

# Village News

## SUMMER IS COMING TO A CLOSE....

Summer is sadly coming to an end, but this last month has definitely acted like summer!

Please note that the AGM is scheduled for **THIS Saturday! August 27, 2022 at 10 AM**, and located at the Multiplex Hall. Come one! Come all! Come talk to your councilors and hear what has been going on. Look on [page 5](#) for a draft agenda.



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Picture by Lindsay Alleyne

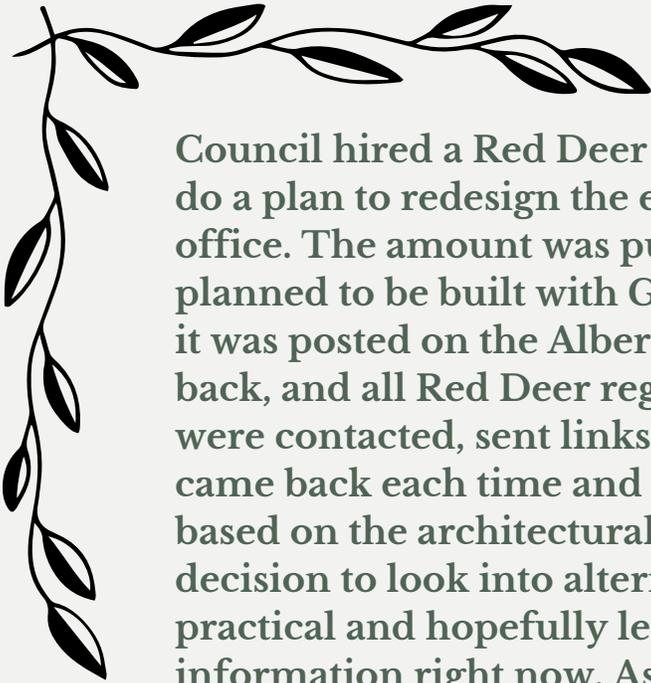
# Where Can I Find Information?

The Summer Village of White Sands [website](#) has a plethora of information! We keep our agenda packages and minutes on there, forms, bylaws, policies, etc. You can always call or email the office as well and Dean and Erin can assist you. We are in the process of trying to make the website more user friendly.

Our [Facebook Page](#) has quick little update as well and we do try to tie it back to the website.

We are also trying to do a monthly newsletter to keep residents informed. Make sure to sign up for the newsletter on the website!

## New Office Building



Council hired a Red Deer Architecture firm back in March 2022, to do a plan to redesign the existing old shop into a usable municipal office. The amount was put in the Capital Budget, and it was planned to be built with Grant money. Once the design was selected it was posted on the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) to get bids back, and all Red Deer region and local construction companies were contacted, sent links to the page. Unfortunately only one bid came back each time and Council was not satisfied with the bids based on the architectural plans. So now Council has made a decision to look into alternate building options, which are more practical and hopefully less expensive. We are gathering information right now. As for the price of an actual office for the community administration staff to work in, a commercial space will cost 40% than the average house price in the community for the similar square footage.

# Why Are We Surveying?

1. The public was notified last month in the Council package about a request for a survey. Council voted to conduct the survey.
2. The Survey of the Municipal Reserve (MR) and the Environmental Reserve (ER) is being conducted to determine the boundaries of the Summer Village's MT vs. the ER. It has recently come to light in communications with the Alberta Department of Environment and Parks, that the Summer Village has not been meeting its obligations under the Lease of the 1 in 100 Year Flood Plain owned by the Government of Alberta. To meet our obligations under the terms of the lease the Village needs to address a number of issues with property being stored on or built on the Lease.
3. Also, the Summer Village does not have any recent accurate maps or markers of the boundaries of the Municipal Reserve or the Environmental Reserve. These will be created from the survey data.
4. There has been a lot of previous municipal and private maintenance of the riparian areas along the beach which was not approved by Alberta Environment and Parks by filing a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA)
5. This is also why the Alberta Environment is cracking down on Docks, Moorings, and Boat Lift registrations in 2022.
6. The survey will also be used by the Summer Village for future planning of any future projects Public Use areas, Day Use areas, walking trails, locations of fences, signage, and maintenance plans that are required to be submitted to the Alberta Environment using TFAs for work in the Environmental Reserve (ER), as well as the Municipal Reserves.

*Kudos!*



"Great news in our Village of White Sands.

Kudos to Tim and his maintenance crew in devising a water sprinkler system to wet down the roads in the village. It's been so dry that the agent used on the roads needed water and Maintenance made it happen. Big Thank you for your forward thinking.

Summer is unfortunately closing in fast and I have to say it again, THANK YOU, to Tim and crew for watering our village flower beds. This has meant so much to me, They truly make a difference here.

Commendation to Tims' Team for all the other jobs that go unnoticed."

#8 Craig's Cove

# Cardboard and Waste Bins



## Just a friendly reminder....

- Please flatten all of your cardboard down and place it into the red cardboard bins. By breaking the cardboard down it helps fit more into the bins and less time being emptied, which is billed to the municipality.
- Only HOUSEHOLD items in the waste bins such as left over food and small packaging. Items such as mattresses, construction/renovation waste, tree branches, grass clippings, large boxes, etc. MUST be taken to the Regional Landfill just off of Hwy 56 (north of the White Sands turn off).
- Items for the "Take it or Leave it" shed must be usable items---no broken or need of repair items.

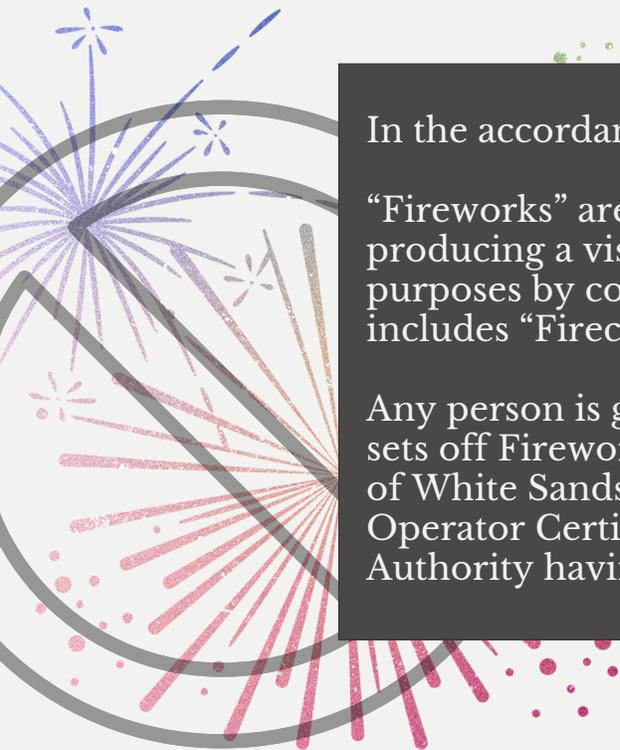
By not following the above, this takes time and resources away from municipality. The waste bins and shed are monitored by cameras.

# Fireworks Prohibited

In the accordance with Bylaw 172-19:

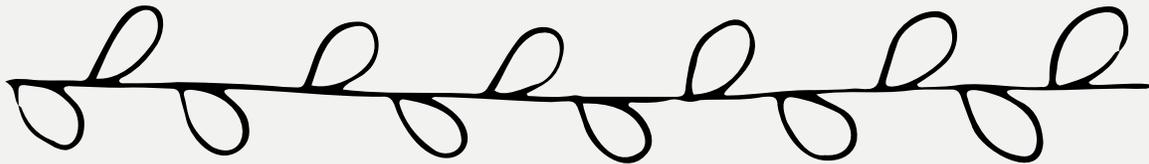
“Fireworks” are any composition or device for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect for entertainment purposes by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. This includes “Firecrackers”.

Any person is guilty of an offence if he or she discharges, fires or sets off Fireworks within the boundaries of the Summer Village of White Sands unless he/she holds a Canadian Fireworks Operator Certificate and a permit for that purpose issued by the Authority having jurisdiction.



# Hall Rentals

The Hall Society has taken over the hall rentals. If you wish to enquire about renting our hall facility, please contact:  
[whitesandshallsociety@gmail.com](mailto:whitesandshallsociety@gmail.com)



## AGM Agenda

- Trail Plans
- News from the Community Hall
- New Village Office
- Financial Statement and Operating/Tax Budgets
- Additions
- Questions