

SUMMER VILLAGE OF NAKAMUN PARK

2019 NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

From Council and Administration

Summer 2019

Spring is here with its usual difficulties. Our 2018 drainage project was successful in preventing any over land flooding this spring but unfortunately, the boat launch has been badly damaged by high lake water. It is **CLOSED** while we wait for the permits that allow us to do repairs. We understand the importance of lake access and appreciate your cooperation as we work to solve the problem.

Family Day Activities in February were well attended. Thank you to Dean and Carrie Wilmot, Mark Miller, Henry Hanssen and their helpers that got the skating ice and the curling sheet scraped and ready and those that built and tended the bonfire. We managed to eat all the hotdogs and were warmed by the hot chocolate. It was really a fun afternoon.

I would like to declare Sunday, May 19 as Village Wide Garage Sale Day. We encourage you to clean out what you don't need and have a garage sale. It will be a good opportunity to meet your neighbours, and keep items out of the landfill. Please mark your yard with balloons, so your sale can be easily spotted. Suggested hours are 10am until 2pm.

It's almost baseball season. We intend to try playing slow pitch on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, starting Wed. May 22. We struggle to have enough players on Wednesdays, so please come out if you are able. If we don't have enough for a game, perhaps we can play bocce ball or beanbag. Saturday games will start Sat. May 18, weather permitting. We will try 1:30pm this year and due to its popularity, we'll try to have a

IMPORTANT NOTES

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Key Dates

May 19: Community Garage Sale

June 30: Tax Payment Deadline

July 22: Assessment Appeal

Deadline

July 13: Annual Information

Meeting and SV Picnic

game every Saturday. Come out, make new friends, get some exercise.

Our summer village annual information meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13. Afternoon and supper event announcements will be made on the website at a later date.

I sit on the board of both the Yellowhead Regional Library and Onoway Public Library. Summer Village residents are welcome to use the services at Onoway Library, with the purchase of a library card. The Onoway Library is in great need of volunteers to help with badly needed fundraising. If any of our residents would like to volunteer, please contact me.

On behalf of council and administration, I wish all our residents a safe and happy summer. Life at the lake, ahhhh.

Mayor Marge Hanssen

Tax Notice and Assessments

Enclosed with this newsletter, please find your 2019 property tax notice. Taxes are due **June 30th, 2019** by 12:00 midnight and may be mailed or delivered to the office at the provided address. If you would

like a receipt to confirm your payment has been received, you may request one at the time of payment and a receipt will be mailed out as soon as possible.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, you have until July 22, 2018 to file a complaint with the Administrator. If you believe your assessment is unfair or incorrect, we encourage you to start by contacting the assessor before launching a formal appeal. Additional information related to assessment appeals and the appeal process can be found on the reverse side of the tax notice. You can also pay your taxes via e-transfer. Send to cao@svnakamun.com no password required.

Preauthorized Tax Payment Plan

As in past years, the municipality offers property owners access to a preauthorized tax payment plan for municipal taxes. This allows property owners to make regular monthly payments over the year, as opposed to paying the balance of their municipal taxes one annual payment.

If you are an existing Tax Payment Plan subscriber, please note the 2019/2020

payment calculation enclosed in your 2019 tax notice. This will indicate the payments that will be withdrawn from your account over the next 12 months.

If you would like to know more information on the Tax Payment Plan option, register for the program, or make changes to an account, please contact the office.

Public Works Department

We welcome Larry Tarnowski back to another season as Summer Village Foreman. Larry will be on staff from May through September 2019.

Council has included funds in the budget for casual labour positions to help on certain projects and activities as required. If anyone is interested in applying for casual help please contact the Administration office for more details.

Speed bumps will be installed again this year. While it is unfortunate that we need to install them, this seems to be the best way to control speed in the village.

The 2019 capital budget includes the completion of some capital projects from 2019. These include the drainage project and some

road work/dust control. Relevant details on these projects or impacts they may have on traffic or property use in the community will be shared through the website.

Unfortunately, the boat launch was subject to some damage over the winter of 2018-2019. This damage appears to be the result of ice shifting and higher than usual water. The municipality has closed access to the launch until the repairs are addressed. The repairs may require permit approvals from the federal and/or provincial government, and we are currently discussing the matter with department staff. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to get the launch back up and running.

Activities for Summer 2019

We look forward to another great summer at the lake for 2019.

Plans for Canada Day have not yet been discussed but details will be provided as they become available.

On Sat. July 13, we will have our annual summer village meeting at 10 am, followed by afternoon activities in the park and a BBQ supper. More detail

will be provided as we get closer to the dates.

Recreation Committee

With all the great ideas that we have for activities, we need help in planning and facilitating the events. In the interest of maintaining ongoing social and recreational events in the summer village, council looks to the Summer Village of Nakamun Park Recreation Committee to recommend and organize village activities. The Village requires 4 members of the public to sit on this committee. If you enjoy the events that we have in the community and are interested in helping plan them, please contact either our CAO at cao@svnakamun.com, or myself as the council Recreation Committee representative at marge.hanssen@svnakamun.com.

Development

If you have your own plans for a summer project, please make sure you consult with the Land Use Bylaw (which can be found on the Summer Village Website) and get in touch with our Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, before you begin.

Your project may need to be approved as part of a development permit and it is

always a good idea to check that it meets the community standards for setbacks, coverage, and aesthetics before you start.

Boating Etiquette

Please use common sense when boating to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer on the lake. Keep your speed down, no alcohol allowed in boats, keep the music in your boat at a level for you to enjoy (not the rest of the lake), and watch out for other watercraft, including people out fishing.

Lake Weed Harvesting

The Alberta Government has approved our permit for harvesting weeds on the lakeshore again, so we will be running the weed harvester in early July (weather permitting). Please be aware that there are very specific rules on what is allowed - only one weed harvesting pass annually, max 3m cut into the shore at each property (perpendicular to shoreline) and there are limits on how far out/in from the shoreline we can go with the harvester.

Council Meetings

Regular council meetings are scheduled at the previous meeting and are stated in the minutes from the previous

meeting, which are posted on the village web site.

Public attendance is always welcome at Council meetings, however, if you wish to make a formal presentation on an issue we ask that you make a written/email submission to the administration office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that we can ensure you have an appointment on the agenda. This advance notice will also give administration time to gather related background information to help in the decision-making process.

This year's Annual Information Meeting is scheduled for Sat. July 13, and will be held at the maintenance shop starting at 10:00 am. This is a great time to hear first-hand the topics council is investigating and keep in touch with developments in your village.

Noise Bylaw

Please ensure that you control excessive noise that may be affecting your neighbours. The Noise bylaw is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Cannabis Use

Following the federal legalization of recreational cannabis use last year, many communities have nervously

awaited the impact on local municipalities.

Nakamun Park took steps to address the potential development impact of cannabis legalization through Land Use Bylaw Amendment 2018-6. This bylaw adds definitions specific to cannabis use into the bylaw, and directly restricts or prohibits cannabis related commercial developments in the community.

Thankfully, residents have been respectful users of cannabis. This includes restricting use to private property. By doing so, the summer village has been able to avoid the enforcement costs associated with consumption nuisance.

If you choose to use cannabis, please do so responsibly. Restrict use to private property and never use on municipal property, parks, or while operating vehicles or watercraft.

Pet Deposits

Every responsible dog owner agrees... picking up after your dog is a MUST. No matter where or when it occurs there is NO excuse for not scooping the poop, and if you don't you can be fined.

Yellowhead Regional Library

As residents of a YRL member municipality you are entitled to the full benefits of the YRL service. The Summer Village of Nakamun Park's designated library is the Onoway Library and library cards can be purchased from there. For details on library hours and information on how to obtain your card please contact the library directly at 780-967-2445.

Council has also arranged for the installation of two book boxes in the community. More detail on location and rules will be posted to the website.

Waste Disposal

Summer village residents are permitted to use the various county waste transfer stations, but you can only take bagged waste and you need to purchase garbage tokens - one token per bag (including recycling).

Tokens can be purchased locally from Bill Burrell; you can contact Bill at 780-967-3691 to arrange for purchasing tokens.

For disposing of larger items like appliances, branches, etc. you need to go to the main landfill site on Hwy 43.

Toxic materials are being accepted at the Regional Weigh Stations (Onoway and Rich Valley); however, do not mix toxic materials such as paints, aerosol cans, batteries, fluorescent bulbs etc. with regular garbage.

More information on transfer station locations and hours of operation are available at:

<http://lsac.ca/services/solid-waste-recycling?id=137>

Fire Bans

Council would like to remind residents and their guests to use extreme caution when enjoying a fire.

Fire Bans will be posted on the Village website and signs placed at both entrances to the village. As we move into fire season, the Summer Village will actively consult with provincial authorities and our fire service provider for direction. Onoway Regional Fire Services provides our fire protection services and we are obligated to follow their recommendations on this matter. Council may wish to further restrict fire permits or issue their own bans for the village at their discretion.

WILD Water

Phase II of the WILD Water project has been completed. There are currently truck fill stations in Alberta Beach and on Heatherdown road south of Onoway.

These station give regional access to commercial and private haulers; if you are a hauler and wish to gain access to these stations please contact the WILD Water Commission directly through their account management agent Flowpoint at 1(844)509-2837 or by visiting www.water-fill.com to set up your account.

The additional truck fill planned for north of Onoway was postponed due to design uncertainty following the possibility of Phase III and Phase IV approvals. Phase III and Phase IV of the line were approved just prior to the provincial election. We have not heard confirmation of the new government's commitment to these projects, but if they are approved there is a good

possibility of seeing a truck fill station in or very near Nakamun Park.

Need More Info?

We hope this newsletter highlighted the issues that are important to you with enough detail to keep you engaged. However, if you require additional information on any of the topics listed above, or any other matter related to the administration of your summer village, please do not hesitate to contact the office at your convenience.

If you would like to be informed when new topics are posted on the summer village web site, register for notifications at:

<http://www.svnakamun.com/>