

# Summer Village of Silver Sands

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## **Reminder of Public Hearing**

for

**Silver Sands Golf Resort  
Area Structure Plan**

**-Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**-9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**-at Fallis Hall**

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to adopt the Silver Sands Golf Resort Area Structure Plan (the "Plan") for the purpose of providing a framework for subdivision and development of lands within the Plan area.

More Information is available on the website.

## **ELECTION INFORMATION**

### **Nomination Day**

Saturday, June 10, 2017  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Advance Vote (if required)**

Friday, June 30, 2017  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Election Day (if required)**

Saturday, July 8, 2017  
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Location**

Fallis Hall  
(53303 Range Road 52)

**Election forms are on the  
website**

[summervillageofsilversands.com](http://summervillageofsilversands.com)

## **Mayor's Message**

As Councillors, we really appreciate and thank our administrative team of Wendy Wildman and Heather Luhtala for their dedicated work. A special thank you to Dan Golka, our Maintenance Foreman, for keeping our Summer Village in great shape.

We have set the budget for the 2017 year. We are pleased to report the increase is less than two percent. Our finances were audited for 2016 and everything was found to be in order.

Northwest Fire and Rescue is our new Fire Services provider, they have Fire Halls in Onoway and Alberta Beach. They are prepared to place a fire truck in our Quonset if we can enlist at least four fire fighting volunteers from the Summer Village. This could reduce our fire insurance rates. Please contact our Fire Chief, David Ives, at 780-967-1031 to make inquiries about training. Note that should we require additional assistance, we do have a mutual aid agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County for fire services.

Family Day will be on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, come out to join us and meet your neighbours. Activities include a Breakfast, Golf Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, Supper and Fire Works.

LILSA, your local Lake Quality group is working on finding a solution to control and/or eradicate Flowering Rush infestation on the west end of the lake. We will also be releasing our Lake Isle Watershed Report and Flowering Rush update at the Workshop at Fallis Hall on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Lac Ste. Anne Watershed Report will be held on June 10, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Gunn Hall and the LILSA Annual General Meeting will be held on August 19, 2017 at the Alberta Beach Agliplex from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You can buy a membership for \$20.00 to help support our lakes!

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank you for helping make the Summer Village of Silver Sands a great place to enjoy!

Councillor, Maureen Mazerolle  
Deputy Mayor, Rob Kirk  
Mayor, Bernie Poulin

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 27 – Large Bin Clean Up (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

May 20 – Public Hearing – Silver Sands Golf Resort Area Structure Plan  
(9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – at Fallis Hall)

June 10 – Nomination Day

June 30 – Tax Payment Deadline

July 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Current Year Unpaid Taxes)

July 11 – Assessment Complaint Deadline

July 29 – Family Day & Annual Information Meeting (at the Quonset)

January 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Total Tax Arrears)

## **Bylaw Enforcement/ Community Peace Officer/ Animal Control/ RCMP**

The Summer Village currently contracts Peace Officer/Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control services through a joint agreement with the Town of Mayerthorpe. Residents can contact this office directly at 1-844-786-4650 or by email at [bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca). A reminder that if you have an emergency pertaining to Police, Fire or Ambulance, you must dial 9-1-1 (the non-emergency RCMP line is 780-727-4446).



### **Animal Control Bylaw**

A reminder that in accordance with Animal Control Bylaw 232, dogs are not permitted to run at large and must be kept on a leash at all times when off of their owner's premises or property. A dog is also not allowed to howl or bark excessively in such a manner as to disturb the quiet of any person or persons. No person shall keep or harbour more than three (3) dogs within the Summer Village. Failure to comply with the bylaw could see fines issued in the amount of \$500.00.

### **WASTE BIN – REPLACEMENT/REPAIR**

Please contact the Summer Village Administration Office if you require a waste bin repair or replacement at 587-873-5765 or by email at [administration@wildwillowenterprises.com](mailto:administration@wildwillowenterprises.com)

**Large Bin Clean Up**  
**Saturday, May 27, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**The following large bins will be available:**

- mixed household waste bin
- metal items (large items must be disassembled)
- clean wood bin
- treated/painted/stained wood bin
- spring items (there will be a \$20.00 fee per spring item)

**Examples of items NOT accepted:**

- Oil
- Electronics
- Shingles
- Tires
- Fridges/Freezers

Bins will be located near the Summer Village Quonset.

*Please note that the Summer Village has the right to refuse any item.*

### **LILSA (Lake Isle & Lac Ste Anne) Water Quality Management Society**

- Lake Isle Watershed Report on May 27, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Fallis Hall
- Lac Ste. Anne Watershed Report on June 10, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Gunn Hall
- LISLA Annual General Meeting on August 19, 2017 at the Alberta Beach Agliplex from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

**You can buy a membership for \$20.00 to help support our lakes!**

For more information or to become a member, visit their website at [www.lilsa.ca](http://www.lilsa.ca), like their Facebook page, call them at 1-587-772-1513, e-mail them at [lilsawaterquality@gmail.com](mailto:lilsawaterquality@gmail.com).

Please help to keep our aquatic animals and plants healthy..  
**Do not wash Vehicles, ATV's, Boats etc. in the lake!!**

## **Fires can happen!**

### **ARE YOU COVERED??**

Did you know that the average cost of fire suppression by the fire department can be **approximately ten to twenty thousand dollars** for a structure fire and is payable by the property owner to the fire suppression provider? Did you know that if a fire department responds to any other sort of fire (grass, lawnmower, burn barrel etc.) or home alarm, even if it is false, that there will also be a cost?

#### **Will your insurance cover these costs? What does your policy say?**

Be sure you take a look at your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent. Some insurance companies do not insure for fire equipment in the case of a fire, and some include up to two thousand dollars with an option for you to increase that coverage for a very reasonable additional cost. Ask your provider if your policy covers grassland, fire suppression and call-out costs.

## **FIRE PITs**

**Within the corporate limits of the Summer Village of Silver Sands, fire pits must:**

- Be at least 3 metres (10 feet) from buildings, property lines and anything else that could catch fire.
- Be less than 0.6 metres (2 feet) high / Be less than 1 metre (3 feet) wide.
- Have enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete or heavy-gauge metal.
- Have a mesh screen on top to stop sparks (spark-arrestor) with openings smaller than 1.25 centimetres (1/2 inch).



## **Use of Municipal Reserves**

### **What are the Summer Village municipal reserve areas intended for?**

- Reserve areas are intended to provide active or passive park and recreation areas
- Reserve areas are intended to provide walking trails and enjoyment of the natural plant and wild life for residents and their guests

### **What are the Summer Village municipal reserves NOT intended for?**

- reserve areas are not to be “annexed” into properties adjacent to them
- reserve areas are not to be cleared unless Council determines that areas need to be cleared of dangerous undergrowth or decayed trees
- reserve areas are not to be used for the purpose of placing buildings or structures or extra storage of material or disposal of refuse without written authorization from Council
- reserve areas are not to be used for the storage of boat lifts or boat docks
- reserve areas are not for camping or recreational fires of any kind

Last year, the Summer Village began the process of surveying its roadways and Municipal Reserve (MR) Lands. These surveys revealed significant encroachments upon municipal Lands; including the placement of chattels and unauthorized use of the property such as cutting of trees and planting of non-indigenous plants and grasses.

The Summer Village will be strictly enforcing the use of the Municipal Reserve areas and will begin removing items from the Municipal Reserve Lands.

**Please ensure any personal items are removed from reserve lands prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Everyone's cooperation in ensuring these rules and regulations are followed is required in accordance with [Summer Village Bylaw #107 – Use of Public Lands.](#)

## **DO YOU THINK YOU'VE SPOTTED A QUAGGA OR ZEBRA MUSSEL?**

Report it to Alberta's invasive species hotline at 1 855 336 BOAT (2628).

Quagga and zebra mussels move from lake to lake by attaching themselves to boats and other recreational equipment. Quagga mussels are found in various parts of North America, such as in the Colorado River system in the US, a popular destination for Alberta snowbirds. Zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba in October 2013.

Here's how to keep Alberta waters free of aquatic invasive species, and keep your boat and recreational equipment in ship-shape.

### **Boaters**

#### **Clean, Drain, Dry Your Boat!**

##### **Clean**

- Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear
- Remove all plants, animals, and mud at the access area or dock
- At home, soak your gear in a bleach solution for at least one minute
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

##### **Drain**

- On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:
- Bait buckets
- Ballasts
- Bilges
- Coolers
- Internal compartments
- Livewells, etc



##### **Dry**

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.

### **Off-Highway vehicle users**

Remove any vegetation or clumps of mud or debris from the vehicle and thoroughly clean the underside of vehicles, tires and parts before moving to another area.

### **What's the government of Alberta doing about aquatic invasive species?**

Environment and Parks is working closely with a variety of stakeholders. Together, we have developed a program that includes these components:

- Monitoring
- Rapid response planning
- Education and outreach
- Watercraft inspections
- Policy



## **\*\*Property Taxes\*\***

### **Your property taxes**

The overall average property tax bill increased from last year approximately 1.3%. The Summer Village collects taxes annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are received through grants, a special tax (fire, physician recruitment & recreation), and the municipal portion of property taxes. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation and the Alberta School Foundation Fund.

**Property taxes are due June 30, 2017**

### **If paying by mail:**

Please make cheque payable to the Summer Village of Silver Sands and mail to:

Box 8

Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

### **If paying online:**

You are required to set the Summer Village of Silver Sands up as a “Bill Payment” the account number will be your “tax roll number” as shown on your 2017 combined Tax and Assessment Notice.

The summer village is currently registered with the following financial institutions:

ATB FINANCIAL	BMO
CIBC	SERVUS CREDIT UNION
PC FINANCIAL	SCOTIA BANK
TD CANADA TRUST	

### **Assessment**

Property assessment services are contracted to Tanmar Consulting and can be contacted by phone at 780-417-5191 with any questions you may have regarding the assessed value of your property.

### **What is a Property Assessment?**

Each year, the Assessor will inspect certain properties within the Municipality. The property assessment is the estimated market value of your property which is used to calculate property taxes. Assessors do not create your property value, nor does Council. The market determines the value of your property, and that value is the basis for the assessment and is then used to calculate your property taxes.

### **What If I Disagree with My Assessment?**

Remember, you can only make a complaint against your assessment value, not your tax dollars or rates and you must have grounds for your complaint. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint.

**The assessment complaint deadline for the Summer Village is July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website [www.summervillageofsilversands.com](http://www.summervillageofsilversands.com) or by contacting the office at 587-873-5765. Prior to completing the assessment complaint form, please contact the assessor to first discuss the matter of your assessment (not your tax dollars) – Tanmar Consulting – 780-417-5191.



## SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO

### General Contact Information

**Mailing:** Box 8, Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0  
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**General Office Phone:** 587-873-5765  
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**Website:** [www.summervillageofsilversands.com](http://www.summervillageofsilversands.com)

### Council Members

**Mayor:** Bernie Poulin 587-772-1513 [bpoulin@xplornet.com](mailto:bpoulin@xplornet.com)  
**Deputy Mayor:** Rob Kirk 780-446-0922 [robkirk@xplornet.ca](mailto:robkirk@xplornet.ca)  
**Councillor:** Maureen Mazerolle 780-818-6011 [maureen\\_goodwin@hotmail.com](mailto:maureen_goodwin@hotmail.com)

### Administration

**Office:** Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala 587-873-5765  
**Public Works:** Dan Golka 780-797-2207  
**Assessment:** Tanmar Consulting 780-417-5191  
**Development Officer/Development Permits:** Tony Sonnleitner 780-718-5479  
**Call Before You Dig to Locate Gas/Power Lines:** 1-800-242-3447  
**Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement/Community Peace Officer:** 1-844-786-4650  
**Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP DRUG TIP LINE:** 780-968-7212  
**RCMP Non-Emergency Line (Evansburg Detachment):** 780-727-4446  
**Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance:** **9-1-1**

## **ATTENTION RESIDENTS:**

**THEFTS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN THE AREA! PLEASE ENSURE  
YOUR ITEMS ARE LOCKED AND PUT AWAY!**

**REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE RCMP!**

**Non-emergency 780-727-4446 / Emergency 911**

**(just recently a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer was taken right out of a yard on the  
East End of the Summer Village)**