

DECEMBER, 2023

SV of White Sands Newsletter

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Administration and Council would like to wish the summer village residents a festive holiday season with your loved ones celebrating together with you.

We would like to take the time to thank the volunteers, societies, etc. that help beautify and have events in our community. Without them, our summer village would not be flourishing and as welcoming.

The office will be closed from December 22nd to January 1st, and resume regular office hours on January 2nd. This will allow our staff to enjoy the holiday season with their families. Public Works and the CAO will still be on-call if anything emergent arises.

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OFFICE HOURS:
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9 AM TO 4 PM

Newsletter Highlights

Taxes and TIPPS

Ol' Grey-Haired Mayor's Letter

RV Permits Due

Where Does Our Household Recycling Go?

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT OFFICE

PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN-PERSON, YOU CAN STREAM THE LIVE (AND RECORDING) OF THE MEETING ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL



TAXES AND PENALTIES

2023 property taxes were due by July 31, 2023. As per the Tax Rate Bylaw #195-23, if taxes have not been paid, there have been two 9% penalties applied (August 1 and September 1) and letters sent out monthly to any outstanding taxes. *To avoid having a 12% penalty posted to the tax roll, please make sure to pay in-full by **December 31, 2023.***

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN (TIPPS)

The Summer Village offers TIPPS payments for properties that are in good standing and are currently at a zero balance. This is a great way to help budget for your taxes by paying monthly with no additional fees or charges.

If you would like to sign up for the program, the deadline is **December 20, 2023**, for the first payment coming out the beginning of January. Please fill out the application and send it to cao@whitesandsab.ca. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



RV PERMITS

RV Permits are due! If they are not paid by December 31, 2023, the amount due will be rolled into the tax roll and be penalized 12%. To avoid the penalty, payments can be made by cheque, cash, or OptionPay. If you pay your taxes through your bank, please let the office know that you are paying your permit with that option so that the funds will be applied where they are meant to go. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE OL' GREY-HAIR MAYOR

All the best for the upcoming Christmas season from your Council and Administration!

Here are a few items for you all:

- The boat launch has been fixed with the help of the County of Stettler. However, the lake is still 24 inches below full and is very shallow past the pads, so we do not know if the launch will work. We did the repairs this year because if we waited until spring, we would not be able to begin until after July 1st as per Government of Alberta rules. Let's all hope and pray for lots of moisture this winter to fill up our lake.
- There is another moratorium on pumping into the lake until 2028 because of Prussian Carp in the Red Deer River.
- Some community groups from Gull Lake have initiated a study of a filter system to keep carp fry and eggs out of the stabilization pumping systems, irrigation systems and potentially municipal water intakes. I attended a demo on the Blindman River and it worked on a small model. The system originated in California and is very expensive – approximately \$1.5 million to install on Gull Lake and another \$4 million to start up.
- Boss Hill Buffalo Jump has been fenced off lake-side with barbed wire. This area is private property.
- We pulled a 10'x4' piece of an old steel dock, I'm guessing from the 50's or 60's, out of the lake which appeared when the level of the lake went down. We were able to retrieve it with the tractor from the shore. We cut it up and sent it for recycling.
- There was a resolution put forward from the Alberta Municipalities Convention to the Province, to allow golf carts in the Province to be operated on public roads with conditions. At this time, it is illegal to operate a golf cart except on private property.

- We are ordering a new RTM (ready to move) structure to serve as our Village Office. We have grant monies to cover the costs. When the plans are final, we will fan out. Many thanks to cabin owner Andrew Spitula, a Building Code Consultant with over 50 years of experience, for his assistance with the planning of this project.
- As I write this newsletter, the lake has still not frozen over. I fear that means that ice conditions will still be very dangerous by Christmas. Please be careful and watch your little ones.
- “Fire Smart” item: Consider siding made of stucco, metal, brick or fiber cement.
- Many thanks go out to Stan and Tish Holiday, Ed Waugh and Aaron, our maintenance guy, for planting trees around our Village.
- Also, a big thankyou to Brent Bondy and Meg Gers and crew for decorating the trees and water station at the Village entrance. Well done! It is beautiful and really makes you feel the spirit of the season.
- When the snow arrives, windrows can be removed from your driveway with at least 3 days notice. Please phone or email the office, Monday to Thursday 9-4 if you would like to have yours done. 403-740-1572, cao@whitesandsab.ca.

That's all for now. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

On behalf of council,

Lorne Thurston
The Ol' Grey-Hair Mayor

WHERE DOES OUR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING GO?



1

E360 collects curbside recycling for the Town of Stettler, while Five Star Ventures manages recycling from the County of Stettler transfer sites

2

These companies haul our recycling to Cascades Recovery+ in Calgary

3

At Cascades Recovery+, materials are sorted both by people and machinery

4

Cardboard and paper are baled and sent to various pulp and paper mills; some to be made into more paper and some to be returned to Cascades Containerboard Packaging in Calgary to be made into cardboard boxes

5

Plastics are baled and shipped to Merlin Plastics in Delta, B.C. to be made into plastic pellets for packaging materials

It takes far more resources and time to mine and refine the earth's raw materials than it does to reuse and recycle them!

RECYCLING & RE-USE

WHAT ELSE CAN BE RECYCLED AT OUR TRANSFER SITES?

- HOUSEHOLD & VEHICLE BATTERIES
- ALL ELECTRONICS (EXCLUDING LARGE APPLIANCES)
- MATTRESSES (STETTLER TRANSFER SITE ONLY)
- METAL
- FRIDGES
- AIR CONDITIONERS
- TIRES
- OIL JUGS & FILTERS

DID YOU KNOW THAT OIL CAN BE RECYCLED TOO?

Bring your used oil to Stettler UFA or Foesiers Heavy Duty Service!

RECYCLING ONE PART OF A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

WHAT IS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY?

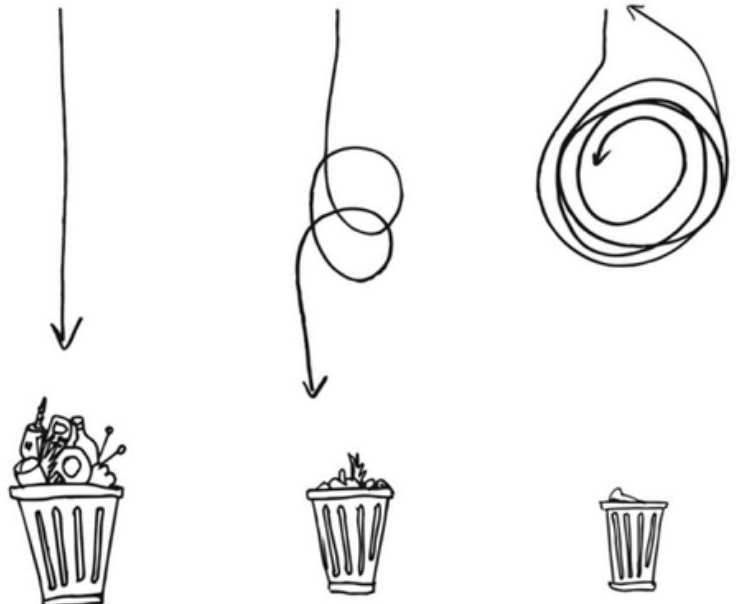
In a circular economy, products are made and used in a way that emphasizes durability, repair, reuse, remanufacturing, and recycling to keep products, components and materials circulating in the economy. This minimizes the use of the world's natural resources, cuts waste, and reduces carbon emissions.

Recycling is just one part of a circular economy of long-term use for products. Re-use and repair are also crucial!

LINEAR ECONOMY

RECYCLING ECONOMY

CIRCULAR ECONOMY



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