

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF NAKAMUN PARK

## 2025 NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET

### *MAYOR'S MESSAGE*

Hello everyone, and welcome to spring!

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 has had a very productive “off-season” and set a fast pace for the start of the year. Following an unexpected change in the previous fire service partnership, the Council effectively participated in the formation of a new partnership and ultimately a renewal of the fire and rescue service under this new framework. Council has completed the engagement of a new Community Peace Officer service agreement, switching providers to Lac Ste. Anne County and allowing for enhanced call responsiveness and service scope. On the administrative side, we initiated the completion of a Municipal Corporate Plan to improve strategic and financial planning and give the incoming council a sound footing to start their term.

Speaking of the incoming council, 2025 is an election year for municipalities in Alberta. Information on Nakamun Park’s election dates/times/details can be found on the website for quick reference, and notices will be mailed to all property owners. As I look back on this last term, I think I can speak for all of Council when I say that it is a unique privilege to serve as a councillor; although not always easy, and in fact sometimes a bit challenging – especially in a smaller community, it is rewarding to participate in local governance. Moreover, it is necessary to ensure the viability and autonomy of our community. I encourage anyone interested in participating in the upcoming election to reach out for more information and to bring your ideas to the table as a candidate this summer.

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

~ Mayor Keith Pederson

*P.S. Summer 2025 is going to be an extraordinarily busy few months for the summer village, considering the election, public hearings, summer activities, and the regular day-to-day bustle. We’ve added a “Community Calendar” to the newsletter to help keep some important dates in mind.*

*Please remember that many of the community activities that make our summer village the great place it is are run by volunteers. I think of Jerry and Jean Sumka (who organize the weekly baseball games) and Andrea Hanssen and Adrienne Zenko, who host the “Trick or Treat in the Heat,” to name a few. And of course, the dedicated clean-up crew tackling the deadfall municipal reserve properties. Please be sure to thank all those who help out in the village throughout the year.*

*If you have an idea for a new event or activity, or would like to volunteer to help out in the community, please reach out to Council, or contact the office, to discuss.*

## **NOTICE**

### **2025 COMBINED ASSESSMENTS AND TAX NOTICES**

This is certification under Sections 310(4) & 336(1) of the Municipal Government Act that the 2025 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed to all property owners in the Summer Village of Nakamun Park on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**TAXES ARE DUE ON JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Dwight Moskalyk  
Chief Administrative Officer

## **2025 MUNICIPAL TAXES**

Please note the following important deadlines related to your 2025 Assessment and Tax Notices:

**Taxes** - are due by 12:00 midnight on:

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Property Assessment Complaints** - the deadline for appeals is:

**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

## **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 municipality's required and discretionary spending, and property assessments are the basic way of apportioning these costs across all ratepayers.

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

In 2025, Council authorized the creation of a Municipal Corporate Plan (MCP). The MCP is intended to be the paramount strategic framework for the municipality, initiating comprehensive operating and capital planning and expanding on the minimum requirements for fiscal planning to create a ten-year financial projection for the municipality. This will allow current and future councils to establish goals and meet benchmarks while weathering the storm of external cost pressures. A copy of the 2025 approved MCP is available on the website, along with the approved budgets and tax rate bylaws.

Budget 2025 was a challenging undertaking. Council – in the last budget of their term – focused this year's efforts on maintaining service levels (including new fire and community policing service contracts), but adding in a wholly new Equipment and Maintenance budget, and revamping the reserve policy, to ensure we keep a solid footing for future asset replacement and life cycle cost management. This was no small task, but Council met the challenge and held municipal tax increases to just over 4% for 2025. Unfortunately, School and Seniors Housing Requisitions increased by over 12%, offsetting some of that fiscal prudence in Council's core budget. Details on the current year and future priorities in each budget function, as well as trend notes, can be found in the MCP.

Assessments continue to rise as well – overall by about 6% over the 2024 values. While this helps to stabilize the mill rate (tax rates), sustained years of assessment increases result in the municipality taking on a higher portion of the equalized assessment (upon which provincial requisitions are based). We are also expecting above-average increases in 2026 and throughout the five-year plan, as the national housing crisis and global uncertainty continue to push the value of existing local property upward. If you have questions regarding the assessed value of your property, please contact the municipal assessor, Travis Horne ([Travis.Horne@masg.ca](mailto:Travis.Horne@masg.ca)), to discuss before filing a formal complaint.

Overall, the average improved property owner can expect to pay an additional ~7% more in property tax in 2025. For the average property, this amounts to ~\$167 in new charges, of which ~\$97 is related to School and Seniors Requisition.

## **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](mailto: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.**

### **Take Notice of Local Fire Bans and Restrictions**

We are again expecting a very dry spring and summer season in 2025. Please help keep our community safe by observing responsible fire practices; when enjoying a recreational fire, be sure to use an approved fire pit with a spark arrestor/screen, never leave a fire unattended, and be sure to thoroughly soak the embers with water before leaving the site.

Be sure to check the website and village signage for current fire restrictions/bans before starting a fire, and consult the Fire Bylaw for additional regulations and provisions regarding fire protection and fire bans.

### **Reminder - New Fire Protection Policies**

Council passed a new Fire Protection framework in 2024, and these policies remain in effect:

- a) A new **Fire Services Bylaw:**
  - Adding clarity to the fire ban process and permitted/prohibited uses.
  - Prohibiting fireworks (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:**
  - More substantial fines and penalties for violations of fire regulations.

### **New Enforcement Services Partnership**

Council is pleased to announce a new partnership with Lac Ste. Anne County for the provision of Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement, and Animal Control Services, starting May 1, 2025.

As our closest regional partner, this partnership is expected to provide an enhanced service. In addition to the renewal of regular patrols through the community, and the expansion of service scope to include bylaw and animal control services, the new agreement gives access to additional officers operating closer to the area. Council is encouraged at the prospect of more comprehensive and more responsive enforcement services going forward.

**Call 780-785-3630 to Contact the LSAC  
24/7 Enforcement Complaint Line**

### **Renewal of Fire and Rescue Services:**

Council is pleased to confirm that a renewal of the fire service agreement with Fire Rescue International (through a municipal partnership, now under the management of Alberta Beach) has been approved.

While a few changes to the partnership structure occurred, the same excellent service standard remains for our community and your families.

### **Land Use Bylaw #2025-5**

Council committed to additional public engagement on the Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw #2022-4). Following the public survey earlier this year, Council has authorized a redraft of the Land Use Bylaw and gave first reading to Bylaw 2025-5 on April 15, 2025.

The required Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and official notice has been mailed out and posted to the website for more details.

### **Municipal Elections 2025**

2025 is an election year for local authorities in Alberta. As a summer village, Nakamun Park is allowed to hold its election during the summer season.

The municipality has reactivated the Election tab on the website to assist electors, prospective candidates, and nominees. This page helps share essential dates, forms, and resources related to local elections.

As always, any required notices and key information will also be mailed directly to electors during the process.

### **Municipal Reserve Clean-up**

Budget 2025 includes the completion of the Municipal Reserve Rehabilitation on MR8 and MR9, covered through grant funding. The final works include the shoreline erosion protection (rip rap placement), tree planting, fence replacement, mooring location signage and final landscaping.

Council has also restructured the Parks and Recreation budget to allow for the continued work of the Volunteer Clean-Up Committee. This group of awesome volunteers did an amazing job last year and Council looks forward to partnering with them again in 2025 and beyond to keep our greenspaces debris free!

**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 2025 Summer Village AIM is scheduled for **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, 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](http://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 Noise Bylaw #2020-4. This includes not operating equipment between 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.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)

**Please Note**

Docks, including those adjacent to municipal lands, are private installations. Do not trespass, vandalize, or use/access these installations without authorization from the permit holder!

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

### Municipal Office Contact Info

Summer Village Administration  
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](mailto:cao@svnakamun.com)

### Parkland RCMP

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

### Community Peace Officer

Lac Ste. Anne County  
780-785-3630  
[24/7 Enforcement Contact Line](#)

### Development Officer

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

### Municipal Assessor

Travis Horne  
Muni. Assessment Serv. Grp.  
Ph. 780-939-3310  
Email: [Travis.Horne@MASG.ca](mailto:Travis.Horne@MASG.ca)

### Alberta Forestry & Parks

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

For additional information, please visit the municipal website – [www.svnakamun.com](http://www.svnakamun.com)

**REMEMBER – FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1**

### Council (2021-2025)

**Keith Pederson (Mayor)**  
Ph. 780-236-2260  
[keith.pederson@svnakamun.com](mailto:keith.pederson@svnakamun.com)

**Marge Hanssen (Deputy Mayor)**  
Ph. 587-986-7885  
[marge.hanssen@svnakamun.com](mailto:marge.hanssen@svnakamun.com)

**Bob Charter (Councillor)**  
Ph. 780-278-0255  
[bob.charter@svnakamun.com](mailto:bob.charter@svnakamun.com)

### Don't Miss Out!

Register today to receive  
community notices by email.

Visit [www.svnakamun.com](http://www.svnakamun.com) or  
follow the QR Codes below:



SVNP Community  
Message Board

### 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](mailto:cao@svnakamun.com)

### Waste Tokens and Solid Waste Disposal

In 2024, Council was notified that the “token system” for accessing local waste transfer stations was being phased out. In 2025, existing tokens would still be accepted, but no new tokens would be issued. This means that residents from some communities, such as Nakamun Park, will need to take their household waste to the main regional landfill in Gunn, rather than the Rich Valley or Onoway stations.

Council extends a big thank you to Bill Burrell, who served as our community’s token distributor for many years. Moving forward, Council has asked Lac Ste. Anne County if our residents could receive a transfer station card similar to those available to county residents. We are waiting to hear back on a proposal and will update residents accordingly if/when alternative options are available.

In the meantime, residents should note the Highway 43 East Waste Commission Gunn Landfill Schedule, which can be found on their website or by contacting :



### **Highway 43 East Waste Commission**

780-967-3466 – or visit

<https://hwy43east.ca/>

## Other Community Contacts:

### Camp Nakamun

780-967-5585

<https://campnakamun.com/>

### Fire Rescue International

(855) 710-3473 (General Inquiries)

<https://www.firerescueinternational.net/>

### Highway 43 East Waste Commission

780-967-3466

<https://hwy43east.ca/>

### Onoway Public Library

780-967-2445

<https://onowaylibrary.ab.ca/>

### Onoway Regional Medical Clinic

(780) 967-6477

[info@onowaymedical.ca](mailto:info@onowaymedical.ca)

### Onoway Health Care Pharmacy

780-967-2241

<https://www.guardian-ida-remedysrx.ca/>

### Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op

780-967-2246

<https://www.steannegas.com/>

### Superior Safety Codes

1-866-999-4777

<https://www.superiorsafetycodes.com/>

### WILD Water Commission

[www.wildrWSC.com](http://www.wildrWSC.com)

780-967-0271 (office)

[www.water-fill.com](http://www.water-fill.com) (account registration)

1(844)-509-2837 (account inquiries)

### Stettin Nakamun Hall

780-967-9198

[1518 Township Road 562](#)

Visit them on Facebook for more info!

## Community Calendar and Event Schedule:

### May 2025

- May 1 – Public Works - Season Start-Up
- May 3 – Candidate Info Forum (10am, Stettin Hall)
- May 9 – Tax Mailout Date (12noon)
- May 17 – Community Baseball Starts (10am)
- May 19 – Victoria Day
- May 20 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)
- May 24 – Candidate Info Forum (10am, Darwell)

### June 2025

- June 17 – Council Meeting (5pm)
- June 17 – LUB Public Hearing (7pm)
- June 30 – Tax Payment Deadline (midnight)

### July 2025

- July 1 – Tax Penalty Applied (Current Year)
- July 1 – Canada Day
- July 12 – Nomination Day (10am)
- July 21 – Assessment Complaint Deadline
- July 22 – Council Meeting (2pm)
- July 23 – Councillor Training (Part1, Opt.1, 1pm)
- July 26 – Annual Meeting (10am)
- July 26 – Music in the Park (7pm, Shady Mavis)
- July 21-31 – Lake Weed Cutting (~Proposed~)

### August 2025

- Aug. 2 – Advance Vote (10am-2pm)
- Aug. 2 – Trick or Treat in the Heat (6pm-9pm)
- Aug. 4 – Heritage Day
- Aug. 9 – Election Day (10am – 7pm)
- Aug. 27 – Councillor Training Part 1, Opt. 2, 1pm)
- Aug. 28 – Council Organizational Meeting (2pm)
- Aug. 28 – Regular Council Meeting (3pm)

### September 2025

- September 1 – Labour Day
- September 6 – Baseball Wrap-Up Game (10am)
- September 15 – Council Training Part 2, 9am-4pm
- September 16 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)
- September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day

### October 2025

- October 13 – Thanksgiving Day
- October 21 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)
- October 31 – Public Works - Season Shutdown