

Summer Newsletter

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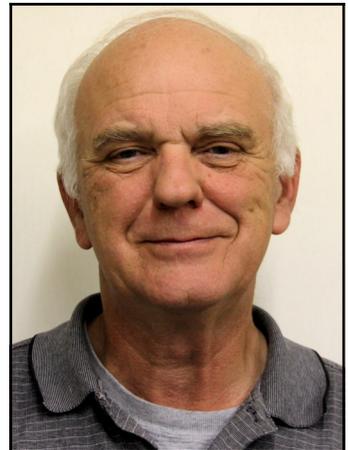
Special points of interest:

- Mayor’s Message.
- 2020 Annual Open House deferred due to COVID-19 .
- FireBan Information can be located at:

<https://albertafirebans.ca/>

Message From The Mayor

We hope that this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to another Lake season. With the pandemic (COVID-19) outbreak these are extraordinary times and requires every one of us to use caution with our daily activities. We must ensure that we continue to follow the Provincial Health guidelines with respect to physical distancing and other measures prescribed. We all want to enjoy the summer at the lake but please be careful to ensure the safety of you and your loved ones.



Peter Golanski

Annual Open House-Originally scheduled for early July has been postponed until a later date. The need for physical distancing and the concerns about COVID-19 has necessitated this delay. There is a possibility of combining this with the **ICF/IDP** hearings is a possibility.

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) and Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) — Under the previous Alberta Government, legislation was enacted that required neighboring municipalities to identify and formalize agreements and projects that benefit both parties. Towards this goal Council has been working with Municipal Planning Services and Athabasca County. One of the requirements is a Public Hearing and it is hoped to have this hearing sometime in late summer or early fall. As much advance notice as possible will be given. The target date for completion is 2021 due to a time extension granted by the Provincial Government.

Taxes—Taxes will be mailed by May 30, 2020 are due July 15th, 2020. Considerable discussion took place throughout the development of the tax role for 2020 and we have done everything in our power to minimize the tax burden on our residents and as such the majority our residents will see a small reduction in their taxes.

Mayors Message

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With the hardships people have been placed under and the state of the economy council has decided to allow residents who can not meet the July 15th, 2020 deadline an extension through to December 1, 2020. (with no penalties for 2020). As with many other municipalities we are trying to ensure a normal cash flow, if you can pay your taxes by July 15th it would be appreciated.

Flooding-We have had two occurrences of flooding in the Labonte Estates area. The first was in the summer of 2019 when we received over 6 inches of rain in a 24 hour period and the water handling systems was over-taxed. During this occurrence we had a tremendous outpouring of support to help alleviate the situation from not only our residents but also from the Village of Boyle. Special thanks to the Klish brothers who brought in their backhoe and created a ditch through the road that allowed the area to drain. Special thanks also to Al Nikopelo for bringing and laying down wooden pads to allow for traffic flow until we were able to put another culvert in and pave the road. Thanks also to the Boyle Public Works Dept, the Boyle Fire Dept and the local RCMP detachment.

The second flood occurred in April when we had a major influx of water and discovered that some of the culverts were still frozen. Again, local residents came to the rescue. Thanks to Al Nikopelo for the pumps and hydrovac truck to thaw the culverts. Thanks to Tony Maloney for the pump and Dwayne Lega for gas and helping.

Fire Bans -A full fire ban earlier than normal is anticipated for the area. Wildfire management this year could pose increased manpower and equipment shortages and, without a doubt, more financial stress that municipalities or the Province cannot afford. All ATV traffic will be restricted. Please check Alberta Fire Bans www.albertafirebans.ca for the latest information. Signs will be posted at each entrance to the Village.

Fire Works - Once again fireworks are not permitted within the Summer Village. This a provincial regulation under the auspices of the Alberta Safety Codes Act.

Landfill Hours - During this COVID-19 period hours maybe effected. Please check <https://athabascaregionalwaste.com/> for hours of operation.

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 are 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 neighbours. In the past speeding has been a problem. Please obey the speed limit in our village - 40 km/h, for A TV's - 30 km/h. A TV's must be licensed and insured; the operator must have a driver's license and wear a helmet. Do not drive A TV'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 neighbours regarding excessive noise, late parties, trespassing, dogs running at large.

Proposed Disturbance Standard for Placement of Piers

Temporary Field Authorization - Alberta Environment and Parks is proposing to implement a Disturbance Standard under the Public Lands Administration Regulation (PLAR). The purpose is to better manage the placement of temporary seasonal docks and associated structures on the beds and shores of Crown-owned water bodies that are subject to the *Public Lands Act*.

The proposed Disturbance Standard would create a general permission for “waterfront holders”, “semiwaterfront holders” and “municipal waterfront holders” as defined, to place a temporary seasonal dock, lifts and buoy anchors on the beds and shores without the need for a Temporary Field Authorization.

Contact Chris.Vierath@gov.ab.ca for more details. Information on Temporary Field Authorization is available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/lakeshores.aspx>

Placement of seasonal docks may require a license of occupation dealing with encroachment on to Environmental Reserves. Additional information can be obtained from the Summer Village Administration.

Environmental Reserve Land

Environmental reserve lands have been established within the boundaries of the Summer Village of Bondiss for the purposes of preventing pollution or providing public access to the lakeshore and lake bed. Many of these reserve lands exist between a lot boundary and the lake, and in some instances provide a reserve area between a lot and the lake of up to 30 metres wide. The Summer Village is the owner of these environmental reserve lands.

The Municipal Government Act, which is binding upon the Summer Village and its ratepayers, provides that environmental reserve lands must be left in their natural state or used as a public park. Therefore, the clearing of environmental reserve lands and any construction on those lands, including temporary structures, is prohibited. Owners or other users of land within the Summer Village are asked not to clear any brush or trees, and not construct any buildings or other improvements on environmental reserve lands within the boundaries of the Summer Village. These lands must be left in their natural state. If any such clearing or construction has been undertaken on environmental reserve lands, the people responsible for those changes or improvements are requested to remove them and restore the lands to their natural state as nearly as possible, and as promptly as possible.

As a duly incorporated municipality pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, the Summer Village of Bondiss is authorized, indeed obligated, to ensure that the Municipal Government Act is complied with and these environmental reserve lands left in their natural state. More importantly, the Summer Village and its residents are stewards of the environment including those portions of Skeleton Lake which may be affected by our actions. Please do your part to protect these environmental reserves and help to ensure that Skeleton remains a vibrant and healthy lake for generations to come.

The Land Use District map showing the general locations of these reserve lands and other public lands is available from the Village Administrator, although you are also encouraged to retain a qualified surveyor in the event there is doubt about the location of environmental reserve land that borders your property.

Development Permits

People are reminded that pursuant to the existing Land Use Bylaw 01-98, development permits are required for all developments as defined in the Bylaw, which includes any buildings, additions or other changes in use of lands. This includes such things as driveways and accessory buildings. Please ensure that prior to undertaking any development on property within the boundaries of the Summer Village you review the Land Use Bylaw and obtain the necessary permits.

Application forms for Development Permits can be obtained from the Summer Village administrator or by downloading from the Summer Village Website at Bondiss.com.

An application for a development permit shall be made to the Development Authority in writing, in the form required by the Development Authority, and shall be accompanied by:

1. a site plan showing the legal description; the front, rear, and side yards, if any; any provision for off-street loading and vehicle parking; and access and egress points to the site;
2. floor plans, elevations and sections of any proposed buildings;
3. a statement of the proposed uses; and
4. a statement of ownership of the land and the interest of the applicant therein

Each application for a development permit shall be accompanied by a fee as established by resolution of Council.

Permit Applications may be submitted to the Summer Village by Email including PDF attachments.

Has Your Mailing Address Changed?

Please inform the Municipal Administration if you change your address. If we cannot find you, not only do you miss out on the Village News, but Tax Notices and other information will be mailed to your last known address. There are penalties for late payment of property taxes and the fact that you forgot to tell us you moved is not an acceptable reason to forego any penalties that may apply.

The Summer Village of Bondiss Municipal Office is Located:

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

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