

Resort Village of Cochin

Council Comments #31

1. What's Hot and What's Not

Hot – The Fire and Protection Services of Blackfalls, Alberta which is giving its Jaws of Life equipment to the Resort Village of Cochin. The gift is a newer and upgraded version of the Jaws of Life now owned by the Village. The Village will donate its current Jaws of Life equipment to the RM of Meota/Village of Meota Fire Board. In addition, Blackfalls is donating a thermal imaging camera to the Village.

Not – The person who took advantage of the Village's courtesy computer in the library and chose to change the login name and password thereby leaving the Village with the cost and hassle of hiring someone to enable the Village to regain access.

Hot – The progress being made on the renovations to the Village Hall.

Hot – The daily opening of the Lighthouse Café.

Hot – The photos by Carol Neabel published on the Village's Facebook page. Many thanks Carol.

2. Potable Water and Sewage Testing

Congratulations to Village Foreman, Jeff Sherman, for having successfully taken the testing course and passing the associated exams. His operating certificate is expected to be issued by SaskWater early in the new year.

3. Council Indemnities

Canada Revenue Agency has amended the Income Tax Act, effective January 1, 2019, cancelling a procedure whereby 1/3 of indemnities paid to a member of a municipal council is excluded from calculating that member's taxable income. This ruling applies to the members of Council of the Village.

Therefore, in 2018, 1/3 of all indemnities paid to member of the Village Council are excluded from determining the member's 2018 taxable income leaving 2/3 to be included in calculating such taxable income. Commencing

in 2019, 100% of all such payments will be included in calculating such member's taxable income.

Some municipalities (the closest example being the City of Saskatoon) have decided to increase the indemnities payable to Members of Council so as to compensate such Members of Council for the negative tax repercussions. The Members of Council of the Resort Village of Cochin resolve to not follow the lead of Saskatoon and confirmed that the indemnity amounts paid in 2018 will continue through 2019.

Village Home Page and Facebook Page

Readers are encouraged to access the Village's Home Page and Facebook Page for further and more detailed information.

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**Merry Christmas and a
most Happy New Year
to You and Yours**