradise Shores

- On behalf of council, we would like to thank you for the feedback and ideas we have received regarding the new 940 lot development that has been proposed to be built next door to our Village and thank those who made verbal and written submissions to the public hearing held on March 17. Your council together with Rochon Sands council have hired a municipal lawyer to assist us with the discussions and make sure that we are proceeding in the right direction. We have instigated a dispute mechanism within the Buffalo Lake South Shore Inter-Municipal Development Plan. Council has been working very hard to ensure that our rate payers' concerns are being heard and that we are doing everything we are able to do to protect our Village's interests and our way of life.

Truck Fill Station

- The truck fill station for fresh potable water is very close to completion, 4 months ahead of schedule. The water has been piped to the building and we hope to have it up and running within a couple of months. There is a maintenance hydrant on site (will not affect fire insurance). We have many people, companies and organizations we would like to thank including the Shirley McClellan Water Commission, Stephan Weninger and Annemarie Doell from Stantec Consulting Red Deer, Klassen Construction, Action Plumbing, the electrical team, the County of Stettler for their help and advice, and our own Ed Waugh for the dirt work. We are also very grateful for the 90/10 funding we received from the Alberta Transportation Water for Life Program. This has been a dream of mine and I feel confident that this will secure us as a Village into the future.

Lot Signs

- Our Village lot signs are all installed. Emergency Services are very pleased as it makes it much easier for them to locate an address. Apologies to the folks who wanted to mount their own as the information though passed on to the crews, got waylaid. Please phone or email me if you have concerns. 403-742-0210 or kathyandlorne@yahoo.ca.

Other Items

- Boatlifts and docks must be off the beach and in the water by June 17, 2018 and the lake shore cleared of all boat trailers, docks, lifts and other unused items. This will be strictly enforced.
- We are planning to number and register all docks and lifts so that we know who they belong to. As the upland land owner, the Village has the authority over who can put docks and lifts in the water in front of our Village and limits this to rate payers of the Summer Village of White Sands.
- For anyone who is not aware, White Sands is one of 50 Summer Villages in Alberta. We are our own municipality with two Councillors and an appointed Mayor. Our Administrator is Graham Scott, contracted from the Town of Stettler, who can be reached Monday to Friday 9am to 4 pm at 403-742-8305; our Development Officer is Leann Graham 403-740-2565, leanngraham@outlook.com. Her hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 4 pm; we receive administrative support from the Town of Stettler staff who do an excellent job for us. A Summer Village offers a unique opportunity for rate payers to vote for your Village Council in addition to voting for the council wherever you make your permanent residence. Your property taxes support the Summer Village of White Sands.

That is it for now. Further updates to come. Enjoy your summer!

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