

MARCH, 2024

SV of White Sands Newsletter

MARCH IS IN LIKE A LION, AND WE HOPE IT GOES OUT LIKE A LAMB

As we can see, Alberta is still receiving snow accumulation in March. The municipality is continuing with the [Snow Removal Policy X](#). Please be advised the snow plowing priorities are:

- **Priority Level 1:** Main roads: Buffalo Road, Jennifer Drive and Municipal Road
- **Priority Level 2:** Transfer Site, Hall, Front Street and School Bus Routes
- **Priority Level 3:** Lake View Avenue, 1st to 4th Street, Aimee Avenue, Destini Drive and Mackenzie Way.
- **Priority Level 4** all other roads and cul-de-sacs.

Snow removal does **NOT** guarantee a complete ridge removal, but we will endeavor to try to remove ridges over 6" after completion of the levels.

If the municipality has not plowed the road and you are clearing your driveways, it is **OK** to plough the snow across the road, into the ditch. ***Once the roads are plowed, please refrain from pushing the snow across roadways. Large deposits and ridges left on roads creates hazards for vehicles with low road clearance.***

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MONDAY TO THURSDAYS
9 AM TO 4 PM

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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](#)

MUNICIPAL BYLAW AWARENESS

The municipality has certain bylaws as listed below to deal with community issues. Some issues are larger than the municipality; therefore, there are many levels of enforcement (municipal bylaws and provincial laws).

Currently the SV of White Sands is on a complaint-based enforcement system.

BYLAWS:

- Community Standards Bylaw (196-23)
 - to prohibit certain activities in order to prevent and compel the abatement of noise, nuisances, unsightly premises and public disturbances.
- Dog Bylaw (152-15)
 - to respect wild and domestic animals, and activities in relation to them.
- Fire Bylaw (172-19)
 - for the safety, health and welfare of people, and the protection of people and Property, and for services provided by or on behalf of the Summer Village
- Land Use Bylaw (186-22)
 - to regulate development in the municipality.
- Use of Public Lands Bylaw (198-23)
 - to regulate the use of public lands to be compatible with the normal activities of urban life while recognizing the recreational nature of the municipality and providing for penalties for the unauthorized use of public lands.

If you have a complaint about a bylaw issue in our Summer Village, you can fill out the Bylaw Enforcement Complaint Form (BECF). We understand this takes more time and may not have an immediate action. We would like to encourage our residents to complete and submit the BECF because Administration is not always aware of issues that arise and having knowledge of a problem. By submitting the form, Administration is then made aware and can investigate the complaint.

The information provided to the municipality is confidential and under FOIP. If the complaint proceeds in to the court system, the complainant may be summoned to appear at court . This is well explained on the last pages of the BECF and we recommend to read the “Bylaw Enforcement Procedures” and “Confidentiality Issues”.

WHEN TO CALL/FILE A COMPLAINT?

If a resident or visitor feels immediate action is required and severity of each case such as excessive noise/criminal noise, aggressive animals, erratic driving, excessive speeding, underaged driving, etc. they should always call the RCMP. If it is emergent dial 911, and for non-emergent you can call Stettler’s RCMP detachment at 403-742-3381. Filing a BECF can still be filed after the fact if you have contacted the RCMP.

The municipality encourages resident after hours to contact the RCMP to make them aware of the issues happening in our community such as: speeding, underaged driving, noise complaints, etc.. If they do not hear about issues, they cannot help enforce/educate.

If a resident does not feel that immediate action is required, please fill out the BECF so that the issue can be investigated at the municipality and will be decided on the course of action

MESSAGE FROM THE OL' GREY-HAIR MAYOR

Howdy folks! The weather has certainly been up and down this winter but we did have great weather for our hockey tourney in December and for the Family Day weekend. Lots of fun was had by all.

Just a few items from council:

- The lake level in the fall was about 24” below full. The last time it was comparatively that low was around 1968.
- Fire Smart Program of Alberta items:
 - Do not stack wood against your cabin. Besides being a fire hazard, this practice could also introduce ants into your cabin.
 - It is recommended that a minimum of 15cm from the ground to the siding be of non-combustible material such concrete.
 - It is recommended that you skirt your deck with non-combustible material so that embers from any fire in the vicinity are prevented from rolling under the deck and igniting your cabin.
 - It is recommended new builds use double paned tempered windows, fire rated doors and fire rated garage doors.
- The boat launch has been repaired with assistance from the County of Stettler. SVWS paid 50% of the total cost of \$20,000. However, at this point in time, it does not look hopeful with our current lake level that we will be able to launch larger boats from our launch this summer.
- More “No Parking” signs are being installed to ensure Emergency Services access. Please do not park in those areas.

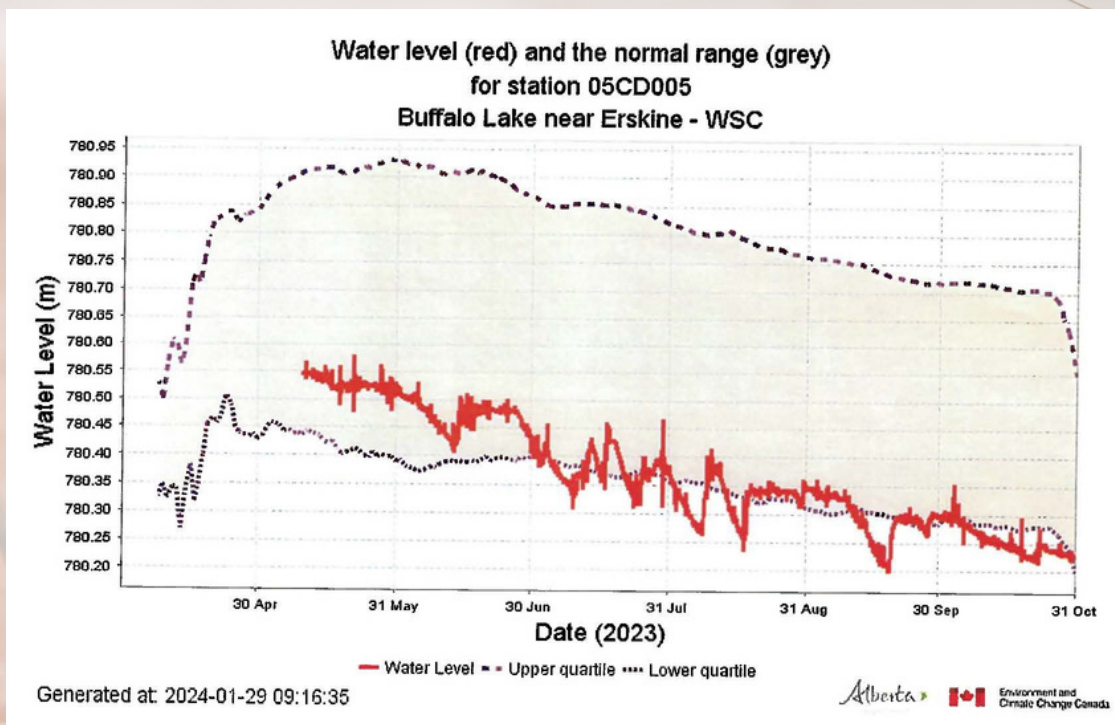
- For anyone with water cisterns and jet pumps, you can now purchase a pressure switch which will automatically shut the pump down if the pressure drops below 20lbs. This switch would have to be reset after a power outage as it will shut your pump down. It's about \$50 to purchase. Could provide some peace of mind.
- Council is looking into how we are going to deal with short term rentals, either regulating them or not allowing them.
- Nelson Homes will be installing our new RTM office building. Costs will be covered by grants.
- Please do not drop off wood palettes at Jack's Pond for burning.

All the best!

Lorne Thurston

The Ol' Grey Mayor

On behalf of Council



SHORT TERM ACOMMODATION RENTALS
FEEDBACK SURVEY WILL BE CLOSING ON
MARCH 12, 2024, @ 2:30PM. THANK YOU TO
ALL RESIDENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS
SURVEY.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

As weather begins to warm up, spring cleaning will be a priority for some residents. This is a reminder that the municipality's garbage bins only collect house-hold bagged garbage. Any Spring Clean-Up waste such as branches, concrete, furniture, etc. must be taken by the residents to the Stettler Regional Landfill and **MUST** not be placed in the bins at the summer village. These type of items are **NOT** considered household waste.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

As the weather warms up and you are enjoying the summer village, please remember for the safety of your dog(s), they must be on a leash while off the property, contained on the property, and clean-up after your dog. By doing the above, this helps create a safe environment for your dog(s), the wildlife, and residents/visitors in the summer village.

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the weather as it warms up!

