

Summer Village of *White Sands*

Winter 2021 Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone! We have been so very fortunate that the weather up until a few days ago has been great for outdoor sports and activities for old and young. It has given us an opportunity to have some fun and forget our troubles which we know will end at some point. We are so glad for those who have our little Village for a “get away” and that word has a new meaning for a lot of us.

The Village of White Sands is pleased to announce the hiring of our new Chief Administration Officer (CAO). Melissa Beebe began work on February 1st. Melissa has worked within the municipal government for 18 years, the last 6 as CAO. She also has experience as a Development Officer. Her experience will be a huge asset to our community.

White Sands and Rochon Sands were both seeking a new CAO and both positions were part time. The two Villages have gone together to hire Melissa on a full-time basis, sharing responsibilities for both communities. She will be working out of an office in the Rochon Sands Community Hall.

Once she is up and running her contact information will be communicated. **The Village office email address is now info@WhiteSandsAB.ca and you can now find our web site at whitesandsAB.ca.**

We would also like to thank the Town of Stettler and our past administrators Rob Stoutenberg, Greg Switenky and Graham Scott for their dedicated service for the past 22 years.

And we would like to thank our community helpers – Judy Peelar for HR services, the old wizard, Bernie Feisst for helping with the sign and engineering questions, Dale Kitcher for emergency services and safety, Sue Showers and Vanda Jenner for community work, Ed Waugh and crew and the Hall Society for all the work and maintenance on Jack’s Pond recreational area, Heather Zyerveld, Tamara Dawson and Geri Horne for sign programming and all the other great volunteers we have in our Village who take care of the Take it or Leave it, pick up trash, help out their neighbours and generally make this Village the amazing place that it is. Thank you all.

Here are the news items in point form:

- We have had complaints about dogs off leash in the Village, especially on the lake where owners have not always cleaned up their dog poop. See Bylaw # 152-15.
- The Village has a 1200 gallon potable water tank for sale. It has always been kept in the heated shop. We are asking \$500 obo. Please phone Lorne Thurston at 403-742-0210.

- Since the Buffalo Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan was updated, there are some changes regarding RVs. The density numbers have not changed, but our population/lots have now gone up so this was revisited.
 - Past Regulations: Two RVs on the lot allowed. Pre-2020 we also had permits for vacant lots if RVs were on site longer than 21 days.
 - **Draft New Regulations:** One RV can be used for accommodations with no time limit with a development permit. However, if a second RV is being used for accommodations, it can only be utilized for 30 consecutive days at a time (must be off site for at least 5 days after the 30 day limit). It is the Land Use Bylaw that caps the overall number of RVs on site at two.
 - More details can be found on our website at whitesandsAB.ca
- Any RVs on lots are required to have an approved concrete holding tank on site.
- There was a request for a Village phone book. Is there any interest? Please contact Lorne Thurston at thurston.lorne@gmail.com. We would also be looking for someone to take on this project.
- The Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services is wanting the fire gates to be taken out between Lakeview Ave and Amie Avenue. Council needs feedback. Please email info@WhiteSandsAB.ca and include your name and address.

As always, thanks and keep safe and keep well.

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