



Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay

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Summer Activities Update

COVID-19 had a big effect on Village activities this summer. The park and playground were open with social distancing restrictions. But we were not permitted to hold social gatherings or meetings in the Rec Center.

All council meetings are being held electronically via ZOOM. Residents are permitted to attend council meetings by requesting a ZOOM invite be sent to their email. Dates and times of meetings are posted on the website.

Some other issues that needed attention are:

- Tackling the ongoing Himalayan Balsam problem again, with the help of the County of St. Paul. It is going to take a few years of spraying to completely eradicate the Himalayan Balsam.
- Dealing with a Beaver & Beaver dam problem, which was causing flooding and damage to trees. The beavers & their dam were removed from the creek behind Coney Drive, the culvert under TWP 594 between Homestead Trail and Russel Drive and under the bridge on Horseshoe Bay Drive. Thanks to Dave Amyotte, Chris Schwab & the crew from the County of St. Paul.
- The second phase of the Stormwater Management Program is nearing completion. Rain delayed any work planned for stormwater management. COVID-19 restrictions also caused delays in getting work done.
- Several residents applied for and received Dock Permits. It appeared to be a fairly easy process. The Dock Permits are good for 5 years.

SCHOOL BUSES

School Busses are now picking up children in the Summer Village. Please drive with extreme caution during the following hours:

- ♦ 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.,
and
- ♦ 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.



There are children being picked up on Homestead Trail, Russel Drive, Horseshoe Bay Drive, Coney Drive and Point Drive.

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA) Update

Policing Costs

In the past rural municipalities and municipalities with population under 5,000 did not pay for the cost of policing in their municipality. AMA has brought in a new "Police Funding Model", which imposes a Policing Cost on these municipalities.

The Summer Village, which has a population under 5,000 will have to pay a Yearly Policing Cost starting in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The cost is based on Village Population and Village equalized Assessment, so it will change from year to year. However, be aware that this may have an impact on property taxes in the Summer Village.

REMINDERS

WASTE DISPOSAL: The waste bins located in the Summer Village are for:

BAGGED HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY.

All other items for disposal should be taken to one of the land fill sites listed on the Village website. www.svhorseshoebay.com. The closest ones are Mallaig or Vincent Lake at 59117, RR 95. The garbage trucks will not take large items, so someone from the Village has to take them to the County land fill site. The waste disposal site is now being monitored by a surveillance camera.

BOTTLE RECYCLING: The bottle/can recycling barrel is in use again, at the waste bin site. We had to shut it down for a while due to COVID-19. The money raised from bottle recycling is used for Village social events. Thanks to Melanie & Mike for managing this project.

VILLAGE DOG POLICY: Dogs in the Village must be tied up or on a leash at all times. Residents are urged to be considerate, responsible dog owners.

REC CENTER EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the Martin Rec Center is not available for group events, at this time. Hopefully by next spring restrictions will be relaxed.

Brush Burning & Open Fires
Change in Process

Occasionally Village residents would like to burn brush on their property. Residents should be aware that the requirements for open fires has changed and fire permits are now required.

The procedures for acquiring a fire permit for Summer Village residents have been worked out with the County of St. Paul and the Mallaig Fire Department.

If you light a fire that creates a lot of smoke and someone calls the fire department, you will be charged for the call-out if you do not have a fire permit.

If you want to burn brush or have an open fire, please call the Village administration, Norman Briscoe, at (780)645-4677.

Fire pits and BBQ's are not considered open fires and do not require a permit.

Snow Removal

The Summer Village has a contract with the County of St. Paul for snow removal on our roads. If you don't want your driveway blocked by the snow plow, please put a small sign by your driveway asking the snowplow operator not to leave a ridge of snow in your driveway.



VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS



Speed limits in the Summer Village are **35 kph**, unless posted otherwise. This also applies to all motorized off-highway vehicles.

REMINDER

Frequently there are people walking or cycling with children and/or pets. Speed limits **MUST** be adhered to for everyone's safety and enjoyment of the Village.

SUMMER VILLAGE FACEBOOK GROUP

This summer, Village resident, Wayne Overbo, started a "Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay FaceBook Group". It is a private group for Summer Village residents to share photos & stories or anything that might be of interest to SVHB residents. To join, search the name inside Facebook, and click join.

It has been a lot of fun this summer and helped bring people together to share pictures and news from around the Village. (I'm sure we are all wondering how Wayne's sauerkraut turned out. Maybe we'll find out at the next pot luck. Or how Brent made out with his family of skunks).

FISH KILL AT VINCENT LAKE

Alberta Fish and Wildlife have informed us that this winter, many fish in Vincent Lake have died due to a lack of oxygen.

What is Fish & Wildlife Going to Do?:

They will continue to look for surviving fish. Please contact their office if you see or catch a fish. If no fish are captured or observed, water quality will be assessed during the winter and next summer. Vincent Lake has experienced fish kills in the past and a reintroduction will not be considered, if water conditions no longer support fish.