

Summer Newsletter

Message From Blaine Page, Mayor

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Special points of interest:

- Annual Open House
- Contact Information.

All the best from your summer village Council, we trust that you all had a good winter season.

Activities for Council are typical for this time of the year. We have had a number of matters to address, such as the annual budget, taxes, road maintenance, and other matters that have arisen over the course of the year.

Budget and Taxation.

Council, along with our CAO, spent a considerable amount of time developing the annual Summer Village budget. The 2019 Budget contains expenditures totaling 407,056. We have a balanced budget.

Every effort has been made to keep property taxes as close as possible to last year’s levy. Of a total of 88 taxable properties in the Summer Village, 7 will see a reduction in taxes. As a result, the overall tax increase is 2.08 % this year - an average increase of \$30.54 per taxable property. The total milrate is 5.8928

Specific rates of taxation are:

- General Municipal Minimum Tax \$350.00
- Special Road Levy is \$220.00 for each property
- General Municipal Milrate is 3.1640 Mils
- Alberta School Foundation Fund 2.4917 Mils
- Greater North Foundation 0.2371 Mils
- Non-Residential Milrate 3.7600 Mils

Total Summer Village revenue from property taxes is \$130,595

Road Maintenance.

The road maintenance plan involves road work every year. This summer we are planning to resurface Baptiste Drive. Before resurfacing, we plan to repair the road bed in a number of areas along Baptiste Drive that were damaged due to frost heaves. We anticipate construction to begin in July, depending upon weather conditions.

Safety.

We want everyone (children, joggers, bikers, visitors, etc.) to be safe on our roads and in our community! Annual enhanced policing services to enforce the speed limits and bylaws is supported by the Summer Village. With the summer season upon us, we ask that you be mindful of bylaws and respect the rights of your neighbors.

Obey the speed limit in our village - **40 km/h**. There is also a speed limit for ATV’s, **30 km/h**. Do not drive ATV’s in ditches. We also ask that you remind your guests about the importance of responsible conduct. Be considerate and respect the rights of your neighbors regarding excessive noise, late parties, trespassing, dogs running at



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large (please use a leash), and putting garbage in garbage bins. **Discharge of Fireworks is illegal without a valid permit.**

All members of Council, in cooperation with members of the Community, are committed to improving the aesthetic appearance of the Summer Village by cleaning up Reserve Areas, by keeping the grass cut and picking up garbage. The work of volunteers is very much appreciated.

Summer Village Council have enacted a “Public Participation Policy”. Copies of the Public Participation Policy and Code of Conduct Bylaw can be downloaded from the “Current Events” tab on the Summer Village Website at SouthBaptiste.com

Lastly, please observe Fire Bans and Advisories. Fire Ban information can be obtained from the “FireSmart” tab at SouthBaptiste.com

We believe that it is always good practice to avoid using ATV's in wilderness areas during Fire Bans. Human activity, including the use of ATV's in the forest contribute significantly to risk of Wildfire. **At all times, be mindful of sparks from your exhaust which can start a fire. Make sure your ATV is clean and clear of debris. Do not wash your ATV's in the Lake as this contributes significantly to the degradation of Water Quality. Contravention may be accompanied by large fines.**

Our sincere thanks to the residents of the Summer Village, Council colleagues, Emergency Response Personnel, our CAO, and all volunteers who have expended his or her time to make our summer village a pleasant place to live. Have fun this summer and be safe!

Blaine Page, Mayor

Annual Open House

The Annual Open House will be held at the Baptiste Firehall and Recreation Center on Saturday, July 27, 2019 beginning at 10:00 AM. The Firehall is located at 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste. A Barbecue will follow.

BAILS (Baptiste and Island Lake Stewardship Society)

BAILS is continuing the collection and analysis of water samples this summer and testing should be completed by Fall.

BAILS has held public sessions, gathered and organized information from these sessions and developed the Baptiste and Island Lakes Watershed Management Plan. The Plan has been completed. More information can be obtained on the website www.bails.ca.

The Summer Village of South Baptiste Municipal Office is Located:

2.6 Km North of the County Beach along Baptiste Drive with an old Threshing Machine next to the Driveway.

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