

SUMMER VILLAGE OF NAKAMUN PARK

2021 NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The Summer Village of Nakamun Park welcomes spring and the return of seasonal residents, friends, and neighbours. Summer 2021 is expected to be a busier than usual season for the community; an increase in the number of people enjoying the lake, some planned village projects and the additional task of completing a municipal (and then senate) election will all add to the hustle and bustle over the next few months.

We had a pleasant winter, as winters go, although it is still hard to believe – and slightly disheartening – that we are still hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the optimism of the vaccine and the hope of a great summer right around the corner, please continue to observe local health authority guidance and stay safe.

With more people sticking close to home this season, we are bracing for extra-ordinary lake use. I think it is more important than ever to remind everyone to practice safe boating etiquette: please keep large boats away from the shoreline, share the space with swimmers, kayaks, paddleboards and other lake users (including the wildlife), properly dispose of any garbage, avoid loud music and making wakes near the shoreline and please share the boat launch amenities with other users.

While we are hopeful that restrictions will ease over summer, under the current health guidelines baseball and other typical activities organized through the village (such as the spring garage sale) are on hold. Once we can safely resume activities, we will share the details on the village website. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to the community, keep your eyes open for activities in the community; they are a great way to meet people, make friends and have fun!

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that 2021 is an election year for the Summer Village. Election details are included in more detail later in the letter (back page), and additional information will be sent out during the process, but I wanted to thank my fellow councillors for their service during this last term and encourage anyone interested in serving your community to consider running for council for the next term.

On behalf of Council and Administration, I wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

Mayor Marge Hanssen

KEY CONTACTS

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For additional information, please visit the municipal website – www.svnakamun.com

NOTICE

2021 COMBINED ASSESSMENTS AND TAX NOTICES

This is certification under Sections 310(4) & 336(1) of the Municipal Government Act that the 2021 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed to all property owners in the Summer Village of Nakamun Park on May 17th, 2021.

TAXES ARE DUE ON JUNE 30th, 2021.

Dwight Moskalyk
Chief Administrative Officer

2021 MUNICIPAL TAXES

Please note the following important deadlines related to your 2021 Assessment and Tax Notices:

Taxes - are due by 12:00 midnight on:

June 30th, 2021

Current Year Tax Penalties (18%) - will be applied to current year tax balances owing on:

July 1st, 2021

Property Assessment Complaints - the deadline for appeals is:

July 26th, 2021

Tax Arrears Penalties (18%) - will be applied to total account balances owing on:

January 1st, 2022.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICE

There are two main components that result in the annual tax levy issued to municipal property owners. The first is the approval of the annual budget and the second is the filing of the annual property assessment figures. These components are then used to calculate the annual tax rate bylaws which are used to levy taxes.

The annual budget included considerations for all anticipated or required municipal expenditures, and also several required requisitions that are collected on behalf of other agencies (specifically the ASFF – Education Requisition and the Seniors Foundation Requisition, which respectively go to fund provincial education and seniors foundation networks. While there is little local involvement in setting the requisition levels, Council and Administration work collaboratively to pass an operating and capital budget that balances the needs and wants of the municipality, now and in the future. Council measures, in part, the impact of their tax and budget policy by the fluctuations in mill rates (tax rates) year over year on residential improved properties; the approved budget and tax rates for 2021 for improved properties result in a combined mill rate of 7.558, which is a small increase of 1.76% over its 2020 level.

Property assessments are completed by an external and independent agent, through contract with our service provider – Municipal Assessment Services Group. The Municipal Assessor, Ray Crews, inspects a cross section of properties each year and applies these trends to the entire assessment when filing the annual assessment roll. These property values are then used to set the mill rate required to levy the required tax income for the year. How your property is assessed has an impact on how much your levy will be; if you have questions or concerns with your property assessment, the best place to start is a chat with the assessor. If, after talking with the Assessor, you still have concerns you have the option of filing an assessment complaint with the Administrator. Complete details on this process, deadlines and contact information for the Assessor is provided on the back of your tax notice. Overall, assessment values increased (on average) 1.32% in 2021, over the 2020 figures.

MAKING A PAYMENT?

The municipality accepts several payment methods for collecting payments. In addition to cheque, bank draft and cash, payments can also be received by e-transfer through your banking institution. To pay by e-transfer please add the summer village as a payee and send to cao@svnakamun.com (payments will be auto-deposited, no password required but please include your Roll # in the reference line).

We also offer a convenient monthly payment plan, contact the office to learn more or register.

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!

When parking your vehicles and storing your belonging, keep everything entirely on your private property and not on the municipal reserves, right-of-ways or the village roads.

CENSUS 2021

The federal census, which is to be completed by all permanent residents for every municipality, has been issued and was due on May 11th, 2021.

It is important that you complete the census when you have the opportunity. Not only is it required by law, but the information collected helps ensure federal, provincial and local programs and funding opportunities (grants) are distributed fairly. For example, the permanent population figure is part of the metric used in assigning some capital grants to seasonal communities, like summer villages.

PUBLIC WORKS

2021 is going to be an especially busy season for our Public Works crews. As always, please maintain a safe distance from worksites and equipment. If you have questions or concerns please direct them to the office at 780-967-0271

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A special thanks to Councillor Kassian for building and installing the *Little Nakamun Library*.

Located next to the Village Shop, this public amenity contains plenty of reading material for residents and guests to enjoy while at the lake.

COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT

Residents and guests are reminded to observe and respect all statutes and local bylaws. This includes the Nuisance/Unsightly Bylaw, Noise Control Bylaw, Land Use Bylaw and Traffic Act. Violations can lead to tickets, charges and fines as incorporated in the legislation.

Also, be vigilant in protecting your property and keeping the community safe. Report any suspicious, illegal, or contravening activities to law enforcement:

Community Peace Officer (Dwight Dawn):
Ph. 1-844-786-4650
Email: bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca

Parkland RCMP (Spruce Grove Detachment)
Administrative line: 825-220-2000
Complaint line: 825-220-7267

For Emergencies, Dial 911

NEW RULES FOR DOCKS

Under the mandate of the Provincial Government (Alberta Environment and Parks), the regulations were recently updated (April 2021). The revised “Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks & Other Mooring Structures for Personal Recreational Purposes” was created to set the maximum acceptable footprint for temporary seasonal docks, temporary seasonal boat lifts and associated mooring structures for personal recreational purposes on the beds and shores of Alberta’s recreational lakes and rivers. The disturbance standard creates a general permission for most waterfront, semi-waterfront and municipal dock owners and eliminates the need for residents to apply for an authorization to the Province ***if*** they abide by the standards.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATION MUST STILL BE MADE TO THE MUNICIPALITY IF THE SEASONAL DOCK/BOAT LIFT IS ADJACENT TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.

Please refer to the following website for further information:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/user-guide-for-dock-permits>

Annual Information Meeting

The 2021 Summer Village AIM is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday July 17th, 2021** (COVID pending). Details on time and exact location to follow via the website.

2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Municipal Elections are held every four years, and 2021 is a General Election year. Under the Local Authorities Election Act, summer villages – including the Summer Village of Nakamun Park – are authorized to conduct their elections during the summer months to best accommodate their seasonal populations. Unlike other municipal elections which have statute-established dates to follow, summer villages have additional flexibility in setting key dates and voting methods/times.

Additional information will be sent in the coming weeks as the municipality progresses through the election process, however the please note the following for reference:

Nomination Day: July 3rd, 2021 (10:00am–12:00noon, Village Shop 5563A Nakamun Drive)

Election Day(if required*): July 31st, 2021 (10:00am–7:00pm, Village Shop 5563A Nakamun Drive)

**an election will only be required if more nominations are received than vacancies on council are being contested (in a general election, the summer village has three (3) vacancies.*

Note: Special Ballots Authorization

Rather than holding an advance poll, as has been the practice for previous elections, Council has authorized the use of special (mail-in) ballots to accommodate electors who are unable to vote in person on Election Day. The intent of this is also to make voting easier and safer for those impacted or generally concerned with voting during the current COVID pandemic.

If you do not expect to be able to vote in person on Election Day, or have concerns with attending polls, please be in touch with the Returning Officer. Additional information will be sent out if an election is required, but the Returning Officer will be able to answer any general questions at this time and add you to the waiting list (special ballot register) to receive the mail-in ballot package if you decide this option is best for you.

For clarity, all three Council positions are open for nominations. Anyone interested in letting their name stand for candidacy in this general election must complete and submit their nomination package and submit same on Nomination Day (no packages can be accepted before or after that deadline). Details on how to acquire and complete the appropriate forms will be sent out in separate correspondence. Please direct any questions to the Returning Officer:

Returning Officer: Dwight Moskalyk – 780-967-0271

Substitute Returning Officer: Diane Wannamaker – 780-967-0271

OTHER KEY CONTACTS

Camp Nakamun - info@campnakamun.com - 780-967-5585

Garbage Tokens – Bill Burrell - 780-967-3691

Lac Ste. Anne County – Transfer Stations – 780-785-3411 – or visit www.lsac.ca/transfer-station-schedule

Nakamun Park Connect – Emergency Messaging System – visit www.svnakamun.com

Yellowhead Regional Library – Onoway Public Library - 780-967-2445

WILD Water Truck Fill Stations – Flowpoint Account Set-Up - 1(844)-509-2837