

Summer Village of White Sands Tax Notice 2021 Newsletter

Greetings all from your Council. We hope that everyone is keeping safe and healthy. It certainly feels like we are turning a corner with this pandemic and that better times are in sight. The following is some information from Council.

- Notice of Election for White Sands Council:

For updated information on the Summer Village Election, please keep an eye on our website www.whitesandsab.ca or Facebook page "Summer Village of White Sands".

A reminder of the dates:

Nomination Day is July 3, 2021 – 10:00 am to noon – Nomination papers for those wishing to run for election must be submitted at the Community Hall.

Advance Poll is July 24, 2021 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Community Hall

Election Day is July 31, 2021 – 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Community Hall

- We need your feedback as it does not seem possible to hold a public meeting this year. Council is considering the placement of a structure at Jack's Pond. Over the years this area has been enhanced from a play ground to skating/curling/hockey rinks and a toboggan hill. To facilitate sporting events, over the past couple of years, Ed and Deb Waugh have set up their own tent for curling registration and a spot to warm up while participating in events. Once gathering rules are lifted, a structure could also facilitate pot lucks, winter solstice parties, etc. and provide a second option in addition to the hall for social gatherings. Council has considered a couple of options:

- 1) A permanent 24 X 30 foot tent structure that would remain in place all year round.
- 2) A take down tent that would be erected in the fall and taken down in the spring.
- 3) A picnic shelter with a wood burning heater and open-air windows that have hinged coverings for winter, similar to what you would find in Provincial and National parks.

Please send your feedback to info@whitesandsab.ca.

- Our Canada Day parade will be proceeding this year. All other social gatherings and events and public meetings are still in limbo due to Covid restrictions. We will keep you posted.

- 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. This is in effect all year.

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.

- Lifts and docks must be off the beach area and in the lake by June 15th. Any abandoned items left on shore will be removed. If you have concerns, please call Lorne at 403-742-0210.
- If you wish to receive our newsletters and keep up with the current information in the community, please go to our web site (whitesandsab.ca) and register your email address. During the year, information and newsletters are sent out via email. At tax time, you will receive a hard copy as we already incur the cost of mailing and postage for the tax notice. Please share this information with your neighbours.
- Accessory buildings up to 144 square feet are allowed by the Village on vacant lots. A building permit from the Province is required for any over 100 square feet. A Development Permit from the Village is required for any building over 144 square feet. Accessory buildings include garages, wood sheds, garden sheds, green houses, out houses, etc. The Bylaw states that there can be a total of 3 accessory buildings per lot with a **total area** of 100 square metres or 1076 square feet. The Land Use Bylaw is on our website. Please review or contact Administration before development.
- Removing trees, shrubs, etc. from public lands and Right of Ways is strictly prohibited without Village consent.
- All lots with RVs must have a concrete sewer holding tank.
- Fire works are not permitted in the Village unless you have a permit from the Fire Chief. You must have a National Certification in order to set them off.
- We will be putting out a complaint form on our website to use to report such incidents as unauthorized fire works, campfires on the beach, kids speeding on quads, or to report any other concerns you may have. You must include your name on the form and should your concern lead to a legal matter, be prepared to release the form with your name on it to use as evidence.
- It was reported that there is a long outcropping of rocks north east of the marked island out from CJ1 and CJ2 beach. This ridge may be new and it is not far under the water. There are many areas of Buffalo Lake where boaters need to practice extra caution. If you are new to the area, you may want to talk to others who have Buffalo Lake boating experience.
- Deb's Mercantile at 21 Horseshoe Lane plans to apply for an off sales liquor license. Any questions or concerns, please contact cao@whitesandsab.ca.

That's all for now. Have a great summer!

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