

SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS

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Title: Piers, Wharves, Docks, Moorings, and Boatlifts

Definitions: A “back lot” property owner is one who does not share a property boundary with a waterbody, Recreation Lease, Provincial Right-of-Way, or have direct access to it.

A “semi-waterfront” landowner is someone who owns the land directly adjoining a Municipal Reserve (MR) or Environmental reserve that directly adjoins the bank of a waterbody.

A “waterfront” landowner owns the land directly adjoining the bank of a waterbody

Purpose: This Council Policy is enacted to complement the Alberta Government Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks for Recreation Purposes (Disturbance Standard) (2021). This is also recognizing the ownership of the “Bed and Shore” of Buffalo Lake is Crown Land and under the control of Alberta Environment to regulate the placement of structures.

Statement: The Summer Village of White Sands has no legal right to control the placement of docks, wharves, piers, buoys or moorings, or other structures in or on the bed and shore of Buffalo Lake. The Summer Village must support the Provincial Management Right of Way (ROW) Lands plans and regulations under Alberta Environment Standards.

General: Under Alberta Environment regulations of a seasonal private dock, owners will be regulated by the Disturbance Standards. ***Alberta Environment requires an application Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) for any docks, moorings, wharves, etc.*** In the Summer Village of White Sands, there are no waterfront landowners. There are only seven (7) semi-waterfront landowners and the rest are considered back lot property due to there being an environmental and/or municipal reserve that surrounds the lake.

Backlot owners or non-resident owners will need permission from the Summer Village of White Sands as the semi-front owner to place a dock. To ensure consistent policy is implemented by Administration, all residents of the Summer Village of White Sands must submit a yearly application for residents to cross the municipal reserve and place their structures in the water which must be removed by a determined date.

Parameters: Council recognizes that the municipality is the semi-waterfront owner. An application must be received with the fee payment for said application of approval to cross the municipal reserve and leased environmental reserve to access the bed and shore and must adhere to the Public Lands Act regarding disturbances.

Policy: Administration is directed to grant permission to owners including backlot owners or non-residents of the Summer Village of White to place seasonal docks with permission from the semi-waterfront property owners, which is In the Summer Village and requires written consent from the property owner affected by the placement of a dock or mooring that is in front of the land parcel. The property owners that are considered semi-waterfront owners under this policy, are the lots that directly border the License of Occupation (LOC) – Recreation Lease Right-of-Way (ROW) owned by the Province of Alberta, as follows:

Civic Address	Description	Beach Access
18 Aimie Avenue	Semi-Waterfront	Beach Access #7
20 Aimie Avenue	Semi-Waterfront	Beach Access #7
26 Aimie Avenue	Semi-Waterfront	Beach Access #7 & #8
28 Aimie Avenue	Semi-Waterfront	Beach Access #7 & #8
30 Aimie Avenue	Semi-Waterfront	Beach Access #7 & #8
10 Nicole Way	Semi-Waterfront	Beach Access #8

All Summer Village of White Sands lots bordering an Municipal Reserve (MR) or Environmental Reserve (ER) are considered backlot properties.



All submissions to the Summer Village of White Sands must be completed in the form prescribed in this policy and accompanied by a fee payment of \$50.00 annually.

Helpful Links:

Disturbance Standard:

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/2e15695b-51fb-4034-b581-92c4a9a1647c/resource/0ea88981-7343-474e-948c-994bfd6aef51/download/aep-disturbance-standard-temporary-seasonal-docks-mooring-structures-2021-04.pdf>

Mooring Disturbance Standard Waterfront and Semi-waterfront Property Owners Fact Sheet:

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/c0b4202b-73b1-4c3f-8022-1e8c6a49efd5/resource/f7110e69-0dd6-4bff-8aaf-f8545d9bf942/download/aep-mooring-disturbance-standard-waterfront-semi-waterfront-property-owners-2021-03.pdf>

Summer Village of White Sands
Application Guide
For
Piers/Docks and Boat Lifts



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Steps for Obtaining Backlot Permits

Before returning your application, the following **must** be included otherwise your application will not be processed.

- Review the *Docking and Mooring Standards Fact Sheet*
- Review the *Docking and Mooring Disturbance Standards*
- Review the *XVI Designated Public Swimming Areas Policy*
- Summer Village of White Sands Policy Application Form
- Application/Processing Fee of \$50.00 (paid online on the website or paid by cheque/cash that can be in-person or by mail).



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AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY CROSSING ACCESS OF MUNICIPAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE LAND.

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
NAME:		
HOME MAILING ADDRESS:		
LAKE ADDRESS:		
TELEPHONE:	E-MAIL:	
SITE INFORMATION – PROPOSED LOCATION OF DOCK OR MOORING STRUCTURE		
CIVIC ADDRESS OF LOT ADJACENT TO MR and ER:		
LOT:	BLOCK:	PLAN:
PROPERTY OWNER OF LOT ADJACENT TO MUNICIPAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE LANDS? YES NO		
GPS COORDINATES FOR THE STRUCTURES:		
NUMBER of DOCKS OR MOORING STRUCTURES:	NUMBER OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT:	
REQUEST DETAILS		
ARE YOU A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE SUMMER VILLAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
AGREEMENT TO CONDITIONS FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF USE		
Attach the following documentation/information		
<input type="checkbox"/> If you are NOT a semi-waterfront owner, please submit your written permission and signature from the land parcel owner affected by the placement of a dock and mooring structure.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Include with your application a \$50.00 application/processing fee		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved authorizations are for the applicant’s access to their seasonal dock, boat lifts and mooring structures. Authorization does NOT give unrestrictive access to the lands for the applicant, nor does it restrict access by others. Reserve lands and Municipal Reserve are for Public use and enjoyment. I acknowledge by my signature that the Summer Village of White Sands assumes no responsibility for damage done to docks, moorings, watercraft, their content, or accessories thereon due to fire, theft, accident, vandalism, or acts of nature. I agree to hold the Summer Village of White Sands harmless and further acknowledge that I am not receiving any compensation for the use of my dock space. Docks, Boatlifts, and other Mooring Structures are NOT to be stored on Municipal and Environmental Reserve lands within the Summer Village of White Sands. Clearing of trees or brush on Municipal and Environmental Reserve lands is NOT permitted. No structures are to be constructed or stored upon the Municipal and Environmental Reserve Lands. The Summer Village of White Sands may consent, deny, or revoke this agreement at any time upon written notice. 		
_____ Applicant Signature 1	_____ Applicant Signature 2	

Consent of Landowner

(If the applicant is not the registered owner of the parcel of land adjacent to the municipal reserve land where the dock is being located, the LANDOWNER must complete this section)

I/We, _____, _____, being the registered owner(s) of the property located at _____, Legal Description : Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____ do hereby authorize _____ to submit a Temporary Field Authorization application to Alberta Environment and Parks to provide for the installation of a dock or mooring structure adjacent to the Environmental Reserve land abutting my property.

Land Owner

Date

Land Owner

Date

Applicant

Date

Additional Information:
