

# Summer Village of Sunset Beach

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## Residents of the Summer Village of Sunset Beach

Dear Resident:

### **RE: DAMAGES FROM "ICE HEAVES" AND REMEDIATION**

The Council and Administration for the Summer Village of Sunset Beach (the "Summer Village") are well aware of the damage, inflicted by the action of ice heaves, upon the shoreline of Sunset Beach with Baptiste Lake. Be assured that a plan is in the works to assess this matter. We are receiving a number of calls from our residents inquiring what actions they may take to deal with the damage. This letter has been sent to you to explain the situation.

The actions that residents may take is largely dependent upon the location of your property; as follows:

1. **Lands where there is either Environmental Reserve (ER) or Park Land between the boundary of your property and the Bed and Shore of the Lake.**

#### **Environmental Reserve**

Lots 201, 202, 203  
Lots 301 through 315  
Lots 401, 402, 403  
Lots 726 through 914

#### **Park**

Lots 700 through 724

The lands between your property and the Bed and Shore of the Lake are owned by the Summer Village.

**Due to safety and liability concerns, residents are not allowed to undertake any works on these lands.**

The Summer Village has multiple juristical entities to deal with and liability considerations to incorporate, and it will take time for the Summer Village to evaluate the current state of the shoreline and assess its options with respect to this entire situation. Council **does not** support the construction of any structures, including boathouses, sheds, decks, etc., upon these lands. Similarly, Alberta Public Lands has expressed that they will not support the construction/replacement of any permanent docks, decks, boathouses, sheds, etc. on the Crown Bed and Shore.

2. **Where the landowners have ownership to the bed and shore of the Lake.**

**Bed and Shore**

Lots 204 through 210  
Lot 300  
Lots 317 and 318  
Lots 404 through 414  
Lots 500 through 518

Individual residents should contact Alberta Public Lands prior to undertaking any works upon the Crown Bed and Shore. Comment from the Department has been as follows:

First, it is important where a landowner/proponent would like to conduct shoreline modifications that involve bank modifications, stabilization or armouring that such will require a Water Act approval and a formal (long term) Public Lands Act disposition.

Second, if there were no formal Public Lands Dispositions previously (most likely there were not; unless the landowner can provide a copy of the disposition with conditions) the Department will not support the construction/replacement of any permanent structures such as permanent docks, decks, boathouses, sheds, etc. on Crown Bed and Shore.

Third, if the public would like a formal disposition for a structure they are welcome to apply. They will need to speak to your regional Public Lands approvals officer out of Lac La Biche, Jennifer Bowlby, [Jennifer.bowlby@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Jennifer.bowlby@gov.ab.ca) or 780-675-8168. If they do not have a disposition they will be asked to remove the structure.

If you are unclear as to which classification your property fits, or have additional questions, please contact the Summer Village of Sunset Beach's Development Officer Tony Sonnleitner, [pcm1@telusplanet.net](mailto:pcm1@telusplanet.net) or (780) 718-5479.

Best Regards,



Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer, Summer Village of Sunset Beach

Cc: Council, Summer Village of Sunset Beach  
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