

SUMMER VILLAGE OF NAKAMUN PARK

2024 NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, and welcome to spring!

With the warm weather in late April, the ice was off the lake on April 24, which is a bit earlier than usual. However, with the scant amount of snow over the winter and elusive spring showers so far this season, we need some rain! The 2024 season is going to be extremely dry and we want to remind everyone to make note of, and follow, the municipality's fire restrictions (bans and advisories). We have recently revised our fire services bylaw and policies and there will be zero tolerance for violators – the risk is just too great!

All in all, it was a quiet winter here at the lake and we are all eagerly awaiting the return of our seasonal friends and neighbours for another beautiful summer at the lake. A few properties have changed hands in the last few months, so welcome to these new neighbours!

Council also welcomes our newest colleague – Bob Charter. Bob has been an essential part of the municipal team for many years, notably with his awesome work on the roads and the boat launch projects. Keith and I look forward to working with Bob as he transitions into his new role as an elected official.

A few highlights/reminders for summer activities:

Council Meetings – 2pm – tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of each month.

May 18 – 11am - First baseball game of the season. Everyone 10 and up, no matter your skill level, is welcome to join! Thank you to Jerry and Jean Sumka for organizing this for us, and keeping this great community tradition going strong!

May 18 – 2:30pm – Shop Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Street Dedication of “Kassian Way.” Join us at the renovated Public Works Shop for a tour of the new facility, and to take a moment to remember and commemorate the extraordinary 26 year service of former councillor, Harry Kassian.

July 20 – 10am – The Annual Information Meeting will be held at Ted MacDonald Park (weather permitting). Please remember to bring a chair! The usual Saturday baseball game will follow, and everyone is invited to stick around after the meeting to join, or watch, and enjoy a hot dog, chips and a water around noon. If you're able, please volunteer to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up.

July 20 – evening – the Annual Trick or Treat in the Heat is back! Dress up in your favourite costume, hand out treats, or tour the neighbourhood and take in the fun! This fun event is great for everyone – adults and kids – and we thank Adrienne Zenko and her crew for putting it all together for us. More info will be shared soon via the village website.

August 2 – 7pm – Remember the Girlz with Guitarz that entertained us back in 2022? They're back in town on August 2 for the annual Music in the Park event. Please save the date, bring a chair and a snack (and a cold beverage) and listen to some great tunes!

On behalf of council and administration, welcome back to life at the lake! We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

~ Mayor Marge Hanssen

NOTICE

2024 COMBINED ASSESSMENTS AND TAX NOTICES

This is certification under Sections 310(4) & 336(1) of the Municipal Government Act that the 2024 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed to all property owners in the Summer Village of Nakamun Park on May 17th, 2024.

TAXES ARE DUE ON JUNE 30th, 2024.

Dwight Moskalyk
Chief Administrative Officer

2024 MUNICIPAL TAXES

Please note the following important deadlines related to your 2024 Assessment and Tax Notices:

Taxes - are due by 12:00 midnight on:

June 30th, 2024

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

July 1st, 2024

Property Assessment Complaints - the deadline for appeals is:

July 24th, 2024

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

January 1st, 2025.

Taxes, Budgets, and Assessments

Annual taxes are a byproduct of the approved budget and property assessments. Budgets tell us how much we need to collect to pay for the required and discretionary spending of the municipality, and property assessments are the basic way of apportioning these costs across all rate payers.

Municipalities are required to pass balanced budgets. They are also required to collect revenue, and remit payment, for other assessment-based services (such as School Requisitions and Senior Foundation Requisitions). Council has control on some spending (the municipal operating and capital budget) and how to source revenue (taxes, grants, reserves, borrowing), but is also often the bearer of tough news when it comes to passing down costs from the province.

In 2024, Council worked hard to hold municipal spending to ~5%, despite having to account for new shop utilities, additional asset amortization/reserve planning, and additional costs for adding a new councillor (election, councillor training, etc.). However, requisitions jumped significantly – 19% increase for Education and 10% for Seniors - and many properties will see a significant increase this year as a result.

Assessments continue to rise as well – overall by about 8% over the 2023 values. While this helps to stabilize the mill rate (tax rates), sustained years of assessment increases result in the municipality taking on a higher and higher portion of equalized assessment (upon which provincial requisitions are based). As such, we are also expecting sizable increases in 2025, although not as significant as in 2024. If you have questions, or concerns, with the assessed value of your property, please contact the municipal assessor, Justin Goudreau Justin.Goudreau@MASG.ca to discuss prior to filing a formal complaint.

Overall, the average improved property owner can expect to pay an additional ~11% more in property tax in 2024. For the average property this amounts to ~\$198 in new charges, of which ~\$115 is related to School and Seniors Requisition.

Copies of the Approved Budget and Five Year Operating and Capital Plans can be viewed on the website, as well as the tax rate bylaws and other financial framework documents. Overall, the municipality remains in a strong financial position, with the balance of the 5-year plans expected to normalize to inflationary increases.

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.

Land Use Bylaw #2022-4

Council remains committed to additional public engagement on the recently passed Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw #2022-4).

When the most recent LUB was passed in 2022, a trial period for the new regulations was set, after which further public engagement will occur. Consideration of any further revisions to the LUB will be initiated based on this engagement.

The final details of this engagement process are still being finalized, but the municipality will notify residents and property owners as soon as available. The engagement will occur during the post-summer season 2024.

New Fire Protection Policies

The municipality, like much of the province, is bracing for an extremely dry summer season and prolonged periods of high fire risk for 2024.

In anticipation of this challenging season, Council has recently revised the municipality's fire protection framework.

These changes include:

- a) A new **Fire Services Bylaw:**
 - Adding clarity to fire ban process and permitted/prohibited uses.
 - Prohibiting fire works (except with prior approval for special events)
- b) A new **Fire Ban Declaration Policy:**
 - Adding consistency with our regional partners (Lac Ste. Anne County)
- c) A new **Fees and Charges Bylaw:**
 - To incorporate stronger fines and penalties for violation of fire regulations.

Residents are encouraged to check the website (Active Bylaws tab) to familiarize yourselves with the current regulations.

Municipal Reserve Clean-up

In a continuation of work that began several years ago, the municipality undertook additional clean-up of several municipal reserves over the fall/winter of 2023. This work included mulching overgrown trees and underbrush, removal of trash and debris, and surveying the lots for future rehabilitation projects.

This work was done in part for general maintenance, in part to remove fuel load ahead of the expected high risk fire season, and in part to facilitate better use of the lots for the community (parks) and lake users (dock and mooring plan development).

The municipality will continue to work on these lots in 2024 and beyond, including resetting the fences, shoreline rehabilitation and regrading, adding a second row of FireSmart® endorsed trees, seeding and landscaping.

Conceptual plans for municipal reserve rehabilitation project will soon be posted on the village website for those interested, along with additional details on the plan.

We know that these types of generational projects can have a big impact on the community, especially in the early years, and we thank you for patience as we work to complete them.

Byelection 2024

Byelection 2024 concluded following Nomination Day on April 27th, 2024, with the Election by Acclamation of Mr. Bob Charter.

A reminder that all council terms expire in 2025 and therefore the next general election will occur during summer 2025. Details will follow closer to, but anyone with questions on running for municipal office can contact the office for more info.

Remembering Councillor Kassian

With the passing of Harry Kassian in October of 2023, Council reminds us all to take a moment to reflect on his remarkable 26yr career in local governance and community advocacy.

In recognition of his legacy, Council has authorized the naming of "Kassian Way" around Ted MacDonald Park to the boat launch.

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!

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

Annual Information Meeting

The 2024 Summer Village AIM is scheduled for **Saturday, July 20th, 2024**, at 10:00a.m. The AIM will be hosted at Ted MacDonald Park, with the Village Shop being an alternate location if the weather does not cooperate.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Just a friendly reminder to take one or two books at a time and return when finished.

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

Rich Valley Truck Fill Station

The newest (and nearest) WILD Water truck fill station has now been commissioned and is located just north and east of Rich Valley on TWP Rd 564. Commercial and private haulers have been using this station since 2023. If you would like to arrange access, please open an account at: www.water-fill.com or by calling 1(844) 509-2837

Priority Access:

Please be mindful of emergency vehicles at truck fill stations. If a fire truck or other emergency vehicle is in line with their lights flashing and sirens on, please make way and give them priority access to the station.

Noise Bylaw #2020-4

Residents and guests are reminded to observe and respect the Noise Bylaw #2020-4. This includes no operating of powered equipment between the hours of 11:00p.m. to 7:30a.m. daily. Violations can lead to tickets, charges and fines as incorporated in the legislation.

Stay Safe!

Just a friendly reminder to stay clear of public works personnel, equipment and contractors while in the field. Be mindful of barricades and designated work zones, and follow all speed and safety precautions throughout the village.

If you need to address a matter with public works, please start by contacting the administration office.

RULES FOR DOCKS

Under the mandate of the Provincial Government (Alberta Environment and Parks), the regulations were updated in 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 for a Letter of No Objection must still be made to the municipality if the seasonal dock/boat lift is adjacent to municipal property. Council maintains a policy allowing for prior permit holders (renewals) to be granted a multi-year authorization when warranted.

Please refer to the following website for further information:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/user-guide-for-dock-authorizations> (Dock Authorizations)

<https://www.alberta.ca/lakeshores.aspx> (General Mooring and Shore Disturbance Standards)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

Municipal Office Contact Info

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c/o Dwight Moskalyk, CAO
2317 TWP 545 Lac Ste. Anne County
Box 1250 Onoway, AB. T0E 1V0
Ph. 780-967-0271
Email: cao@svnakamun.com

Parkland RCMP

For Emergencies Dial 911
Admin Line: 825-220-2000
Complaints: 825-220-7267

Community Peace Officer

CPO Gervais Kasamba
1-780-786-2416 ext: 232
cpokasamba@mayerthorpe.ca

Development Officer

Tony Sonnleitner
Box 2945 Stony Plain, AB. T7Z 1Y4
Ph. 780-718-5479
Email: pcm1@telusplanet.net

Municipal Assessor

Justin Goudreau
Muni. Assessment Serv. Grp.
Ph.780-939-3310
Email: Justin.Goudreau@MASG.ca

Alberta Forestry & Parks

Land Agent (for Permits)
Chris Vierath, RPFT
Ph. 780-778-7108
Email: Chris.Vierath@gov.ab.ca

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

REMEMBER – FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Council (2021-2025)

Marge Hanssen (Mayor)
Ph. 587-986-7885
marge.hanssen@svnakamun.com

Keith Pederson (Deputy Mayor)
Ph. 780-236-2260
keith.pederson@svnakamun.com

Bob Charter (Councillor)
Ph. 780-278-0255
bob.charter@svnakamun.com

Next General Election – Summer 2025

Have an Item to Sell? Lost or Found? We can Help!

Residents are welcome to forward items, including details, pictures and contact info, to the admin office and we can post on the website for community information. Email: cao@svnakamun.com

OTHER KEY CONTACTS

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

Garbage and Recycling 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
www.water-fill.com
1(844)-509-2837



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Public Works
Seasonal Labourer 2024
July 1 to August 31 (approximately)

The Summer Village of Nakamun Park is currently accepting applications for seasonal summer employment within the Public Works department. This position will assist in performing a variety of tasks (mowing, trimming, tree removal, general parks maintenance, road maintenance, and other duties as assigned). The Seasonal Labourer will work under the direct supervision of the municipality's Public Works Manager.

Hours of work are Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, average of 40 hours per week (with flexibility to balance candidate schedule throughout the term). Successful candidates must be willing to work in various weather conditions. Wage range for this position is offered at between \$15.00/hour and \$20.00/hour, based on applicant credentials and experience.

The successful candidate must have:

- Valid driver's license (min class 5)
- CSA approved steel toed boots
- Preference will be given to those returning to school in the fall, but the application is open to everyone to apply.
- This position may be funded in part through the Canada Summer Jobs grant program, and a hiring decision may be conditional upon receiving approval of this grant and any conditions therein - including the prescribed age range (15 – 30 years old).

Application deadline is Friday, May 31, 2024, but may remain open beyond this date until a successful candidate is found.

Please submit your resume, as well as 3 references to:

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c/o Dwight Darren Moskalyk CAO
2317 TWP Rd. 545 Lac Ste. Anne County
Box 1250
Onoway, AB. T0E 1V0
Email: cao@svnakamun.com
Fax: 780-967-0431

The Summer Village thanks all applicants. However, only those selected for interviews will be contacted. A drivers' abstract and Canadian criminal record check may be requested prior to, or during the term of, employment.