



Summer Village of Silver Sands

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AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION

To All Property Owners

Re: Consultation on Summer Village vs Village Status for Silver Sands

As noted in the 2024 spring newsletter, which was mailed with your tax notices, we introduced the conversation of possibly changing municipal status from summer village to village. This review is around the recent changes to the Municipal Government Act and Local Authorities Election Act as they relate to the advantages and disadvantages to retaining our “summer village” status, versus applying to change our status to “village”. The next steps in this review and consideration process are a survey and open house.

Over the past several months, Council has learned much about the process required and the nature of the discussion which must be had at the community level before taking any further direction on this matter. Certainly, the recent changes to the municipal grant funding model are a factor in the discussion, but there are also important elements of municipal election rights, service delivery standards and the community's vision for growth that must be considered as well (ex: the golf course lands and the lands between the east and west village). A new page has been created on the municipal website where you can find additional background on the topic, including the link to the electronic survey and dates on any upcoming public engagement events. Please visit www.summervillageofsilversands.com/status-change.html.

Survey: The survey provides more background on this topic and engages your feedback through preliminary questions to this very important conversation. The survey will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27th, 2024, and can be accessed online via the Summer Village's website at www.summervillageofsilversands.com/status-change.html. While online is the municipality's preferred method of receiving input, a hard copy can be mailed if you can not complete the survey online. Please contact the administration office and we will make alternate arrangements to provide you with the survey (mail, email or through the Summer Village's public works). The results of this survey will be compiled and shared with Council during a future Council meeting and the community via the dedicated webpage www.summervillageofsilversands.com/status-change.html. We ask that this survey be completed only once per individual.

Open House: The Summer Village will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Fallis Hall (*corner of Hwy 16 and RR52*) (along with a virtual opportunity to participate which you will be able to find those details on the Summer Village's website at www.summervillageofsilversands.com/status-change.html closer to the date). We encourage all property owners and interested stakeholders to join us at any point during this open house to ask questions and provide your feedback. This is not a meeting whereby it follows a specific format; it is a drop-in style opportunity for discussion, questions and feedback. This will also give you an opportunity to ask questions or obtain more background information related to any of the questions on the survey before completing said survey.

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Upon review of the results of this survey and open house, Council will provide direction as to next steps: Does the municipality continue to pursue this conversation? If so, what are the next steps (another survey, another open house/information session, or some other means)? Or does the municipality end the conversation at this time.

Important Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Open House at the Fallis Hall
(corner of Hwy 16 and RR52) (both in-person & virtual)**

**Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. - submission of survey deadline
(both online and hard copy)**

Important Website Link to Remember

www.summervillageofsilversands.com/status-change.html

Thank you for your time and attention, and we look forward to an engaging conversation with our community.

Yours truly,



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