

SUMMER VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE

FALL NEWSLETTER 2020

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Are you new to the Summer Village?

It is important that the Summer Village Administration Office has your current mailing address. Without your current mailing address, your Tax Notice may not be properly delivered and that could lead to delays & penalties.

MONTHLY TAX PAYMENT PLAN

The Tax Payment Plan begins in January. If you would like to join, please contact the Summer Village Office for details.

SUMMER VILLAGE WEBSITE

Would you like more information on notices and various items such as financial information, bylaws, policies, minutes, meeting agendas etc.? Check out the Summer Village's website at: www.svislandlake.ca

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Administration Office will be **CLOSED** December 23rd, 2020 to January 3rd, 2021 inclusive.

The office will reopen on January 4th, 2021.

Mayor's Message

Another seasonal change is upon us and very soon the end of another year. Although saying 2020 has been "eventful" may be an understatement, Albertans are resilient and we have managed to move forward in spite of the challenges.

We are now in possession of the initial Draft Land Use Bylaw; this has been a lengthy process that is based on the current LUB, LUB amendments, feed back from residents, review of other LUB's and feedback from the Steering Committee, who have worked diligently on your behalf to bring this document to it's final stages. We thank the Committee members for their past and ongoing assistance in this regard. If you would like further information, please find the initial draft copy on www.planislandlake.ca and/or join us at the Virtual Annual Information Meeting scheduled for November 21st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Council has moved forward with various other projects this year, patching and road repair was completed on Tranquil north of the intersection at Beaver and gravel was spread on the north side of the bridge between Lakeshore north and south. With the hiring of a Summer Leader, we were able to provide summer programs for our kids. We are very proud to have worked cooperatively with the Island Lake Historical Society on the purchase and installation of the new playground on Beaver Ave. As well, the purchase and installation of the new enhanced washroom facility is a great benefit to the park area.

Please be mindful of the various preparations and precautions that come with snow conditions and remember to reach out to those neighbors who may require assistance or support.

On behalf of Council and Administration, we wish your family a safe, happy and wonderful Holiday Season.

Council Meetings

Regular Council Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. and are now held at the Westlock Inn, 10411 – 100 Street, Westlock, AB.

Presently, due to ongoing COVID restrictions, in-person attendance will be available for Council, Administration and limited appointments as granted by the Municipality. All other public participation will be via teleconference. Please check the website for any changes that may occur.

ELECTION !!

2021 is once again Election Time! Becoming a councillor can be an extremely rewarding experience. It gives you the opportunity to help your local community and be part of a dedicated team providing key services for your area. If you feel you have good links with your local community, great communication skills, a good head for numbers and are able to work as part of a team, this may interest you. For Summer Villages, the nomination period will occur in June and/or July, with election day held 4 weeks after the nomination period closes. Check the Summer Village website for ongoing information.

ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING:

to be held virtually on
November 21st, 2020

beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Please check the website for
log in instructions!!

We look forward to your
participation.

If you would like to make a presentation to Council during the meeting, please contact the Administration office at 780-967-0271 in the week prior to the meeting to ensure a space on the agenda.



Traffic Study & Safety Recommendations Update

To date, 3 traffic count devices were set up along Spruce Drive in front of the Reserve Lot, along Lakeshore Drive South at Lot #11 and along Lakeshore Drive South at Lot #99. These remained in place for 11 days. These devices will be re-installed from May 14-25, 2021 to continue to capture more data over the May long weekend. Once all data has been collected, an analysis will be conducted and utilized when preparing safety recommendations for the Summer Village. Survey work will also take place in the spring and safety recommendations will be provided in early summer of 2021.

OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME COMPLIANT!!!

In September of this year, Summer Village of Island Lake Council passed a motion to waive the Development Permit Fee for certain applications, to bring existing structures into compliance. This fee waiver expires December 18th, 2020. *This is your opportunity to bring your property into compliance, with no fee. We are encouraging all property owners to utilize this time limited opportunity!!*

Lake Safety & Respect

Alberta's lakes are a valuable natural resource for all Albertans that must be used in a sustainable manner to ensure the long-term benefits are preserved.

Please remember that if you are utilizing an ice fishing shelter or hut, ensure that it is removed prior to spring thaw.

ALSO, please keep in mind the following:

- never walk on ice less than 10 cm (4") thick & do not drive on ice that is less than 30 cm (12") thick. When in doubt, DON'T DO IT!
- do not drive fast, follow other vehicles closely or park near another vehicle on the ice.
- when travelling in a vehicle, keep your seat belts off, open a window a crack and half unlatch your door so it can be opened quickly. Always carry a tow rope and shovel in your vehicle and carry waterproof matches and nails or spikes in your pockets to assist in getting out of the water.

