

SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS

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Title: Designated Public Swimming Areas

Definitions:

Purpose: To inform residents where the public swimming areas are located so boat lifts/piers/docks will not be placed in those areas and be a safe distance from the said swimming areas. Also, to state the responsibilities of the municipality to maintain the swimming areas.

Statement: The municipality wants to inform the residents of the Summer Village of White Sands of the public swimming areas of the village. In the policy, there is an attached map that shows where the public swimming areas are located.

The public swimming areas are clearly marked with white swimming buoys that maintain the boundaries of said swimming areas because they are a motorized watercraft exclusion zone; therefore, no motorized watercraft are allowed in designated marked swimming areas.

The municipality, as the semi-waterfront holder, will maintain the beach areas in accordance with the Alberta Government's Disturbance Standard, Public Lands Act, and Fisheries (Alberta) Act to maintain the bed and shore as natural as possible as follows:

"The waterfront holder or semi-waterfront holder may only remove aquatic vegetation if:

(a) cutting of the aquatic vegetation is directly incidental to the permitted activity; or

(b) the aquatic vegetation is a Freshwater Dwelling Invasive

Plant listed under Item 2 of the Schedule in the Fisheries (Alberta) Act. Where cutting of aquatic vegetation is directly incidental to the permitted activity, the waterfront holder or semi-waterfront holder may only cut aquatic vegetation in accordance with the following:

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(a) aquatic vegetation may only be cut once per year;

- (b) aquatic vegetation may only be cut between July 15 and September 15;
- (c) the area from which aquatic vegetation may be cut is restricted as follows:
 - (i) the length of the area from which aquatic vegetation is cut may only consist of a single lane from the bank in a direct path perpendicular to the shore;
 - (ii) the width of the single lane in (i) shall be a maximum of 4 meters;
 - (iii) the single lane in (i) must remain in the same location every year;
 - (iv) the depth of cutting of aquatic vegetation shall not be greater than 1 meter below the water surface; and
 - (v) aquatic vegetation may only be cut by manual or mechanical means;
- (d) all aquatic vegetation that is cut shall be immediately removed from the bed and shore and disposed of such that nutrients and debris will neither accumulate on the bed and shore nor re-enter the water body."



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