

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS

## AGENDA

Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 immediately following the Organizational Meeting  
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1. Call to order
2. Agenda a) Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
3. Minutes: p1-4 a) Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
4. Delegations: a)
5. Bylaws: a) Bylaw 318-2021 – a bylaw to establish the various speed limits within the Summer Village of Silver Sands. The Summer Village's existing bylaw 102 was passed in 1987 and is need of updating. Administration has attempted to capture the intent of Council from the last meeting. Further discussion to take place at meeting time (*amend bylaw as required, or give consideration to all 4 readings of this bylaw as is if acceptable to Council*)  
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6. Business: a) Elected Officials Education Program Munis 101 – please see attached information on upcoming education for newly elected Councillors at a cost of \$275.00/person. This will be a mandatory requirement for all Council members within 90 days of being elected. There may be information on other opportunities for same or similar sessions coming out soon (*that newly elected Council members participate in the required education programs within the required 90 days of being elected, taking the Elected Official Education Program Munis 101 or a similar session*)  
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b) Placement of Seasonal Boat Dock – Iris Plant to place dock off of Lot R2, Plan 223MC (*ratify the actions of Administration in proving a letter of no objection for Ms. Plant to place a dock off of Lot R2, Plan 223 MC*)  
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c) Road Bans – further to Councils motion at the March 26 meeting placing a 75% weight restriction on all roads within the Summer Village until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and in discussions regarding what Lac Ste. Anne County is doing. Further discussion to take place at meeting time (*continue with weight restriction or remove weight restriction, or some other direction as given by Council at meeting time*)

d) Land Use Bylaw discussion with respect to recreational vehicles – further to discussion at the last Council meeting on a strategy going forward and Land Use Bylaw review and recreational vehicles and accessory building on vacant lots. Administration has touched base with Municipal Planning Services with respect to starting the Land Use Bylaw revision process (as per previously approved project acceptance). Additional information to be provided at meeting time (*direction as given by Council at meeting time*)

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g)

7. Financial a) Income & Expense Statement – as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

8. Councillors' Reports  
a) Mayor  
b) Deputy Mayor  
c) Councillor

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### 9. Administration Reports

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- a) Development Officer's Report
- b) Public Works Report
- c) Lac Ste. Anne County June 8 news release and Town of Mayerthorpe's June 14 rebuttal news release
- d) Poppy Place fence letter
- e) Poppy Place tax properties verbal update
- f) SS Golf Course Development Agreement verbal update
- g) Unsightly property verbal update
- h)

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### 10. Information and Correspondence

- p19-20
- a) Farm Safety Centre – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 letter thanking the Summer Village for their support and sharing activities of the Centre
  - b)

### 11. Open Floor Discussion with Gallery (15 minute time limit)

### 12. Closed Meeting (if required) n/a

### 13. Adjournment

#### Next Meetings:

- July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
VIA TELECONFERENCE/ZOOM AND IN-PERSON  
(IN-PERSON IS FOR COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION ONLY)**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<p>Mayor: Bernie Poulin (in person) Deputy Mayor: Liz Turnbull (in person) Councillor: Graeme Horne (in person)</p> <p>Administration: Wendy Wildman, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) (in person) Heather Luhtala, Assistant CAO (via zoom) Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer (via zoom)</p> <p>Public Works: Dustin Uhlman (absent)</p> <p>Delegations: 10:15 a.m. Samantha Sooley and Megan Kuny of 18 Poppy Place (via zoom). 10:30 a.m. Shawn Waterman of 17 Poppy Place (via zoom).</p> <p>Public at Large: 1 (via zoom call)</p>
1.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Mayor Poulin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2.	<b>AGENDA</b> 102-21	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Poulin that the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 agenda be approved with the following additions:</p> <p>a) Poppy Place Fence b) Horseshoe Pits</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
3.	<b>MINUTES</b> 103-21	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Horne that the minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
4.	<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	Deferred to later in meeting
5.	<b>BYLAWS</b>	n/a

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<b>6.</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>	
	104-21	<b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Poulin that the Summer Village send a letter to all residents within Poppy Place updating on the future of the fence.  <b>CARRIED</b>
	105-21	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Horne that the horseshoe pits be upgraded to a maximum expense of \$1,500.00, funding to come from the unrestricted surplus, if required.  <b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>DELEGATION(S)</b>	<u>10:15 a.m. to 10:28 a.m. Samantha Sooley and Megan Kuny 18 Poppy Place</u>  <u>10:29 a.m. to 10:32 a.m. Shawn Waterman 17 Poppy Place</u>
<b>7.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL</b>	
	106-21	<b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Turnbull that the income and expense report as of April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 be accepted for information as presented.  <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>COUNCIL REPORTS</b>	
	107-21	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Horne that effective January 1, 2021 the Summer Village of Silver Sands enter into a 6-year contract (ending December 31, 2026) with Wildwillow Enterprises Inc. for Chief Administrative Officer and Administration services.  <b>CARRIED</b>
	108-21	<b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Turnbull that the Council reports be accepted for information as presented.  <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION REPORTS</b>	
	109-21	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Horne that as per the May 26, 2021 email from Ron Roberts, Silver Sands Golf Resort, the Summer Village acknowledge the dollar values as provided by the Silver Sands Golf Course to be included in the development agreement AND THAT Council approve forgiveness of the remaining deficiencies.  <b>CARRIED</b>

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	110-21	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Poulin that Council accept for information the "What is Involved in Being a Councillor" document, THAT administration update the document as discussed AND THAT the final document be posted on the Summer Village's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
	111-21	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Horne that the Administration report be accepted for information as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>112-21</p>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Horne that the following correspondence be accepted for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Development Permit 21DP10-31 for construction of a recreational vehicle parking pad and placement of a recreational vehicle for both the purpose of storage and use at 16 Conifer Crescent.</li> <li>b) Community Peace officer Reports for April 2021</li> <li>c) Statement of Direct Deposit – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for \$438.00 for May FCSS payment.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPEN GALLERY</b></p> <p>113-21</p>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Turnbull that Council accept for information the discussion with the gallery.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSED MEETING</b></p> <p>114-21</p>	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Poulin that pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council go into a closed meeting session at 11:17 a.m. to discuss the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Municipal Planning Commission Deliberation (Municipal Government Act Section 197(2.1))</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>The meeting recessed at 11:18 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting reconvened at 11:23 p.m.</p>

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	115-21	<p>The following individuals were present at the Closed Meeting:  Bernie Poulin  Liz Turnbull  Graeme Horne  Wendy Wildman  Heather Luhtala  Tony Sonnleitner</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Horne that Council return to an open meeting at 11:25 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
	116-21	<p>The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m.</p> <p>The meeting reconvened at 11:31 a.m.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Poulin that a decision with respect to RV's and accessory buildings on vacant lots be deferred to the next regular Council meeting to provide time to seek external advice and a legal opinion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
13.	<b>NEXT MEETING(S)</b>	The next Regular Council meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
14.	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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Mayor, Bernie Poulin

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Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman

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**BYLAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS.**

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WHEREAS the provisions of Section 108 of the Traffic Safety Act, a Council may prescribe a maximum speed limit for a highway or any portion of a highway under the direction, control, and management of the municipality that is greater or lower than 50km/hour;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Summer Village of Silver Sands duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**Citation**

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Speed Limits Bylaw".

**Definitions**

2. In this bylaw:
  - a) "Municipality" means the municipality of the Summer Village of Silver Sands, a municipal corporation of the Province of Alberta and includes the area contained within the boundaries of the municipality;
  - b) "Pedestrian" shall mean a person on foot, a person in or on a mobility aid, a person on rollerblades or roller skates, a person riding an electric or power-assisted (but non-motorized) device such as but not limited to; a bicycle, tricycle, unicycle, scooter or skateboard.

**General**

3. THAT the speed limits within the incorporated limits of the Summer Village of Silver Sands will be set as per Schedule "A" attached and as shown on the map as per Schedule "B" attached.
4. THAT the R.C.M.P. and the Community Peace Officer(s) will be engaged to police within the Summer Village of Silver Sands and as such are empowered to do so by this bylaw.
5. THAT Bylaw No. 102 (1987) is hereby repealed.
6. THAT this Bylaw shall come into force and have effect on the date of the third and final reading.





**BYLAW NO. 318-2021**

**Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 Chapter M-26**

**Section 203**

Read a first time on this 25th day of June, 2021.

Read a second time on this 25th day of June, 2021.

Unanimous Consent to proceed to third reading on this 25th day of June, 2021.

Read a third and final time on this 25th day of June, 2021.

Signed this 25th day of June, 2021.

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Mayor, Bernie Poulin

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Wendy Wildman, Chief Administrative Officer

(b)

Municipal Government Act RSA 2000 Chapter M-26  
Section 203

**Schedule "A"**

Bylaw No. 318-2021 – Speed Limits Bylaw

Street Name	Direction	Maximum Speed Limit
Township Road 540 (½ mile west of Range Road 52 to Silver Sands Road)	Both Directions	50km/hr
Township Road 540 (½ mile west of Range Road 52 to Silver Sands Road)	Both Directions	20km/hr when passing pedestrians
Silver Sands Drive from Silver Sands Road to Poppy Place	Both Directions	50km/hr
Silver Sands Drive from Silver Sands Road to Poppy Place	Both Directions	20km/hr when passing pedestrians
Silver Sands Drive from Poppy Place to Range Road 54	Both Directions	40km/hr
Silver Sands Drive from Poppy Place to Range Road 54	Both Directions	20km/hr when passing pedestrians
Silver Sands Drive (east end) from Alder Avenue to Boat Launch Road	Both Directions	40km/hr
Silver Sands Drive (east end) from Alder Avenue to Boat Launch Road	Both Directions	20km/hr when passing pedestrians
Silver Sands Road	Both Directions	40km/hr
Silver Sands Road	Both Directions	20km/hr when passing pedestrians
Alder Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Ash Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Aspen Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Conifer Crescent	Both Directions	20km/hr
Poplar Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Spruce Crescent	Both Directions	20km/hr
Birch Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Bay Drive	Both Directions	20km/hr
Boat Launch Road	Both Directions	20km/hr
Golf Course Road	Both Directions	20km/hr
Hillside Crescent	Both Directions	20km/hr
Poppy Place	Both Directions	20km/hr
Cedar Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Hazel Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Fir Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr
Pine Crescent	Both Directions	20km/hr
Willow Avenue	Both Directions	20km/hr



# Schedule "B"

## Bylaw No. 318-2021 Speed Limits Bylaw

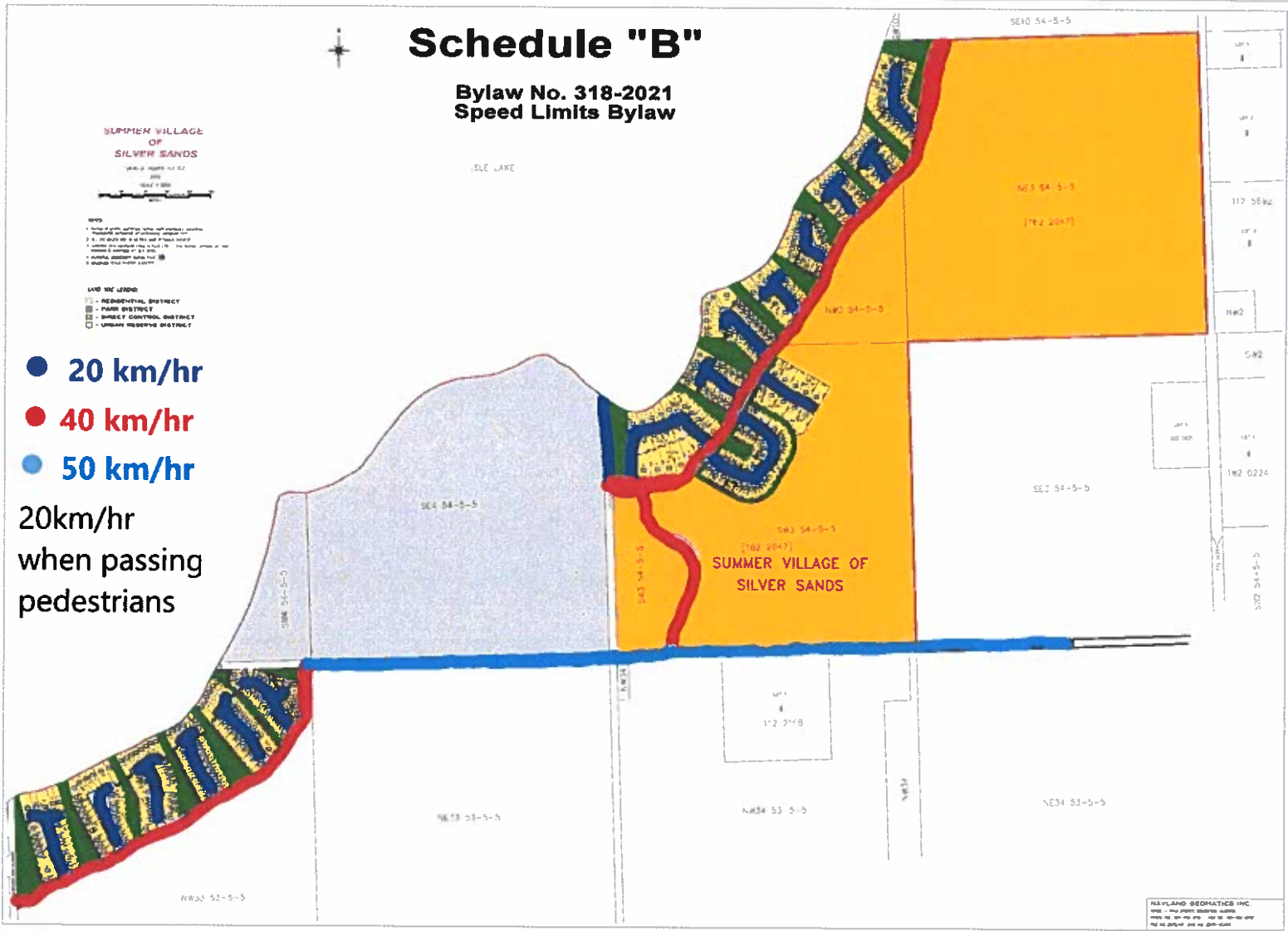
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OF  
SILVER SANDS

PLAN 2021 0010 1:1

- NOTES:
- 1. This plan is prepared for the purpose of applying the provisions of the Bylaw No. 318-2021 to the Summer Village of Silver Sands.
  - 2. It is the duty of the applicant to ensure that the proposed speed limits are consistent with the provisions of the Bylaw No. 318-2021.
  - 3. The applicant is required to provide a copy of this plan to the relevant authorities for their review and approval.
  - 4. The applicant is required to provide a copy of this plan to the relevant authorities for their review and approval.

- LAND USE LEGEND:
- RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
  - PARK DISTRICT
  - DISTRICT CONTROL DISTRICT
  - URBAN RESERVE DISTRICT

- 20 km/hr
  - 40 km/hr
  - 50 km/hr
- 20km/hr  
when passing  
pedestrians



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THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS  
BYLAW NO. 102

A BYLAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE SUMMER VILLAGE

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Under the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of the Highway Traffic Act, being Chapter H-7 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1980, the Council of the Summer Village of Silver Sands, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. No vehicle shall travel at a speed in excess of <sup>15</sup> kilometres per hour, unless otherwise posted, on any road within the corporate limits of the Summer Village of Silver Sands.

2. All vehicles travelling in a southerly direction on Silver Sands Road shall, at the southern extremity of the said Road, come to a full stop before proceeding.

3. Bylaw Nos. 45 and 51 are hereby rescinded.

READ a first time this 8th day of August, 1987.

READ a second time this 8th day of August, 1987.

READ a third time and finally passed this 8th day of August, 1987.

  
MAYOR

  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

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## **Save the date! Munis 101 for Summer Villages coming September**

As summer villages hold their elections in the summer, the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) is hosting virtual offerings of Munis 101 exclusively for summer villages in September. Registration will open in the coming month at a rate of \$275 per person.

The course covers the essential information councillors need to know to be effective municipal leaders and is a necessary step towards receiving a Municipal Elected Leaders Certificate (MELC).

Munis 101 is developed and delivered with the support of Municipal Affairs to help municipalities fulfill the Municipal Government Act Requirement to provide orientation following the election.

While the course is oriented for elected officials, CAOs are welcome to take the course so that they are aware what is being covered and can provide supplemental orientation on any municipal specific information.

Summer village councillors and CAOs have two options to participate:

The first offering will take place from 2:30 to 4:30pm on

- Tuesday, September 14
- Tuesday, September 21
- Tuesday, September 28
- Tuesday, October 5

The second offering will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on

- Wednesday, September 22
- Wednesday, September 29
- Wednesday, October 6
- Wednesday, October 13

EOEP appreciates our ongoing collaboration with the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) to make learning opportunities available for summer village councillors.

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## *Summer Village of Silver Sands*

Box 8,  
ALBERTA BEACH, AB. T0E 0A0  
Phone: 587-873-5765 Fax: 780-967-0431  
Email: [administration@wildwillowenterprises.com](mailto:administration@wildwillowenterprises.com)

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June 16, 2021

Iris Plant  
Email: [tjlp2017@outlook.com](mailto:tjlp2017@outlook.com)  
26 Alder Avenue  
Summer Village of Silver Sands

Dear Ms. Plant:

**Re: Placement of a Seasonal Dock and Boat Lift adjacent to Municipal Reserve Lands located at Lot R2; ;Plan 223MC within the Summer Village of Silver Sands (the "Lands")**

This letter is in response to your request, as the "Upland Landowner", for the placement of a Seasonal Dock & Boat Lift adjacent to the noted "Lands" as required by Alberta Public Lands.

The Council for the Summer Village of Silver Sands herein provides this letter of no objection to your application for a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) to allow for the installation of a Seasonal Dock and Boat Lift adjacent to the noted "Lands".

*Note: This letter is in no way to be construed as authorization to construct any works prior to obtaining required approvals through the various Provincial and Federal agencies.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the administration office at 587-873-5765

Sincerely,

*Heather Luhtala*

Heather Luhtala,  
Asst. Chief Administrative Officer  
Summer Village of Silver Sands

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# RE: Re: Requesting Consent Letter to obtain a permit from the Alberta Government

"administration@wildwillowenterprises.com" [administration@wildwillowenterprises.com]

Sent: 6/16/2021 12:30 PM

To: ""Robert Plant"

Iris, please find attached.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Heather Luhtala,  
Asst. CAO  
S.V. of South View (Sign Up for South View Connect Today!)  
S.V. of Silver Sands (Sign Up for Silver Sands Connect Today!)  
S.V. of Yellowstone (Sign Up for Yellowstone Connect Today!)  
Phone: 587-873-5765  
Fax: 780-967-0431  
Website: www.wildwillowenterprises.com  
Email: administration@wildwillowenterprises.com

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Requesting Consent Letter to obtain a permit from the Alberta Government

From: "Robert Plant"

Date: 6/15/21 9:17 a.m.

To: "administration@wildwillowenterprises.com" <administration@wildwillowenterprises.com>

Good Morning!

R2

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2021, at 9:00 PM, administration@wildwillowenterprises.com wrote:

Hello Iris, I have attached a snapshot of Alder Avenue, can you please advise if you are proposing to place the dock adjacent to Lot R1 or Lot R2?

Thank you,

Heather Luhtala,  
Asst. CAO  
S.V. of South View (Sign Up for South View Connect Today!)  
S.V. of Silver Sands (Sign Up for Silver Sands Connect Today!)  
S.V. of Yellowstone (Sign Up for Yellowstone Connect Today!)  
Phone: 587-873-5765  
Fax: 780-967-0431  
Website: www.wildwillowenterprises.com  
Email: administration@wildwillowenterprises.com

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Requesting Consent Letter to obtain a permit from the Alberta Government

From: "Robert Plant"

Date: 6/14/21 8:13 pm

To: "administration@wildwillowenterprises.com" <administration@wildwillowenterprises.com>

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Good evening:

My name is Iris Plant at 26 Alder Avenue, and seek your assistance to grant us a Consent Letter to use a dock on the community reserve located on Alder Avenue.

This letter will allow us to apply to the Alberta Government for a permit. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Sincerely

Iris Plant

Sent from my iPhone

<SS MR Areas at Alder Ave.pdf>

**Attachments:** [Dock Letter of No Objection - Iris Plant Silver Sands.pdf](#)

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# NOTICE TO LIFT ROAD BAN

This Road Ban Notice applies to all Lac Ste. Anne County road surfaces, and supersedes the County’s standing weight restrictions on certain chip seal coat roadways.

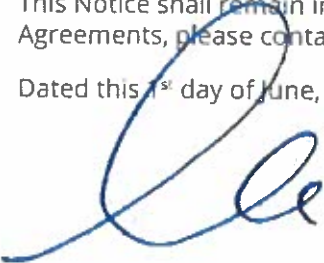
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY granted under the provisions of Section 18(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the March 16, 2021 Vehicle Axle Weight Restrictions have been lifted effective 2:00 pm Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

*The following allowable weights will be permitted on all local roads in Lac Ste Anne County:*

Description	Percentage-Axle Weights
All Gravel Surfaced	100%
Cold Mix Surfaced (unless otherwise posted)	75% (ALL YEAR)
Hot mix Surfaced	75% (ALL YEAR)
Residential Subdivisions - Gravel	100%
Residential Subdivisions - Oiled/Hard Surface	75% (ALL YEAR)
RR 33 from Twp Rd 535 to Hwy 633 (newly constructed in 2020)	50% (ALL YEAR)
Twp Rd 544 from RR 11 to RR 21	50% (ALL YEAR)

This Notice shall remain in effect until further notice. If you require further information or seek Road Use Agreements, please contact the Public Works department via the contact details below.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.



Mike Primeau  
County Manager  
Lac Ste. Anne County

### Managing and Mitigating Infrastructure Strain

Lac Ste. Anne County is responsible for the preservation and maintenance of all municipal roads, highways and bridges within Lac Ste. Anne County which are under the direction, control and management of the County. A very important part of this responsibility is the protection of roadways during the spring thaw; a time of year that can create serious structural damage to roads and bridges if appropriate measures are not taken.

When a road ban occurs, signs indicating the allowed axle percentages are posted on some oiled surfaces and

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# Summer Village of Silver Sands

Report to Council

**Meeting:** June 25, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting

**Originated By:** Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer, Summer Village of Silver Sands

**Development Permits:**

**21DP10-31 Plan 223 MC, Block 4, Lot 16 : 16 Conifer Crescent  
(the "Lands")**

CONSTRUCTION OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING PAD AND PLACEMENT OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE FOR BOTH THE PURPOSES OF STORAGE AND USE.

**Letters of Compliance:**

**21COMP17-31 Plan 074 0530, Block 6, Lot 11 : 11 Poppy Place**

**Enforcements: None**

Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer

# LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY WEIGHS SUSTAINABILITY OPTIONS FOR TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE

*County Council decries proposed 'Mayerthorpe Surcharge' and explores alternatives to biased arbitration process.*

**Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne County**

Sangudo, Alberta, Monday, June 7, 2021 – Lac Ste. Anne County has completed an initial review of the financial position of the Town of Mayerthorpe to determine a course of action in the wake of stalled Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) negotiations with the Town.

The financial review consists of a high-level assessment of publicly-available data, and looks at indicators like expenditure practices and overall financial sustainability compared to benchmarked municipalities with reasonably comparable populations.

Consistent with the measures taken by the County in its own planning and budgeting approach, County Council intends to explore similar opportunities for operational efficiencies, programming changes and ownership models to support sustainable governance of the Town of Mayerthorpe.

Following two years of good faith negotiations, ICF talks ultimately broke down due to the Town of Mayerthorpe's pre-condition of additional financial support from County ratepayers (the Town was the only municipality that attached a financial stipulation to its ICF negotiations). As mandated by the Municipal Government Act, the County has successfully completed ICF agreements with every adjacent municipality, with the sole exception of the Town of Mayerthorpe.

Lac Ste. Anne County Council cautions that the Town's demand for a steep and incrementally climbing increase in recreation funding would place an unreasonable financial burden on the County and its citizens. During a period of unprecedented and unrelenting financial strain, the County

simply cannot support an increase of taxes on ratepayers in order to compensate for the unaddressed financial management issues of another municipality.

"The longer the County continues to prop the Town of Mayerthorpe up, the longer these inefficiencies will continue to occur," stated Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman.

"We are weighing our options on this matter, because everything the Town has put forward to date amounts to a 'Mayerthorpe Surcharge' that would hurt all ratepayers of this region – on an ongoing and incrementally rising basis. I strongly encourage everyone who pays taxes in Mayerthorpe as well as Lac Ste. Anne County to sit up and take notice of what is happening here. Visit [mayerthorpesurcharge.ca](http://mayerthorpesurcharge.ca) and look at the numbers yourselves, because any short-falls will be coming from your pockets if the Town gets its way."

It is the County's position that the Town of Mayerthorpe's rate of escalation in recreation spending is unsustainable. Overall recreation spending was 2.75 times greater in 2019 than 2014. Over that six-year period, total inflation was 8.53%, and the Town of Mayerthorpe's population has consistently declined.

**Spending Raises Questions About Town's Sustainability**

While recreation spending was the catalyst for the failed ICF negotiations, the County's review of the Town of Mayerthorpe's financial reporting related to recreation led to further scrutiny of all operating expenses and revenues – and subsequently the financial position of the Town.

In addition to unreasonably high expenditures on recreation, the financial review indicates a financial position that

is adversely impacted by unreasonably high expenditures on salaries, wages, and benefits relative to benchmarked municipalities with comparable populations.

"It is evident that Mayerthorpe is out of both money and ideas," continued Reeve Blakeman. "First they sought to balance their books by digging into our coffers. Then they tried (and nearly succeeded) to increase their own ratepayers' taxes by a whopping 15%. Now they seek to drag us through an arbitration process that is all but certain to shake the County down to some degree. These are not the actions of a fiscally sound, sustainable local government."

**County Questions Spirit of Arbitration; Explores Alternatives**

In a February 26, 2021 media release, Town of Mayerthorpe Mayor Janet Jabush stated that the Town and County have no other options except a costly arbitration process. It should be noted that the cost burden to which Mayor Jabush refers to would be almost entirely borne by Lac Ste. Anne County ratepayers.\*

While arbitration may be a desirable and relatively risk-free option for the Town of Mayerthorpe, Lac Ste. Anne County Council is in the process of exploring other alternatives to this costly and structurally biased approach; up to and including amalgamation of the Town.

"By triggering binding arbitration, Mayerthorpe knows they will get to have their cake and eat it too," continued Reeve Blakeman. "Sadly, the system is designed to support such behaviour. Of course Mayerthorpe favours the arbitration process, because they know it means they are all but guaranteed to receive some sort of favourable judgment. Municipal Affairs also supports arbi-

tration because it allows them to check a box and file this matter away. But let's be clear: neither of these parties care whether the average Lac Ste. Anne County ratepayer gets the short end of the stick."

Despite the Town of Mayerthorpe's apparent eagerness to embark upon what Town Mayor Jabush described as an 'expensive arbitration process,' it is incumbent upon Town administrators to explain what they seek to arbitrate to begin with. Further, any meaningful arbitration proceedings would need to be conducted by an individual who is both qualified to arbitrate such a matter, and who is free from conflict and bias.

Reeve Blakeman posited: "You tell us what the issue is, and we'll tell you if we think that's what the issue is. And then we can discuss who to choose to arbitrate the matter – on the County's dime. Regarding payment of the considerable legal and administrative fees that come with arbitration, perhaps we could earmark some of the \$200,000.00 we give the Town each year."

In the absence of a substantive description of the Town of Mayerthorpe's arbitration position, Lac Ste. Anne County Council will continue to explore opportunities for operational efficiencies, programming changes, and ownership models that will support sustainable operations and programming for Mayerthorpe residents.

For more details on this evolving matter, please visit [LSAC.ca/icf](http://LSAC.ca/icf).

\* If the Town of Mayerthorpe forces Lac Ste. Anne County into binding arbitration, County ratepayers will be legally responsible for covering 95.09% of all related arbitration costs – in addition to payment of any judgment awarded to the Town.

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**Mayerthorpe**

# OPEN LETTER

## TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE & LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

Mayerthorpe, Alberta, May 26, 2021 - The Town of Mayerthorpe has consistently adopted a cooperative and respectful approach to intermunicipal relationships. We do not intend to depart from the approach but must respond to aspects of the County's May 24, 2021 Open Letter.

- The County pulled out of the recreation services agreement with the Town in 2011. The Town has been open and transparent in the intervening decade about the fact that the County has not been providing a fair contribution to Town recreation services used by County residents.
- The County has chosen to defer dealing with its financial obligations in relation to this important service to its ratepayers. Until the ICF process required the County to come to the table, the Town could only keep the County aware of the inequities of the situation.
- The financial implications of the County's past approach to recreation services may come as a surprise to County ratepayers. County Council has been fully aware of the consequences of the "use now/pay later" approach for an extended period of time.
- Despite the imbalance in the financial relationship for the past decade, the Town worked extremely hard, and entirely in good faith, to find a compromise during the two years of discussion and mediation on the ICF agreement, as required by the Municipal Government Act.
- The Town has not sought contributions for past inequities and has, instead, focused on the future and on trying to build a fair approach to cost sharing between the two communities.
- Right up to February 25, 2021, the Town was under the impression the ICF would be finalized through the mediation process and in compliance with the April 1, 2021 statutory deadline.
- The County chose to pull out of the ICF mediation process without any advance discussion. The Town had no control over that County decision.
- The County was fully aware that the Municipal Government Act would force the municipalities to enter into binding arbitration as a result of that County decision. The County was fully aware that the provisions of the MGA would place the majority of the burden for the costs of the arbitration on County ratepayers.
- The Town regrets that the costs of a binding arbitration have become necessary, but has no control over the County's actions and must comply with the requirements of the MGA.
- The ICF arbitration will proceed within the context of the MGA, which specifically requires municipal operating budgets to include "the amount of expenditures and transfers needed to meet the municipality's obligations for services funded under an intermunicipal collaboration framework" and that one of three primary purposes of the ICF is "to ensure municipalities contribute funding to services that benefit their residents".
- The Town regrets that County Council's decision not to budget for the real, and known, costs of recreation services may now impact County ratepayers during an economic downturn. As noted, that is the result of County Council's chosen approach, not due to any actions taken by the Town.

Despite the issues that must be resolved around Recreation Services, the Town values its relationships with neighbours and will continue to make good faith efforts to build a strong and functional intermunicipal relationship.

We remain committed to providing positive, sustainable recreation opportunities to the County's ratepayers, who are our valued customers. We remain focused on supporting ratepayer health and wellness by ensuring we are in a position to continue to provide recreation services for the Town and the ratepayers of the County who value and use those services. However, a fair funding model to support the provision of those services is long overdue.

Mayerthorpe's Town Council will continue its principles-based approach on this critical matter as we work toward an equitable outcome for our community. The Town of Mayerthorpe has followed the process laid out in the MGA to the letter and in good faith. We will continue to do so as we advocate for our town.

Be well & stay safe.

Janet Jabush  
Mayor, Town of Mayerthorpe

For questions or additional information please contact the Town Office.

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## *Summer Village of Silver Sands*

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June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To All Property Owners within Poppy Place Subdivision

**Re: Poppy Place Fence**

Silver Sands Council have been deliberating about the future of the wooden fence that was originally constructed by the Developer of Poppy Place Subdivision that runs along Twp Rd. 540 (alignment is shown on attached survey).

At this time, it is Council's direction that the Summer Village enter into an agreement with each property owner whose property this fence borders with respect to the future of this fence. It is Council's intent that the Summer Village will address those deficiencies currently noted with the fence, and that these respective property owners will subsequently take over the future maintenance of this fence to a standard as agreed to by the Summer Village and the property owners.

If you have any comments or concerns with this approach, please email the office at [administration@wildwillowenterprises.com](mailto:administration@wildwillowenterprises.com) prior to June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you are a property owner who is adjacent to this fence expect a follow-up letter regarding a future meeting.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Wendy Wildman  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Summer Village of Silver Sands

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May 26, 2021

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Since our in-school Safety Smarts program was launched in 1998 – 23 years ago, more than 779,000 face to face, eye to eye, heart to heart learning moments have happened across rural Alberta. Since COVID forced a temporary pivot to virtual program delivery rural children in more than 400 classrooms have received Safety Smarts via Zoom. An additional 547 classrooms have booked presentation delivery between now and June 21, 2021.

Rural elementary school students attending all types of schools have had the opportunity over the past two decades to receive farm safety messages delivered directly to them in their school classrooms either in-person or via video conferencing by people who are familiar with farming and passionate about helping things go right.

Rural schoolteachers are excited when best practice safety messaging is provided to their students as they regularly hear of close calls and near misses in their rural communities. Feedback from teachers since virtual delivery began has been encouraging as most report students still being engaged and excited by Safety Smarts.

The \$300.00 contribution received May 11, 2021 was very much appreciated by the Farm Safety Centre. Find receipt 1505 enclosed. It is our hope to reach more rural children in your area in the coming years. The consistent financial assistance from committed contributors is greatly appreciated especially in this time of uncertainty. Recognition of contributions are always noted on our website under "Supporters".

I also want to take a minute to introduce you to one of our newer programs called the Rural Health Initiative. This program is designed to help rural Albertans improve their overall quality of life by learning more about their current physical and mental health status. Our team of Registered Nurses travels across the province to partner with rural organizations and offer in-depth physical and mental health assessments and education for those that choose to participate. Since 2014, we have delivered 135 workshops and have reached more than 1300 rural Albertans. Participant feedback from our external evaluations have identified that 97% of SFF participants felt the workshops were a good investment of their time and that 92% recommended the program to others.

I have included a simple poster which gives a little more detail about the program. If you are interested in learning more about this new and impactful program then please let me know, I am happy to answer your questions. We would be thrilled to partner with Summer Village of Silver Sands to offer this program to people in your area.

Thanks again for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
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Farm Safety Centre

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# Rural Health Initiative

Brought to you by  
Sustainable Farm Families

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY OR  
**TOO LATE**  
TO WORK TOWARDS BEING THE  
HEALTHIEST YOU

Research into the state of rural health has identified several health and well-being disadvantages faced by rural people which negatively impact their quality of life. The Rural Health Initiative aims to remedy many of these disadvantages by providing rural Albertans who participate in this program with 3 annual, in-depth physical & mental health assessments. In addition to these health assessments, participants are educated about each aspect of the assessment to ensure they fully understand each of their measurements and know how to better manage their health and well-being. Those who participate in this program are only asked to commit 1 hour of their time each year over the course of the 3-year program.

The preventative approach used by the Rural Health Initiative takes seemingly healthy people living in rural communities and seeks to either uncover undiagnosed conditions or confirm their healthy status. Since 2014, the Farm Safety Centre has delivered over 135 workshops to more than 1,300 participants across the province. Participant feedback from our external evaluations have identified that 97% of SFF participants felt the workshops were a good investment of their time and that 92% recommended the program to others.

## What you can expect in your one-on-one personal health assessment with our Registered Nurses:

- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Metabolic Age
- Visceral Fat
- Body Mass Index
- Muscle Mass
- Basal Metabolism
- Body Water Percentage
- Bone Density
- Mental Health
- Blood Sugar
- Diabetic Risk
- Triglyceride Levels
- Oxygen Saturation
- Eyesight

These impactful workshops are currently being delivered in rural communities throughout Alberta. For more information about this program or to schedule a workshop for your community or organization please contact Keylan Kado. If you would like to register for an existing workshop in your community, please visit [www.abfarmsafety.com](http://www.abfarmsafety.com).

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