

May 1, 2023



Notice of Public Open Houses

Silver Sands - Land Use Bylaw

Over the past year, Summer Village Council has been working closely with Municipal Planning Services consultants to review and re-write the Summer Village's Land Use Bylaw which was passed back in 2015 (*Bylaw 256-2015*) with amendments following in 2018 (*Bylaw 281-2018*) and 2021 (*Bylaw 319-2021*).

What is A Land Use Bylaw?

A Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is one document among a number of different planning “tools” available to municipalities in Alberta. The Municipal Government Act gives municipalities the authority to adopt plans to guide future and current land use and development. Every municipality in Alberta is required to have a Land Use Bylaw.

A Land Use Bylaw establishes regulations for a municipality to control the way land is used and developed. It divides the municipality into different ‘districts’ (or, zones) and identifies what uses are either permitted or discretionary for each district.

A Land Use Bylaw also includes procedures for submitting, processing, and deciding upon subdivision and development applications. For some specific land use activities, land use regulations are included to provide further clarity on how these activities may be developed in the municipality.

The broad purpose of a Land Use bylaw is to separate uses that may conflict with each other, and to protect property owners/residents from uses that may negatively impact the use and enjoyment of their property.

There are two planned public open houses in which residents can attend to learn more about the purpose, process, summary of changes, next steps in the Land Use Bylaw update process and questions/discussion regarding the draft Land Use Bylaw document.

A copy of the draft Land Use Bylaw document can be found online on the Summer Village's website at www.summervillageofsilversands.com.

Open House Dates

In-person Public Open House

Where: Fallis Hall (Hwy 16 & RR 52)

When: Saturday, May 20th, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Doors will open at 2:00 p.m., a brief presentation will be made at 2:30 p.m., questions/discussion following the presentation.)

Virtual Public Open House

When: Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom link will be available on the Summer Village's Website:

www.summervillageofsilversands.com

All residents are encouraged to attend the Public Open Houses, to be involved in this public consultation process and to be part of the conversation as this affects your community. After the open houses, the Consultants will compile and summarize all the information and responses received in-person and on-line from community members into a "What We Heard Report". The report will be posted on the Land Use Bylaw project website for community members to review and will be shared with Summer Village Council. Next steps in this project will include first reading of the Land Use Bylaw, a Public Hearing and, finally, Council will consider the Land Use Bylaw for adoption.

More detailed information regarding the Land Use Bylaw Project can be found at [Land Use Bylaw Update \(silversandslub.ca\)](http://Land Use Bylaw Update (silversandslub.ca)).