

Village News

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEANN GRAHAM ON HER NEW POSITION

We would like to congratulate Leann Graham (Gra-Core) on her new endeavor! She will be the new CAO for the Town of Stettler starting August 30th.



Leann's company, Gra-Core, will continue to be the development officer for our municipality. Leann has hired Angela Stormoen to help with the load, and Angela has been issuing the RV Permits this year already. For development permits and development questions please email [Leann](#). For RV Permits please email [Angela](#), and submit payment to the [SV of White Sands](#).

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Regular Council Meetings:

They are the third Wednesday of each month. Public is welcomed. Agenda, Zoom Link, Minutes, and Video Recording can be found on our

New Temporary Office Location



If you have not heard already, the current CAO Dean Pickering, will be leaving the SV of White Sands on August 31st. Thank you Dean for all your help and expertise. We wish you all the best in your future.

The SV of White Sands will no longer share a CAO with the SV of Rochon Sands as of August 31st, so Council has hired a new CAO to start September 1st.

Council is pleased to announce that Melissa Beebe has been hired back as the new CAO. We are looking forward to her coming back to the municipality!

Erin Weinzierl will be staying with the SV of White Sands to continue to support the CAO in the day-to-day operations.

With this change, Council has found a temporary building in Stettler until an office can be produced in the Summer Village.

The SV of White Sands will be closed for business on August 31, 2023, and will reopen at the new location on September 5, 2023. This will allow us to move, set up, and be ready for the first day back.

Our mailing and email addresses will still be the same and a new phone number will be announced soon. From September 5th and onward (until a new phone # is announced), please use: 587-282-8826

The new location details are as followed:

**#1019447 Hwy 12
Stettler, AB T0C 2L0**
(The old "Canadian Enviro-Tub Inc." building)

M-F: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Boat Launch Update



The council hired an environmental engineering firm, CPP Environmental, to help navigate the application process, planning, etc. for the repair of the boat launch. Unfortunately, the process has to go through multiple branches of government (provincial and federal) during the application process. It's slow and tedious, but Council has sent letters to many political members to ask for help in the process. Due to it already being mid-August, it does not look favourable to have the boat launches repaired during this boating season.

Council understands the frustration that residents are having with the closure of the boat launches and would like to see this fixed sooner rather than later. Mayor Thurston mentioned the last time the municipality had to go through this process, it took nearly a year to get all the approvals in place.

Please keep an eye on council agenda and minutes for updates on the process.



Reminders

- Taxes were due on July 30th, and a 9% penalty was applied for any outstanding taxes. If you have not paid your taxes yet, please do so before August 31st because another 9% penalty will be issued at the beginning of September.
 - If you have paid your taxes in full and wish to move to the monthly payment plan to help with your budgeting, you can sign up for the TIPS program (no additional fees for taxes to be paid monthly). New sign-ups will start the first week of January. Contact Erin at the office for any question! The application is on the website.
- If you are selling/have sold your property and you are on the TIPS program, please make sure you or your lawyer have filled out the Tax Installment Cancellation Form found on the website and sent back to the office.
 - For the September Long Weekend, if you have any large items like old couches and fridges, Council is doing a Landfill Drive where staff will collect any items at the front of your property during the long weekend and will take it to the Regional Landfill for you.