



# WAIPAROUS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

September 2014

## East Trails Work Bee Saturday September 13, 2014 1 – 5 pm

The Summer Village is organizing a Work Bee for cleaning up fallen trees and those leaning over the pathways on the East LOC Trails. If you have chainsaws, (with appropriate safety gear) and/or quads with trailers, that would really help with wood removal.

Access to the East Trails is from Meadowlark Way. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Dan Kingston at [waiparouskingston@gmail.com](mailto:waiparouskingston@gmail.com)

## Mock-Wildfire Exercise October 4 - 9 a.m.-Noon

The Summer Village of Waiparous Emergency Management Committee will be conducting a **mock**-wildfire exercise on **Saturday, October 4** from 9 am until noon.

The exercise will have participants from the Summer Village, Benchlands Fire Department, RCMP, and AB. ESRD/Wildfire Management.

Residents will receive a telephone call on the morning of October 4, using the Emergency Phone Broadcast System\*, to advise them that the exercise is starting and inviting them down to the Community Building to watch the exercise. You will see emergency response personnel and vehicles moving through the community throughout the exercise.

Please **do not drive down to the Community Building** as there will not be any parking available.

If you have any questions please contact the Village Office [admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca) (403-554-5515) or Ken Birkett (403-660-2309).

*\*The Emergency Broadcast Phone System for the Summer Village of Waiparous is a best attempt to notify residents via telephone in the event there has been deemed an emergency affecting the Summer Village as issued by the Director of Emergency Management or Council. Although we have experienced high accuracy in calling to registered phone numbers, we do not guarantee that the system will contact each phone number – this system is a "best attempt" only. To register your phone numbers, please contact the Village Office at [admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca) or 403-554-5515.*

## Request for Proposals Waiparous Fuel Reduction FireSmart Project

The Waiparous Fuel Reduction project is planned for the Summer Village of Waiparous. The treatment objectives stem directly from the plan and the Village FireSmart Committee. The areas targeted for fuel reduction are situated throughout the Summer Village. Detailed Bid package is available at [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca)

A **MANDATORY** viewing and information session for prospective vendors will be held on **September 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Alberta Time**. Meeting point will be:

Parking lot on west side of Village located at Willow Drive and Ghost River Place.  
Please bring proper outdoor gear.

Deadline for Submissions:

**Monday, September 22, 2014 2:00 p.m.**  
Alberta Time, via email and in a .pdf file format at the following email address:  
[admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca)

Village Office: Box 19554 RPO South Cranston, Calgary, AB T3M 0V4 Phone: (403) 554-5515 Fax: (403) 206-7209  
email: [admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca) Village Website [www.waiparous.ca](http://www.waiparous.ca)

Mayor Larry Anderson (403) 809-9192 Deputy Mayor Dan Kingston (403) 932-7164  
Councillor Ken Birkett (403) 932-1883

RCMP, Ambulance: 911 Forest Fires: 310-FIRE (3473) toll free -or- Telus Mobility cell phone dial #3473

## Council Meeting

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014**

The meeting will commence at **6:00 pm** and will be held at the Waiparous Community Services Facility at 2 Wildrose Place.

Please check the Village Notice Board, website or call the Village Office to ensure that the meeting will be held. *When all councillors are unable to attend a meeting, usually the meeting is rescheduled to a different date.*

At the beginning of each council meeting, Council hosts a "Resident Dialogue Session" where residents can informally ask questions, make inquiries, etc. The session will be limited to a maximum of 20 minutes in total and limited to 10 minutes per resident. *(if you attend and notice more than 2 residents wanting to speak, please try not to use the max. 10 minutes so that everyone present has an opportunity to speak)*

If you would like to formally address Council on a specific item, please forward your written request, either by mail, fax or email, stating the nature of your presentation with a summary of the presentation to the Village Office at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

## Council Committee Reps:

Following is a list of the 2014-15 council representatives:

**Public Works** (ie. snowplowing, roads, garbage disposal, etc.) **Dan Kingston** – councillor responsible for public works.

**Emergency Services - Larry Anderson** (Director of Emergency Management **Ken Birkett** (Deputy Director of Emergency Management) – councillor responsible for emergency services *(coordinating the emergency plan for the village)*

**Subdivision Authority – Larry Anderson, Ken Birkett and Dan Kingston**

**Trails - Ken Birkett** - *upgrading and development of trails within the Village and in East LOC and serves as Council rep on the Ghost Waiparous Trails Association (GWTA)*

**FireSmart – Ken Birkett** – *developing strategies and programs with firesmart initiatives.*

## Fire Pit Permits Extended 1 Year

The Firesmart Committee and the Council are currently reviewing the Village Fire Bylaw which includes the standards for fire pits. Because there may be change to fire pit standards, the current fire pit permits are extended to **October 31, 2015**. This

will allow residents time to make any necessary changes to their pit during the summer of 2015. Watch for more information on the fire pit standards in future newsletter.

## Property Numbers

Many residents participated in the voluntary "Property Sign" project in the 1990's, placing green and white signs on their properties. At the Annual Meeting residents were advised of the importance of the standardized green and white number signs. Council is asking anyone who does not have a standardized sign to please order one and place it on your property as soon as possible. This sign can be the difference that saves lives in the event of an emergency.

Signs can be purchased at Signarama in Cochrane. They have our specifications for the green and white signs and their prices are very reasonable. Signarama can be reached at 403-932-1999.

## Wood Chipper For Sale

The Summer Village is accepting bids on the following equipment (as is - where is):

DR Road Towable Wood Chipper with 18 HP Briggs & Stratton motor

Please email your bids to the Village Office on or before **Friday, September 19, 2014 2:00 pm** at the following email: [admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca)

*Highest or any bid not necessarily accepted*

## Weed Control

*Many Thanks* to all the residents that took a proactive approach and controlled the Ox-Eye Daisy on their property this summer. During the last visit to the Summer Village, the weed inspectors were very pleased with the results.

The Weed Inspectors will be following up with residents that received an email letter from the Village about weeds on their specific property but have not controlled the weeds, as requested.

## Building, Gas, Electrical, Plumbing & Sewage Permits

Effective September 21<sup>st</sup>, Alberta Municipal Affairs will be assuming responsibility for Safety Codes permits in Waiparous. You will still obtain **Development Permits from Planning Protocol** but starting Sept 21, you can apply for **your Safety Codes permits from any of the Municipal Affairs recognized agencies.**

*Note: Davis Inspection is a recognized permitting agency by Municipal Affairs and will continue to accept applications from Summer Village residents.*

## Reminders

**Fire Insurance.....**Please check your fire insurance policy to confirm that our nearest "manned" fire station is in the Town of Cochrane. Ghost River Fire Hall is the first responder for Village fires, however, they are classified as a volunteer fire department. It is important that your insurance company is aware of that.

Also, under the provisions of the fire bylaw, property owners can be billed for the cost of fighting fires on their property. This can amount to thousands of dollars. **Check with your insurance company** to ensure that you have adequate coverage for fire fighting expenses.

**False Alarms....**If you have a security company that monitors for fires in your home, please note that false alarms responded to will be charged back to the property owner

**Weed Control....**Reminder that the Village is now required to monitor noxious weeds in the Village. Property owners will be required to *destroy* weeds identified as Prohibited Noxious on their property and *control* weeds identified as Noxious. For description of noxious weeds please visit the Village website [www.waiparous.ca](http://www.waiparous.ca) and click on the section "Links"

**Keeping Control of your Dog....**Council **will NOT tolerate aggressive behaviour from dogs** either towards people or other animal. We ask all residents that witness aggressive behavior from dogs to contact the RCMP immediately. Depending on the incident, the complaint may be investigated under the Dangerous Dogs Act and can result in large fines and removal of the dog from the Village.

**Did we call you?...We are always accepting phone numbers for our Emergency Broadcast.** You can add home, work and cell phone numbers for yourself, your children and if you have renters, them too! Although it's not a formal emergency system - it is an excellent "*best attempt*" at quickly reaching as many people as possible in the event of an emergency. If you are unsure if we have your numbers, email [admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca) stating your Waiparous address and names and phone numbers to include on the list

**Are you receiving this newsletter by mail?** If so, please send us your email address and you will receive this newsletter along with other notices regarding the Summer Village via email.

## Seismic In Motion – September 30, Oct 1 & 2

Waiparous residents are welcome to attend the Annual Seismic in Motion, east of the Village, just stop by the main tent to check in for safety purposes. If you wish to stay the full day please come to the tent around 8:30 am. Hot lunch provided also.

The group will be setting up on the Monday Sept 29 and some final take down will occur on the Friday Oct 3. Please be aware of flaggers as folks will be crossing the road when signs are up.

Questions Mike Doyle [Mjd@cagc.ca](mailto:Mjd@cagc.ca) 403 589 5987

## Waiparous Community Association News

It was great to see so many of you out at our annual community picnic. The weather was cooperative and we had a great afternoon together!

A special thank you to those of you who work so hard in the days leading up to the picnic: *Ted Jones, Dan Kingston, Candace Soul and Don Soul*. Quite honestly, the picnic would not happen without these people, so everyone, be sure to thank them when you see them. Thank you to the many of you who helped set up tents, transport the barbecue, prepare food, sell tickets, flip burgers, assist with the band, and clean up: *Larry Anderson, Colleen Dunhill-Jones, Darrell Eveson, Ethel Fleming, Lorne Fleming, Sheila Kingston, Lee Long, Melody Long, Amy McLellan, Sarah McLellan, Joleen Molenaar, Stretch Molenaar, Susan Parker, Norton Parker, Pat Pelland, Jay Popovicc, Dale Rasmussen, Helga Rasmussen, Ib Rasmussen, Doug Reinholz, and Bruce*.

It takes a village to host a picnic! I feel lucky to live in a place where everyone pitches in to pull off an event like this, and I look forward to doing it all again next year! Sharon MacDonald

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept 13 – East Trails Work Bee  
Oct 4 - Waiparous Mock Disaster  
Oct 22 - Waiparous Council Meeting