



Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay

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2020 Year In Review

Winter, 2020

2020 was a fairly quiet year in the Village. There were 7 new property owners, compared to 4 in 2019. There were also 4 development permits issued in 2020.

The following projects were completed in 2020:

- ◆ Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF)
- ◆ Replacement of 3 culverts to help reduce spring flooding in the Village. Paving of the culvert sites will be done in the spring.
- ◆ 12 residents applied for a "Temporary Field Authorization", for a dock permit. The whole process went quite smoothly.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are still not permitted to hold public gatherings or meetings at the Rec Center.

The playground was closed for a while, but we were able to open it with cautions to follow AHS Guidelines.

We really missed seeing everyone this summer at our usual pot-lucks or BBQ's., and at our Annual General Meeting. Hopefully, next summer restrictions will be relaxed and we can plan a community get-together.

Also, council has had to hold electronic council meetings via ZOOM. After resolving a few technical issues, it is working quite well. This will continue until COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

Village Roads Snow Removal

The Village streets and roads are plowed and sanded by the County of St. Paul. If you don't want the snow plow to leave a ridge of snow into your driveway, please put up a small sign asking them to leave driveway clear.

Please be patient if the roads are not cleared immediately after a snow storm. Sometimes they will plow the main roads thru the village, Horseshoe Bay Drive and north Point Drive, and come back later to do the side roads.

Sometimes they are training new drivers and it takes them a couple of trips to learn our roads.

Overall, we are very pleased with the service we get from the County of St. Paul.



Bottle Recycling Project Volunteer Needed

On November 2, 2020 an email was sent to residents informing them that a volunteer is needed to take over the village bottle recycling project. So far no one has volunteered.

The Village collects & recycles bottles, cans, etc. which are dropped off at the waste bin site. The money raised is used for Village social events. The project collected almost \$1,700 in 2020.

The job involves:

- Picking up bottles from the barrels at the waste bin site.
- Temporarily storing them somewhere.
- Arranging to have them taken to the Bottle Depot.

If we do not get anyone to take over this project, we will have to discontinue it.

For more information or to volunteer call the Village office (780)645-4677.

Brush Burning & Open Fires

Prior to igniting open fires or brush piles, Village residents must now contact the Village office to obtain a Fire Permit. Phone: (780)645-4677. After obtaining the permit you must advise the Fire Dispatch Non-emergency Line (780)826-7446.

School Buses

School Buses are now picking up children in the Summer Village. Children are picked up on Russel Drive, Homestead Trail, Horseshoe Bay Drive, Coney Drive and Point Drive.

Please drive with extreme caution during the following hours:

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



Miscellaneous

1. Skating Rinks

Snowmobiles are not allowed on the skating rinks
Occasionally residents will clear a patch of ice on the lake or a pond in their area for a skating rink. For the safety of any skaters or kids playing hockey, **please keep snowmobiles off**, particularly the area between Homestead Trail and Russel Drive. As no rinks are ready yet, keep checking the Summer Village Facebook Group page for more information.

2. Crime Spree in the Village

This fall the Recreation Center and the shed at the Rec Center were broken into, at different times. There doesn't appear to be anything stolen from the Rec Center, but the double doors were damaged. There were hand tools taken from the shed and the man-door was damaged and the lock broken. Thanks to village residents who noticed something out of place and reported it to the CAO. There was also an attempted truck theft on Coney Drive, which was stopped by neighbors. It is important for village residents to be on the lookout for unusual activities around the village.

Message from Mayor & Council

It has been a rough year for everyone because of COVID-19. We missed seeing & visiting with all of you at our Annual General Meeting, which as you know could not be held because of COVID-19 restrictions. Many residents spent more time at the Village this summer due to provincial travel restrictions.

Thanks to our administrators, Norman & Diane Briscoe, residents were informed and kept up-to-date on restrictions affecting Village residents. Norman is a member of the regional Incident Management Team (IMT) which manages the regional response to COVID-19. We are very fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with our regional partners.

This fall we were fortunate to get 3 culverts replaced & one new one, which should help alleviate flooding next spring. The work came in under budget and there was very little traffic disruption during the construction. More drainage work is planned in 2021.

Deputy Mayor, Dave Amyotte has worked very hard this year on solving some of the overland flooding and on beaver control, which was part of the flooding problem. Thanks Dave!

Council continues to have electronic meetings using ZOOM and it is working very well. Residents are welcome to attend by requesting a ZOOM invitation from administration. However, we are looking forward to next summer when we hope to have in-person meetings and face-to-face discussions with our residents.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!
STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!**



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