

SUMMER VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

Via Zoom – 5:00 p.m.

As per Bylaw 02-2022 there will be no audio/video recordings of Meetings

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| 1. | <u>Call to Order</u> | | |
| 2. | <u>Agenda</u> | a) | April 18 th , 2023 Regular Council Meeting <i>(that Council approve as is or with additions/deletions as amended)</i> |
| 3. | <u>Minutes:</u> Pages 1-5 | a) | March 21 st , 2023 Council Meeting Minutes <i>(that Council approve as is or as amended)</i> |
| 4. | <u>Appointments or Delegation</u> | a) | 5:15 p.m. Laura Marcato of Seniuk and Company to present the Summer Village's Draft 2022 Audited Financial Statements. <i>(that Council approve the 2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented or amended)</i> |
| 5. | <u>Public Hearings</u> | | N/A |
| 6. | <u>Bylaws</u> | a) | N/A |
| 7. | <u>Business</u> Pages 6-10 | a) | Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer - please refer to the attached invitation to their May 4 th , 2023 Municipal Law Seminar being held in Edmonton, cost of registration is \$225/person and information on the sessions is attached. <i>(authorize Council and Administration to attend the Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer Municipal Law Seminar scheduled for Thursday, May 4th, 2023 in Edmonton at a cost of \$225/registrant)</i> Or <i>(accept for information)</i> |
| | Pages 11-12 | b) | Boat Dock Non-objection Renewal Request – Administration has received a request from the property owners of 227 Lakeshore Drive, a non-lakefront parcel, requesting a letter of no-objection to place a dock off the 763TR, Block 1, Lot 33R Municipal Reserve. This application was last approved in 2020. <i>(that Administration forward a letter of no objection to the property owners of 227 Lakeshore Drive for the dock placed on the 763TR, Block 1, Lot 33R Municipal Reserve)</i> |

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| | Pages 13-15 | c) | <p>2023 Draft Operating and Capital Budget – further to previous meetings and direction of Council, attached is the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget as accepted by Council at the last meeting. This budget has a 5.3% increase in municipal tax dollars collected.</p> <p><i>(that the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget be approved as presented)</i></p> <p>As a follow-up to the approved budget, attached is the required 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw which sets the various rates of taxation for the 2023 year, to be approved by Council.</p> <p><i>(that Bylaw 02-2023, a bylaw to set the various rates of taxation for the 2023 year, be given 1st reading (as presented or amended)</i></p> <p><i>(give 2nd reading to Bylaw 02-2023 (as is or as amended)</i></p> <p><i>(give unanimous consent to consider 3rd reading of Bylaw 02-2023 (as is or amended)</i></p> <p><i>(give 3rd and final reading to Bylaw 2-2023 (as is or as amended)</i></p> |
| | | c) | |
| | | d) | |
| | | e) | |
| 8. | <u>Financial</u> | | N/A |
| 9. | <u>Councillors' Reports</u> | | |
| | | a) | Mayor Newton |
| | | b) | Deputy Mayor Fisher |
| | | c) | Councillor Wasmuth |
| 10. | <u>Administration Reports</u> Pages 16-17 | a) b) c) d) e) | To Do List March 21, 2023 Development Officer Report – (past and present) one permit refusal and continued review of the LUB for Island Lake Government of Alberta March 1 st , 2023 letter on Police Funding costs, this year at 20% cost recovery, next year will be 30% (they suggest we add an additional 50% for next years budget; this year cost is \$14,309 Summer Village Council's Annual Meeting – May 20 th ?? |

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| 11. | <u>Communication and Correspondence</u> <i>Pages 18-21</i> | a) | Association of Summer Villages of Alberta – March 23 rd , 2023 email on Invasive Species Article |
| | <i>Page 22</i> | b) | Summer Village of Island Lake 1 st quarter Safety Codes Report |
| | <i>Page 23</i> | c) | April 5 th , 2023 email from Alberta Government advising of an increase to FCSS funding for 2023 |
| | | d) | |
| 13. | <u>Closed Session</u> | | N/A |
| 14. | <u>Next Meeting</u> | | Next Meeting is scheduled for May 16 th , 2023 at 5:00 p.m. via zoom. |
| 15. | <u>Adjournment</u> | | |

Next Meetings: May 16th, 2023
 June 20th, 2023
 July 18th, 2023
 August 15th, 2023
 September 19th, 2023

SUMMER VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2023
IN PERSON, WESTLOCK INN AND VIA TELECONFERENCE/ZOOM

Council: Mayor Chad Newton
Deputy Mayor Alan Fisher
Councillor John Wasmuth

Administration: CAO, Wendy Wildman
Administrative Assistant, Diane Wannamaker

Public at Large: 0 in person / 1 via zoom

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| 1. | CALL TO ORDER | Mayor Newton called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. |
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| 2. | AGENDA 23-42 | MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the March 21 st , 2023 Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED |
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| 3. | MINUTES 23-43 | MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the February 21 st , 2023 Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED |
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| 4. | APPOINTMENTS Terry Kuprowski 23-44 | 5:05 p.m. Resident – Terry Kuprowsky presented to Council concerns regarding Bay Days/Events held in public areas at the Summer Village including undue noise, camping in playgrounds and ball diamond area, disrespectful behaviors such wrecking items at the baseball diamond, urinating and vomiting on private property, garbage left onsite, fireworks set off in the middle of the road and blocking roadways as well as wake issues on the lake. Mr. Kuprowsky left the meeting at 5:30 p.m. MOVED by Mayor Newton that Council accept the presentation as noted above by Terry Kuprowsky for information. CARRIED |
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| 5. | PUBLIC HEARINGS | N/A |
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| 6. | BYLAWS 23-45 Bylaw 01-2023, | MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher that Council give first reading to Bylaw 01-2023, a Bylaw for Pre-Authorized Monthly Installment Property Tax Payment Plan with the following amendments: |

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| | Pre-Authorized Monthly Installment Property Tax Payment Plan | <p><u>Change "Council" to "Municipality"</u> Clause 2 to read: "A person who wishes to pay taxes by installment must make an agreement with the Municipality authorizing that method of payment"</p> <p><u>Replace "to ensure" with "with the objective"</u> Clause 5 to read: "The Municipal Administrator shall make adjustments to the monthly installment rate anytime during the current year with the objective that the current year's taxes will be paid in full by the end of the year"</p> <p><u>Change "Municipal Administrator" to "Municipality"</u> Clause 6 to read: "Any amounts paid to the Municipality, as a pre-payment of current year's taxes is non-refundable"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| 23-46 | | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that Council give second reading to Bylaw 01-2023 with amendments as noted above.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| 23-47 | | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 01-2023 with amendments as noted above.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> |
| 23-48 | | <p>MOVED by Councillor Wasmuth that Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 01-2023 with amendments as noted above.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| 7. | BUSINESS | |
| | 23-49 | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that Administration draft a letter of response to the Island Lake Historical Society that the request for funding to assist with a lake-wide fireworks event on July 8th, 2023 be denied as the budget does not accommodate the request this year and encourage the Society to seek private or corporate funding or initiate fundraising events (such as a bottle drive), and should they wish to forward a request for the 2024 budget year, it must be forwarded before March, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| | 23-50 | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that the 2022 Annual Internal Review of the Summer Village of Island Lake's accreditation status as completed by the Safety Codes Council be accepted for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |

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| | 23-51 | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that a representative of the Greater North Foundation be invited to a future Council meeting to discuss the proposed revision to the Housing Management Bodies boundaries, as noted in the Foundations March 1st, 2023 letter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| | 23-52 | <p>MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher that Administration revise the Development Permit applications and decision letters (including demolition permits) to include a condition that states demolition materials be delivered to a registered waste facility to ensure waste materials are being disposed of properly and not on other lands.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| | 23-53 | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that the budget discussion be accepted for information and Administration make changes to the draft budget as directed by Council, and that the final budget be brought back to the next Council meeting, along with the 2023 tax rate bylaw reflecting an increase to the municipal minimum amount payable from \$705.00 to \$740.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| 8. | FINANCIAL REPORT | N/A |
| 9. | COUNCIL REPORTS 23-54 | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that the Council reports be accepted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| 10. | ADMINISTRATION REPORTS 23-55 | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that Administration move forward with revamping the website as discussed at no cost to the Summer Village.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| | 23-56 | <p>MOVED by Mayor Newton that the Administration Reports be accepted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |

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| 14. | ADJOURNMENT | The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. |

Mayor, Chad Newton

Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman



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Employment Law Seminar

May 4th, 2023, 8:30am - 3:30pm MDT
Delta Hotels by Marriott Edmonton South
Conference Centre

Edmonton, AB

SPEAKING

ATTENDING

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Employment Law
Seminar

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Delta Edmonton South
Conference Centre

Thursday, May 4, 2023
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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Registration Fee: \$225 + GST

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| <p>MORNING PLENARY</p> | <p>Demystifying the Litigation Process: it's not like what you see on TV</p> <p><i>Learn what to expect when you face, or think about starting, a legal proceeding in court or before a tribunal (like the Human Rights Tribunal).</i></p> <p><i>In this session, our team of lawyers will break down concepts around the dispute resolution process and dive into costs awards and risks, questioning, timelines,</i></p> |
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| SESSIONS | <p><i>One of the most important things employers must consider when entering into an employment relationship is the terms that will govern that relationship. Employment contracts assist in managing employee relationships, minimizing potential liability, and setting employee expectations.</i></p> <p><i>This session will focus on the oft-overlooked but critical provisions that may be easy to gloss over as "boilerplate" (spoiler: nothing is boilerplate!). Understanding these provisions and why they matter will help you minimize your risk and best structure employment agreements.</i></p> <p>Accommodation, Disability & Human Rights: What You Need to Know <i>In this session, our lawyers will provide practical commentary and insight on the procedural aspects of the duty to accommodate, including accommodations in the context of mental health, making inquiries, the threshold for notice of a disability. Non-medical accommodations will also be explored.</i></p> |
| AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS | <p>When It's Over: Understanding Termination <i>Terminating an employment relationship is never easy or enjoyable. Not only can emotions run high, but there are many legal (and non-legal) factors to consider from a risk management perspective.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>can implement immediately.</i></p> <p>The ever swinging pendulum of change: The most significant developments to the law affecting workplaces in the past 5 years</p> <p><i>The law related to workplaces continues to evolve and change, and employers must always adjust. In this session, our lawyers will look at the cases and legislative changes that have had the most significant impact (and lingering effect) in the last five years. Attendees will hear practical pointers about how to manage the evolution of the law now and into the future.</i></p> |
| AFTERNOON PLENARY | <p>Ask the Pros Panel</p> <p><i>Get the answers you need, from the lawyers you call – ask our employment lawyers questions that arose during the seminar or in the course of your normal work.</i></p> |

Join our Partners and Associates for insightful sessions to gain tools to help you navigate recent changes in the workplace and emerging issues. The agenda boasts a lineup of timely topics focused on the legal landscape and how it relates to labour and employment in Alberta.

Breakout sessions will range from 101 style classes to deep-dives from our industry leaders. You will have the option to attend

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Phone 780-967-0271 Email: svislandlake@wildwillowenterprises.com

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY USAGE

APPLICANT

Date: May 6, 2019
Full Name: Don Nestorovich Phone Number: 780-349-1349
Address: 227 Lakeshore Drive N. Work: _____
E-Mail Address: donnest@msn.com Cell: _____

USAGE

Type: Installation of pier / dock
Location: at the water edge nearest Lot 227 Similar to where the previous owners had their pier / dock.

SITE LAYOUT

PLEASE PROVIDE A SITE LAYOUT OR ATTACHMENT – SVIL Land use map showing all reserves can be found on the website www.islandlake.ca

See attached.

ADMINISTRATION (INTERNAL USE ONLY)

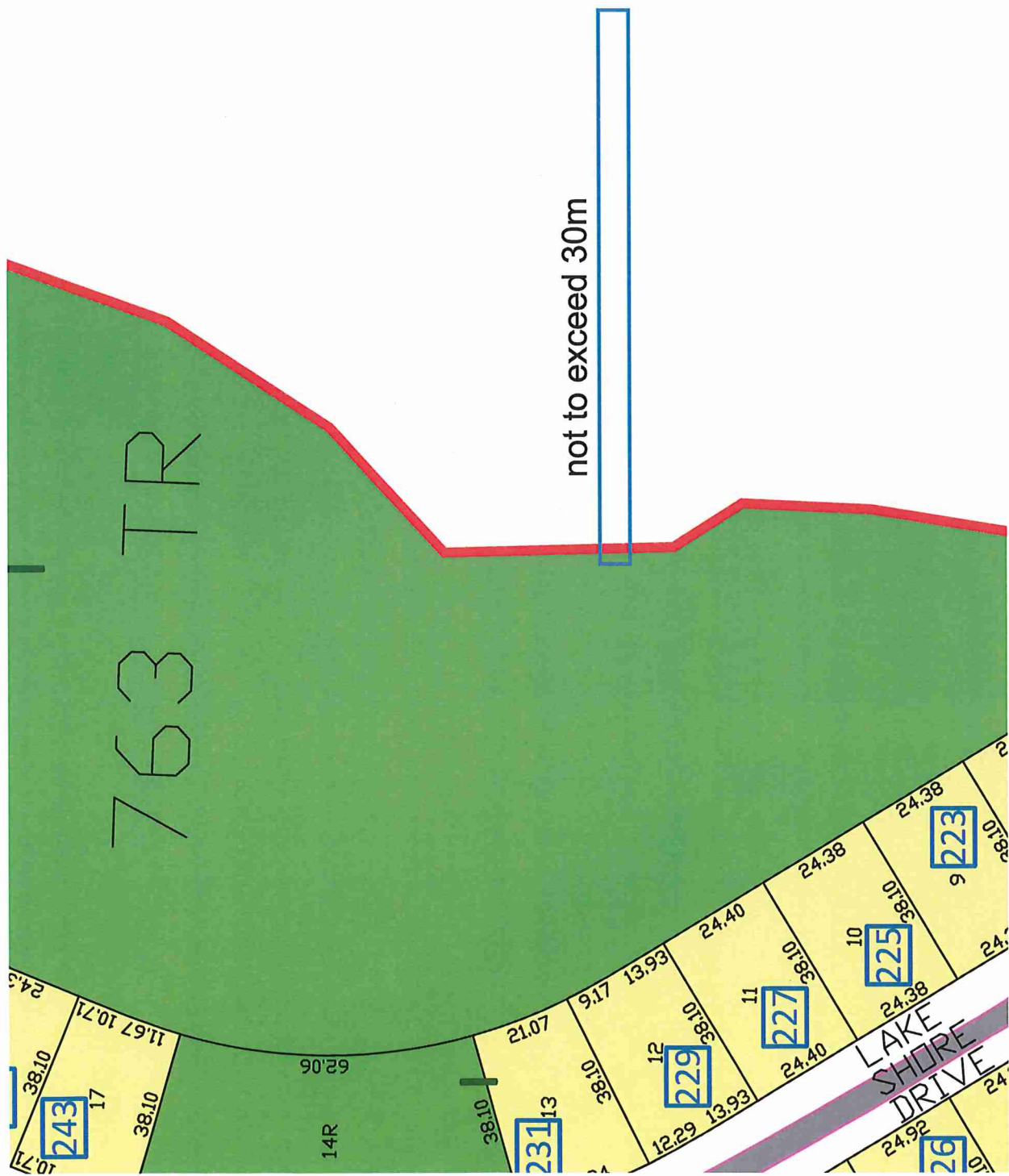
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**BEING A BYLAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE IN THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE SEVERAL RATES OF
TAXATION IMPOSED FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS the total requirements for the Summer Village of Island Lake in the Province of Alberta as shown in the budget estimates are as follows:

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| Municipal General | 255,990.81 |
| Minimum Municipal | 57,396.19 |
| Greater North Foundation Seniors Requisition | 14,504.00 |
| ASFF Residential School Requisition | 295,487.00 |
| ASFF Non-Residential School Requisition | 2,466.00 |
| Designated Industrial Property Requisition | 35.85 |
| TOTAL: | 625,879.85 |

WHEREAS the total taxable assessment of land, buildings and improvements amounts to:

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| Residential Improved | 115,358,010 |
| Residential Vacant | 3,626,200 |
| Non-Residential (<i>Commercial</i>) | 213,860 |
| Other Non-Residential (<i>Linear</i>) | 480,570 |
| Municipal Owned (<i>Exempt</i>) | 5,702,060 |
| TOTAL: | 125,380,700 |

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal expenditures and transfers set out in the budget for the Summer Village of Island Lake for 2023 total \$539,239.00; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation is estimated at \$225,852.00 and \$57,396.19 from "Minimum Municipal Tax" and the balance of \$255,990.81 is to be raised by general municipal taxation; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount to be collected for requisitions total \$312,492.85 (School \$297,953.00; Senior \$14,504.00; Designated Industrial \$35.85); and

WHEREAS, the amount of municipal taxation to be raise as a minimum amount payable of \$740.00 per each taxable property in the municipality is estimated to be \$57,396.19 and the remaining \$255,990.81 is to be collected based on municipal mill rates; and

WHEREAS, the rates hereinafter set out are deemed necessary to provide the amounts required for municipal, school and other purposes, after making due allowance for taxes which may reasonably be expected to remain unpaid; and

(13)

Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 Chapter M-26
Part 10 Division 2 Property Tax

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized to classify assessed property, and to establish different rates of taxation in respect to each class of property, subject to the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000; and

The Municipal Administrator is hereby authorized and required to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all land, buildings and improvements as shown on the assessment and tax roll:

| RATE | <u>TAX LEVY</u> | <u>ASSESSMENT</u> | <u>TAX</u> (in mills) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| General Municipal | | | |
| Residential Improved | 242,129.76 | 115,358,010 | 2.09894190 |
| Residential Vacant | 7,611.18 | 3,626,200 | 2.09894190 |
| Non-Residential | 1,924.74 | 213,860 | 9.0 |
| Other Non-Residential | 4,325.13 | 480,570 | 9.0 |
| TOTAL | 255,990.81 | 119,678,640 | |

| | <u>TAX LEVY</u> | <u>ASSESSMENT</u> | <u>TAX RATE</u> (in mills) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alberta School Foundation Fund | | | |
| Residential | 295,487.00 | 118,984,210 | 2.4834136 |
| Non-residential/Other | 2,466.00 | 694,430 | 3.5511139 |
| Non-residential | | | |
| TOTAL | 297,953.00 | 119,678,640 | |

| | <u>TAX LEVY</u> | <u>ASSESSMENT</u> | <u>TAX RATE</u> (in mills) |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Greater North Seniors Foundation | | | |
| Residential/Non-residential/ Other Non-residential | 14,504.00 | 119,678,640 | 0.1211912 |
| TOTAL | 14,504.00 | 119,678,640 | |

| | <u>TAX LEVY</u> | <u>ASSESSMENT</u> | <u>TAX RATE</u> (in mills) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Designated Industrial Property | | | |
| Other Non-Residential | 35.85 | 480,570 | 0.0746 |
| Total | 35.85 | 480,570 | |

Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 Chapter M-26
Part 10 Division 2 Property Tax

THAT the minimum amount payable as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be:

| | <u>TAX RATE</u> | <u>TAX LEVY</u> |
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| Residential Vacant | \$740.00 | 16,068.82 |
| Residential Improved | \$740.00 | 40,344.89 |
| Non-Residential | \$740.00 | 651.44 |
| Other Non-Residential | \$740.00 | <u>331.04</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$57,396.19 |

THAT this Bylaw shall come into force and effect for 2023 taxation on the date of the third and final reading.

Read a first time on this 18th day of April, 2023.

Read a second time on this 18th day of April, 2023.

Unanimous Consent to Proceed to third Reading on this 18th day of April, 2023.

Read a third and final time on this 18th day of April, 2023.

Signed and Passed this 18th day of April, 2023.

Mayor Chad Newton

Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Wildman

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March 1, 2023

Ms. Wendy Wildman
Chief Administrative Officer
Summer Village of Island Lake
PO Box 8
Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0

Dear Ms. Wildman:

This letter is an annual notification of the Government of Alberta's legislation for collecting a municipality's policing cost share under the Police Funding Model (PFM) Regulation. Through a system of shared responsibility between the government and municipalities, a portion of the costs of frontline policing is allotted back to each municipality based on a number of factors: population, equalized assessment, crime severity, shadow population, and detachment location.

As per the Police Funding Model (PFM) Regulation, each municipality will contribute a portion of frontline policing costs based on a 20 per cent cost recovery for the fiscal year 2022/23. Total revenue generated is estimated to be \$44,784,300 and will be reinvested in Alberta policing initiatives. For fiscal year 2023/24 and going forward, municipalities will be invoiced based on a 30 per cent cost recovery. For your planning purposes, please use your invoiced amount for 2022/23 and add an additional 50 per cent to estimate your 2023/24 invoice total.

Please remit payment within 45-days of the invoice made payable to the Government of Alberta and forward to the address provided on the invoice.

Any questions related to the financial details of this invoice may be directed to the attention of Gordon Crawford at gordon.crawford@gov.ab.ca. Other background and contextual inquiries regarding the policy of PFM may be directed to Lisa Gagnier at lisa.gagnier@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



M. A. (Marlin) Degrand, M.O.M.
Assistant Deputy Minister

Cost Breakdown

The provincial payment generating \$44,784,300 in revenue after modifiers is calculated on an annual basis using 50 per cent population, 50 per cent equalized assessment, and modifiers/subsidies for crime severity, shadow populations, and detachment location.

Provincial Data

| Revenue Generated 2022-23 after modifiers | Total Municipal Population (2021) | Total Equalized Assessment (2023) | Total Revenue Base Estimate |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$44,784,300 | 762,490 | 303,816,170,576 | \$46,500,000 |

Municipal Data

| Summer Village of Island Lake | Data/Cost Breakdown |
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| 2021 Population | 234 |
| 2023 Equalized Assessment | \$116,080,406 |
| Equalized Assessment per capita | \$496,070 |
| Population % of total for PFM | 0.03069% |
| Equalized Assessment % of total for PFM | 0.03821% |
| Amount based on 50% Population (A) | \$7,135 |
| Amount based on 50% Equalized Assessment (B) | \$8,884 |
| Total share policing cost C = (A + B) | \$16,019 |
| Less modifiers: | |
| Subsidy from Crime Severity Index (CSI) Value (variable %) (Note 1) | \$ 909 |
| Subsidy from Shadow Population (variable) (Note 2) | \$ 0 |
| 5% for No Detachment Subsidy (Note 3) | \$ 801 |
| Total share with modifiers | \$14,309 |

Notes

Population provided by Alberta Treasury Board and Finance

Equalized Assessment – an annual calculation that measures the relative wealth of a municipality creating a common assessment base. It determines the ability of a community to pay a portion of policing costs in this context.

Municipality Population / PFM Population

Municipality Equalized Assessment / PFM Equalized Assessment

Population % of provincial x 50% population x Total Base Estimate

Equalized Assessment % x 50% x Total Base Estimate

Note 1: CSI Subsidy received if above rural municipal average. Accounts for volume and seriousness of crime based on incarceration rates. A three-year average is used to calculate your average CSI.

Note 2: Shadow Population – temporary residents of a municipality employed by an industrial or commercial establishment for a minimum of 30 days within a municipal census year. Shadow populations use the municipality's services but do not contribute to its tax base. Subsidy is up to 5% of total share.

Note 3: No detachment subsidy provided if town/municipality does not have access to a detachment.

Invasive Species Update

In March, the Alberta Invasive Species Council held a very successful conference in Olds at the Olds College. The take home message from this conference was that Albertans cannot let their guard down when it comes to alien species invading our pristine environment. Here are several invaders and various campaigns highlighted at the conference:

Squeal on Pigs

Invasive wild boar at large and hybrid pigs appear to be increasing in Alberta. They can damage crops and landscapes. They are elusive and often times, only the damage caused by wild boar may be noticed. If you see unexplained disturbed land, contact AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca or call 310.FARM to report this damage.



Understand your grass.

Many lakeshore cottagers are keen to see a thick, green lawn and are tempted to seed or sod down as close to the shore as possible. In order for them to ensure invasive annual grasses such as downy brome or Japanese brome do not take a foothold on lake areas, cottagers need to ensure their sod or seed does not contain invasive species by asking their suppliers if their products are invasive-free. As well, too much nitrogen fertilizer can leach into the water, when fertilizing your shoreline grasses, which can enhance devastating algae blooms in lake areas.



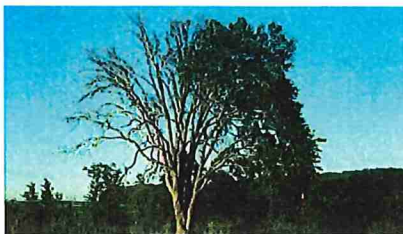
Down brome riparian infestation



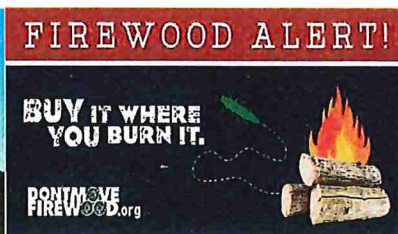
Algae bloom

Burn it Where you Buy It

Firewood can contain invasive insects like emerald ash borer or harbor invasive tree diseases such as Dutch Elm Disease (DED). Don't get caught with DED when buying firewood further than 80 km from where you originally purchased it! Always burn it where you buy it and do not return to your Summer Village with it to avoid the spread of invasive insects and diseases.



Dutch Elm Disease



Do Not Transport Firewood



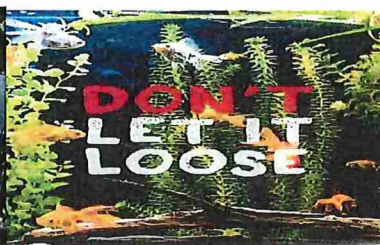
Elm Bark Beetle

Don't Let it Loose

Goldfish are a common pet in aquariums. When people get tired of their fish many have considered releasing them into lakes and streams, however this is illegal! Goldfish can survive in less than ideal conditions and disrupt our environments. If an aquarium pet or plant is no longer wanted, please return them to the pet store where purchased or donate them to a school, aquarium group, community organization or a rescue society. That also applies to aquarium moss balls. Some of these balls have been found to contain zebra mussels, which, if released in Alberta, could be an environmental disaster to our lakes.



Released oversized goldfish



Don't let it Loose Program



Aquarium moss balls

Clean, Drain and Dry your Boat.

Recreational activities, such as boating can spread invasive species. Not only can zebra and quagga mussels be transported on uncleaned watercrafts and undrained bilges or equipment, but aquatic species such as Eurasian water milfoil, the exclusionary phragmites, and the invasive Prussian carp can be transported to new areas. In specific, Prussian carp have been found in the Red Deer and North Saskatchewan watershed, so it is critical that, even if you are just moving your boat from a river to a nearby lake, to always clean, drain and dry any gear that comes in contact with the water.



Prussian Carp

Clean Drain Dry Your Boat

Eurasian Watermilfoil

If You Don't Know, Now You Know:

Gardeners often are offered attractive species in the form of seeds or plant fragments. Emergent species have often been moved from one shore to line the edges of a pond or water feature. Many of the species can take over a lakeshore, ending the biodiversity and use of that water's edge. If you do not have full knowledge of what you might be bringing in to your pond, now you know to not do it. Some of these invasive ornamental species include yellow flag iris, flowering rush, Himalayan balsam, and purple loosestrife, and can all be found in Alberta.



Yellow Flag Iris

Himalayan Balsam

Flowering Rush

Purple Loosestrife

Don't go cray-cray with your fish bait.

The northern crayfish is native to the Beaver River system, where it is often collected and used as bait for sport fishing in that area. But that river system is where it needs to stay. Bringing it back in your tacklebox or wet well and letting it loose in other water ecosystems could potentially cause major disruption. This applies to all live bait! It is illegal to let any bait loose in aquatic ecosystem.

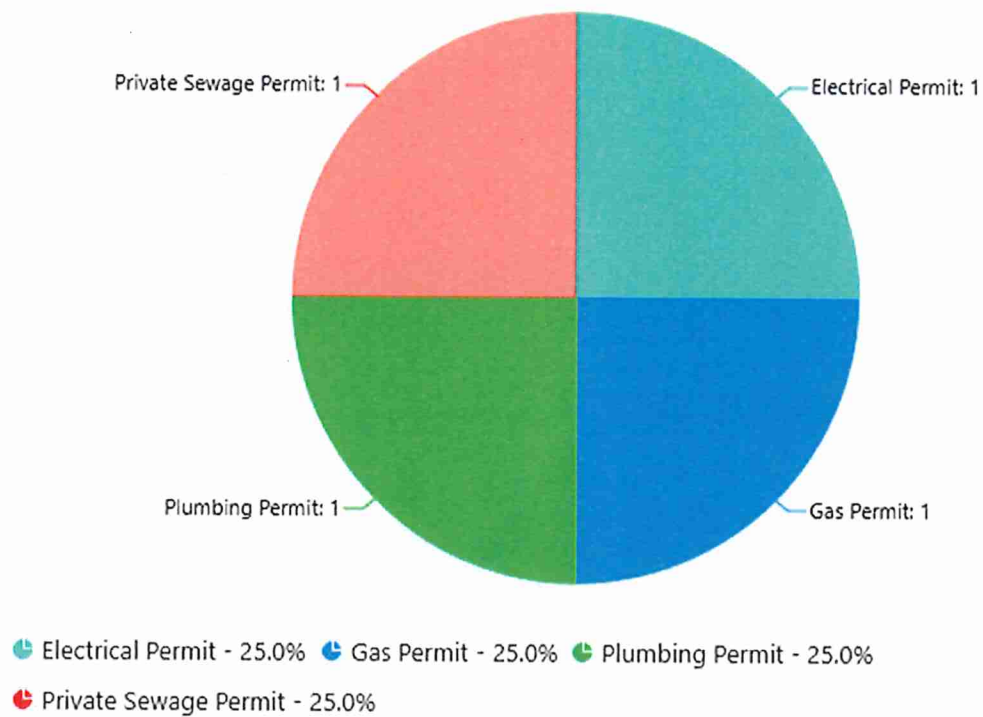


Northern Crayfish

Live bait.

All of these species and more were featured at the 2023 AISC conference. Continued updates on the battles against invasive species of all types will occur as successes and failures are noted—stay up to date with the AISC and join their newsletter or follow their social medial accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, @ABinvasives!

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Budget 2023 increase to FCSS Programs

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to provide an update on the \$5 million increase to the FCSS program included in Budget 2023.

Our team will create grant amendments that will be available through the FCSS Portal in the coming weeks. We will notify you when they are available.

As the April 2023 payments have already been made, the increase will be included in the July 2023 payments. The increase will be backdated to April 1, 2023.

Please contact our office at css.fcssadmin@gov.ab.ca if you've got any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the FCSS program.

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