



Summer Village of Silver Sands

Candidate Background Information

2021 Municipal Election

The Summer Village of Silver Sands has 3 councillor positions elected by those eligible to vote within the Summer Village.

The Summer Village was incorporated as a municipality in the Province of Alberta in 1969. Currently we have 235 improved properties, 85 vacant properties, 2 farm properties, 2 commercial properties and 26 municipal properties within the Summer Village with a population as per the last federal census of 160 (intended to reflect full time permanent population). Total assessment for the Summer Village is \$54,582,500, of which \$48,591,500 represents improved properties, \$3,189,900 vacant properties, \$4,100 farm properties, \$756,400 commercial properties and \$2,040,600 exempt properties. The Summer Village has 235 hectares of area, 9 kilometers of roadway to maintain, a public works Quonset/yard, a playground and a boat launch. Also within the Summer Village boundary is the privately-owned 18-hole Golf Course and Club house, the Summer Village's only commercially assessed property.

Regular Council meetings are held on the last Friday of each month commencing at 9:00 a.m. Prior to COVID restrictions these meetings were held at the Fallis Hall, and during COVID they have been either in-person or held virtually or a combination thereof. Council agenda packages are prepared by Administration and sent to Council 3 days prior to the meeting for their review. Agenda packages can be up to 200 pages of reading material per meeting, and would consistently take 2 to 4 hours to review prior to the meeting. Each Council member is also required to report at each Council meeting on the activities and happenings of their particular committee appointments. Council phone numbers and emails are publicized, and Council will receive emails and calls from the residents of the Summer Village on various matters. The administration office for the Summer Village is located in the Town of Onoway and is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Summer Village employs 1 full-time public works person, 1 seasonal summer person and during the summer months may also employ student positions.

Committee Appointments – there are various committees in which Council members are expected to participate in. The majority of these meetings are weekday meetings, but some are evening and/or weekend. These committees are as follows:

Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne County East – there are 12 Summer Villages located within Lac Ste. Anne County boundaries. These 12 Summer Village representatives get together 4 times per year on a Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. until noon, sometimes 2:00 p.m. depending on the meeting agenda. All Council members are expected to attend, but only one member can vote at this meeting. Meeting locations vary throughout the region as each Summer Village takes its turn being host and thereby selecting the meeting venue for that particular meeting. Additional committees to which members are appointed by this group include: East End Bus (2 reps), Highway 43 East Waste Commission (2 reps), Lac Ste. Anne Senior Foundation (2 reps), West Inter-Lake District Regional Water Services Commission (2 reps), Lake Quality Committees (2 reps), Summer Village Emergency Management (1 rep), Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (2 reps), Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities (2 reps). Meeting requirements for these committees vary from 2 to 12 per year, mostly weekday meetings.

Emergency Management/Disaster Services (EM/DS) – this committee has been very active the last 3 years for all of the Summer Villages within the region. Silver Sands is a member of a regional EM/DS with its fellow Summer Villages and meetings are required (depending on matters at hand) 3 to 6 times per year (either weekdays or Saturdays). All Council members are required to take specific emergency management training, which would involve 4 days in a year to start. Currently, the Summer Village has a local Director of Emergency Management and a local Deputy Director of Emergency Management who are residents of the Summer Village. Council is involved directly with these individuals with respect to their roles within the municipality.

Darwell Lagoon Commission – Lac Ste. Anne County, the Summer Village of South View and the Summer Village of Silver Sands are the municipal members of this Commission. Previously, things were pretty quiet and meeting would take place 2 to 4 times a year, on a weekday morning, and involved the operation of the Darwell Lagoon itself. In the last 3 years there have been many more meetings and there are various regional sewer line projects proposed within region. Silver Sands has one representative appointed to the Lagoon, but all of Council are able to attend meeting if they wish however only the appointed member will vote. With these sewer line projects going on, there may be more like 12 weekday meetings per year, meetings are usually in Sangudo but may vary depending on participants. Currently, the Darwell Lagoon Commission has received approximately 25 million dollars to construct various sewer line projects within the region. As a result of these construction dollars, meeting agenda packages can consist of up to 200 pages of background documents and the frequency of meetings may increase.

Highway 43 East Waste Commission – all the municipalities within Lac Ste. Anne County boundaries belong to this Commission which owns and operates the regional landfill site just west of Gunn (municipal members are 12 Summer Villages, 2 Towns, 1 Village and 1 County). The Summer Village appoints one representative to this committee who would attend one annual meeting per year and other meetings if required. This Commission is comprised of an executive board to which the Summer Village group of 12 will appoint 2 representatives from their 36 elected to sit on this board. These meetings are 4 to 6 times per year, weekday mornings, meetings are in Sangudo.

Lake Isle Aquatic Management Society (LIAMS) – involves representatives from Silver Sands, South View and Lac Ste. Anne County along with the public at large. This Society strives to protect the quality of Lake Isle, organizes the annual weed harvesting project, collaborates with other lake management groups around the province and meets with provincial representatives when required.

Lake Isle Lake Ste. Anne (LILSA) – is another lake management group that formed a few years back to oversee the management and quality of both Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne. Members of this group include municipalities along both lakes, along with the public at large. This group has monthly meetings in the evening.

Capital Region Assessment Services Commission – the Summer Village is a member of this Commission as they provide the assessment services to the Summer Village. Silver Sands appoints one member to this Commission which involves 1 or 2 weekday meetings per year, meetings are in Edmonton.

Family and Community Support Services – the Summer Village is part of the Provincial FCSS initiative. The Town of Onoway was asked by several Summer Villages, including Silver Sands, to administer their FCSS funds appropriately throughout the region. Silver Sands does appoint a representative to this committee, but actual municipal meetings rarely take place.

Yellowhead Regional Library – Silver Sands is a member of the YRL group of municipalities and a Council member is appointed to this group. Weekday meetings take place in Spruce Grove 4 times per year, plus a full day orientation session. The YRL supports all local libraries within its boundaries.

Darwell Library – Silver Sands appoints a rep to the local library, and meetings take place at the library in Darwell as required.

Fallis Community Association – as the Summer Village uses the Fallis Hall as their meeting place we have also participated in their respective Association. The Association holds monthly meetings in the evening.

Flowering Rush Abatement Project - this is a project which Silver Sands was instrumental in initiating. Silver Sands is the manager of grant funding and summer staff which includes project meetings twice a week during the summer. 2021 is the last year of this 3 year initiative, if additional funding is obtained it would continue.

Annual Family Day Event – Council organizes this event on behalf of the community which includes golfing, a horseshoe tournament, breakfast, supper, children’s activities and fireworks.

Summer Village of Silver Sands 2021 Election Dates

Nomination Day: Saturday, June 12th, 2021 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Darwell Community Hall

Election Day: Saturday, July 10th, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Darwell Community Hall

Advance Vote: Friday, July 2nd, 2021 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Darwell Community Hall

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