

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF NAKAMUN PARK

## 2026 NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET

### *COUNCIL'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 as a reminder, please familiarize yourself with the bylaws as they pertain to your properties (these bylaws can be found on our website). We welcome these new neighbours!

We remain in a good financial position and it helps to have a Municipal Corporate Plan to support the decision-making process and long-term strategic planning.

Our new fire service partnership is working well, along with our new Community Peace Officer (CPO) contract with Lac Ste. Anne County. Council as well as others in the Summer Village, have noticed the frequency of the CPO patrols have increased from what our previous provider supplied. Our new CPOs will also be enforcing new bylaws including, but not limited to, parking and speeding violations. Speed bumps are coming back this summer, as unfortunately, they still seem to be necessary.

This summer, MCSNet will be installing fibre optic cable throughout the Summer Village at NO CHARGE to residents or the Summer Village. MCSNet will be coming through the Summer Village shortly to get permission to access your property, so please watch for that.

As most of you already know, we will no longer be selling garbage tokens so we are installing our own garbage bins in the Summer Village.

Council also decided this summer to install lake buoys to mark off where motorized boats are not allowed, except to dock. Please respect these new demarcations as they exist to protect every lake user.

Please remember that many of the community activities that make our Summer Village a great place are run by volunteers and their efforts are always greatly appreciated.

[This year is our 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY as a Summer Village!](#)

We will have the following:

Annual Information Meeting – Guest Speakers – Family Games – BBQ Dinner – Music in the Park, featuring a local band, My Dog Sam.

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

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, Deputy Mayor Bob Charter and Councillor Ray Gertz

## **NOTICE**

### **2026 COMBINED ASSESSMENTS AND TAX NOTICES**

This is certification under Sections 310(4) & 336(1) of the Municipal Government Act that the 2026 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed to all property owners in the Summer Village of Nakamun Park on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**TAXES ARE DUE ON JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

Wendy Wildman  
Chief Administrative Officer

## **2026 MUNICIPAL TAXES**

Please note the following important deadlines related to your 2026 Assessment and Tax Notices:

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

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

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

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027**

## **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, Provincial Policing 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.

Budget 2026 was a challenging undertaking, but Council was able to hold municipal tax increase to just over 4% for 2026 in comparison to the 2025 municipal tax dollars collected. The Summer Village is also required to collect the school and policing taxes on behalf of the Province, as well as the regional senior housing funds on the behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation. The Provincial school tax increase is 9%, the Provincial policing tax increase is 30% and the senior housing increase is 1%. Details on the current year and future priorities in each budget function, as well as trend notes, will be found in the Municipal Corporate Plan on the Summer Village website, once available.

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.

## **MAKING A PAYMENT?**

The municipality accepts several payment methods for collecting payments. In addition to cheques, bank drafts 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 [payments@svnakamun.com](mailto:payments@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 2026. 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.**

## Fibre Internet is coming to SVN

Homes and businesses around Lac La Nonne, within Lac Ste. Anne County and the Summer Villages of Nakamun Park and Birch Cove will be receiving fibre internet thanks to grants received by MCSNet from the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) and Alberta Broadband Fund (ABF).

### Continued Enforcement Services Partnership

Council is pleased to announce a continued partnership with Lac Ste. Anne County for the provision of Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement, and Animal Control Services, which started 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 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**

### Reminder - New Fire Protection Policies

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

#### a) **Fire Services Bylaw:**

- Adding clarity to the fire ban process and permitted/prohibited uses.
- Prohibiting fireworks (except with prior approval for special events)

#### b) **Fire Ban Declaration Policy:**

- Adding consistency with our regional partners (Lac Ste Anne County)

#### c) **Fees and Charges Bylaw:**

- More substantial fines and penalties for violations of fire regulations.

### Annual Information Meeting

The 2026 Summer Village AIM is scheduled for **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m.

The AIM will be hosted at Ted MacDonald Park, with the Village Shop being an alternate location if the weather does not cooperate

### 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY and MUSIC IN THE PARK

2026 is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the Summer Village of Nakamun Park!

To celebrate, Council is hosting a fun filled day:

1. 10:00 am - Annual Information Meeting
2. 12:00 pm – Ball game and other assorted games
3. 5:00 pm - BBQ – everyone welcome!
4. 6:00 – 9:00 pm – Music in the Park (featuring My Dog Sam)

### **WHATSAPP**

Council has set up 3 WhatsApp messaging groups:

#### 1. **Nakamun Crime Watch**

This group is for members to advise neighbours of possible suspicious criminal activities in the Nakamun Lake area.

#### 2. **Nakamun Council Update**

Members will receive periodic updates and information from SV Nakamun council members.

#### 3. **Nakamun SV Discussions**

This group is set up to provide an open forum for SV Nakamun property owners to discuss any topic related to the community.

If you wish to be added to any or all of these WhatsApp message groups, please send an email to [ray.gertz@svnakamun.com](mailto:ray.gertz@svnakamun.com).

### **BUOYS**

Council has initiated a project this summer to install lake buoys to mark off where motorized boats are not allowed, except to dock.

Please respect these new boundaries as they exist to protect every lake user!

**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.

**New Public Works Personnel**

The PW Department has transitioned to new staff roles. We are pleased to announce that SVNP is bringing on Brian Shabada. Thank you to Larry Tarnowski for your years of service.

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. And remember, property owners are responsible for cutting the grass in your ditches.

**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.

**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.

**Rich Valley Truck Fill Station**

The nearest WILD Water truck fill station 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.

**Pickleball Court Project Update**

Council's proposal to build a Pickleball court has received a strong mandate to proceed. The results of the survey had 70% unequivocally in favour, 22% in favour contingent on the Summer Village receiving all or partial grant funding, and 8% against the proposal.

The Summer Village is in a position to proceed with the project this year, however, Council has decided to take a fiscally cautious approach and postpone the project until spring of 2027. This delay will allow the Summer Village to pay down our existing weed cutter loan and clear space in our existing Capital Gains Program. Additional grant funding is also being investigated. This additional time will also allow Council to finalize the project costs in order to achieve budget savings. In addition, there are operational logistics and maintenance issues to review and fine tune. It is also anticipated that volunteers will be willing to step up to help reduce construction costs and help with operational concerns.

Barring some unforeseen financial hardship on the Summer Village in the next year, the plan is to break ground May of 2027 and have the project completed by June next year.

## 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!

### Council (2021-2025)

**Keith Pederson (Mayor)**

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**Bob Charter (Deputy Mayor)**

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**Ray Gertz (Councillor)**

Ph. 403-371-1977

[ray.gertz@svnakamun.com](mailto:ray.gertz@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)

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

### Municipal Office Contact Info

Summer Village Administration  
c/o Wendy Wildman, CAO  
Sandra Schneider, Admin  
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: [pcml@telusplanet.net](mailto:pcml@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)

## 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 2026

- May 11 – Public Works - Season Start-Up
- May 15 – Tax Mailout Date (12 noon)
- May 16 – Community Baseball Starts (10am)
- May 18 – Victoria Day
- May 20 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)

### June 2026

- June 23 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)
- June 30 – Tax Payment Deadline (midnight)

### July 2026

- July 1 – Tax Penalty Applied (Current Year)
- July 1 – Canada Day
- July 24 – Assessment Complaint Deadline
- July 25 – Annual Meeting (10am)
- July 25 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ (5pm)
- July 25 – Music in the Park (7pm, My Dog Sam)
- July 28 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)
- July 21-31 – Lake Weed Cutting (~Proposed~)

### August 2026

- Aug. 1 – Trick or Treat in the Heat (6pm-9pm)
- Aug. 3 – Heritage Day
- Aug. 25 – Council Organizational Meeting (2pm)
- Aug. 25 – Regular Council Meeting (3pm)

### September 2026

- Sept. 7 – Labour Day
- Sept. 12 – Baseball Wrap-Up Game (10am)
- Sept. 22 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)
- Sept. 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day

### October 2026

- Oct. 2 – Public Works - Season Shutdown
- Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 21 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)

### November 2026

- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day
- Nov. 24 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)

### December 2026

- Dec. 22 – Regular Council Meeting (2pm)
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day