

Summer Village of White Sands Spring 2021 Newsletter

Greetings all from your Council. We hope this finds you all healthy. Spring is certainly in the air. I for one am looking forward to the not-so-distant beach and boating weather. Here are some items of note from council:

- Thanks again to all involved with Jack's Pond festivities. We would also like to thank Len Spencer and Bobbi Jo and Steve Lockhart for the donation of the 2 benches and the picnic table for the pond area. Ed Waugh and crew said that we got lucky with the weather and the curling bonspiel was a big success. Also, thanks to Cheryl Van Dusen and Tamara Dawson for the Santa gift exchange. The wonderful hard working people we have makes our Village a very special place.
- There is a building which has been temporarily moved in beside Jennifer Drive and Horse Shoe Lane. It is on one of two lots which have been designated as "Direct Control" in the Bylaws. This means that Council can make decisions on what happens on those two lots. Ed and Deb Waugh will be using the building for their store while they are building the permanent structure, after which the temporary building will be removed. We wish Ed and Deb all the best. Village folk's support will be appreciated for their success in this venture.
- At this time the summer events such as our July 1st parade and BBQs as well as public meeting and face to face group contacts, etc. are still in limbo due to Covid restrictions. We will keep you posted.
- The responses to whether we should open the gates between Lakeview Avenue and Aimie Avenue were about 63% in favour. Thanks for your input.
- There have been a number of break ins and attempted break ins around the Village. Also, late on March 6th a side by side was stunt driving all over the Village. Keep your eyes open for suspicious vehicles and please keep this kind of behaviour out of our Village.
- Elections will be held this year for another 4-year term. Nomination Day is Saturday July 3, 2021 from 10:00 am till noon. Advance poll will be July 24th 10:00 am till 2:00 pm and elections will be held Saturday July 31st from 10 am till 7 pm, all at the Community Hall.
- We want to welcome our new administrator, Melissa Beebe. Her office has been established at the Rochon Sands hall with access on the left side as you drive in. Her office is temporarily closed due to Covid but she can be reached at 403-742-4717, email cao@whitesandsab.ca, Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm. We are sharing the administration with Rochon Sands. The website is whitesandsab.ca and mailing address is Box 119, Stettler AB T0C 2L0 for development permits, etc.
- The Buffalo Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (BLIDP) review is complete and has been approved by the two municipalities and 3 counties. The main change that affects us is as follows:
 - o The definition of a development unit includes an RV over 30 continuous days on site. (You can still permanently store your RV on a site that has a cabin or house without a permit) Only 1 RV is allowed per lot for year-round placement with a permit.
Once the Bylaws have been revised to reflect the changes in the BLIDP, a 2nd RV can only be on site for up to 30 consecutive days and then needs to be removed for a period of at least 10 days. Up to 4 RVs are still allowed per lot up to 3 times per year with notice to the office.
Continuous storage of RVs on empty lots or lots with a garage or shop is not permitted without a permit.

Hope this answers most of your questions. I also hope that we will soon be able to hold public meetings and open houses again. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Mayor Lorne at 403-742-0210.

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