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SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE
SANDS NEWSLETTER

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Village News

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- New Councillor - Bob Huff
- News from "The Ol' Gray Deputy Mayor Lorne"
- Tax Installment Payment Program - How easy it is!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB HUFF ON WINNING THE BY- ELECTION!

October 22, 2022, the Summer Village had a by-election since Bill Sanchuck resigned at the end of August.

We had a good voter turn out considering voting was done in October when most residents are back at the regular homes.

We had a total of 204 voters between the Special Mail-In Ballots, Advance Voting, and the Election Day Voting. Thank you for all who voted!



A special thank you goes out to the other three candidates for taking time out of their lives to campaign for councilor:

- Christine Adams
- Mike Greene
- Donna Marquardt

Council, Administration, and Staff are excited for Bob to be joining our team!

News from the Ol' Grey Deputy Mayor, Lorne

Hello to all the White Sanders! Hope you are all well.

Just a few items from Council:

- Council has been working with the County of Stettler over the past 3 or 4 weeks trying to resolve the road ban issue. We are also working towards some solutions regarding White Sand's access to the Red Willow lagoon. The lagoon will remain closed until after work is completed to rectify some issues. Many thanks to Bashaw for accommodating us.
- White Sands received much of the credit from the County of Stettler on our efforts to lobby the Government to support maintaining the current ambulance service from Stettler. We are pleased to advise that our efforts were successful.
- Our AED (defibrillator) is finally here. It will be installed (location to be determined) before the New Year. It has to be registered with 911 and training sessions will be provided.
- We have the I.T. for Zoom in the hall but are still waiting on some parts. Plans include having council meetings available on Zoom, as well as posting meetings on YouTube.
- A very big Thank You to Sean Hrustanbegovic for the donation of around 13 lamp standards that can be outfitted with LEDs and placed in strategic spots for safety at night.
- REMINDERS:
 - Dogs must be leashed at all times in the Village except on private property.
 - Quiet time begins at 11:00 p.m. You can certainly sit by your fire later than that, but voices and music need to be kept to conversation levels. Please respect this. Your neighbor may ask you to keep it down but alternatively, they can call the RCMP.

- Two personal rescue watercraft units have been ordered for the lake. The Fire Dept., Ambulance service and Fish and Wildlife are planning a docking area at the bay in Rochon Sands. The two units will come with rescue baskets to be towed on the back. They raised over \$20,000 with the polar dip, \$10,000 was donated by the County of Stettler and they received a very generous personal donation of \$15,000 towards the purchase so far. Future fund raisers are being planned.
- A new generation 911 system is being slowly introduced that will be able to receive text messages and will also be able to pinpoint the exact location of smartphones calling in. The estimated completion is 2025.
- We have called for an audit of our grant money available. There is a substantial amount of funds that must be used or returned (something we would definitely like to avoid). Consultation with ratepayers will take place to determine where this money can be best spent. More information will be available at the completion of the audit.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The dumpsters are for household trash only. Please do not dump leaves, grass, large items such as furniture and mattresses as this can result in extra dumping which are reflected in your tax dollars.
- As of October 2022, the lake level is about 13.75” below full. This is down 6 more inches since May 2022. Snow, snow, snow!
- We want to welcome our new Council member, Bob Huff. Thank you to all of the candidates. I am personally so proud of our Village and the four who stepped up to run for the vacant council position. The interest and dedication of White Sanders warms my heart.

The Ol' Gray Deputy Mayor Lorne Thurston
For the Summer Village of White Sands Council

PS:

My phone number 403-742-0210 is a land line. Kathy and my cell number is 403-740-5655

Tax Installment Payment Program - How Easy it is!

Do you always panic when you receive your tax notice and seem to be scrambling to find the funds to pay on time? Or do you find budgeting on your own to put money away for your taxes to be a pain? If you have said yes to these questions, signing up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPS) is for you!

The Summer Village can take out your taxes in monthly installments, **with no added interest!** Your payments are based on your current taxes and are broken up into monthly payments, again, **with NO interest!** Also, it comes straight out of your banking account! Super easy!

The deadline to be signed up for January 2023 is approaching! If you want to be signed up and start your payments this coming January, please fill out this [form](#) and email it to erin@whitesandsab.ca before **December 31, 2022**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Dean and Erin will be happy to explain the process.