

Summer Village of Silver Sands

Municipal Status Change Engagement

Survey #1 – Open House

November 20, 2024



Agenda:

Introductions

Open House Format

Background

Community Engagement

Next Steps



Welcome and Introductions:

Council

Administration and Staff

Project Consultant

Open House Format:

Purpose

- Public Engagement

Goals

- Add Context to the Discussion
- Assist with Survey #1

Format:

- Drop-In Attendance
- In-Person and Virtual
- Rotating Q and A – “EHOH”





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- GOA – Creates, Regulates, and Supports Municipalities
- Municipalities – Focus on “Service Delivery”
- Council – Establishes and Reviews Service Delivery Standards
- Administration – Implements Policies and Programs
- Public – Taxes and Local Authority Representation

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- Service Levels Determine Taxation Levels
 - Budget and Assessment = Tax Rates
 - Decreasing “Net Budget” = Lower Taxes
 - Increasing Assessment = Lower Taxes

- “Net Budget” Covered by Taxes ... *and Grants*
 - More Grants = Tax Rate Stability

- Assessment Value Impacted by *Base Growth* and *Lot Value*
 - More Development = Assessment Base Growth
 - More Demand = Lot Value Growth

Municipality’s Role to Find Balance

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- Municipality's Role to Find Balance ... On Stormy Seas
- Changing:
 - Community Needs/Wants
 - Government Requirements
 - Grant Programs
- Grants – MSI Out, LGFF In
 - Summer Villages vs Other Munis
- Is it “Worth” Considering a Status Change?

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- Is it “Worth” Considering a Status Change?
 - Benefits and Costs
 - Grants = Growth, Services, Budget Stability
 - New Status = New Election Rules/Representation
 - New Opportunities, New Obligations, New Expectations
 - Full Overview Outlined in the Survey

Community Engagement

- Public Engagement A Priority
 - Council and Municipal Affairs
- Survey #1 – Is Really Asking...
 - “Should We Invest In Studying this Issue Now?”
- What is there to “Study?”
 - Gap Analysis on Service Delivery
 - Financial Impact of Meeting that Standard
 - Economic Analysis, Independent Assessments

Community Engagement

- Following Survey #1, Council Consider Further Engagement:
 - Formal Engagement Plan (Endorsed by MA)
 - Gap Analysis:
 - Council Self-Assessment - MA
 - Public Assessment – Survey #2
 - Financial Modelling – Survey #3
 - Final Engagement and Council Decision
- Municipal Affairs - Final Decision

Next Steps

- Survey #1 – Responses by Nov. 27, 2024 Please
 - Online or Paper Copy
- Report to Council on Nov. 29, 2024
 - Decision to Proceed, or Not
- Further Engagement:
 - Surveys
 - Public Engagement Sessions
 - Timeline – Spring/Summer 2025

Thank You

Questions?



